



CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
June 15, 2026 at 4:00 PM
Council Chamber

The Charlottesville City Council met on Monday, June 15, 2026. Vice Mayor Natalie Oschrein called the meeting to order and Clerk of Council Kyna Thomas called the roll, noting the following councilors present: Vice Mayor Natalie Oschrein and Councilors Jen Fleisher, Michael Payne, and Lloyd Snook. Mayor Juandiego Wade provided notice of his absence due to travel.

On motion by Fleisher, seconded by Snook, Council approved the meeting agenda by a vote of 4-0 (Ayes: Fleisher, Oschrein, Payne, Snook; Noes: none; Absent: Wade).

REPORTS

1. REPORT: FY26 Climate Program Update

The City of Charlottesville's Office of Sustainability presented the 3rd Annual Climate Action Update, providing an update on all City-led initiatives that supported implementation of the Climate Action Plan during fiscal year 2026 (FY26). The presentation included a report, an updated Greenhouse Gas Inventory, and the Climate Action Workplan for FY27. Presenters were Kristel Riddervold, Director, and Emily Irvine, Climate Program Manager. The 2026 Climate Action Report was made available at the following web link: <https://www.charlottesville.gov/DocumentCenter/View/16373/2026-Climate-Action-Update-Report-060726>.

2. PRESENTATION on Human Rights Ordinance Revisions

Todd Niemeier, Director of the Office of Human Rights made a presentation on Human Rights Ordinance revisions. During its regular meeting on April 16, 2026, the Charlottesville Human Rights Commission voted unanimously to adopt multiple amendments to the Charlottesville Human Rights Ordinance for recommendation to City Council for consideration and recommended approval. The proposed amendments to the Charlottesville Human Rights Ordinance include the following general revisions:

- Revised Commission membership requirements
- Updated terms and wording in certain sections
- Revised protocols regarding Complainant and Respondent non-response
- Updated protocols for a Complainant's request for appeal
- Revised delegation of decision-making and contractual services for housing cases
- Added Commissioner conflict of interest clause for participation in public hearings

CLOSED MEETING

On motion by Snook, seconded by Fleisher, Council voted 4-0 (Ayes: Fleisher, Oschrein, Payne, Snook; Noes: none; Absent: Wade) to meet in closed session as authorized by Virginia Code Section 2.2-3712:

1. Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) for discussion and consideration of prospective candidates to be appointed to the following boards and/or committees:
 - a. Charlottesville Redevelopment and Housing Authority Board
2. Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(7) for consultation with legal counsel pertaining to actual or probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would

adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body, specifically, a matter involving a former City employee and *Columbia Gas of Virginia v. City of Charlottesville*.

3. Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(8) for consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel, specifically, state and local regulations pertaining to the preservation of historic properties, including the Wertland Street Historic District.

On motion by Snook, seconded by Fleisher, Council certified by the following vote: 4-0 voted 4-0 (Ayes: Fleisher, Oschrein, Payne, Snook; Noes: none; Absent: Wade) 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.

On motion by Snook, seconded by Fleisher, Council appointed Bridget Moss to the Charlottesville Redevelopment and Housing Authority by a vote of 4-0 (Ayes: Fleisher, Oschrein, Payne, Snook; Noes: none; Absent: Wade).

BUSINESS SESSION

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice Mayor Oschrein announced that there is no July 6 City Council meeting. She announced July as the next installment of the bike voucher period and encouraged people to visit the Cville Connect website for more information. She recognized Charlottesville City Schools alumnus Jalen Brunson on the occasion of his NBA Finals win with the New York Knicks.

COMMUNITY MATTERS

Vice Mayor Oschrein opened the floor for comments from the public.

