



City Council Meeting Agenda

June 1, 2026

City Hall Council Chamber
605 E. Main St.
Charlottesville, VA 22902

Juandiego R. Wade, Mayor
Natalie Oschrin, Vice Mayor
Jen Fleisher
Michael K. Payne
J. Lloyd Snook, III
Kyna Thomas, Clerk

4:00 PM Opening Session

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

II. Agenda Approval

III. Reports

1. Report: Investing in Community
2. Report: Participatory Budgeting

5:30 PM Closed Meeting (CRHA interviews)

6:30 PM Business Session

IV. Moment of Silence

V. Announcements

VI. Recognitions/Proclamations

VII. Community Matters Public comment for up to 16 speakers (limit 3 minutes per speaker). Preregistration available for first 8 spaces at <https://www.charlottesville.gov/692/Request-to-Speak>; speakers announced by Noon on meeting day (9:00 a.m. sign-up deadline). Additional public comment at end of meeting. Comments on Public Hearing items are heard during the public hearing only.

VIII. Consent Agenda* The consent agenda consists of routine, non-controversial items whereby all items are passed with a single motion and vote. Individuals speaking during Community Matters may address items on the Consent Agenda.

3. Ordinance: Ordinance repealing Sections 3-1 and 3-2 of Chapter 3, Amusements, of the Code of the City of Charlottesville, and Reserving Chapter 3 for future use (2nd reading)
4. Resolution: Resolution to Authorize Donation of Easements in City-owned land to the Virginia Department of Transportation for the Route 250 and Route 20 Intersection and Corridor Improvements Project
5. Resolution: Resolution to Authorize Donation of City Right-of-Way to the Virginia Department of Transportation for the Construction of a Roundabout at Route 631 and John Warner Parkway
6. Resolution: Resolution to Appropriate \$356,805 in Additional Funds to the Streets and Sidewalks Division Operating Budget (1 of 2 readings)
7. Resolution: Resolution to Authorize Reallocation of \$6,300 of Previously Appropriated Funding to Social and Environmental Entrepreneurs (SEE) for FY 2027

8. Resolution: Resolution to appropriate Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services Victims of Crime Act Grant Award FY26 - \$123,600 (1 of 2 readings)
9. Resolution: Resolution to appropriate the Virginia Department of Social Services Family Assistance Management (FAM) grant in the amount of \$20,000 (1 of 2 readings)

IX. City Manager Report

- Report: City Manager Report

X. Action Items

10. Public Hearing/Ord.: Public Hearing and 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 (1 of 2 readings)
11. Public Hearing/Ord.: Public Hearing and 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 (1 of 2 readings)
12. Resolution: 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 (1 of 2 readings)
13. Resolution: Resolution to Return \$1,848,424 to the General Fund and Appropriate an Additional Transfer of \$423,546 to the Children Services Act Fund (1 of 2 readings)
14. Resolution: 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 (1 of 2 readings)

XI. General Business

XII. Community Matters (2)

XIII. Adjournment

MEETING GUIDELINES

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- The presiding officer shall call an individual to order, including a councilor, when that individual goes afoul of these rules. The following are examples of remarks and behavior that are not permitted:
 - i. Interrupting a speaker who is addressing Council at the speaker's microphone, or interrupting a speaker who has otherwise been invited to address Council during Community Matters or a Public Hearing
 - ii. Interrupting a councilor who is speaking
 - iii. Shouting, and talking (either individually or in concert with others) in a manner that prevents a speaker or a Councilor from being heard or that otherwise hinders the progress of the meeting
 - iv. Blocking paths for emergency exit from the meeting room; engaging in any conduct that prevents a member of the audience from seeing or hearing councilors during a meeting; standing on chairs or tables within the Council meeting room
 - v. Threats or incitement of violence toward councilors, City staff or members of the public
 - vi. Engaging in conduct that is a criminal offense under the City Code or the Virginia Code
 - vii. Campaigning for elected office
 - viii. Promotion of private business ventures
 - ix. Using profanity or vulgarity
 - x. Personal attacks against Councilors, City staff or members of the public
 - xi. Behavior which tends to intimidate others
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Policy Briefing Summary

City Council



Regarding:	Investing in Community
Staff Contact(s):	Krisy Hammill, Director of Budget
Presenter:	Taylor Harvey-Ryan, Grants Program Manager, Misty Graves, Director of Human Services, Reginald Allen, Human Services Planner
Date of Proposed Action:	June 1, 2026

Issue

City Staff will update City Council on the various processes used to award grant funding for investment in the community.

Background / Rule

The presentation will provide an overview of all the ways the City provides grant funding to our community partners with a more in-depth discussion of the Vibrant Community Fund (VCF) process.

Analysis

Agenda

1. An Overview of all the Ways the City Provides Grant Funding - Taylor Harvey-Ryan (15 minutes)
2. A discussion of the VCF Process - what do you like, dislike and any proposed changes (30 minutes) - Misty Graves and Reginald Allen

Financial Impact

These discussions will help inform the upcoming application processes for the FY 2028 Budget.

Recommendation

Recommended Motion (if Applicable)

Attachments

None

Policy Briefing Summary

City Council



Regarding:	Participatory Budgeting
Staff Contact(s):	Krisy Hammill, Director of Budget
Presenter:	Misty Graves, Director of Human Services, Chad Thorne
Date of Proposed Action:	June 1, 2026

Issue

City Council has expressed interest in exploring opportunities for deploying a Participatory Budgeting program.

Background / Rule

The City Manager will brief City Council on the City's previous endeavor with participatory budgeting in 2019 as well as help facilitate a discussion with City Council on it's desire to move forward and determine next steps.

Analysis

The goal in 2019 was to pilot new ways of engaging community residents and build public trust by empowering citizens to determine where and how public dollars will be spent in the community. This discussion will help inform staff of the City Council's goals, timelines and expectations if the City were to embark on a new participatory budgeting process.

Financial Impact

The financial impact is unknown at this time and would also be dependent upon the timelines set forth by City Council.

Recommendation

Recommended Motion (if Applicable)

Attachments

None

Policy Briefing Summary

City Council



Regarding:	Ordinance repealing Sections 3-1 and 3-2 of Chapter 3, Amusements, of the Code of the City of Charlottesville, and Reserving Chapter 3 for future use (2nd reading)
Staff Contact(s):	John Maddux, City Attorney
Presenter:	John Maddux, City Attorney
Date of Proposed Action:	June 1, 2026

Issue

Whether City Council should repeal the two remaining operative provisions in Chapter 3, **Amusements**, of the City Code because they are antiquated, no longer used in City operations, and unnecessary in light of the City's current regulatory and administrative practices.

Background / Rule

Chapter 3 of the City Code currently contains two operative provisions.

Section 3-1 regulates minors being employed in, playing in, remaining in, or frequenting billiard saloons or poolrooms. The provision includes detailed restrictions based on age, building layout, interior visibility, lighting, alcohol service, and the number and size of pool tables.

Section 3-2 requires a person conducting a carnival or similar exhibition in the City to deposit \$50 per day with the City Treasurer to cover the cost of additional City services associated with the event. The provision also authorizes the Chief of Police to designate police personnel as necessary for policing the carnival or exhibition.

These provisions are antiquated and are not part of the City's current approach to business regulation, public safety planning, event permitting, or cost recovery. The proposed ordinance would repeal Sections 3-1 and 3-2 and reserve Chapter 3 for future use.

Analysis

Staff recommends repealing Sections 3-1 and 3-2.

Section 3-1 reflects an outdated regulatory approach to poolrooms and billiard saloons. The City no longer regulates these establishments through this type of stand-alone provision, and any modern public safety, licensing, zoning, alcohol, or youth-related issues are more appropriately addressed through generally applicable state law, business licensing requirements, zoning regulations, ABC regulations, and other current legal tools.

Section 3-2 is likewise outdated. The City does not currently rely on this provision to manage carnivals, exhibitions, special events, or related public safety needs. Current event review and permitting practices provide a more appropriate mechanism for evaluating public safety, traffic, operational, and cost-recovery concerns associated with events.

Repealing these provisions will remove obsolete language from the City Code without limiting the City's ability to regulate businesses, events, public safety issues, or the use of public property through current

laws and procedures. Reserving Chapter 3 will preserve the Code structure and avoid unnecessary renumbering.

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact. The City is not currently collecting fees or deposits under these provisions.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that City Council approve the ordinance repealing Sections 3-1 and 3-2 of Chapter 3 of the City Code and reserving Chapter 3 for future use.

Recommended Motion (if Applicable)

I move to approve the ordinance repealing Sections 3-1 and 3-2 of Chapter 3, Amusements, of the Charlottesville City Code and reserving Chapter 3 for future use.

Optional: I further move that City Council waive the requirement for a second reading of this ordinance and that it take effect immediately upon adoption.

