



**CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**October 20, 2025 at 4:00 PM**  
**Council Chamber**

The Charlottesville City Council held a regular meeting on Monday, October 20, 2025. Mayor Juandiego Wade called the meeting to order, and Clerk of Council Kyna Thomas called the roll, noting the following councilors present: Mayor Juandiego Wade, Vice Mayor Brian Pinkston and Councilors Natalie Oschrin and Lloyd Snook.

On motion by Snook, seconded by Oschrin, Council by a vote of 4-0 (Ayes: Oschrin, Pinkston, Snook, Wade; Noes: none) approved electronic meeting participation at the request of Councilor Michael Payne, who verified participation from Charlottesville, Virginia, due to a temporary disability that prevented his physical attendance.

On motion by Snook, seconded by Oschrin, Council adopted the meeting agenda by a vote of 5-0 (Ayes: Oschrin, Payne, Pinkston, Snook, Wade; Noes: none).

## **REPORTS**

### **1. REPORT: Public Defender's Office**

Nick Reppucci, public defender for Charlottesville and Albemarle expressed gratitude for financial support from the City. He made remarks about the work of public defenders and the vulnerable populations of people whom they serve. He stated that the office is under pressure from federal enforcement agencies.

Councilors commented about the public defender's office workload of over 2000 cases per year, and thanked Mr. Reppucci for the work done by his office.

### **2. REPORT: Offender Aid & Restoration**

Ross Carew, Executive Director of Offender Aid & Restoration (OAR) spoke about the organization's alignment with the City for public safety, and the cost-to-benefit. OAR is a regional community corrections agency providing service to the city of Charlottesville since 1971 in the areas of pretrial services, peer support services, recovery courts, therapeutic docket, and criminal justice planning. and the eight surrounding counties. They serve approximately 4000 people annually in Charlottesville and eight surrounding counties. Mr. Carew listed agency successes and challenges, including the impact of reduced federal funding.

### **3. REPORT: Leaf Collection & Snow Operations**

Jonathan Dean, Public Works, made a presentation about upcoming leaf collection and snow operations, with leaf collection and detailed weekly communication beginning October 27. The City collects loose leaves curbside for residents up to three times per season and will offer a drop-off option for residents who wish to bag their leaves for disposal. The collected leaves are taken to a local farm where they are turned into compost that is used by area residents, farms, and landscaping companies. Mr. Dean shared best practices and listed the responsibilities of various city departments during a snow event as well as resources available for public information. Regarding snow in Charlottesville, he stated that the formal snow season runs from November to April.

## **CLOSED MEETING**

On motion by Pinkston, seconded by Oschrin, Council voted 5-0 (Ayes: Oschrin, Payne, Pinkston, Snook, Wade; Noes: none) to meet in closed session as authorized by 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 Citizen Oversight Board.

On motion by Pinkston, seconded by Snook, Council certified by the following vote: 5- 0 (Ayes: Oschrin, 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**

Mayor Wade acknowledged the passing of local civil rights leader Eugene Williams and City Council began the business meeting by observing a moment of silence.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Wade announced openings on boards and commissions, particularly upcoming vacancies on the Planning Commission.

## **RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS**

**Biophilic Cities Acceptance:** Mayor Wade announced that the City of Charlottesville has officially been accepted into the Biophilic Cities Network, a global community of cities whose leaders and residents recognize the importance of the connection between humans and the natural world. In practice, a Biophilic City is one that is intentional about integrating green space into its urban environment, conserving existing natural areas and fostering improved connections to nature for all.

Steven Gaines, Urban Forester, shared information about the Biophilic Cities recognition, noting that Charlottesville is where the idea was conceived and is now being implemented. Representatives from the University of Virginia and the Biophilic network were present to receive the recognition.