1. Heidi Dhivya Berthoud spoke about the Court Square Enslavement Memorial Group's efforts to restore a slate historic marker at the site of the enslavement auction block at 0 Park Street.
2. Laura Sirgany, city resident, spoke about the need for support of the individuals in the Rivanna encampment, and she made health and safety recommendations.
3. Ludwig Kuttner, city resident, spoke in opposition to the proposal by VDOT to make Water Street one-way, stating that downtown suffered previously with one-way traffic.
4. Joan Fenton, city property and business owner, spoke in opposition to the proposal by VDOT to make Water Street one-way. She suggested looking at the economic and traffic impacts.
5. Greer Achenbach, Friends of the Downtown Mall, urged Council not to move forward with the STARS Study proposal by VDOT to make Water Street one-way.
6. Michael Caplin, city resident, spoke in opposition to the proposal by VDOT to make Water Street one-way, until Council has more information to justify the change.
7. Blair Williamson, business owner experienced in traffic construction, expressed concerns about the STARS Study proposal for changing Water Street to one-way, and the potential negative impact on the Downtown Mall.
8. Susan Kuttner, city resident working downtown, expressed thanks for a bicycle-friendly community and in opposition to plans to make Water Street and downtown bicycle-centric. She spoke in opposition to the VDOT plan to make Water Street one-way and she iterated several other traffic issues.

9. Terry Tyree, President of Charlottesville Community Resilience Center, spoke about the impact that the group has made in the community to strengthen individuals facing housing insecurity and related crises by providing coordinated support services, resource navigation, emergency referrals, and community-based education that builds resilience and long-term stability.
10. Mike Henrietta spoke about the efforts of the Court Square Enslavement Memorial Group to replace a slate historic marker remembering the site of the enslavement auction block at 0 Park Street. He asked City Manager Sanders to bring this item to a vote on July 20, 2026.

CONSENT AGENDA

Clerk of Council Kyna Thomas read the following Consent Agenda items into the record, and on motion by Snook, seconded by Fleisher, Council by the following vote adopted the Consent Agenda, waiving the second reading for item 15: 4-0 (Ayes: Fleisher, Oschrin, Payne, Snook; Noes: none; Absent: Wade).

3. MINUTES: 2025 General Election Abstract of Votes, April 8 work session, May 13 work session, June 10 work session
4. RESOLUTION to Appropriate \$356,805 in Additional Funds to the Streets and Sidewalks Division Operating Budget (2 reading)

RESOLUTION

To Appropriate \$356,805 in Additional Funds to the Streets and Sidewalks Division Operation FY 2026 Operating Budget

WHEREAS, the City of Charlottesville has received revenue, in excess of budgeted revenue, totaling \$356,805; and

WHEREAS, this revenue is needed to cover operational expenses of the Streets and Sidewalks Division's Operating budget as specified below for the remainder of the FY 2026 fiscal year;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, that the sum of \$356,805 which has been received is hereby appropriated as follows:

Revenue

	Fund	Cost Center	G/L Account
\$131,989	105	9723001000	451050
\$ 19,112	105	2443001000	422060
\$98,214	105	2443001000	432155
\$92,960	105	2443001000	435125
\$11,476	105	2443001000	435999
\$ 607	105	2443001000	440030
\$ 2446	105	2443001000	451110

Expenditures

	Fund	Cost Center	G/L Account
\$316,805	105	2443001000	599999
\$ 40,000	105	2443001000	540210

Transfer Receiver:

\$40,000	106	2443001001	498106
\$40,000	106	2443001001	541040

5. RESOLUTION to appropriate Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services Victims of Crime Act Grant Award FY26 - \$123,600 (2nd reading)

RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS
Charlottesville Student Victim Outreach Program Department of Criminal Justice Services'
Victim of Crimes Act Grant
\$154,500

WHEREAS, The City of Charlottesville has been awarded \$123,600 from the Department of Criminal Justice Services;

WHEREAS, this award requires a 20% match in the amount of \$30,900;

WHEREAS, the funds will be used to support Evergreen, a program operated by the Department of Human Services. The grant award covers the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that the sum of \$154,500 is hereby appropriated in the following manner:

Revenues - \$154,500

\$123,600	Fund: 209	IO: 3413018000	G/L: 431110
\$30,900	Fund: 209	IO: 3413018000	G/L: 498213

Expenditures – \$154,500

\$150,372	Fund: 209	IO: 3413018000	G/L: 519999
\$4,128	Fund: 209	IO: 3413018000	G/L: 599999

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this appropriation is conditioned upon receipt of \$123,600 in funds from the Department of Criminal Justice Services.