Attachments

1. ORD_Ordinance Repealing Section 3-1 and 3-2 of the City Code



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**ORDINANCE REPEALING SECTIONS 3-1 AND 3-2 OF CHAPTER 3, AMUSEMENTS,
OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, AND RESERVING
CHAPTER 3 FOR FUTURE USE**

WHEREAS the City Council has directed and supported an ongoing review of the Code of the City of Charlottesville to identify provisions that are obsolete, unnecessary, outdated, or inconsistent with current City operations; and

WHEREAS Chapter 3 of the City Code, titled “Amusements,” contains two operative provisions: Section 3-1, regarding minors employed in or frequenting poolrooms or billiard saloons, and Section 3-2, regarding deposits required for carnivals and similar exhibitions; and

WHEREAS these provisions are antiquated and are no longer necessary for the City’s current regulatory, public safety, business licensing, or event permitting operations; and

WHEREAS the City retains other legal and administrative tools to address business licensing, public safety, special events, use of public property, and related matters; and

WHEREAS City Council finds that repealing these obsolete provisions will simplify the City Code and better align it with current City operations, while reserving Chapter 3 for potential future use;

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

1. Sections 3-1 and 3-2 of Chapter 3 of the Code of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, 1990, as amended, are hereby repealed, and Chapter 3 is reserved as follows:

- Chapter 3
- AMUSEMENTS
- Secs. 3-1—3-25. Reserved.
- Article II. Reserved.

2. all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

3. this ordinance shall be effective upon adoption.

Date Adopted:

Certified: _____
Clerk of Council

Policy Briefing Summary

City Council



Regarding:	Resolution to Authorize Donation of Easements in City-owned land to the Virginia Department of Transportation for the Route 250 and Route 20 Intersection and Corridor Improvements Project
Staff Contact(s):	Michael Goddard, Deputy Director
Presenter:	Glenn Lee Cooper, Transportation Project Manager
Date of Proposed Action:	June 1, 2026

Issue

The City of Charlottesville, Virginia ("City"), has received a request from VDOT to donate certain easements in City-owned land for the proposed Project.

Background / Rule

Authorize the acceptance of VDOT's donation request for the acquisition of easements in City-owned land for the proposed VDOT Project. Since this is a proposed donation of easements in City-owned land to another public entity for a related transportation project, per Virginia Code Section 15.2-1800(B)(ii), no Public Hearing is legally required prior to the donation.

Analysis

If the City proceeds with the donation of the easements, VDOT can proceed with the construction phase of the Project.

Financial Impact

None.

Recommendation

City Staff recommends City Council adopt the attached Resolution authorizing the donation of the needed easements in City-owned land to VDOT for the proposed Project.

Recommended Motion (if Applicable)

"I Move to adopt the Resolution authorizing the donation of the needed easements in City-owned land to VDOT for the proposed Route 250 and Route 20 Intersection and Corridor Improvements Project."

Attachments

1. RESOLUTION_ACQUISITION FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES - 123044 (1)jvhedits
2. DonationDeedFreeBridgeLaneParcel-123044-014FINAL5.14.26



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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DONATION OF EASEMENTS TO THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

WHEREAS the Virginia Department of Transportation (“VDOT”) will be constructing and maintaining the proposed Rouse 250 and Route 20 Intersection and Corridor Improvements Project along Free Bridge Lane along Rivanna River in Albemarle County, Virginia, identified as Project No. 0250-002-030, RW-201, UPC No. 123044 (“Project”), to include installation of drainage structures, which will necessitate the acquisition of certain easements for construction of the Project improvements; and

WHEREAS the donation of land owned by the City of Charlottesville, Virginia (“City”), to another public entity (VDOT) for a transportation project, per Virginia Code § 15.2-1800(B)(ii), is exempt from the usual legally required Public Hearing before the proposed land donation; and

WHEREAS VDOT has requested the City donate the easements identified on the Project’s preliminary plans submitted to the City, specifically being Permanent Easements and Temporary Construction Easements for drainage improvements and related improvements, which will be effective until the completion of the Project; and

WHEREAS City Staff has determined that the donation of the requested easements is in the best interests of the City and its citizens.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, hereby approves VDOT’s request to donate the necessary easements, subject to submission of final plans for the Project by VDOT; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City Manager is hereby authorized and instructed to execute on behalf of the City the instrument donating the requested easements, when such instrument is prepared and presented by VDOT, subject to the same being approved as to form by the City Attorney, or his designee; and

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT this Resolution shall take effect immediately; and

BE IF FINALLY RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be filed with the papers of this Meeting.

Date Adopted:

Certified: _____
Clerk of Council

**PREPARED BY VDOT
UNDER SUPERVISION OF THE
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**

Exempted from recordation taxes
and fees under Sections 58.1-811(A)(3),
58.1-811(C)(5), 58.1-3315, 25.1-418,
42.1-70, 17.1-266, 17.1-279(E), and 58.1-811(D)

This **DEED OF GIFT AND DONATION** is made this _____ day of _____,
2026, between the **COUNTY OF ALBEMARLE, VIRGINIA, a political subdivision of the
Commonwealth of Virginia, and the CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA, a municipal
corporation and a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia**, collectively
“Grantor”, and the **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**,
“Grantee”.

WITNESSETH: That for and in consideration of the good will and public benefit to be
derived from this donation including the improvement of the roads of the Commonwealth, and
other good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the Grantor
grants and conveys to the Grantee the permanent right and easement to construct, operate and
maintain drainage facilities, on the land located in the County of Albemarle, Virginia, described as
follows:

Being as shown on Sheets 3, 3RW, 3D and 3DRW of the plans for Route 250, State
Highway Project 0250-002-030, RW201, beginning on the South (right) side of the Free Bridge
Lane Construction Baseline from the lands now or formerly belonging to the Commonwealth of
Virginia opposite Station 41+99.06 to a point in the lands of the landowner opposite Station
48+07.95, with said drainage easement being shown as “Proposed Permanent Drainage

Easement for Construction & Maintenance Access of Drain Structures and Ditch”, and containing 18,845 square feet, more or less.

WITNESSETH: That for an in consideration of the good will and public benefit to be derived from this donation including the improvement of roads of the Commonwealth, and other good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the Grantor grants and conveys to the Grantee the temporary right and easement to use the area located in the County of Albemarle from opposite Station 44+74.44 to opposite Station 48+75.00, containing 17,419 square feet, more or less, and being shown as “Proposed Temporary Construction Easement”. This temporary construction easement will terminate at such time as the aforesaid project is completed.

The source being part of the same property acquired by the landowners from John Bosely, by Deed dated May 20, 1994 and recorded on June 22, 1994 in Deed Book 1412, Page 692, in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the County of Albemarle.

The area of the aforesaid permanent easement is located and marked in GREEN, and the temporary easement is located and marked in ORANGE, which photocopies are hereto attached as part of the conveyance to be recorded herewith in the State Highway Plat Book _____, Page _____.

The Grantor by the execution of this instrument acknowledges that the plans for the project as they affect the Grantor's property have been fully explained to the Grantor or the Grantor's authorized representative.

It is agreed between the parties hereto that the Grantee and their agents shall have the right to inspect the drainage facilities and to cut and clear all undergrowth and other obstructions in and along the same adjacent thereto that may in any way endanger or interfere with the proper use thereof.

The Grantor by the execution of this instrument acknowledges that the easement being conveyed hereunder is being donated to the Commonwealth of Virginia for highway use or associated uses. The Grantor also acknowledges that the Grantor is entitled to be compensated for the easement hereby conveyed and, pursuant to Virginia Code Section 25.1-417 and by this donation, hereby waives the Grantor's right to an appraisal and compensation.

The Grantor covenants and agrees for the Grantor, their heirs, successors and assigns, that the consideration hereinabove mentioned shall be in lieu of any and all claims to compensation for said easement, and for damages, if any, to the value of the lands of the Grantor which may result by reason of the use to which the Grantee will put the easement being conveyed. This paragraph, however, does not apply to any physical damages caused by the Grantee, its agents and contractors done to the Grantor's remaining property during construction of the aforesaid project.

By accepting and recording this deed, the Grantee accepts the donation of the before described real estate.

SIGNATURES AND NOTARY CERTIFICATES ON FOLLOWING PAGE

WITNESS the following signature(s) and seal(s)

GRANTOR:

COUNTY OF ALBEMARLE, VIRGINIA

_____(SEAL)
Jeffrey B. Richardson
County Executive

COMMONWEALTH /STATE OF

CITY/COUNTY OF

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this _____ day of _____, 2026, by Jeffrey B. Richardson, County Executive for the County of Albemarle, Virginia, on behalf of the County of Albemarle.

My Commission expires _____ .