## **COMMUNITY MATTERS**

1. Josh Carp, city resident, spoke about challenges with navigation of bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure. He suggested reconfiguring West Main Street bike lanes while other road construction is underway within the next few years.
2. Laura Sirgany, city resident, spoke about city efforts to police unhoused individuals and recent public pushback against a proposed camping ordinance. She insisted that the city involve the unhoused individuals in developing solutions for their care.
3. Alex Joyner, county resident and Co-president of IMPACT (Interfaith Movement Promoting Action by Congregations Together), spoke about two items on the agenda: plans for a long-term shelter and consideration of a transportation study. He stated that adjustments will be needed to the bus routes if the property at 2000 Holiday Drive is used for a year-round shelter, and he asked to prioritize driver recruitment and funding over a transportation study.
4. Susan McCulley, county resident and city property owner, asked for a response to a petition to unmask ICE in Charlottesville.
5. Kevin Cox, city resident, spoke about the need to reduce speed limits on Cherry and Elliot Avenues. He requested that the City adopt guidelines for city traffic engineering protocol.
6. Joy Johnson, city resident and Chair of PHAR (Public Housing Association of Residents), requested changes to the zoning code to prevent UVA encroachment and by-right development of high-rise buildings around low-income and historically Black neighborhoods. She voiced support for unhoused neighbors in light of living in the vicinity of a wealthy university.
7. Andrew Gneiting, Albemarle County resident and representative for United Campus Workers of Virginia, UVA Living Wage Campaign, spoke against the LV Collective's proposed luxury student housing project, and in support of living wages for UVA workers.

8. Isis Neumann, city resident, spoke in support of the residents of the Westhaven and 10<sup>th</sup> & Page neighborhoods, against the LV Collective proposed luxury housing development. She also spoke against the use of the Flock camera system by law enforcement.
9. Sage Bradburn, county resident, expressed a need to provide more support for the unhoused community besides shelter, including jobs and making sure that resources are available, as well as providing incentives to companies that provide services to the unhoused community.
10. Alicia Lenahan, Albemarle County resident, spoke in opposition to ICE efforts and against the use of surveillance such as the Flock system and partnership with Ring cameras.
11. John Scheiman, Albemarle County resident, spoke about a free lunch program at his church and the increased needs in the community. Regarding his church's partnership with PACEM, they often need to turn away people for lack of capacity. He spoke in support of the low-barrier shelter on Holiday Drive as a piece of the puzzle to help the unhoused population.
12. Eleanor Smalley, Friends of PHAR Club at UVA, shared a handout with results from a student housing survey, in opposition to the proposed LV Collective luxury student housing project, against displacement of long-term residents.
13. Sarah Murphy, who runs a day shelter in Harrisonburg, Virginia, spoke about personal experience with housing challenges and about a Housing First program in Finland.
14. Hannah Strauss, city resident, spoke about challenges with housing affordability; against the proposed LV Collective luxury student housing project; against displacement of long-term residents; in support of changing the Zoning Code to protect historically Black and Brown neighborhoods; and against Flock system renewal.
15. Frank Bechter, city resident, spoke against displacement of long-term residents, against a proposed LV Collective luxury student housing building, and expressed a need for excellent community consultation about zoning changes.
16. James Snyder, city resident, thanked the mayor and the Planning Director for visiting his neighborhood to learn more. He asked that zoning be fixed in some residential and historic neighborhoods to prevent large developments. He asked for consideration of an emergency declaration related to historic neighborhoods and cited Virginia Code Section 15.2-2306. Preservation of historical sites and architectural areas; civil penalty.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

4. MINUTES: September 15, 2025 regular meeting
5. RESOLUTION to appropriate funding from the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development FY2026 CoC Capacity Building Funds - \$25,000 (2nd reading)

### **RESOLUTION**

#### **Appropriating Funding in the Amount of \$25,000 To Be Received from the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development's Virginia Homeless Solutions Program, Continuum of Care Capacity Building Fund Program Year 2025- 2026**

**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.) Continuum of Care and Virginia balance of State Local Planning Group Capacity Building (C.B.) Funds of the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development in the amount of \$25,000.

#### **Revenues**

\$25,000	Fund 209	Order 1900615	G/L 430110 State Grant
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**Expenditures**

\$25,000                      Fund 209                      Order 1900615                      G/L 530550 Contractual Services

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, that upon receipt of the V.H.S.P. C.B. funding the Commonwealth of Virginia, said funding, anticipated in the sum of \$25,000, is hereby appropriated in the following manner:

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this appropriation is conditioned upon receipt of \$25,000 in funds from the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development.

- 6. RESOLUTION to Appropriate Albemarle County's Human Services Fund for Community Attention Youth Internship Program (CAYIP) - \$60,000 (2nd reading)

**RESOLUTION**

**To Appropriate the County’s Human Services Fund (formerly A.B.R.T.) Grant in the Amount of \$60,000 to the Department of Human Services**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Charlottesville has been awarded the County’s Human Service Fund (formerly A.B.R.T.) in the amount of \$60,000.

**WHEREAS**, the funds will be used to support the Community Attention Youth Internship Program (C.A.Y.I.P.), providing internships for 22 youth in Albemarle County.