6. RESOLUTION to appropriate the Virginia Department of Social Services Family Assistance Management (FAM) grant in the amount of \$20,000 (2nd reading)

RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS
In the Amount of \$20,000 to be received from the Virginia Department of Social Services'
Family Assistance Management (F.A.M.) Grant

WHEREAS, The City of Charlottesville has been notified that it will be awarded a grant from the Family Assistance Management grant program from the Virginia Department of Social Services in the amount of \$20,000;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that upon receipt of the F.A.M. funding from the Commonwealth of Virginia, said funding anticipated in the amount of \$20,000, is hereby appropriated in the following manner:

Revenues

\$20,000 Fund: 209 IO: 3413023000 G/L: 430110

Expenditures

\$20,000 Fund: 209 IO: 3413023000 G/L: 530550

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this appropriation is conditioned upon receipt of \$20,000 in funds from the Commonwealth of Virginia.

7. ORDINANCE to Amend and Reordain Chapter 31 (Utilities) of the Code of the City of Charlottesville, 1990, as Amended, to Establish a Connection Fee for New Gas Service (2nd reading)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND REORDAINING CHAPTER 31 (UTILITIES) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA, 1990, AS AMENDED, TO ESTABLISH A CONNECTION FEE FOR NEW GAS SERVICE

8. RESOLUTION to Appropriate \$2,076,696.00 in additional funding from the Virginia Office of Children's Services to support at-risk children and families (2nd reading)

Resolution to Appropriate \$ 2,076,696.00 in Additional Funding from the Virginia Office of Children's Services to Support At-Risk Children and Families

WHEREAS, the Virginia Office of Children's Services has approved supplemental funds for the purpose of serving children and families through June 30, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, that the sum of \$2,076,696 is hereby appropriated in the following manner:

Revenue-\$2,076,696

Fund 215	Cost Center: 3353001000	G/L Account: 430080	\$1,520,004
Fund 215	Cost Center: 3353001000	G/L Account: 498105	\$ 423,546
Fund 215	Cost Center: 3353001000	G/L Account: 432900	\$ 133,147

Expenditures-\$2,076,696

Fund 215	Cost Center: 3353001000	G/L Account: 540060
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this appropriation is conditioned upon the receipt of \$1,520,004 from the Virginia Office of Children's Services.

9. RESOLUTION to Return \$1,848,424 to the General Fund and Appropriate an Additional Transfer of \$423,546 to the Children Services Act Fund (2nd reading)

RESOLUTION to Return \$1,848,424 to the General Fund and Appropriate an Additional Transfer of \$423,546 to the Children Services Act Fund

WHEREAS, \$1,848,424 was moved from the General Fund to the CSA Fund for expected expenses in FY 2025 that was in excess of the required match; and

WHEREAS, an additional local match of \$423,546 is required for expected CSA expenses in FY 2026;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, that the sum \$1,848,424 will be returned to the General Fund from the CSA Fund and the sum of \$423,546 is hereby appropriated in the following manner:

Expenditures

\$423,546 Fund 105 Cost Center: 9803030000 G/L Account: 561215

10. RESOLUTION Appropriating funding from the Federal Transit Administration and the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation supporting multiple Charlottesville Area Transit capital projects - \$16,846,224 (2nd reading)

**RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR
Federal Transit and State Capital Grants
\$16,846,224**

WHEREAS, The FY25 and FY26 Federal Capital Grant in the amount of **\$4,716,943** and the State Capital Grant in the amount of **\$11,455,432** have been awarded to the City of Charlottesville with a local match of **\$673,849**; the total amount of capital grant funds is **\$16,846,224**; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that the following is hereby appropriated in the following manner, contingent upon receipt of the grant funds:

