



CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

December 2, 2024 at 4:00 PM

Council Chamber

The Charlottesville City Council met on Monday, December 2, 2024. Mayor Juandiego Wade called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. and Clerk of Council Kyna Thomas called the roll, noting all councilors present: Mayor Juandiego Wade, Vice Mayor Brian Pinkston and Councilors Natalie Oschrein, Michael Payne, and Lloyd Snook.

On motion by Pinkston, seconded by Snook, Council unanimously approved the meeting agenda.

REPORTS

1. REPORT: Budget Briefing: Housing and Infrastructure

City Manager Sam Sanders provided a briefing on the Fiscal Year 2026 City Budget, with specific attention to housing and infrastructure. The purpose of budget briefings is to share trends that impact the budget, to highlight fiscal demands, to identify this budget's fiscal drivers, and to confirm that priorities are captured. Two areas of focus identified for reaching housing goals were: 1) consideration of incentives, and 2) affordable housing investment. Three areas identified in achieving infrastructure goals were: 1) Parks Master Plan, 2) citywide improvements, and 3) internal operations.

CLOSED MEETING

On motion by Pinkston, seconded by Payne, Council voted 5-0 (Ayes: Oschrein, Payne, Pinkston, Snook, Wade; Noes: none) to meet in closed session as authorized by Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(7) for consultation with legal counsel pertaining to actual litigation, where such consultation in open meeting would adversely affect the litigating posture of the public body.

On motion by Pinkston, seconded by Snook, Council certified by the following vote: 5-0 (Ayes: Oschrein, Payne, Pinkston, Snook, Wade; Noes: none.), that to the best of each Council member's knowledge only public business matters lawfully exempted from the open meeting requirements of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and identified in the Motion convening the closed session were heard, discussed or considered in the closed session.

BUSINESS SESSION

City Council began the business meeting by observing a moment of silence.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Oschrein read a reminder from the City Treasurer's Office about the December 5th deadline to pay personal property taxes.

Vice Mayor Pinkston announced open registration for the Move Safely Blue Ridge Virtual Community Open House on December 11, as well as a survey.

Mayor Wade gave a reminder about the Grand Illumination event on December 6.

COMMUNITY MATTERS

Mayor Wade opened the floor for comments from the public.

1. Susan Kruse, CEO of the Community Climate Collaborative (C3), spoke about the need to address climate change with zero emission transit and to apply for the Environmental Protection Agency

(EPA) Clean School Bus Program grant.

2. Sadhbh "Sive" O'Flynn, C3 Climate Justice Manager, spoke in support of city efforts to address climate justice, and she encouraged the city to pursue electric school bus EPA grant funding.
3. Sarah Delgado, C3 climate justice advocate, spoke in support of the city applying for the EPA Clean School Bus Program Rebates grant.
4. Donna Shaunesey, Chair of the local Sierra Club, spoke in support of the city applying for funding for electric school buses.
5. Everest Koester, high school student, spoke in support of the city applying for the EPA Clean School Bus Program Grant.
6. Lila Castleman, high school student, spoke in support of the city applying for the EPA grant to purchase electric school buses.
7. John Woodruff, city resident, spoke in opposition to the parking ordinance item on the agenda to amend City Code Section 15-144.
8. Dave Judd, city resident, spoke in support of electric vehicles.
9. Mo Van de Sompel, city resident, asked for consideration of more urbanized areas with higher pedestrian traffic when cancelling and re-prioritizing infrastructure projects. He expressed a desire for Council to be more liberal in consideration of café design standards proposed by the Board of Architectural Review.

CONSENT AGENDA *

Clerk of Council Kyna Thomas read the following Consent Agenda items into the record, and on motion by Pinkston, seconded by Payne, Council voted 5-0 to adopt the Consent Agenda (Ayes: Oschrein, Payne, Pinkston, Snook, Wade; Noes: None).

