

CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
April 19, 2021
Virtual/electronic meeting via Zoom

4:00 PM WORK SESSION

Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3712, the Charlottesville City Council met in work session on Monday, April 19, 2021, to hear reports. The meeting was held electronically pursuant to local ordinances to ensure the continuity of government and prevent the spread of disease during the coronavirus State of Emergency.

Mayor Walker called to order at 4:02 p.m. and Clerk of Council Kyna Thomas called the roll, noting the following members present: Mayor Nikuyah Walker, Vice Mayor Sena Magill, and Councilors Heather Hill, Michael Payne, and Lloyd Snook.

REPORTS

1. Report: City Monthly Financial Report

Ryan Davidson, Senior Budget and Management Analyst, presented the monthly financial report for the City of Charlottesville for period ending March 31, 2021.

2. Report: Charlottesville Area Alliance Annual Report and Action Plan

Marta Keane, CEO, presented the Charlottesville Area Alliance Annual Report. She noted that Charlottesville was recognized as a Key Community for AARP, allowing access to more resources to reach goals for supporting the elderly population.

Ms. Keane shared feedback from older citizens. Some positive feedback was that Charlottesville is a good community in which to age. Some feedback about areas for improvement included:

- Seniors do not feel socially included in the community.
- There is not enough affordable housing
- Transportation is a big issue as many are not able to live near services.

She shared that May is Older Americans Month. She answered Council questions about the action plan and advised of a need to spread the goals over a few years.

George Worthington from the Department of Aging and Rehab Services shared information about Dementia-friendly Central Virginia training and providing visible signage/stickers for those who have received training. Vice Mayor Magill asked about the feasibility of a senior

matching program for co-housing. Ms. Keane advised that the idea was explored a few years ago and may be worth looking into again.

3. Report: United Way report

Ravi Respeto, United Way of Greater Charlottesville CEO, presented the five-year strategic plan, specifically two specific five-year strategic goals: financial stability and school readiness. She shared information about the "Envision" campaign for measuring success. She also reviewed programmatic impacts of Covid-19 and how the United Way canceled certain activities, reshaped programs or provided support to individuals and organizations.

Mayor Walker suggested that the City prioritize the Pathways Program and childcare scholarships should there be excess funds at year-end or with the American Rescue Plan.

4. Report: City COVID Management Team presentation

City Manager Chip Boyles gave a brief introduction.

Fire Chief Hezedeane Smith commended Deputy Chief Emily Pelliccia and the City's COVID Incident Management Team for their work throughout the year.

Deputy Chief Pelliccia presented a report on COVID management efforts. The presentation included an event timeline, situation update, vaccination data and regional coordination efforts.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak.

On motion by Councilor Hill, seconded by Councilor Snook, Council voted 5-0 (Ayes: Hill, Magill, Payne, Snook, Walker; Noes: none) to convene in closed session as authorized by Virginia Code Sections 2.2-3711 and 2.2- 3712, specifically:

- Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) for discussion and consideration of prospective candidates for appointment as city attorney, and for discussion and consideration of the removal of an individual previously appointed to the Region Ten Community Services Board.

Mayor Walker adjourned the work session at 5:34 p.m. and Council convened in closed session.

BY Order of City Council

BY Kyna Thomas, Clerk of Council