Revenue (Capital)

\$4,716,943	Fund: 245	Cost Center: 2804001000	G/L: 431010 Federal Grants
\$11,455,432	Fund: 245	Cost Center: 2804001000	G/L: 430110 State Grants
\$673,849	Fund: 245	Cost Center: 2804001000	G/L: 498010 Local Match

Expenditures (Operating)

\$5,580,957	Fund: 245	Cost Center: 2804001000	G/L: 541030 Building Improvement
\$9,088,462	Fund: 245	Cost Center: 2804001000	G/L: 541040 Vehicles
\$2,176,805	Fund: 245	Cost Center: 2804001000	G/L: 541090 Equipment

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this appropriation is conditional upon the receipt of \$4,716,943 from the Federal Transit Administration, \$11,455,432 from the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation, and \$673,849 from local sources as a local match.

11. RESOLUTION Considering A Critical Slope Special Exception for 2010 Meadowbrook Road

**RESOLUTION APPROVING A REQUEST FOR A CRITICAL SLOPES SPECIAL
EXCEPTION FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2010 MEADOWCREEK ROAD**

WHEREAS, Ryan Farr and Lindsay Meck (“Landowners”) are the current owners of a lot identified on 2025 City Tax Map 40 as Parcel 61 (City Parcel Identification No. 400006100), having an area of approximately 0.74 acres (32,250 square feet); (“Subject Property”); and

WHEREAS, the Landowner wishes to construct a residential addition, terrace, paved path and retaining wall on the Subject Property (“Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Project is described in more detail within the Landowner's application materials submitted in connection with Application PL-26-0037 ("Application"), as required by City Development Code ("CDC") § 34-5.2.16.B.2 (collectively, "Application Materials"); and

WHEREAS, the City of Charlottesville Planning Commission ("PC") made a recommendation of approval at its May 12, 2026 Public Meeting per City Development Code § 34-5.2.16.C.3.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia ("City Council"), upon consideration of the PC's recommendation and the City Staff Report discussing the Application, as well as the factors set forth within CDC § 34-5.2.16.D, this City Council finds and determines that granting the proposed Critical Slopes Special Exception would serve the public necessity, convenience, general welfare, or good zoning practice; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by City Council, pursuant to CDC §§ 34-4.10.1.D and 34-5.2.16, a Critical Slopes Special Exception is hereby approved and granted to authorize the Project and permit installation of a residential addition, terrace, paved path and retaining wall consistent with the Application Materials for the Subject Property.

12. RESOLUTION Considering a Critical Slope Special Exception for the Botanical Gardens of the Piedmont

RESOLUTION

Approving a Request for a Critical Slopes Special Exception for the Botanical Gardens of the Piedmont

WHEREAS, Botanical Garden of the Piedmont ("Applicant") wishes to develop lots owned by the City of Charlottesville, Virginia ("City"), identified on 2025 City Tax Map 46 as Parcels 20 and 12 and Tax Map 45 as Parcel 10 (City Parcel Identification Nos. 460002000, 460001200, 450001000), having an area of approximately 155.8 acres (6,788,000 square feet); ("Subject Property"); and

WHEREAS, the Applicant wishes to construct a botanical garden complex on the Subject Property ("Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Project is described in more detail within the Applicant's application materials submitted in connection with Application PL-26-0044 ("Application"), as required by City Development Code § 34-5.2.16.B.2 (collectively, "Application Materials"); and

WHEREAS, the City of Charlottesville Planning Commission ("PC") made a recommendation of approval at its May 12, 2026 Public Meeting per City Development Code § 34-5.2.16.C.3.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia ("City Council"), upon consideration of the PC's recommendation and the City Staff Report discussing the Application, as well as the factors set forth within City Development Code ("CDC") § 34-5.2.16.D, this City Council finds and determines that granting the proposed Critical Slopes Special Exception would serve the public necessity, convenience, general welfare, or good zoning practice; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by City Council, pursuant to CDC §§ 34-4.10.1.D and 34-5.2.16, a Critical Slopes Special Exception is hereby approved and granted to authorize the Project and permit installation of a botanical garden complex consistent with the Application Materials for the Subject Property.