2. MINUTES: November 18, 2024 regular meeting
3. RESOLUTION to appropriate funds from the Supreme Court of Virginia, Recovery Court Docket Grant in the amount of \$240,000 for the Charlottesville/ Albemarle Recovery Court (2nd reading)

RESOLUTION

Appropriating \$240,000 to be Received from the Supreme Court of Virginia Recovery Court Docket Grant

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of Virginia awarded the Supreme Court of Virginia Recovery Court Docket Grant in the amount of \$240,000 for the Charlottesville/ Albemarle Recovery Court in order to fund salaries, benefits, and operating expenses; and

WHEREAS, the City of Charlottesville serves as the fiscal agent for this grant program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Charlottesville and Albemarle County both have dedicated local matches to this grant, totaling \$148,691; and

WHEREAS, the grant award covers the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, that the sum of \$240,000, received as a grant from the Supreme Court of Virginia, is hereby appropriated in the following manner:

Revenues

\$240,000 Fund: 209 Internal Order: 1900570 G/L Account: 430120

Expenditures

\$240,000 Fund: 209 Internal Order: 1900570 G/L Account: 530550

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this appropriation is conditioned upon the receipt of \$240,000 from the Supreme Court of Virginia.

4. RESOLUTION to appropriate \$408,437 from the Opioid Abatement Authority Collaborative Partnership Grant (2nd reading)

RESOLUTION

**To Appropriate Opioid Abatement Authority Cooperative Partnership Grant
Award COOP540106-0A01, Expanded Specialty Docket Services
\$408,437**

WHEREAS, the Opioid Abatement Authority of Virginia awarded a Cooperative Partnership Grant for the Expansion of Specialty Docket Services in the amount of \$388,437 to the City of Charlottesville to fund expanded Specialty Docket services in Charlottesville, Albemarle, Nelson, Fluvanna, Orange, and Madison counties.

WHEREAS, the City of Charlottesville serves as the fiscal agent for this grant program; and

WHEREAS, the counties of Nelson, Fluvanna, Orange, and Madison are providing local matches for the grant in the amount of \$5,000 each; and

WHEREAS, the grant award covers the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, that the sum of \$408,437, received as a grant from the Opioid Abatement Authority of Virginia and as matching funds from Nelson, Fluvanna, Orange, and Madison, is hereby appropriated in the following manner:

Revenues: \$408,437

Amount	Fund	Order	GL Code
\$388,437	214	1900574	440040 Legal Settlements
\$ 5,000	214	1900574	432050 Revenue-Nelson
\$ 5,000	214	1900574	432035 Revenue-Fluvanna
\$ 5,000	214	1900574	432055 Revenue-Orange
\$ 5,000	214	1900574	432065 Revenue-Madison

Expenditures: \$408,437

Amount	Fund	Order	GL Code
\$408,437	214	1900574	540369 Grant Pass-Thru

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this appropriation is conditioned upon the receipt of \$388,437 from the Opioid Abatement Authority of Virginia and \$5,000 each from Nelson, Fluvanna, Orange, and Madison.

5. RESOLUTION to reallocate funds for the Meadow Creek Trail and Bridges Project - \$253,697

RESOLUTION
Funding Transfer for Meadow Creek Trail and Bridges - \$253,697

WHEREAS, the City of Charlottesville, through Parks and Recreation, has a CIP account for renovation of the Washington Park ball courts; and

WHEREAS, the City of Charlottesville, through Parks and Recreation, has a CIP account for stormwater related improvements at McIntire Park; and

WHEREAS, both projects are complete and have balances remaining in the CIP fund; and

WHEREAS, the City of Charlottesville Parks and Recreation Department requests additional funds for projects in the Meadow Creek Trail and Bridges CIP account;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, that the sum of \$253,697.00 is hereby reallocated and appropriated in the following manner:

Transfer From:

\$3,697	Fund: 426	WBS: P-00982	G/L Account: 599999
250,000	Fund: 426	WBS: P-01079	G/L Account: 599999

Transfer to:

\$253,697	Fund: 426	WBS: P-00995	G/L Account: 599999
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6. RESOLUTION to reallocate and appropriate Parks and Recreation CIP funds to Rugby Avenue Trail CIP - \$155,000

RESOLUTION
Funding Transfer for Rugby Avenue Trail - \$155,000

WHEREAS, the City of Charlottesville, through Parks and Recreation, has a CIP account for trail development; and

WHEREAS, the City of Charlottesville, through Parks and Recreation, has a Lump Sum CIP account for project contingencies; and

WHEREAS, the City of Charlottesville Parks and Recreation Department requests the reallocation of the funds for the Rugby Avenue Trail project;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, that the sum of \$155,00.00 is hereby appropriated in the following manner:

Transfer From:

\$40,000	Fund: 426	WBS: P-00662	G/L Account: 599999
\$115,000	Fund: 426	WBS: PR-002	G/L Account: 599999

Transfer to:

\$155,000	Fund: 426	WBS: P-00977	G/L Account: 599999
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7. Resolution to appropriate funding from the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development, Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS/HIV (HOPWA) grant 24-HOPWA-303 in the amount of \$389,312 (Carried)
8. Resolution to appropriate BAMA Works Special Event Funding - \$38,700 (Carried)

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Sanders asked Ben Chambers, Transportation Planner, to provide an update on the dockless mobility vehicle system and the Veo permit for dockless mobility services. Mr. Chambers encouraged the public to report concerns and violations through the MyCville app. City Council members provided feedback and Mr. Chambers explained the Veo Access Program for low-income residents.