Notary Registration No.: _____ .

Notary Public

Approved as to Form:

County Attorney

Date

GRANTOR:

CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA

_____(SEAL)

By: _____
Samuel Sanders, Jr.

Title: City Manager

COMMONWEALTH /STATE OF
CITY/COUNTY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this _____ day of _____,
2026, by Samuel Sanders, Jr., City Manager of the City of Charlottesville

Virginia, on behalf of the entity.

My Commission expires _____ .

Notary Registration No.: _____.

Notary Public

Approved as to Form:

City Attorney Date

GRANTEE'S MAILING ADDRESS:

Virginia Department of Transportation
Right of Way and Utilities Section
1601 Orange Road
Culpeper, VA 22701

PROJECT 0250-002-030, RW201
UPC 123044
PARCEL 014

Policy Briefing Summary

City Council



Regarding:	Resolution to Authorize Donation of City Right-of-Way to the Virginia Department of Transportation for the Construction of a Roundabout at Route 631 and John Warner Parkway
Staff Contact(s):	Michael Goddard, Deputy Director
Presenter:	Glenn Lee Cooper, Transportation Project Manager
Date of Proposed Action:	June 1, 2026

Issue

Donation of City Right-of-Way ("ROW") to the Virginia Department of Transportation ("VDOT") to construct the Roundabout at Route 631 and John Warner Parkway ("Project").

Background / Rule

Authorize the donation of City ROW to VDOT to construct the Project.

Analysis

If the City proceeds with the ROW donation, VDOT can proceed with the construction phase of the Project. No Public Hearing is legally required per Virginia Code Section 15.2-1800(B)(ii), since the City ROW proposed to be donated is to another public entity related to a "transportation project."

Financial Impact

None.

Recommendation

City Staff recommends City Council adopt the attached Resolution authorizing the donation of City ROW to VDOT for the Project.

Recommended Motion (if Applicable)

"I Move adoption of the Resolution authorizing the donation of City ROW to VDOT for the project to construct a Roundabout at Route 631 and John Warner Parkway."

Attachments

1. RESOLUTION_ACQUISITION FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES
2. 118876-204-vms-Donation FeeWithPlans - w-edits(04.16.26)_Final_20260416_v3



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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DONATION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY TO
THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

WHEREAS the Virginia Department of Transportation (“VDOT”) Roundabout at Route 631 and John Warner Parkway Project will be converting the existing signalized intersection at Route 631 (Rio Road East) and John Warner Parkway to a hybrid multi-lane roundabout; and

WHEREAS this conversion will improve mobility along the corridor with improvements to pedestrian and bicycle features in the City of Charlottesville, Virginia (“City”), identified as Project No. 0631-002-012, R-201, UPC No. 118876 (“Project”), to include installation of drainage structures, which will necessitate the acquisition of right-of-way for construction of the Project improvements; and

WHEREAS the donation of City-owned land to another public entity (VDOT) for a transportation project, per Virginia Code § 15.2-1800(B)(ii), is exempt from the usual public hearing legal requirement before the proposed land donation; and

WHEREAS VDOT has requested the City donate the easements identified on the Project’s preliminary plans submitted to the City, specifically being fee simple and limited access for drainage improvements and related enhancements, which will be effective until the completion of the Project; and

WHEREAS City Staff has determined that the donation of the requested easements is in the best interests of the City and its citizens;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, hereby agrees to donate the necessary easements to VDOT for the Project, subject to submission of final plans for the Project by VDOT; and

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the City Manager is hereby authorized and instructed to execute on behalf of the City the instrument donating the requested easements to VDOT, subject to approval of the same as to form by the City Attorney, or his designee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately; and

BE IF FINALLY RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be filed with the papers of this Meeting.

Date Adopted:

Certified: _____
Clerk of Council

**PREPARED BY VDOT
UNDER SUPERVISION OF THE
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**

Exempted from recordation taxes
and fees under Sections 58.1-811(A)(3),
58.1-811(C)(5), 58.1-3315, 25.1-418,
42.1-70, 17.1-266, 17.1-279(E), and 58.1-811(D)

This **DEED OF GIFT AND DONATION** is made this _____ day of _____, 20____,
between **THE CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE**, a Virginia Municipal Corporation, "Grantor", and
the **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**, "Grantee".

WITNESSETH:

In consideration of the good will and public benefit to be derived from this donation including the improvement of the roads of the Commonwealth, and other good and valuable consideration, the Grantor hereby gives, grants, and conveys unto the Grantee in fee simple with General Warranty and English Covenants of Title, the land located in the County of Albemarle, Virginia, described as follows:

Being as shown on Sheets 3, 3RW, 4, 4RW, 7 and 7RW of the plans for Route 631, State Highway Project 0631-002-012, R-201, beginning on the North (left) side of the JWP/Rio North construction baseline from a point in the lands of the Grantor, opposite Station 103+27.80, to the lands now or formerly belonging to the Commonwealth of Virginia opposite approximate Station 105+47, thence lying on the Southeast (right) side of the said baseline from the lands now or formerly belonging to the Commonwealth of Virginia, opposite approximate Station 106+56 to the lands now or formerly belonging to the School Board of The City of Charlottesville, Virginia opposite Station 108+93.37, including connection with Rte. 631 Rio Road East. Said connection being further described as follows: lying on the Southeast (left) side

of the JWP/RIO South construction baseline from the lands now or formerly belonging to the Commonwealth of Virginia opposite Station 20+57.35 to the lands now or formerly belonging to the Commonwealth of Virginia opposite approximate Station 21+75, and containing 4,846 square feet, more or less, land in fee and 33,843 square feet, more or less, land in proposed acquisition.

And being a part of the same land acquired by the Grantor from the Commonwealth of Virginia, acting by and through the Commissioner of Highways by Quitclaim Deed dated November 10, 2014, and recorded May 22, 2015, in Deed Book 4622, Page 523, in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Albemarle County.

For a more particular description of the land herein conveyed, reference is made to Sheets 3, 3RW, 4, 4RW, 7 and 7RW showing outlined in RED the land conveyed in fee simple and acquisition line which photocopies are hereto attached as part of this conveyance to be recorded herewith in State Highway Plat Book _____, Page _____.

AND FURTHER WITNESSETH: THAT WHEREAS, all or part of this highway has been designated as a Limited Access Highway in accordance with the provisions of Sections 33.2-401, 33.2-402, 33.2-403 and 33.2-404, of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended;

NOW, THEREFORE, for the aforesaid consideration the landowner also agrees to grant and convey unto the Commonwealth with general warranty any and all easements of access, light or air, incident to the lands of the landowner abutting upon the Limited Access Highway, and/or upon any of its ramps, loops, or connections at and with intersecting highways, the line or lines along which the easements to be conveyed lie being described as follows:

From a point on the North proposed right of way and limited access line opposite Station 103+27.80 (Route 631 JWP/RIO North Construction Baseline), the lands of the Grantor, thence along said proposed right of way and limited access line, the lands of the Grantor, to a point

opposite Station 104+37.96, the lands of the School Board of The City of Charlottesville, Virginia; as indicated in DARK BLUE on the aforesaid plans.

The Grantor by the execution of this instrument acknowledges that the plans for the aforesaid project as they affect the Grantor's property have been fully explained to the Grantor or the Grantor's authorized representative.

The Grantor by the execution of this instrument acknowledges that the land being conveyed hereunder is being donated to the Commonwealth of Virginia for highway use or associated uses. The Grantor also acknowledges that the Grantor is entitled to be compensated for the land hereby conveyed and, pursuant to Virginia Code Section 25.1-417 and by this donation, hereby waives the Grantor's right to an appraisal and to compensation.

The Grantor covenants and agrees for Grantor their heirs, successors and assigns, that the consideration hereinabove mentioned shall be in lieu of any and all claims to compensation for land, and for damages, if any, to the value of the remaining lands of the Grantor which may result by reason of the use to which the Grantee will put the land being conveyed, including such drainage facilities as may be necessary. This paragraph, however, does not apply to any physical damages caused by the Grantee, its agents and contractors done to the Grantor's remaining property during construction of the aforesaid project.

By accepting and recording this deed, the Grantee accepts the donation of the before described real estate.

SIGNATURE(S) AND NOTARY CERTIFICATE(S) ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE(S)

WITNESS the following signature(s) and seal(s)

THE CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, a
Virginia Municipal Corporation

By _____(SEAL)

Title _____

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

CITY OF _____

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this ____ day of _____,
2026, by _____,
(Name of officer or agent) (Title of officer or agent)

of The City of Charlottesville, a Virginia Municipal Corporation.

My Commission expires _____.

Notary Registration No.: _____.