13. RESOLUTION Authorizing Execution of Agreement to Maintain SWM Facilities for the Botanical Gardens Project

RESOLUTION

Authorizing Execution of Agreement to Maintain Stormwater Management Facilities for the Botanical Garden of the Piedmont Project

WHEREAS, the City is the fee simple owner of real property described as Albemarle County Parcel ID No. TMP 061000000193A (“Property”), and;

WHEREAS, the Botanical Gardens Project includes a stormwater best management practice (BMP) facility that spans the jurisdictional boundary between the City of Charlottesville and Albemarle County, and;

WHEREAS, portions of the BMP are located on the City-owned land (Property) that lies within Albemarle County, and;

WHEREAS, to clarify ownership, regulatory responsibility, access, and long-term maintenance for this cross-jurisdictional facility, staff has prepared an Agreement to Maintain Stormwater Management Facilities with Albemarle County. The Agreement recognizes the City’s ownership interests within the Counties jurisdiction, establishes access and inspection rights for the BMP, and clarifies responsibilities under the Virginia Erosion and Stormwater Management Program (VESMP), including post-construction SWM procedures and ongoing maintenance obligations, and;

WHEREAS, in 2024, the Commonwealth of Virginia consolidated erosion and sediment control with stormwater management into the unified Virginia Erosion and Stormwater Management Program (VESMP). Local programs were updated to reflect these changes and integrate permitting, inspection, and long-term maintenance requirements. Owners are required to maintain BMPs, and localities such as the City and County are responsible for administering VESMP requirements. This Agreement ensures consistent administration across jurisdictional boundaries and supports the City’s compliance obligations.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by City Council that it hereby reaffirms support for the Botanical Gardens Project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City Council hereby moves to adopt this resolution authorizing execution of the Agreement to Maintain Stormwater Management Facilities with Albemarle County for the Botanical Gardens Project and authorizes the City Manager to execute said Agreement, which shall be approved as to form by the City Attorney’s Office.

14. RESOLUTION for Approval of Addendum to Lease with Botanical Garden of the Piedmont (layover)
15. RESOLUTION to appropriate \$52,981.60 from the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development, Virginia Homeless Solutions Program (requesting one reading with four-fifths vote)

RESOLUTION

Appropriating Funding in the Amount of \$52,981.60 To Be Received from the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development's Virginia Homeless Solutions Program

WHEREAS, The City of Charlottesville, through the Office of Budget and Grants Management has been notified that it will be awarded a grant from the Virginia Homeless Solutions Program (V.H.S.P.) of the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development in the amount of \$52,981.60; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, that upon receipt of the VHSP funding the Commonwealth of Virginia, said funding, anticipated in the sum of \$52,981.60, is hereby appropriated in the following manner:

Revenues

\$52,981.60 Fund 209 Order 1900611 G/L 430110 State Grant

Expenditures

\$52,981.60 Fund 209 Order 1900611 G/L 530550 Contractual Services

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this appropriation is conditioned upon receipt of \$52,981.60 in funds from the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

- **Police Civilian Oversight Board 2025 Annual Report**

James Walker, Acting Director of the Police Civilian Oversight Board (PCOB), presented an overview of the Calendar Year 2025 PCOB Annual Report, summarizing the work of the Police Civilian Oversight Board (the Board) and the Office of Police Civilian Oversight (the Office). The report was presented to City Council as part of the City Manager's Report.

