



CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
August 4, 2025 at 4:00 PM
Council Chamber

The Charlottesville City Council met in a regular meeting on Monday, August 4, 2025. Mayor Juandiego Wade called the meeting to order and called the roll, noting the following councilors present: Mayor Juandiego Wade, and Councilors Natalie Oschrin and Lloyd Snook. Vice Mayor Brian Pinkston gave prior notice of his absence. Councilor Michael Payne joined the meeting at 4:05 p.m.

On motion by Snook, seconded by Oschrin, Council approved the meeting agenda by a vote of 3-0 (Ayes: Oschrin, Snook, Wade; Absent: Payne, Pinkston).

JOINT CITY COUNCIL AND SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION

Chair Emily Dooley called the School Board to order.

1. PRESENTATION: School Facilities Condition Review

City Manager Samuel Sanders, Jr. stated the purpose for the meeting, which was to receive an update and discuss how school infrastructure is managed presently, the condition of existing buildings, and to ensure that both public bodies receive the detailed information at the same time. He framed it as a point of preparation for an upcoming City Council retreat.

Deputy City Manager James Freas, School Chief Operations Officer Kim Powell, and Deputy Director of Public Works Michael Goddard made a presentation that included information about school enrollment and capacity, a school facilities review, and an update on Charlottesville Middle School. The school facilities review was based on three factors: 1) building condition, 2) capacity, and 3) ability to meet modern education expectations. Some common issues that were found in Charlottesville public schools involved bathrooms, flooring, ceiling grids and lighting. Elementary schools were grouped into pairs representing eras of school construction:

- The Vintage Era –Trailblazer (1925) and Summit (1930)
- The Middle Era –Sunrise (1953) and Tall Oaks (1955)
- The Open Floorplans Era –Greenbrier (1962) and Jackson Via (1968)

The newest school building, Charlottesville High School, was built in 1975, and school modernization projects systemwide have occurred over the years.

Maria Beninski, Architect at VMDO, provided an overview of the Walker Campus Master Plan and the concept design for the Early Learning Center at Walker Campus. She answered questions about capacity-building and calculations.

Following discussion, the School Board adjourned.

CLOSED MEETING

Pursuant to Section 2.2-3712 of the Virginia Code, Councilor Payne moved that City Council close the open meeting and convene in a closed session; seconded by Snook, Council voted 4-0 in support of the motion for the following purpose:

- a. 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: the Police Civilian Oversight Board; and the Planning Commission.

On motion by Payne, seconded by Snook, Council by a vote of 4-0 (Ayes: Oschrin, Payne, Snook, Wade; Noes: none; Absent: Pinkston) certified 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

The business session of the meeting began with a moment of silence.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Snook announced August 5th as National Night Out and invited the public to an event at the lower field of Washington Park from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Councilor Oschrin announced: 1) Sunday neighborhood walk in the Greenbrier Neighborhood at 9:00 a.m.; 2) Commissioners and Cans Food Drive; and 3) Loop De Ville on September 27.

RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

- **Mayoral recognition of Nicholas Feggans**

Mayor Wade presented a proclamation to Nicholas Feggans for his dedication and efforts to significantly uplift and empower the community, particularly the youth. The proclamation was a surprise for Mr. Feggans and he accepted with remarks.

- **2025 Soul of Cville**

Mayor Wade presented a proclamation in recognition of the 5-year milestone of the Soul of Cville Festival, with this year's theme, "Firmly Planted. Fiercely Flourishing". Founder, Khalilah Jones accepted the proclamation with remarks.

COMMUNITY MATTERS

Mayor Wade opened the floor for comments from the public.

1. Alicia Lenahan, county resident, spoke in support of the democratic process and about City Council's role in responding to federal policies.
2. John Greene, city resident, spoke out of concern about a recent incident on Orangedale Avenue involving fireworks and violence.
3. Louis Desobry, city resident, spoke out of concern about a recent incident on Orangedale Avenue involving fireworks and violence. He stated that Fifeville does not want fireworks in the neighborhood. He read a petition from residents requesting enforcement of the existing City Code regarding fireworks.
4. Edisa Fific, city resident, spoke out of concern about a recent incident on Orangedale Avenue involving fireworks and violence. She asked for help to address issues in the neighborhood.
5. Moe van de Sompel, city resident, spoke in opposition to slip lanes at the Preston Avenue and Ridge-McIntire intersection, and asked that the City remove them.

CONSENT AGENDA*

Clerk Thomas read the following Consent Agenda items into the record, and on motion by Payne, seconded by Snook, Council unanimously adopted the Consent Agenda (Ayes: Oschrin, Payne, Pinkston, Snook, Wade; Noes: none).

- 2. MINUTES: June 16 regular meeting
- 3. RESOLUTION to Appropriate Additional Funds for Emmet Street Corridor Streetscape Project - \$1,436,519 (2nd reading)

RESOLUTION

Resolution to Appropriate \$1,436,519 in additional local funds for the Emmet Street Corridor Streetscape Project

WHEREAS, the City of Charlottesville has been awarded funds through the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to locally administer various transportation projects; and

WHEREAS, some of the VDOT funding requires a local match to leverage the funding; and

WHEREAS, additional local funding is required for the Emmet Street Corridor Streetscape Project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, that the sum of \$1,436,519 is hereby appropriated as follows:

Expenditure

\$1,436,519 Fund: 426 WBS Element: P-00932 GL Code: 599999

Revenue

\$66,414 Fund: 426 WBS Element: P-00932 GL Code: 432155

**Project: Emmet Street Corridor Streetscape & Intersections
UPC #: 109551**

Budget Transfer from City Underground Utility Project Account (for City Match)

\$1,370,105 Fund: 426 WBS Element: P-00127 GL Code: 599999

- 4. RESOLUTION Appropriating \$60,000 for Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) Special Nutrition Program - Summer Food Service Program (layover)

CITY MANAGER REPORT

• **Central Water Line Update (Rivanna Authorities)**

Mr. Sanders introduced Bill Mawyer, Executive Director of the Rivanna Water and Sewer Authority, who presented an overview of the Central Water Line Project, with construction expected to run from October 2025 to December 2029. Mr. Mawyer announced a community information meeting September 16, 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., at Carver Recreation Center. The purpose of the project is to move drinking water more efficiently in the piping system and to improve utilization of the full production capacity of the Observatory Water Treatment Plant. Following the presentation, Mr. Mawyer answered questions from City Council.

- **City Manager Report**

Mr. Sanders thanked the Police Department and Fire Department for hosting him on ride-alongs this summer. He celebrated the addition of a bus stop at Midway Manor and thanked community advocate Mary Carey for her persistence to see the project completed. Mr. Sanders acknowledged the CAYIP (Community Attention Youth Internship Program) graduation, Westhaven Community Day, and the Ting Pavilion Back-to-School Bash. He added reminders about the Back to School Bash at the Boys & Girls Club on Sunday, August 10; the Tonsler Championship game and block party on August 10; and the speed cameras activated in school zones for the upcoming school year.

ACTION ITEMS

5. PUBLIC HEARING and RESOLUTION Appropriating Funds for Federal Transit Operations and Capital Grants - \$6,666,809 (2nd reading)

Garland Williams, Director of Transit, summarized the appropriation request and stated that the buses are operational and in use. He asked Council to accept and appropriate the funds.

Mayor Wade opened the public hearing. With no speakers coming forward the public hearing was closed.

On motion by Oschrin, seconded by Snook, Council by a vote of 4-0 approved the resolution (Ayes: Oschrin, Payne, Snook, Wade; Noes: none; Absent: Pinkston).

RESOLUTION

**APPROPRATING FUNDS For Federal Transit Operating and Capital Grants
\$6,666,809**

WHEREAS the FY25 State Capital Grant in the amount of \$2,139,032 and the Federal Capital Grant in the amount of \$880,778 has been awarded to the City of Charlottesville, with a local CIP match of \$125,826; the amount of capital grant funds is \$3,145,636; and

WHEREAS the FY25 Federal Operating Grant in the amount of \$2,640,880 has been awarded to the City of Charlottesville; and

WHEREAS the FY25 Federal Operating Grant has been awarded to JAUNT in the amount of \$880,293; these funds must pass through the City of Charlottesville as required; and

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

Revenue (Capital)

\$2,139,032	Fund: 245	Cost Center: 2804001000	G/L: 430110 State Grants
\$ 880,778	Fund: 245	Cost Center: 2804001000	G/L: 431110 Federal Grants
\$ 125,826	Fund: 245	Cost Center: 2804001000	G/L: 498010 Local March

Expenditures (Capital)

\$3,145,636	Fund: 245	Cost Center: 2804001000	G/L: 541040 Vehicles
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Revenue (Operating)

\$2,640,880	Fund: 245	Cost Center: 2801003000	G/L: 431010 Federal Grants
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Expenditures (Operating)

\$2,640,880 Fund: 245 Cost Center: 2801003000 G/L: 599999 Lump Sum

Revenue (JAUNT)

\$880,293 Fund: 245 Cost Center: 2821002000 G/L: 431010 Federal Grants

Expenditures (JAUNT)

\$880,293 Fund: 245 Cost Center: 2821002000 G/L: 540365 JAUNT Payment

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this appropriation is conditional upon the receipt of \$4,400,152 from the Federal Transit Administration, \$2,139,032 from the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation, and \$125,826 from local matching contributions.

6. RESOLUTION for Extension of Charlottesville Supplemental Rental Assistance Program 7th Grant Amendment (i.e., Resolution #24-124) with Charlottesville Redevelopment and Housing Authority to December 15, 2025, Allowing for Eligible and Applicable Use of Carry-forward FY25 CSRAP Undrawn Funds in an Amount not to Exceed \$238,729.30

Madelyn Metzler, Housing Compliance Coordinator, presented the resolution request.

On motion by Oschrin, seconded by Snook, Council by a vote of 4-0 approved the resolution (Ayes: Oschrin, Payne, Snook, Wade; Noes: none; Absent: Pinkston).

RESOLUTION

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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 April 9, 2024, City Council approved an allocation of \$900,000 from the Capital Improvement Program funds to be used for the CSRAP Program, 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 October 2024, with a time for performance of between July 1, 2024, and June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Program’s FY25 Budget has a current availability of \$238,729.30; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined a need to modify the Seventh Amendment to the Grant Agreement (i.e., Resolution #R-24-124), and extend the Grant Agreement’s time for performance to December 15, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, that the Grant Agreement for the FY25 CSRAP time for performance shall be extended through December 15, 2025. All the original provisions and requirements of the Grant Agreement remain in legal effect.

COMMUNITY MATTERS (2)

Mayor Wade opened the floor for comments from the public. No speakers came forward.

On motion by Snook, seconded by Oschrin, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

BY Order of City Council

BY Kyna Thomas, Clerk of Council

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