Notary Public

Policy Briefing Summary

City Council



Regarding:	Resolution to Appropriate \$356,805 in Additional Funds to the Streets and Sidewalks Division Operating Budget (1 of 2 readings)
Staff Contact(s):	Jonathan Dean, Public Service Manager, Steven Hicks, Director of Public Works
Presenter:	Krisy Hammill, Director of Budget
Date of Proposed Action:	June 1, 2026

Issue

In FY 2026, the City received \$356,805 in unexpected revenue. Staff requests allocating these funds to the Streets and Sidewalks division budget within Public Works to cover unforeseen snow and other costs, and to support remaining fiscal year expenses.

Background / Rule

Amendments to the City's budget must be approved by City Council in order to be spent.

Analysis

Overview of Unbudgeted Revenue

The Streets and Sidewalks division generated and collected additional revenue during FY 2026, which was not originally included in the department's budget. This supplemental income amounts to \$224,816 and has been received through various sources, such as reimbursements for overtime expenses related to special events and concrete work, insurance reimbursements, restitution for damaged City property, and proceeds from the sale of surplus property. Furthermore, as part of its FY 2025 closeout, Jaunt returned \$131,989 to the City. Combined, these unanticipated revenue sources total \$356,805.

Operational Expenses and Funding Needs

The Streets and Sidewalks division budget faced \$558,000 in unexpected costs for snow operations including chemicals, vehicle repairs, and contracted services, as well as \$192,000 in overtime, which was reimbursed as part of \$224,816 reference in the revenue section above. While some expenses were offset by cutting other spending, more funds are needed to cover upcoming expenses before year-end. Staff requests that \$356,805 in unanticipated revenue be allocated to increase the division's budget for ongoing operational costs.

Financial Impact

The expenses incurred have a direct effect on the City's General Fund. However, the receipt of supplementary unanticipated revenues provides an opportunity to offset these additional costs, thereby preserving the integrity of the General Fund balance without necessitating a fund transfer from alternative sources.

Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of the resolution to the appropriate funds.

Recommended Motion (if Applicable)

Attachments

1. Resolution to Appropriate Funds to Streets and Sidewalks Budget



RESOLUTION #R-__ -__

**Resolution to Appropriated \$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

Date Adopted:

Certified:

Clerk of Council

Policy Briefing Summary

City Council



Regarding:

Resolution to Authorize Reallocation of \$6,300 of Previously Appropriated Funding to Social and Environmental Entrepreneurs (SEE) for FY 2027

Staff Contact(s):

Krisy Hammill, Director of Budget, Taylor Harvey-Ryan, Grants Program Manager

Presenter:

Hunter Smith, Human Services Planner

Date of Proposed Action:

June 1, 2026

Issue

The Vibrant Community Funding amount included in the FY 2027 budget for Social and Environmental Entrepreneurs (SEE) was incorrect due to a scoring calculation error between the two program applications that were submitted and awarded funding. Based on the application scoring, SEE is due an additional \$6,300.

Background / Rule

The Vibrant Community Fund (VCF) is a competitive annual grant process used by the City Council to allocate funding to local non-profits and community agencies that provide essential services to residents. VCF funding is awarded based on an application scoring process that serves as a basis for allocating the total amount made available for this purpose in the City's budget.

Analysis

During the FY 2027 application process, SEE submitted two grant requests: Restorative Justice (\$90,000) and Restorative Justice Services for Charlottesville City Schools (\$60,000). Upon scoring, the allocated amounts were mistakenly interchanged between the programs. Subsequently, applying funding percentages to the incorrect amounts resulted in an award shortfall of \$6,300. Staff is requesting an additional appropriation to resolve this discrepancy.

Financial Impact

An additional \$6,300 from VCF funds is needed to correct the error. Of this, \$5,191 in unallocated VCF funds and \$1,109 from Citywide Contingency will cover the shortfall. Since both funding sources are already part of the FY 2027 budget, this correction only reallocates existing funds; no new funds are required.

Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of the appropriation.

Recommended Motion (if Applicable)

Attachments

1. Resolution to reallocate \$6,300 to SEE



#R-__-__

RESOLUTION

To Authorize Reallocation of \$6,300 of Previously Appropriated Funding to Social and Environmental Entrepreneurs (SEE) for FY 2027

WHEREAS, the City of Charlottesville the previously allocated Vibrant Community Funding awarded to SEE was not the correct amount based on the scoring matrix; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2027 budget already appropriated \$5,191 in unallocated VCF funds and \$1,109 in unallocated Citywide Reserve funds;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville that previously appropriated funding is hereby reallocated in the following manner to correct the mistake:

Transfer From:

\$5,191	Fund: 105	Cost Center: 9743056000	G/L Account: 540100
\$1,109	Fund: 105	Cost Center: 1631001000	G/L Account: 599999

Transfer To:

\$6,300	Fund: 105	Cost Center: 97430456000	G/L Account: 540100
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Date Adopted:

Certified: _____
Clerk of Council

Policy Briefing Summary

City Council



Regarding:	Resolution to appropriate Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services Victims of Crime Act Grant Award FY26 - \$123,600 (1 of 2 readings)
Staff Contact(s):	Taylor Harvey-Ryan, Grants Program Manager, Misty Graves, Director of Human Services
Presenter:	Hunter Smith, Human Services Planner
Date of Proposed Action:	June 1, 2026

Issue

- Appropriate grant funds from the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice in the amount of \$123,600
- Execute the Statement of Grant Award

Background / Rule

The Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services ("VDCJS") has awarded the City's Department of Human Services ("DHS") \$123,600 from its Victims of Crime Act Program to provide trauma-focused, evidence-informed case management, and clinical services. DHS has received similar awards since 2019. This is a new award that follows the same programmatic structure and operates in the same format as previous award cycles.

Analysis

The City's DHS' Evergreen Program increases access to trauma-informed intervention for victims within schools, as well as low-wealth neighborhoods, expands access to mental health services for victims, and supports behavioral interventionist positions serving victims of crime. Funds will be used to hire school-based interventionists, who will provide trauma and need assessments, service planning and delivery, coordination with other providers, and case management for up to thirty (30) child victims each year. The school-based interventionist serves students at Buford Middle School. The FY26 award does include a twenty percent (20%) match of \$30,900, which is included in the DHS Budget.

Financial Impact

This grant requires a cash match of twenty percent (20%), which is \$30,900, which will be transferred from previously appropriated funds in the DHS Budget.

Recommendation

Staff recommends the appropriation of the grant funds from the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services and the execution of the Statement of Grant Award by the City Manager or designee.

Recommended Motion (if Applicable)

I move to approve the resolution appropriating the funding from the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services to support the Department of Human Services' Evergreen program.

I move to approve the City Manager or designee execute the Statement of Grant Award.

Attachments

1. FY 26 DCJS VOCA Resolution

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.

Policy Briefing Summary

City Council



Regarding:	Resolution to appropriate the Virginia Department of Social Services Family Assistance Management (FAM) grant in the amount of \$20,000 (1 of 2 readings)
Staff Contact(s):	Taylor Harvey-Ryan, Grants Program Manager, Misty Graves, Director of Human Services
Presenter:	Charlsie Stratton, Deputy Director Human Services Department
Date of Proposed Action:	June 1, 2026

Issue

- Appropriate funding from the Virginia Department of Social Services in the amount of \$20,000
- Execute the amended MOA between the Virginia Department of Social Services and the City of Charlottesville

Background / Rule

The City of Charlottesville was notified that it had received additional grant funding in the amount of \$20,000 from the Commonwealth of Virginia through the Virginia Department of Social Services' Family Assistance Management (F.A.M.) program to support the Community Attention Foster Families program operated by the City's Department of Human Services.

Analysis

The City of Charlottesville appropriated the original grant award in the amount of \$125,704.06 earlier this year. The Commonwealth of Virginia has awarded an additional \$20,000 to the City of Charlottesville to support the advertising/ recruitment and retention of the staff person funded by this grant opportunity.

The Community Attention Foster Families (CAFF) /Department of Human Services was awarded the F.A.M. grant to support the recruitment and hiring of a dedicated staff member specializing in family finding. This position will enhance our efforts to identify and support kinship families for youth within our catchment area and surrounding communities. In our current collaboration with the Department of Social Services (DSS) in Charlottesville, Albemarle County, and Greene County, we have a total of 123 children enrolled in the program. The collaboration has approved 74 resource families, with 38 children placed in resource family homes. Additionally, there are 85 children in the program living in relative or kinship homes. Of these, 32 children are in kinship homes through Albemarle County DSS, 47 children are in kinship homes through Charlottesville DSS, and 6 children are in kinship homes through Greene County DSS. As we navigate additional partnership with Fluvanna County DSS we have learned that they currently have 19 children experiencing foster care with 4 youth in independent living, 1 child in residential care, 2 children in kinship care, 3 children on trial home visits and 9 youth in resource family/TFC/LCPA homes. Fluvanna has a total of 14 resource families that they have approved and monitor.