In 2025, significant membership turnover and a series of resignations left the Board without a quorum from June through October; the quorum was restored in November, when new members were seated and new officers elected. Against that backdrop, the Board's central accomplishment was City Council's adoption of Ordinance O-25-142 on November 17, the most significant revision of Article XVI since the Board's creation. The revision established the Office as a division of the City Manager's Office, clarified the respective roles of the Board and the Office, placed the authority to retain independent legal counsel with the Director, expanded the Director's audit authority, and streamlined Board-member training. The report grouped the year's accomplishments into four areas: Police Department oversight; governance and reform; community engagement; and office operations.

- **City Manager Report**

Deputy City Manager James Freas announced July 1 as the date when enforcement of a ban on food establishments using Styrofoam will go into effect. Information will be available on the city website.

City Manager Samuel Sanders, Jr., announced festivities on July 3 to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Downtown Mall, and the Cville Spectacular on July 16. He announced events celebrating the 250th anniversary of the United States of America. Regarding issues involving the unhoused population, he announced several staff initiatives and ongoing activities to set a standard and administer a comprehensive approach to address such a complicated and long-standing issue.

ACTION ITEMS

16. ORDINANCE to Amend and Reordain City Code Chapter 31 (Utilities) to Establish New Utility Rates and Service Fees for City Gas, Water, and Sanitary Sewer (2nd reading)

Chris Cullinan, Director of Finance, summarized actions from the June 1, 2026, meeting where a public hearing was held and feedback was received from City Council. City Manager Sanders directed the Office of Sustainability to work with the Community Climate Collaborative (C3) to come back with recommendations for use of the collected funds.

On motion by Payne, seconded by Fleisher, Council by the following vote adopted the **ORDINANCE AMENDING AND REORDAINING CHAPTER 31 (UTILITIES) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA, 1990, AS AMENDED, TO ESTABLISH NEW UTILITY RATES AND SERVICE FEES FOR CITY GAS, WATER, AND SANITARY SEWER: 4-0** (Ayes: Fleisher, Oschrein, Payne, Snook; Noes: none; Absent: Wade).

17. RESOLUTION Approving Amended Grant Agreement for the Charlottesville Supplemental Rental Assistance Program ("CSRAP")

Madelyn Metzler, Housing Senior Planner, presented the Resolution that provides for an extension to the Eighth (8th) Amended Grant Agreement for CSRAP through September 30, 2026. Extending the Grant Agreement supports key City housing goals by ensuring CSRAP remains an effective transitional assistance Program aligned with best practices and the City's strategic initiatives related to affordable housing, equity, and service coordination. During the extension, City Staff and CRHA will:

- Review findings with internal and external stakeholders to confirm interpretation and prioritize needed changes.
- Develop updated policies addressing eligibility, Program tenure, transition planning, and administrative procedures.
- Assess and recommend improvements to data systems and communication processes to strengthen oversight and customer service.

The extension prevents the City from entering a new funding cycle without integrating necessary improvements or presenting City Council with actionable, evidence-based options. City Staff will return to City Council with final recommendations and a revised Grant Agreement informed by stakeholder engagement.

On motion by Fleisher, seconded by Snook, Council by the following vote Approved the Resolution: 4-0 (Ayes: Fleisher, Oschrein, Payne, Snook; Noes: none; Absent: Wade).

RESOLUTION

Extending Charlottesville Supplemental Rental Assistance Program's Eighth (8th) Grant Amendment (i.e., Resolution #25-149) with Charlottesville Redevelopment and Housing Authority to September 30, 2026, Allowing for Eligible and Applicable Use of Carry-forward FY26 CSRAP Undrawn Funds in an Amount Not to Exceed \$545,731.20

WHEREAS, on June 19, 2017, the City of Charlottesville, Virginia ("City"), approved the creation of the City-funded Charlottesville Supplemental Rental Assistance Program ("CSRAP"), and on December 1, 2025, City Council approved an allocation of \$900,000 from Capital Improvement Program funds to be used for CSRAP, which will be administered by the Charlottesville Redevelopment and Housing Authority ("CRHA"); and

