

**CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY COUNCIL**  
**Budget Development Work Session March 9, 2023, at 6:00 PM**  
**In person: CitySpace, 100 5<sup>th</sup> Street NW**  
**Electronic: Zoom, [www.charlottesville.gov/zoom](https://www.charlottesville.gov/zoom)**

The Charlottesville City Council met on Thursday, March 9, 2023 in a budget work session to discuss the Fiscal Year 2024 City budget Revenues and Expenses. The meeting was held in hybrid format with Council members and public seating in CitySpace and electronic participation on the Zoom webinar platform. Mayor Lloyd Snook called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Deputy Clerk of Council Maxicelia Robinson called the roll, noting all councilors present: Michael Payne, Brian Pinkston, Leah Puryear, Lloyd Snook, and Juandiego Wade.

**FY 2024 Budget Development – Revenues and Expenses**

Interim City Manager Michael C. Rogers provided a summary of the proposed new positions in the Fiscal Year 2024 budget.

Krisy Hammill, Director of Budget gave an overview General Fund expenditures and Major Budget Themes:

- Strong support for City Schools
- Furthers Council priorities
- Invests in City employees
- Preserves quality services
- Focuses on Organization improvement and efficiencies
- Maintains all current tax rates

Staff answered questions from Council regarding the Office of Racial Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, additional funding requested for the Blue Ridge Regional Detention Center, funding for the Charlottesville Albemarle Convention and Visitors Bureau, the City Hall ambassador position, and the topic for the next budget work session.

Mr. Sanders provided a summary of efforts to address SPCA concerns.

The following departments made presentations about their operations and answered questions from City Council:

- Fire –Michael Thomas, Interim Chief
- Parks and Recreation – Riaan Anthony, Deputy Director
- Police – Michael Kochis, Chief
- Public Works – Stacey Smalls, Director
- Transit – Garland Williams, Director

A common theme among departments was the challenges faced with recruitment, retention and employment market competitiveness.

### **Public Comment**

Mayor Snook opened the floor for public comment.

- Sandra Aviles Poe with Charlottesville United for Public Education spoke about issues facing schools and prioritizing school budget issues. She spoke about safety and the need to put into place healing mechanisms for children.

With no additional speakers coming forward, Mayor Snook adjourned the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

BY Order of City Council

BY Kyna Thomas, Clerk of Council