



## CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 6, 2025 at 6:00 PM

CitySpace: 100 5th St NE, Charlottesville, VA 22902

The Charlottesville City Council convened in a special meeting on Thursday, March 6, 2025, to discuss budget development for Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26). Mayor Juandiego Wade called the meeting to order and called the roll, noting all councilors present: Mayor Juandiego Wade, Vice Mayor Brian Pinkston and Councilors Natalie Oschrin, Michael Payne and Lloyd Snook. Mr. Wade turned the meeting over to City Manager Samuel Sanders, Jr.

### **FY 2026 Budget Development Overview and Discussion**

City Manager Sam Sanders and Budget Director Krisy Hammill led a discussion based on the following agenda, as follow-up to the FY26 Proposed Budget introduction at the March 4 regular Council meeting:

- Revenue Changes FY25 to FY26
- Current Year Projections
- General Fund Expenditure Categories
- Expenditure Changes FY25 to FY26
- Tax Rates
- Budget Highlights
- Year-End Surplus Update
- Important Budget Dates

Ms. Hammill stated that City budget information can be located online at [www.Charlottesville.gov/budget](http://www.Charlottesville.gov/budget).

Councilors asked clarifying questions about various expenditures such as the purchase of short-term rental compliance software, reclassification of staff positions, adding a Freedom of Information Officer for the Police Department, adding an in-house concrete crew in Public Works, filling bus driver seats, and implementation of an employee engagement program. The following staff members helped answer Council's questions: Commissioner of the Revenue Todd Divers, Clerk of Council Kyna Thomas, Police Chief Michael Kochis, and City Treasurer Jason Vandever.

The proposed budget was developed without recommendation of a tax increase.

On motion by Pinkston, seconded by Oschrin, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

BY Order of City Council

BY Kyna Thomas, Clerk of Council