**WHEREAS**, the grant award covers the period from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, that upon receipt of the sum of \$60,000 from the County’s Human Services Fund, that sum is hereby appropriated in the following manner:

**Revenue – \$60,000**

\$60,000                      Fund: 213                      Cost Center: 3413003000                      G/L Account: 432030

**Expenditures - \$60,000**

\$60,000                      Fund: 213                      Cost Center: 3413003000                      G/L Account: 530450

- 7. RESOLUTION to Appropriate Funds from the Virginia Risk Sharing Association - \$18,238.84 (2nd reading)

**RESOLUTION**

**Appropriating Funding Received from the Virginia Risk Sharing Association for Insurance Reimbursement in the amount of \$18,238.84**

**WHEREAS**, the Charlottesville Department of Social Services has received a reimbursement of \$18,238.84 in the Fiscal Year 2026 budget from the Virginia Risk Sharing Association for vehicle loss associated with an accident involving vehicle # 3379.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, that the sum of \$18,238.84, upon receipt by the City, is hereby appropriated for expenditures within the FY26 budget in the following manner:

**Revenue – \$18,238.84**

Fund: 212                      Cost Center: 3301008000                      G/L Account: 451110                      \$18,238.84

**Expenditures - \$18,238.84**

Fund: 212                      Cost Center: 3301008000      G/L Account: 541040      \$18,238.84

8. RESOLUTION authorizing payment to Kokosing Construction Company, Inc for bridge repair contract claim (2nd reading)

**RESOLUTION  
Authorizing Payment to Kokosing Construction Company, Inc. for Bridge  
Repair Contract Claim from the Risk Management Fund**

**WHEREAS** on November 2, 2020 the City entered into a contract with Kokosing Construction Company, Inc. (“KCC”) for the repair of four separate bridges within the City; and

**WHEREAS** the project’s scope of work included “concrete deck replacement, concrete deck mill/hydro-mill and overlay, concrete deck patching, steel beam repairs, bearing repairs and/or replacements, cleaning and painting of steel beams and bearing assemblies, concrete superstructure surface repairs, deck joint closures, expansion joint replacement, and erosion and drainage repairs”; and,

**WHEREAS** during the course of the project, work was delayed on the 250 bypass over the Norfolk Southern Railway while the City sought additional funding from VDOT for additional repairs; and

**WHEREAS** KCC has submitted a claim for costs allegedly caused by this delay totaling \$564,949.30 plus interest of \$115,748.98; and,

**WHEREAS** the City has negotiated a settlement whereby the City will recognize an excusable time extension for the project until February 21, 2023, with no assessment of liquidated damages, and KCC will accept \$275,000 as full and final settlement of all claims asserted by KCC in the current dispute; and,

**WHEREAS** approximately \$200,000 remains available for the payment of change order claims from VDOT’s State of Good Repair funding.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, that:

1. The Manager is authorized to spend up to \$275,000 from the City’s Risk Management fund for the settlement of delay claims submitted by KCC in connection with a contract entered between the City and KCC on or about November 2, 2020.
  2. The City Manager is further authorized to execute all documents necessary to effectuate said settlement.
9. RESOLUTION to appropriate funds from the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Grant in the amount of \$150,000 (layover)
10. RESOLUTION to Reallocate Capital Improvement Program (CIP) funds for ADA Transition Plan work - \$1,365,216.25

**RESOLUTION  
Reallocating Capital Improvement Funds (CIP) for ADA Transition Plan Work  
in the amount of \$1,365,216.25**

**WHEREAS** the City Council of Charlottesville, Virginia desires to complete work as identified in the City’s ADA Transition Plan; and

**WHEREAS** and whereas ADA Signalization projects previously funded in the City’s Capital Improvement Fund have been completed and have remaining unspent fund allocations;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, that the sum of \$1,365,216.25 is hereby appropriated to the new CIP account for Public Works to use to implement ADA Transition Plan priorities as follows;

**Transfer From:**

\$1,365,216.25      Fund: 426      WBS: P-00943      G/L Account: 599999

**Transfer To:**

\$1,365,216.25      Fund: 426      WBS: 2600056      G/L Account: 599999

11. RESOLUTION to Amend Composition of Community Policy and Management Team

**RESOLUTION  
Amending Composition of Community Policy and Management Team**

**WHEREAS**, on May 2, 2016, the City Council established a Community Policy and Management Team (CPMT) as required by Virginia Code §§2.2-5204 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, the current CPMT designates a position for “the Assistant City Manager assigned to manage the Charlottesville Department of Social Services”; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Manager’s Office has been reorganized such that flexibility is needed with respect to CPMT appointments.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Charlottesville that:

The CPMT position designated for “the Assistant City Manager assigned to manage the Charlottesville Department of Social Services” in the Resolution dated June 7, 2010, is hereby replaced by “the City Manager or their designee”.