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact to the City of Charlottesville.

Recommendation

Staff recommends the appropriation of the grant funds from the Virginia Department of Social Services and the execution of the Memorandum of Agreement by the City Manager.

Recommended Motion (if Applicable)

I move to approve the resolution appropriating the \$20,000 from the Virginia Department of Social Services to support the Community Attention Foster Families program.

I move to approve the City Manager or designee execute the Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Charlottesville and the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Attachments

1. F.A.M Grant Resolution

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.



City Manager's Report

*Offices of the City Manager
Elected & Appointed Officials*

6-1-2026

City Manager – Sam Sanders (he/him)

- May 18:
 - Met with Andy Block with the UVA Law Clinic to explore opportunities to collaborate on projects that support the needs of the local government and the community.
- May 19:
 - Met with Cameron Moore, director of PACEM to discuss the possibilities of opening the overnight shelter at Holiday Drive now as a temporary measure; discussions to continue.
 - Met with Kim Sheffield to discuss priorities at Jefferson School City Center to include a relationship with the City government and serving the community.
- May 20:
 - Attended a Public Works Week event in Pen Park to offer thanks and support to our infrastructure team who support the City faithfully and consistently as public servants to our community
- May 21:
 - Monthly meeting with Dr. Gurley to review Charlottesville City Schools priorities.

City Treasurer – Jason Vandever (he/him)

- The Treasurer's Office is busy preparing for the real estate and personal property tax deadline on June 5. We would like to remind residents of the approaching deadline. Questions may be directed to citytreas@charlottesville.gov or 434-970-3146. Additionally, the new Annual Trash Decal year begins on July 1. Trash renewal notices will be mailed to existing customers the first week of June.

Office of Emergency Management (OEM) – Emergency Coordinator John Oprandy (he/him)

- Following the 2026 TomTom Festival Block Party, OEM sponsored a public safety after-action review to capture lessons learned and inform next year's planning. OEM also participated in a broader after-action review led by Michelle Christian of Parks & Recreation that included TomTom Festival leadership. Both reviews confirmed strong coordination across the City and event partners.
- City Council approved funding this month for two emergency management projects: the purchase of Meridian Barriers and a pet sheltering trailer with supporting supplies. Meridian Barriers are portable barriers used to block vehicle access to streets and public spaces during events, protests, and other gatherings, and they give the City a flexible tool for keeping pedestrians safe in those settings. The pet sheltering trailer strengthens the City's capability for

sheltering operations. OEM will move forward with procurement and deployment of both in the coming months.

- Albemarle County has hired a new Emergency Management Coordinator, Johnny Switzer, who begins in his role on June 1. John Oprandy has already met with Mr. Switzer to begin building what we expect to be a strong working relationship. The City also hosted its Q2 regional emergency management luncheon at CitySpace with UVA and Albemarle County EM staff, continuing a standing practice that keeps our regional partners closely connected.
- On May 21, OEM participated in a tabletop exercise hosted by the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) and the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) examining how water systems prevent, respond to, and recover from a cyberattack. Participants included the Rivanna Water and Sewer Authority (RWSA) and a range of state agencies. The exercise was a useful opportunity to think through the cascading impacts a cyber incident on water infrastructure could have across other critical services, and to strengthen coordination with our state and regional water partners.
- Looking ahead, OEM is supporting planning by public safety and other departments for the July 4 weekend festivities and the 50th anniversary of the Downtown Mall. Planning will culminate at the end of June in advance of the events.

Office of Sustainability (OS) – Director Kristel Riddervold (she/her)

- The OS Director and Climate Program Manager are attending the annual convening of the Southeast Sustainability Directors Network in early May. This meeting brings together local government professionals from throughout the southeast to share ideas, build relationships, and learn from real-world sustainability and resilience experiences.
- On Saturday May 9, the City, along with community partners, helped host another successful Rivanna RiverFest at the Rivanna River Company. The day was filled with water and river focused hands-on education for all, good food and drinks, tubing on the river, fly fishing, art, and lots of dancing and music. This was a wonderful opportunity to bring the community together to celebrate our Rivanna River.
- On May 18, City Council voted to authorize the City Manager to execute a Solar Power Purchase Agreement and associated Site Access Agreement for Charlottesville Middle School. The project will offset 81% of the annual electricity load of the school and is projected to realize nearly \$1.3 million in avoided costs over the 25-year term of the agreement.
- The annual Climate Program Update report is scheduled for the 4:00 PM Council work session on June 15. The report will include a summary of projects and

initiatives from FY26, will introduce the FY27 Climate Action workplan, and will present the most recently completed greenhouse gas inventory.

- OS has been matched with another UVA Intern Placement Program student, Sam Martin. This will be the 18th intern we've hosted since 2019.
- OS and the Office of Budget and Grants Management will again be sharing a summer intern from the Community Attention Youth Internship Program (CAYIP). This will be the 9th CAYIP intern we've hosted since 2015.
- To celebrate Bike Month and Mental Health Awareness Month, the Office of Sustainability hosted a community discussion in partnership with Piedmont Environmental Council and Move2HealthEquity on the physical and mental health benefits of being a Biophilic City called [Where Biophilia Meets Blue Zones: A Climate Cafe](#). This discussion was the 9th in a series of [climate cafes](#) organized by the City's Climate Program. The next cafe will take place in July at Botanical Fare on the Downtown Mall.
- To kick-off [Heat Safety Week](#), the Office of Sustainability co-led an internal heat first aid training with the City's Safety Committee. In addition to providing safety tips and intervention strategies for when someone is experiencing heat illness, [resources](#) were provided to staff for how to prepare for emergencies and assemble an emergency go-bag. This training was presented as part of Sustainability's Working in a Sustainable Environment (WISE) Program and Safety Committee's safety topic of the month.
- The [Charlottesville Invasive Plant Partnership](#) has hosted workdays in both the Little High and Fry's Spring neighborhoods alongside residents and volunteers from the coalition. Combined, these two workdays resulted in the removal of invasive vines from 118 trees and included the removal of: 40 ailanthus, 4 bradford pear, 130 amur honeysuckle, 5 multiflora rosa, 23 privet, and 3 thorny olive.

Economic Development – Director Chris Engel (he/him)

- Piedmont Virginia Community College (PVCC) is launching a pilot program which will incorporate the Office of Economic Development's (OED) online Skills Builder program into the curriculum for their Introduction to Construction and Introduction to Welding courses. Starting this semester, students will have the opportunity to enhance their soft skills training, delivered through Skills Builder, while completing the technical requirements of the PVCC courses. Combined, these should help strengthen the overall foundation from which students will launch their careers in the construction and welding trades. OED partners with Rappahannock Goodwill and Virginia Career Works on the Skills Builder program

and is pleased to be able to extend the program's reach through this innovative partnership with one of our academic partners.

- The 2nd Annual Piedmont Ascent Small Business Conference takes place this Wednesday, June 3, at Piedmont Virginia Community College's Bolick Center. Beginning at 10:00 AM, attendees will be able to participate in small group breakout sessions and enjoy a keynote lunch, all focused on aspects of marketing. Throughout the day there will be opportunities for those in attendance to network with other small business owners and engage with representatives from small business resource organizations. There is a nominal fee to attend Piedmont Pitch, which includes lunch.
- Starting at 3:00 PM, the event will transition into the 4th Annual Piedmont Pitch – a “Shark Tank” style pitch competition for entrepreneurs in the Charlottesville/Albemarle County area. From an initial pool of 37 applicants, six finalists have been selected to pitch their business or idea to a panel of judges and regional experts, for a chance to take home part of \$15,000 in total prize funding. Piedmont Pitch is free and open to the public.
- Piedmont Ascent and Piedmont Pitch are collaborative efforts among the City of Charlottesville Office of Economic Development, Albemarle County Economic Development, Community Investment Collaborative, and Central Virginia Small Business Development Center. To learn more visit <https://cvsbdc.org/events/piedmont-ascent/> and <https://cvsbdc.org/piedmont-pitch/>.
- We're almost a month away from the big 50th Anniversary celebration of the Downtown Mall. A full day of free festivities begins at 10:00 AM with walking tours of the Downtown Mall, offered by the Albemarle Charlottesville Historical Society. At noon and 2:00 PM, you can check out the “Then and Now: Charlottesville in the 1970s” exhibit at Vault Virginia. Starting at 4:00 PM the party really gets started at Central Place with free ice cream, facepainting, and the Cville Band. Baaba Seth Show takes the stage for a free concert at Ting Pavilion, beginning at 5:30 PM. Don't miss the special lantern parade along the Downtown Mall, led by the Elby Brass Band, starting at 8:30 PM, which will take everyone to the 50th Light Show at the CODE Building. This is an event 50 years in the making and we look forward to seeing everyone there! Learn more at <https://downtownville.com/50th-anniversary>.