Mr. Sanders announced the December 6 Grand Illumination event and the December 12 City Manager Budget Forum.

ACTION ITEMS

9. ORDINANCE amending City Code Section 15-144 (Parking of buses, trucks, etc. between Midnight and 6:00 a.m.) (2nd reading)

This ordinance having been introduced at the November 18, 2024, City Council meeting, City Engineer Brennen Duncan answered questions for City Council. City Manager Sanders stated that the Police Chief and Commonwealth's Attorney would like time to review the proposal and give input. He suggested postponing consideration of action on the ordinance.

On motion by Payne, seconded by Oschrin, Council by a vote of 5-0 postponed further consideration of the ordinance amending City Code Section 15-144 (Parking of buses, trucks, etc. between Midnight and 6:00 a.m. to a future meeting (Ayes: Oschrin, Payne, Pinkston, Snook, Wade; Noes: None).

10. RESOLUTION for VDOT Portfolio SmartScale re-allocation, cancellation, project development agreement termination, and revised projects scope

James Freas, Deputy City Manager for Operations, summarized the proposed resolution to authorize changes to or cancellation of various state-funded transportation projects locally administered by the City of Charlottesville, and he reviewed the proposed scope changes.

City Manager Sanders offered additional clarity about the difficult process leading to the recommendation for proposing project cancellations.

On motion by Pinkston, seconded by Snook, Council by the following vote approved the Resolution for VDOT Portfolio SmartScale re-allocation, cancellation, project development agreement termination, and revised projects scope: 5-0 (Ayes: Oschrin, Payne, Pinkston, Snook, Wade; Noes: None).

RESOLUTION

Authorizing changes to or cancellation of various state-funded transportation projects locally administered by the City of Charlottesville

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and the City of Charlottesville are committed to the delivery of transportation projects for the public's benefit and use;

WHEREAS, the City desires to reduce the number of projects for which local administration is required by contract or agreement with VDOT;

WHEREAS, the City desires to reallocate funding from canceled or revised projects to other high-priority transportation projects; now, therefore:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville THAT:

- 1) Council hereby authorizes termination of the City/VDOT Project Development Agreement dated September 22, 2016;
- 2) The City Manager is authorized to request that VDOT administer the Fontaine Avenue Streetscape project (UPC 109484) per the City/VDOT Memorandum of Agreement dated July 15, 2024, with a revised scope;
- 3) The City Manager is authorized to cancel the Emmet Streetscape – Phase II Smart Scale project (UPC 118867);
- 4) The City Manager is authorized to cancel the 5th Street SW and Ridge Smart Scale project (UPC 124409); and
- 5) The City Manager is hereby authorized to execute all documents and to take any and all other actions as may be necessary to cancel or terminate locally administered project agreements, to cancel or terminate grant agreements, revise a project's scope, and to take any other lawful actions necessary to implement the actions authorized by this Resolution.

11. RESOLUTION for revisions to Architecture Design Control District Design Guidelines: Chapter 5, Section E. Outdoor Cafes (Carried over from the November 18, 2024 meeting)

James Freas, Deputy City Manager for Operations, stated that NDS staff are willing to meet with individual council members to answer further questions, and he suggested that Council defer consideration of action on the resolution until a future meeting.

On motion by Payne, seconded by Pinkston, Council by the following vote postponed further consideration of the Resolution Approving Revisions to the Architectural Design Control Overlay Districts Design Guidelines Chapter 5, Section E (Outdoor Cafés) until the December 16, 2024, meeting: 5-0 (Ayes: Oschrein, Payne, Pinkston, Snook, Wade; Noes: None).

COMMUNITY MATTERS (2)

Mayor Wade opened the floor for comments from the public. There were no speakers.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Pinkston, seconded by Payne, Council by unanimous vote adjourned the meeting at 8:48 p.m.

BY Order of City Council

BY Kyna Thomas, Clerk of Council