

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
Tuesday, April 28, 2020
Virtual / Electronic Meeting
(broadcast from Council Chamber)
3:00 p.m.

The Charlottesville City Council met in a virtual work session on April 28, 2020, at 3:00 p.m. Ms. Walker called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. and shared a message of thanks to staff as well as comments of assurance to the public of the work being done by City staff.

Clerk of Council Kyna Thomas called the roll and the following Councilors were in attendance: Mayor Nikuyah Walker, Vice Mayor Sena Magill, Ms. Heather Hill, Mr. Michael Payne and Mr. Lloyd Snook.

Ms. Walker turned the meeting over to City Manager Tarron Richardson, who gave an overview of the work session, explaining that there would be two groups of department representatives sharing updates related to operations during the Covid-19 pandemic. Presentations were made by the following City personnel:

1. Alexander Ikefuna, Deputy Director for Neighborhood Development Services
2. Andrew Baxter, Fire Chief
3. Chris Engel, Director of Economic Development
4. Diane Kuknyo, Director of Social Services
5. Garland Williams, Transit Director

The meeting recessed at 5:25 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 5:41 p.m.

6. Kaki Dimock, Director of Human Services
7. Lauren Hildebrand Director of Utilities
8. Martin Silman, Interim Director of Public Works
9. RaShall Brackney, Police Chief
10. Todd Brown, Interim Director of Parks and Recreation

Councilors asked questions following each presentation.

Ms. Hill asked about the potential for some boards and commissions to meet electronically.

City Attorney John Blair shared information to clarify amendments to legislation at the State level which would allow the Council and other public bodies to consider issues other than those related to essential functions related to the COVID-19 emergency.

Councilors discussed having a more robust conversation at a later date to discuss prioritizing which boards would begin meeting electronically. Ms. Walker asked that the Clerk of Council schedule a work session for discussion of boards and commissions.

Dr. Richardson advised that he would make contact with staff serving as board liaisons to gather information on board and commission priorities. Ms. Thomas advised that she or Mr. Wheeler could provide the list of liaisons.

Ms. Walker opened the floor for public comment.

With no wishing to speak, Ms. Walker closed public comment.

Councilors made closing remarks.

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

BY Order of City Council

BY Kyna Thomas, Clerk of Council