

CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
Introduction of New City Manager Samuel Sanders, Jr.
July 20, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.
Carver Recreation Center, 233 4th Street, Charlottesville, VA

The Charlottesville City Council held a special meeting on Thursday, July 20, 2023, to introduce newly appointed City Manager Samuel Sanders, Jr., whose role commences on August 1, 2023. The following City Council members were present: Mayor Lloyd Snook, Vice Mayor Juandiego Wade, and Councilors Michael Payne and Brian Pinkston. Councilor Leah Puryear gave prior notice of a scheduling conflict.

Vice Mayor Wade called the meeting to order at 5:11 p.m. and introduced Mr. Sanders. The format of the meeting was a Town Hall, where individuals were given an opportunity to submit questions to the Clerk of Council ahead of the meeting.

During a self-introduction Mr. Sanders emphasized the importance of process and expressed goals of meeting with department directors; having the right people at the table; taking a look at the City Manager's Office to figure out ways to support the entire team (all departments); and creating more opportunities for public engagement. He then provided answers to pre-submitted questions which covered topics of sidewalks, Charlottesville Area Transit, open data, employee compensation study, public safety staffing, condition of the Downtown Mall, monuments, equitable treatment of residents, Climate Action Plan implementation, and invasive kudzu.

The meeting adjourned at 5:51 p.m. and light refreshments were available.

BY Order of City Council

BY Kyna Thomas, Clerk of Council