Finance – Director Chris Cullinan (he/him)

- Accounting - The City's auditors began their preliminary field work in advance of the FY26 audit.
- City Assessor's Office - The 2026 reassessment process is complete. The Board of Equalization met on May 12 to hear 11 appeals (0.07% of 15,656 total assessments). Nine assessments were upheld with two being reduced.

Policy Briefing Summary

City Council



Regarding:	Public Hearing and 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 (1 of 2 readings)
Staff Contact(s):	Lauren Hildebrand, Director of Utilities, Chris Cullinan, Director of Finance, Jason McIlwee, Deputy Director
Presenter:	Chris Cullinan, Director of Finance, Jason McIlwee, Deputy Director
Date of Proposed Action:	June 1, 2026

Issue

A Public Hearing is being held to establish the annual rates and service fees for City utility services (water, wastewater, natural gas, and stormwater). These rates would be effective as of July 1, 2026, if approved by City Council on June 15, 2026.

Background / Rule

The City of Charlottesville, Virginia ("City"), owns and operates public utilities for water, wastewater, natural gas and stormwater. Utility services are essential on a daily basis to both individuals and to the entire community. Thoughtful, deliberate planning and sufficient financial resources ensure safe, efficient, and orderly maintenance and operation of these systems. The need for investment in City utility systems is not without cost, but City utility rates must also be balanced with the need for continued affordability for our customers.

Each of the City's utilities is accounted for separately as Enterprise Funds. Enterprise Funds are operated on a self-supporting basis, meaning that each utility is required to cover the full costs of providing its service. City utilities are funded solely through their rates and related fees and charges and are not subsidized with general tax revenues. City utilities do not operate on a for-profit basis. As such, City utility rates are calculated annually to bring each fund to a break-even point. However, variable factors such as weather, usage, and number of customers may result in an unexpected operating surplus or deficit during any given year. If so, the surpluses or deficits are accounted for and remain within their respective utility fund.

Rivanna Water and Sewer Authority ("RWSA"), which provides City treatment services, is one of the largest fixed cost elements for the water and wastewater budgets. For FY27, RWSA's rates have increased, and they are incorporated in the City's proposed utility rates.

Analysis

The budgets for each of the utilities have been thoroughly examined for opportunities to minimize costs without sacrificing service. Based on the revenue requirements needed to operate and maintain each utility and the above recommendations, the City is proposing the following water, wastewater, and gas utility rates:

- \$98.22/1,000 cubic feet (cf) of water (average annual composite rate),
- \$99.20/1,000 cf of wastewater, and
- \$92.11/8,000 cf of natural gas.

In addition, the proposed Monthly Water and Wastewater Services Charges are as follows:

Monthly Water Service Charge

Meter Size	Current Monthly Service Charge	Proposed Monthly Service Charge	\$ Change
5/8"	\$10.00	\$12.50	\$2.50
1"	\$25.00	\$31.25	\$6.25
1 1/2"	\$50.00	\$62.50	\$12.50
2"	\$80.00	\$100.00	\$20.00
3"	\$160.00	\$200.00	\$40.00
4"	\$250.00	\$312.50	\$62.50
6"	\$500.00	\$625.00	\$125.00
14"	\$3,275.00	\$4,093.75	\$818.75

Monthly Wastewater Service Charge

Meter Size	Current Monthly Service Charge	Proposed Monthly Service Charge	\$ Change
5/8"	\$10.00	\$12.50	\$2.50
1"	\$25.00	\$31.25	\$6.25
1 1/2"	\$50.00	\$62.50	\$12.50
2"	\$80.00	\$100.00	\$20.00
3"	\$160.00	\$200.00	\$40.00
4"	\$250.00	\$312.50	\$62.50
6"	\$500.00	\$625.00	\$125.00
14"	\$3,275.00	\$4,093.75	\$818.75

For the City's stormwater utility, there are minimal changes to the budget and the stormwater fees are proposed to remain unchanged for the coming year at \$1.20 per 500 square feet of impervious surface.

Impact on Average Customer

Utility customers continue to conserve water and natural gas, which is both good for the environment and for their utility bill. The average residential water customer is using 400 cubic feet (cf) per month. Similarly, the average residential gas customer is using 4,600 cf. Based on these usage figures and the proposed utility rates, the average residential customer is projected to spend the following per month:

<u>Service</u>	<u>Current (based on rates adopted 7/1/25)</u>	<u>Proposed (Effective 7/1/26)</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Water ¹	\$44.80	\$51.79	\$6.99	15.61%
Wastewater ¹	\$48.12	\$52.18	\$4.06	8.45%

Natural Gas ¹	\$66.04	\$64.53	(1.51)	-2.29%
Stormwater ²	\$5.86	\$5.86	\$0	0%
TOTAL	\$164.82	\$174.36	\$9.54	5.79%

(1). Rates include monthly service charge.

(2). The budget impact shown reflects a residential monthly average fee and provides consistency with other utilities. Stormwater fees are rounded to the next whole billing unit and are billed to property owners biannually.

For City residential customers who receive water, wastewater, stormwater, and natural gas (80% of City residents), their total utility bill is projected to rise by \$9.54 per month, or 5.79%. For residential customers who receive just water, wastewater and stormwater service, their utility bill will increase by \$11.05 per month, or 11.19%. The proposed Rate Report can be found at <https://www.charlottesville.gov/602/Utility-Billing>.

Financial Impact

The City's Utility Funds (water, wastewater, and natural gas) are self-sustaining Enterprise Funds that are supported by the revenues from customers' usage. The stormwater fee is based on the impervious surface of the property. The approval of the utility rates has no impact on the City's General Fund.

Recommendation

City Staff recommends approval of the proposed rates, via adoption of the attached Ordinance.

As noted above, the City's utilities operate on a self-sustaining, break-even basis. If the proposed rates are not adopted, the City's utilities would not financially perform in this manner, which in turn, would impact the City's ability to efficiently and reliably operate these systems. The City's ability to invest in these critical infrastructure systems would be negatively impacted as well. Finally, the City would not meet its long-term financial policy by not having sufficient working capital for its utilities.

Recommended Motion (if Applicable)

"I Move approval of the 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."

Attachments

1. FY2027 Utility Rate Ordinance
2. FY2027 At A Glance
3. FY2027 Operations Overview



ORDINANCE #O-__-__

**AN 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**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, effective July 1, 2026, that:

1. Sections 31-56, 31-57, 31-60, 31-61, 31-62, 31-102, 31-106, 31-153, 31-156, and 31-158 of Chapter 31, of the Code of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, 1990, as amended, are hereby amended and reordained as follows:

CHAPTER 31. UTILITIES

ARTICLE II. GAS

DIVISION 2. TYPES OF SERVICE; SERVICE CHARGES

Sec. 31-56. Rates - Generally.

The firm service gas rates based on monthly meter readings shall be as follows:

Basic Monthly Service Charge	\$ 10.00	
First 3,000 cubic feet, per 1,000 cubic feet	\$12.4070	<u>\$12.0802</u>
Next 3,000 cubic feet, per 1,000 cubic feet	\$11.7596	<u>\$11.4332</u>
Next 144,000 cubic feet, per 1,000 cubic feet	\$11.1121	<u>\$10.7862</u>
All over 150,000 cubic feet, per 1,000 cubic feet	\$10.4647	<u>\$10.1393</u>

Sec. 31-57. Air Conditioning.

(a) Gas service at the rate specified in this paragraph ("air conditioning rate") shall be available to customers who request such service in writing and who have installed and use air conditioning equipment operated by natural gas as the principal source of energy. The air conditioning rate will be \$ ~~\$9.8398~~ 9.4462 per one thousand (1,000) cubic feet of gas used per month.

Sec. 31-60. Interruptible Sales Service (IS).

(c) *Basic monthly service charge.* The basic monthly charge per meter for interruptible sales service ("IS gas") shall be sixty dollars (\$60.00).

(d) *Rate.* For all gas consumed by interruptible customers the rate shall be ~~\$9.6895~~ \$8.7834 per one thousand (1,000) cubic feet for the first six hundred thousand (600,000) cubic feet, and ~~\$8.9886~~ \$8.1037 per one thousand (1,000) cubic feet for all volumes over six hundred thousand (600,000) cubic feet.