**CITY MANAGER REPORT**

City Manager Samuel Sanders, Jr., presented an update on city accomplishments and project plans for FY26, and he presented his 1st Quarter Work Plan Update.

Councilor Payne recommended considering a land bank to improve housing affordability.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**12. PUBLIC HEARING and RESOLUTION to allocate \$7,950,000 of Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Contingency Funds (2nd reading)**

City Manager Sanders summarized the request, which was introduced at the October 6, 2025, meeting.

Mayor Wade opened the public hearing.

- Angela Spavis, owner-operator of the Aberdeen Barn Steakhouse, spoke in support of efforts to address homelessness and in opposition to the Holiday Drive location for a low-barrier shelter in an area surrounded by hospitality businesses.
- Anu Patel, employee at the Econo Lodge hotel on Holiday Drive, spoke in support of efforts to address

homelessness and in opposition to the Holiday Drive location for a low-barrier shelter in an area surrounded by hospitality and small businesses. He cited safety concerns and asked whether a community impact survey had been conducted, what security measures would be put in place, and how the City would handle safety in the area.

- Isis Neumann, city resident, suggested thinking about the people who need housing, and not businesses.
- Wendy Gao, PHAR, spoke in support of the low-barrier shelter proposal on Holiday Drive, and against prioritizing tax-generating businesses.
- Sisha Patel, worker at a business on Holiday Drive and lifelong city resident, spoke in support of efforts to address homelessness and in opposition to the Holiday Drive location for a low-barrier shelter in an area surrounded by long-term family-owned businesses, citing safety concerns. She encouraged Council to seek an alternate location.
- Shayla Washington, Executive Director of the Blue Ridge Area Coalition for the homeless (BRACH), spoke in support of the Holiday Drive location for a low-barrier shelter.
- Hannah spoke in support of the proposed low-barrier shelter, and in opposition to comments made by hotel workers regarding potential safety issues.
- Neil Williamson, President of the Free Enterprise Forum, spoke about homelessness, the need for resources, and in support of the 2000 Holiday Drive location and the cost to upfit it for a low-barrier shelter.
- Samantha Hudson, General Manager at Country Inn Suites, asked for consideration of small business owners in consideration of a low-barrier shelter, and expressed concern about the hospitality community not being consulted.
- Lea Leone(?), a Waynesboro resident who said he was priced out of the City of Charlottesville, spoke about humanity and camaraderie in the unhoused community, and in opposition to rhetoric about safety concerns.
- Lizzie, city resident, spoke about the need to prioritize people instead of businesses.
- Tommy Herbert, Director of Government Affairs at the Virginia Restaurant and Lodging Association, spoke in support of the business owners who will be impacted by the use of 2000 Holiday Drive as a low-barrier shelter. He warned about issues with adaptive re-use of buildings.
- Francesca, city resident, spoke about the issue of homelessness and safety concerns for homeless individuals. She requested prioritizing people over profit.

Mayor Wade closed the public hearing and Councilors engaged in discussion, noting the proximity of 2000 Holiday Drive to transportation; balancing the needs of many individuals and businesses; developing a plan; and trust in the city team to be thorough in moving forward for positive outcomes.

On motion by Pinkston, seconded by Oschrin, Council by a vote of 5-0 (Ayes: Oschrin, Payne, Pinkston, Snook, Wade; Noes: none), approved the following resolution.

### **Resolution to Allocate \$7,950,000 from the Capital Improvement Program Contingency Fund**

**WHEREAS** per the City of Charlottesville's financial policy, year-end surpluses from the City's General Fund are transferred to the CIP contingency Fund where they accumulate until appropriated by the City Council for expenditure; and

**WHEREAS** the City Manager has made a recommendation and request to allocate a portion of the contingency funds for several one-time expenditures not previously appropriated; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, that the sum of \$7,950,000 is hereby allocated from currently appropriated funds in the CIP Contingency Fund for the following:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
City Environmental and Mobility Policy Plans	\$1,500,000
City Hall Renovations	150,000
Property Acquisition - 2000 Holiday Drive	
<i>Purchase Price</i>	\$ 6,200,000
<i>Less: Deposit Paid from Citywide Reserve</i>	(100,000)
<i>Add: Citywide Reserve Reimbursement for Deposit Paid</i>	100,000
<i>Closing and any other associated costs</i>	100,000
	6,300,000
<i>Amount Not to Exceed</i>	6,300,000
<b>Total Funding Allocation</b>	<b>\$ 7,950,000</b>