WHEREAS, the terms and conditions under which the CRHA will administer the CSRAP are set forth within a written Grant Agreement that the City and CRHA entered into in December 2025, with a time for performance of between December 16, 2025, and June 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, CSRAP's FY26 Budget has a current availability of \$545,731.20; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined a need to modify the Eighth (8th) Amendment to the Grant Agreement (*i.e.*, Resolution #R-25-149), and extend the Grant Agreement's time for performance to September 30, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, that the Grant Agreement for the FY26 CSRAP time for performance shall be extended through September 30, 2026, allowing for eligible and applicable use of carry-forward FY26 CSRAP undrawn funds in an amount not to exceed \$545,731.20; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that all the original provisions and requirements of the Grant Agreement remain in legal effect.

18. RESOLUTION Allocating \$575,000 in Housing Operations and Support FY27 Grant Funding (layover)

Madelyn Metzler, Housing Senior Planner, presented a resolution to approve the Charlottesville Affordable Housing Fund (CAHF) Committee's FY27 HOPS Grant Project Funding recommendations and authorize the allocation of CAHF funds to the thirteen (13) recommended programs. Councilors expressed concerns about putting funds into programs based on what entities have requested, and a need to focus funds toward the direction that the City wants to go, particularly with addressing the homelessness issue, case management, duplicative efforts and prescriptive direction.

Council, by unanimous consent, agreed to carry the item to the July 20 meeting for second reading and vote on the consent agenda.

19. RESOLUTION Endorsing West Main and Ridge SMARTSCALE Application

Brennen Duncan, City Engineer, requested City Council's approval by resolution to submit an Application for Round 7 of SMARTSCALE infrastructure funds and he answered clarifying questions for Council regarding traffic studies, process steps, funding and construction timelines, and clarifying the issue(s) that this project is meant to solve. Council discussion incorporated comments from the public regarding historical struggles of a one-way Water Street, which were addressed years ago by making it two-way and with additional city investment. There was a suggestion to conduct a demonstration project before committing to the full design.

On motion by Payne, seconded by Fleisher, Council Approved the following resolution by a vote of 3-1 (Ayes: Fleisher, Oschrein, Payne; Noes: Snook; Absent: Wade).

**RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE SUBMISSION OF SMARTSCALE (HB2)
APPLICATION ROUND 7**

WHEREAS, in April 2026, the City of Charlottesville, Virginia ("City"), in cooperation with the Virginia Department of Transportation ("VDOT"), completed a Strategically Targeted and Affordable Roadway Solutions Study of the Ridge Street and West Main Street intersection in the City; and

WHEREAS, the 2016, the “Streets That Work Design Guidelines” Plan (“STW Plan”) identified priority intersections and corridors in the City for transportation improvements and identified the Ridge Street and West Main Street intersection as one of the City’s “Top Ten (10) Priority” intersections; and

WHEREAS, the City’s 2021 Comprehensive Plan highlights Priority Projects for the Master Transportation Plan, including select intersections and corridors from the STW Plan, including the Ridge Street and West Main Street intersection; and

WHEREAS, the Charlottesville-Albemarle Metropolitan Planning Organization (“CA-MPO”), completed a Comprehensive Long Range Transportation Plan in May 2024, which includes Ridge Street and West Main Street intersection improvements as a medium priority project for the CA-MPO region; and

WHEREAS, during its 2014 session, the Virginia General Assembly enacted House Bill 2 (“HB2”), now titled “SMARTSCALE,” which established new criteria for the allocation of funding for transportation projects within the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth Transportation Board, during its Board Meeting of June 17, 2015, approved the Policy and Guidelines for Implementation of a Project Prioritization Process in accordance with SMARTSCALE; and

WHEREAS, on April 23, 2026, the CA-MPO Policy Board approved a Resolution of Support which includes SMARTSCALE funding for several City intersection improvement projects; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the City and for the CA-MPO to submit HB2 Applications requesting State funding for eligible transportation projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Charlottesville City Council fully endorses the submission of a SMARTSCALE Application requesting funding for the following transportation projects:

- Ridge/McIntire/West Main/South/Water Street Intersection Improvements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT City Council requests that the City conduct a demonstration project.