(e) *Annual Minimum Quantity.* Interruptible rate customers shall be obligated to take or pay for a minimum quantity of one million two hundred thousand (1,200,000) cubic feet of gas annually. Each year, as of June 30, the Director of Finance shall calculate the total consumption of each interruptible customer for the preceding twelve (12) monthly billing periods and shall bill any customer that has consumed less than the minimum quantity for the deficient amount at the rate of ~~\$9.6895~~ \$8.7834 per one thousand (1,000) cubic feet. Any new customer shall be required to enter into a Service Agreement with the City prior to the start of service. If an interruptible customer terminates service, the annual minimum requirement shall be prorated on the basis of one hundred thousand (100,000) cubic feet per month for each month the customer has received service since the last June 30 adjustment.

Section 31-61. Interruptible Transportation Service (TS).

(b) *Rates.* The rates for interruptible transportation service (“TS gas”) shall be as follows:

- (1) ~~\$3.4713~~ \$3.4009 per dekatherm for a customer receiving only TS gas, and
- (2) ~~\$2.0828~~ \$2.0405 per dekatherm, for customers who transport 35,000 or more dekatherms per month (“large volume transportation customers”), regardless of whether such large volume transportation customer receives only TS gas, or also receives IS service.

Section 31-62. Purchased Gas Adjustment.

In computing gas customer billings, the basic rate charges established under Sections 31-56, 31-57, 31-60, and 31-61 shall be adjusted to reflect increases and decreases in the cost of gas supplied to the City. Such increases or decreases shall be computed as follows:

- (1) For the purpose of computations herein, the costs and charges for determining the base unit costs of gas are:
 - a. Pipeline tariffs.
 - b. Contract quantities; and
 - c. Costs of natural gas, in effect or proposed as of ~~April 1st, 2025~~, April 1st, 2026.

- (2) Such base unit costs are ~~\$5.9327~~ \$5.6105 per one thousand (1,000) cubic feet for firm gas service and ~~\$3.8488~~ \$3.1198 per one thousand (1,000) cubic feet for interruptible gas service.

ARTICLE IV. WATER AND SEWER SERVICE CHARGES

Sec. 31-153. Water Rates Generally.

- (a) Water rates shall be as follows:

- (1) Monthly Service Charge:

Water Meter Size (Inches)	Fee
5/8	\$10.00 <u>\$12.50</u>
3/4	\$10.00 <u>\$12.50</u>
1	\$25.00 <u>\$31.25</u>
1 ½	\$50.00 <u>\$62.50</u>
2	\$80.00 <u>\$100.00</u>
3	\$160.00 <u>\$200.00</u>
4	\$250.00 <u>\$312.50</u>
6	\$500.00 <u>\$625.00</u>
14	\$3,275.00 <u>\$4,093.75</u>

- (2) Metered Water Consumption, per 1,000 cu. ft.:

May – September	October – April
\$100.52 <u>\$113.49</u>	\$77.33 <u>\$87.31</u>

Sec. 31-156. Sewer Service Charges Generally.

- (a) Any person having a connection directly or indirectly, to the City sewer system shall pay therefor a monthly charge as follows:

- (1) Monthly Service Charge:

Water Meter Size (Inches)	Fee
5/8	\$10.00 <u>\$12.50</u>
3/4	\$10.00 <u>\$12.50</u>
1	\$25.00 <u>\$31.25</u>
1 ½	\$50.00 <u>\$62.50</u>

2	\$80.00 <u>\$100.00</u>
3	\$160.00 <u>\$200.00</u>
4	\$250.00 <u>\$312.50</u>
6	\$500.00 <u>\$625.00</u>
14	\$3,275.00 <u>\$4,093.75</u>

(2) An additional charge of ~~ninety five dollars and twenty nine cents (\$95.29)~~ ninety-nine dollars and twenty cents (\$99.20) per one thousand (1,000) cubic feet of metered water consumption.

Date Introduced: June 1, 2026

Date Adopted: June 15, 2026

Certified:

Clerk of Council

At A Glance

City of Charlottesville

Utility Rate Report



The following information provides a brief summary of the rate and fee recommendations for water, wastewater, stormwater and natural gas for FY2027, and new rates will go into effect July 1st, 2026. For a more thorough explanation and details of the recommendations, please refer to the FY2027 Utility Rate Report.

The table below illustrates the monthly impact on an average City residential customer using 400 cubic feet (cf) of water and wastewater, owning a property with approximately 2,440 square feet of impervious surface, and using 4,600 cubic feet (cf) of gas. This information is based on utility rates and charges adopted July 1st, 2025, and proposed rates and charges.

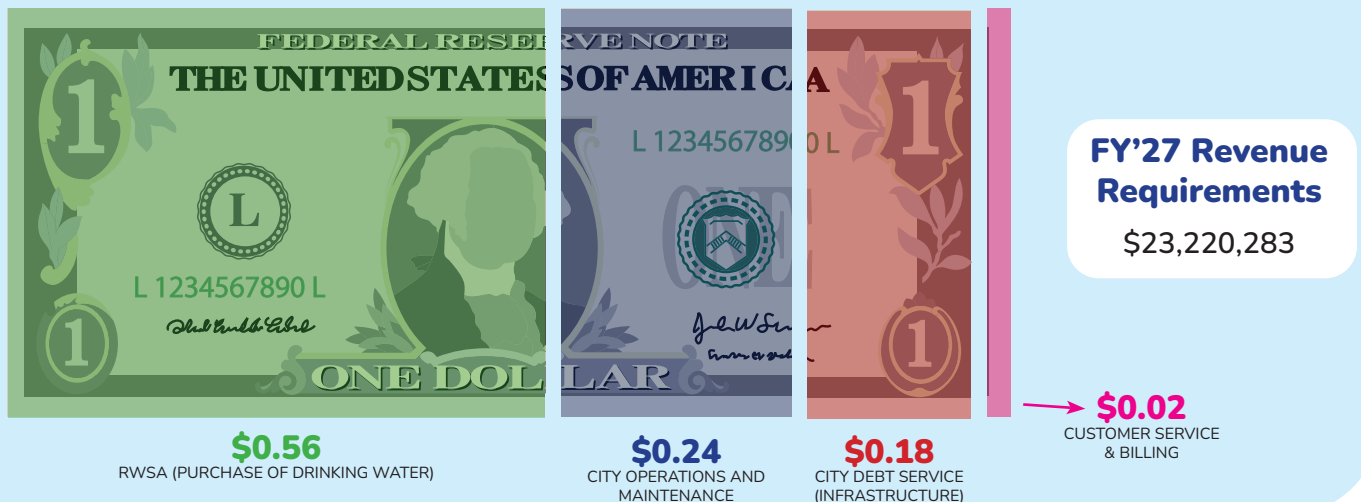
	Current Based on rates adopted 7/1/25	Proposed Effective 7/1/26	Change	Percent
Water ¹	\$44.80	\$51.79	\$6.99	15.61%
Wastewater ¹	\$48.12	\$52.18	\$4.06	8.45%
Gas ¹	\$66.04	\$64.53	-\$1.51	-2.29%
Stormwater ²	\$5.86	\$5.86	\$0	0%
Total	\$164.82	\$174.36	\$9.54	5.79%

(1) Rates include monthly service charges.

(2) The budget impact shown reflects a residential monthly average fee and provides consistency with other utilities. Stormwater fees are rounded to the next whole billing unit and are billed to property owners biannually.

Water Rates

Where your Water Dollar goes ...



Usage Rate

Water rates are proposed to increase by \$11.22 per 1,000 cf based on the amount of water used (12.9% increase).



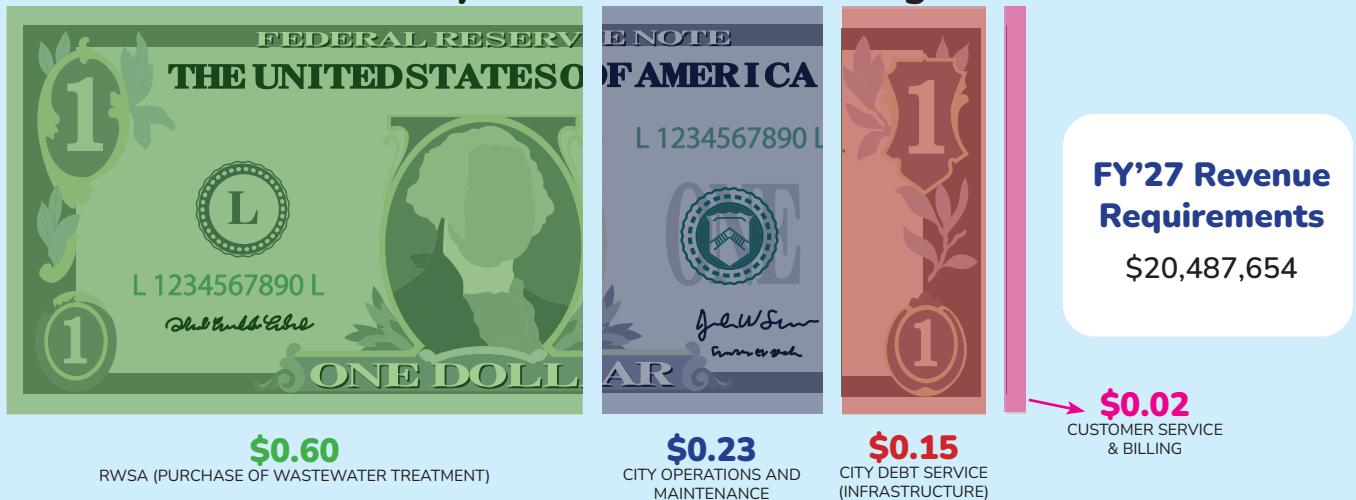
Impact on the Customer

The impact on a customer's bill will depend on how much water is consumed. The average single-family household uses 400 cf/month (2,992 gallons/month; approximately 100 gallons/day). To the extent an individual customer's usage differs from the average will determine the impact of the proposed rate on their bill. The table below shows the monthly impact on water customers at different amounts of usage.