**13. RESOLUTION Supporting VDOT Revenue Sharing Application for a New Sidewalk on Cedar Hill Road**

Ben Chambers, Transportation Planning Manager, presented the request to support a VDOT revenue-sharing application for a new sidewalk on Cedar Hill Road. Applications for the Virginia Department of Transportation's ("VDOT") Revenue Sharing Program, which funds infrastructure projects on local roads through a competitive selection process and equal state and local fund matching, are currently under review by VDOT Staff. This year, City Staff worked with local VDOT Residency to develop a Project Application for a new sidewalk on Cedar Hill Road. To finalize said Application, VDOT requires that local jurisdictions submit a resolution committing to providing the local match to the Project, should it be selected through the VDOT Revenue Sharing Application Review.

On motion by Payne, seconded by Oschrin, Council by a vote of 5-0 (Ayes: Oschrin, Payne, Pinkston, Snook, Wade; Noes: none), approved the following resolution.

**RESOLUTION**

**Supporting the Revenue Sharing Application for a New Sidewalk on Cedar Hill Drive**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Charlottesville, Virginia ("City"), desires to submit an Application for an allocation of funds up to \$5,179,870 through the Virginia Department of Transportation ("VDOT") Fiscal Year 2029 - 30 Revenue Sharing Program; and

**WHEREAS**, \$2,589,935 of these funds are requested to fund the design and construction of a new sidewalk on Cedar Hill Drive between Hydraulic Road and North Berkshire Drive ("Project"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia ("City Council"), hereby supports this Application for an allocation of \$2,589,935 through VDOT's Fiscal Year 2029-30 Revenue Sharing Program.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that City Council commits to fund its local share of preliminary engineering, right-of-way and construction (as applicable) of the Project under agreement with VDOT in accordance with the Project financial document(s); and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City Manager is authorized to execute any and all

related Project agreements and/or addendums with VDOT.

ADOPTED this 20th day of October, 2025.

#### **14. BY MOTION Adoption of the City Council 2026 Legislative Agenda**

City Manager Sanders summarized the 2026 Legislative Agenda proposals and process.

Council discussed legislative priorities, with councilors indicating their preferences for priorities and a refined process for developing future legislative agendas.

On motion by Payne, seconded by Pinkston, Council by a vote of 5-0 (Ayes: Oschrin, Payne, Pinkston, Snook, Wade; Noes: none), approved a set of 2026 legislative priorities as amended during the discussion.

City Manager Sanders stated that he would provide the final document delineating Council's legislative priorities related to Education, Homeless Services, Transportation and Sustainability, along with a list of other legislative positions supported by Council.

#### **15. RESOLUTION Authorizing Agreement to Settle *White v. Charlottesville City Council***

John Maddux, City Attorney, presented a Resolution Authorizing Agreement to Settle *White v. Charlottesville City Council*, for Council consideration. He prefaced the resolution proposal with background about the process to adopt the revised Zoning Ordinance. In January 2024, several community members filed a lawsuit challenging the new zoning ordinance adopted by City Council in December 2023. Over time, the case narrowed to two main questions: whether the City was required to send certain traffic information to the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), and whether the City gave reasonable consideration to factors required by state law when adopting the ordinance. Although a trial was scheduled for September 2026, the City and the plaintiffs reached an agreement to resolve the case. Under the agreement, the City will provide the requested traffic information to VDOT, and the plaintiffs will withdraw their lawsuit. As long as the City meets its obligations, this agreement will bring the litigation to an end.

On motion by Payne, seconded by Oschrin, Council by a vote of 5-0 (Ayes: Oschrin, Payne, Pinkston, Snook, Wade; Noes: none), approved the following resolution.