20. RESOLUTION Endorsing CA-MPO US 29 NB/US 250 EB Ramp Extension/Barracks Road Off-Ramp SMART SCALE Application

Brennen Duncan, City Engineer, presented a request for resolution approval. In 2014, the Virginia General Assembly enacted legislation to create new criteria for the allocation of transportation funding. SMART SCALE funding is available to localities through 2-year application cycles. Approved projects are programmed in the SYIP, and funding is allocated to localities 6 years later. Eligible projects address 1) need on Corridors of Statewide Significance, 2) capacity need on regional networks, 3) improvements to support Urban Development Areas, and/or 4) Improvements to address a VTrans specified safety need. The SMART SCALE program is administered by the Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment (OIP). OIP partners with VDOT and the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) throughout the application process. OIP, VDOT, and DRPT review project applications for eligibility screening, readiness screening, and project scoring. Once projects are scored by staff, the Commonwealth Transportation Board makes the final determination for project programming.

The Charlottesville-Albemarle Metropolitan Planning Organization (CA-MPO) is submitting the US 29 NB/US 250 EB Ramp Extension/Barracks Road Off-Ramp as its 2026 SMART SCALE Application, due in August. This project was endorsed by the Policy Board of the CA-MPO at its April 2026 meeting (resolution attached). This will put the project in consideration for state funding and inclusion in the Commonwealth's Six (6)-Year Improvement Program. A Resolution of Support from City Council is not required but will support the project application.

On motion by Payne, seconded by Fleisher, Council by the following vote Approved the Resolution: 4-0 (Ayes: Fleisher, Oschrein, Payne, Snook; Noes: none; Absent: Wade).

RESOLUTION

Endorsing the Submission of Charlottesville-Albemarle Metropolitan Planning Organization SMARTSCALE Application

WHEREAS, in May 2024, the Charlottesville-Albemarle Metropolitan Planning Organization ("CA-MPO"), in cooperation with the Virginia Department of Transportation and the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission, completed a comprehensive Long Range Transportation Plan ("LRTP"); and

WHEREAS, the CA-MPO Policy Board has identified transportation projects which are critical to improve safe and efficient movement of people and goods along public roadways in the Charlottesville-Albemarle Metropolitan area and approved Resolutions of Support at its April 22, 2026, Meeting; and

WHEREAS, during its 2014 session, the Virginia General Assembly enacted legislation in the form of House Bill 2 ("HB2"), now titled "SMART SCALE," which established new criteria for allocation of transportation funding for projects within the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth Transportation Board, during its April 22, 2026, meeting, adopted updated eligibility policy and the associated Technical Guide for the SMART SCALE Project Prioritization Process; and

WHEREAS, the transportation projects identified by CA-MPO meet the eligibility criteria for funding under SMART SCALE's High Priority Program; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Area of Charlottesville-Albemarle for CA-MPO to submit the following applications for Round 7 of SMART SCALE projects requesting State funding for eligible transportation projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, fully supports the submission of the SMART SCALE application requesting funding for the following transportation project:

Project Being Submitted by CA-MPO

- U.S. 29 NB/US 250 EB Ramp Extension/Barracks Road Off-Ramp.

COMMUNITY MATTERS (2)

Vice Mayor Oschrein opened the floor for comments from the public.

- Rachel Flynn, city resident, thanked Council for their consideration of resident issues and making

difficult decisions. She also thanked specific city staff for their helpfulness.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Snook, seconded by Fleisher, Council by acclamation adjourned the meeting at 9:26 p.m.

BY Order of City Council

BY Kyna Thomas, Clerk of Council

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