#### **RESOLUTION**

#### **Authorizing Agreement to Settle *WHITE V. CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY COUNCIL***

**WHEREAS**, on January 17, 2024, G. Edward White, Susan D. White, Roy Van Doorn, Kristi Van Doorn, Thomas J. Hill, as trustee of the Thomas J. Hill Trust, Kemp Hill, as trustee of the Kemp P. Hill Trust, Jenny Clay, Michael Bevier and Lillian Bevier ("Plaintiffs") filed suit in Circuit Court for the City of Charlottesville arguing, in relevant part, that the City's Comprehensive Plan, adopted January 17, 2023, and New Zoning Ordinance ("NZO"), adopted December 18, 2023, should be declared void based on allegations that the City failed to fulfill certain procedural requirements, specifically, certain requirements Plaintiffs alleged were required by Virginia Code §§ 15.2-2222.1, 15.2-2223(B)(1), and 15.2-2284; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 11, 2024, the Court, upon the City's motion, dismissed Plaintiffs' claims to the extent they challenged the validity of the Comprehensive Plan, but allowed Plaintiffs' claims with respect to the NZO to proceed; and

**WHEREAS**, on or about December 30, 2024, Plaintiffs filed an Amended Complaint alleging the NZO should be declared void based on allegations that the City failed to comply with alleged procedural requirements contained in Virginia Code § 15.2-2222.1 regarding the submission of

information to the Virginia Department of Transportation (“VDOT”) and § 15.2-2284 alleging the City failed to give adequate consideration to certain statutory factors; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 30, 2025, the Court ruled in favor of granting Plaintiffs a Default Judgment with respect to the Amended Complaint after the City’s outside counsel failed to timely file a required responsive pleading; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 2, 2025, the Court entered an Order granting the City’s Motion to Reconsider the Court’s decision to enter a Default Judgment, and further granted the City’s Motion for Relief from Default and for Leave to File a Late Answer; and

**WHEREAS**, following discussions between the parties and their counsel, Plaintiffs have agreed to file a Motion to Non-Suit the case if the City will agree to submit information to VDOT that Plaintiffs allege is required by Virginia. Code § 15.2-2222.1; and

**WHEREAS**, while the City continues to believe that such submission to VDOT is not required by Virginia law, and that it complied with all substantive and procedural requirements when it adopted the NZO, it is, nevertheless, willing to make the agreed upon submission to VDOT to settle this matter.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Charlottesville that the City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into a Settlement Agreement obligating the City to submit certain information to VDOT in exchange for the Plaintiffs’ agreement to file a motion to non-suit *White v. Charlottesville City Council*, Case No. CL24-25, within ten (10) days of the Settlement Agreement’s execution.

#### **16. RESOLUTION to allocate \$650,000 of Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Contingency Funds for an Infrastructure Study and Model**

James Freas presented the request, reporting that as the Charlottesville population grows, it is incumbent upon city government to both consider and assess the impacts that this projected growth is likely to have on critical city infrastructure systems such as transportation, stormwater management, sanitary sewers, water, school facilities, parks, etc. Towards that goal, city staff engaged with on-call contractor/consultant 3TP Ventures to assemble a project team of experts to assist city staff in conducting a thorough analysis of the likely growth scenarios over the next decades and to then create a model that will allow staff to assess the likely impacts of those growth scenarios on city infrastructure systems. The model that this project will build is to be dynamic and interactive, so that this tool will be an important new component in assessing and preparing for the impacts of growth and development well into the future. This project will consider and assess both the impacts of the Charlottesville Development Code together with projected population growth and this project is inclusive of the transportation study necessary to meet the terms of the settlement agreement relative to the *White v. Charlottesville* case.

Without objection, Council moved the item forward to the November 3 consent agenda for a second reading and vote.

#### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

#### **17. WRITTEN REPORT: Rivanna Authorities Quarterly Report**

Councilor Payne encouraged the community to read the report as an update on significant infrastructure projects.

As a matter of General Business, Councilor Snook asked for consideration of revisiting the zoning discussion based around by-right development. Councilors were generally in agreement to discuss the topic sooner than the cadence of Comprehensive Plan updates. City Manager Sanders stated that he can carve out time during the November 3 work session.

## COMMUNITY MATTERS (2)

Mayor Wade opened the floor for comments from the public.

- Isis thanked Council for moving forward with the low-barrier shelter. She asked for clarification on the acronym RGGI and procedural questions related to agenda items. Councilor Snook stated that RGGI stands for Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative.
- A speaker thanked Council for moving forward with the low-barrier shelter. She requested non-renewal of the Flock surveillance system and instead, using the funds to support a loaner car system for people whose cars are stolen, giving them a few days to use it while they await recovery of their vehicle by police.
- Rory Stolzenberg, city resident, congratulated the city on settling the case of *White v Charlottesville*. He applauded the community's commitment since 2017 to address affordable housing, including the City's support with funding, programming and zoning.

## ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Oschrin, seconded by Snook, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:33 p.m.

BY Order of City Council

BY Kyna Thomas, Clerk of Council

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