	Water Use (cf per month)	Current Composite Water (per 1,000 cf)	Current Water Usage (charge per month)	Proposed Composite Water (per 1,000 cf)	Proposed Water Usage (charge per month)	\$ Change	% Change
Minimal User (10 th Percentile)	140	\$86.99	\$12.18	\$98.22	\$13.75	\$1.57	12.9%
Small User (25 th Percentile)	250	\$86.99	\$21.75	\$98.22	\$24.56	\$2.81	12.9%
Median User (50 th Percentile)	400	\$86.99	\$34.80	\$98.22	\$39.29	\$4.49	12.9%
Large User (75 th Percentile)	610	\$86.99	\$53.06	\$98.22	\$59.91	\$6.85	12.9%
High Volume User (90 th Percentile)	880	\$86.99	\$76.55	\$98.22	\$86.43	\$9.88	12.9%

Wastewater Rates

Where your Wastewater Dollar goes ...



Usage Rate

Wastewater usage rates are proposed to increase by \$3.91 per 1,000 cf based on the amount of water used (4.1% increase).



Impact on the Customer

The impact on a customer's bill will depend on how much water is consumed. The average single-family household uses 400 cf/month (2,992 gallons/month; approximately 100 gallons/day). To the extent an individual customer's usage differs from the average will determine the impact of the proposed rate on their bill. The table below shows the monthly impact on wastewater customers at different amounts of usage.

	Water Use (cf per month)	Current Wastewater (\$ per 1,000 cf)	Current Wastewater Usage (charge per month)	Proposed Wastewater Rate (\$ per 1,000 cf)	Proposed Wastewater Usage	\$ Change	% Change
Minimal User (10 th Percentile)	140	\$95.29	\$13.34	\$99.20	\$13.89	\$0.55	4.1%
Small User (25 th Percentile)	250	\$95.29	\$23.82	\$99.20	\$24.80	\$0.98	4.1%
Median User (50 th Percentile)	400	\$95.29	\$38.12	\$99.20	\$39.68	\$1.56	4.1%
Large User (75 th Percentile)	610	\$95.29	\$58.13	\$99.20	\$60.51	\$2.39	4.1%
High Volume User (90 th Percentile)	880	\$95.29	\$83.86	\$99.20	\$87.30	\$3.44	4.1%

Water & Wastewater

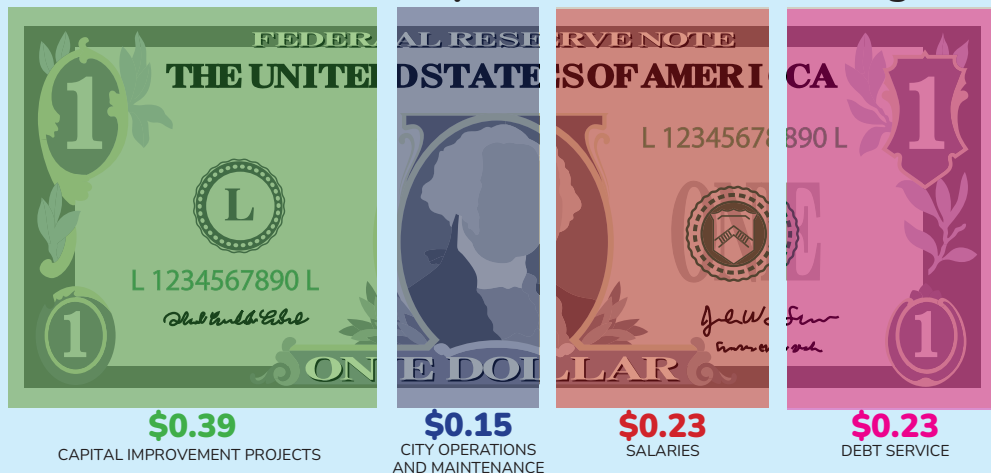
Monthly Service Charge

The monthly service charges for water and wastewater are proposed to change. The monthly service charges will increase to \$12.50 for water and \$12.50 for wastewater for a 5/8" meter. Approximately 94% of customers have a 5/8" meter. The proposed combined monthly service charges for water and sewer are as follows:

Water Meter Size (in inches)	Current	Proposed	\$ Change
5/8	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$5.00
1	\$50.00	\$62.50	\$12.50
1 1/2	\$100.00	\$125.00	\$25.00
2	\$160.00	\$200.00	\$40.00
3	\$320.00	\$400.00	\$80.00
4	\$500.00	\$625.00	\$125.00
6	\$1,000.00	\$1,250.00	\$250.00
14	\$6,550.00	\$8,187.50	\$1,637.50

Stormwater Rates

Where your Stormwater Dollar goes ...



FY'27 Revenue Requirements
\$5,091,182

Stormwater rates are proposed to remain constant for the coming year at \$1.20 per 500 square feet of impervious surface (or part thereof) per month.

Stormwater fees are billed concurrently with real estate tax assessments and are due in June and December.

Modernize and Maintain Infrastructure Integrity While Pursuing Environmental Stewardship.

The City has adopted a stormwater utility fee to provide a dedicated and stable source of funding for stormwater management activities. Funds received are used to help the City comply with federal and state stormwater regulations, rehabilitate the City's aging stormwater infrastructure, address drainage and flooding problems, and pursue environmental stewardship.

Impact on the Customer

The stormwater utility fee is charged to property owners based on the amount of impervious area on their property (areas covered by hard surfaces, such as: buildings, concrete, gravel, etc.).

An example fee calculation is provided below:

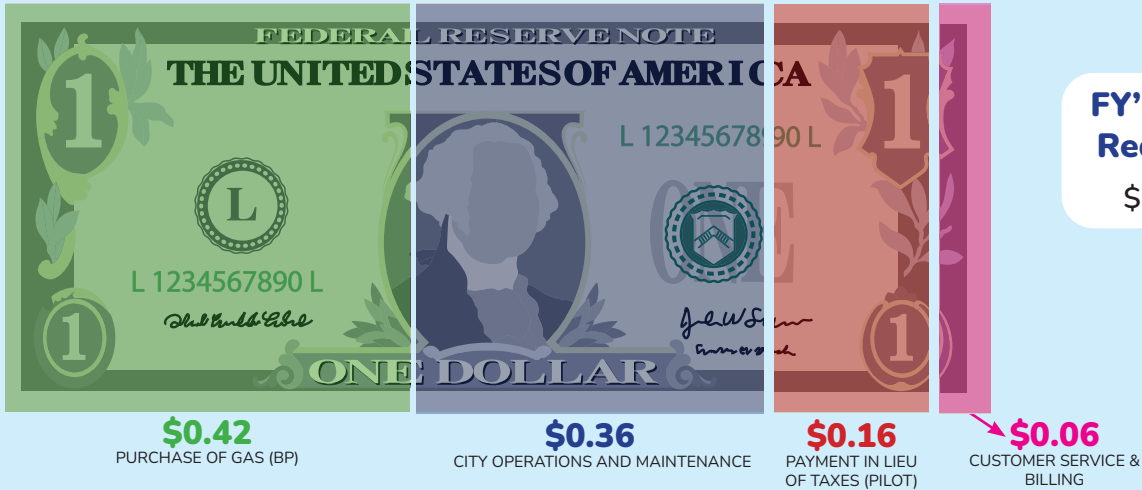


Example Fee Calculation

- Total impervious area (house and driveway): 2,100 SF
- Divide by 500 square feet: $2,100 / 500 = 4.2$ billing units
- Round to the next whole number: 4.2 rounds to 5 billing units
- Multiply the number of billing units by the rate (\$1.20 per billing unit per month) to determine annual fee: $5 \times \$1.20 \times 12 = \72 annual fee, billed \$36 due in June and December

Gas Rates

Where your Natural Gas Dollar goes ...



Usage Rate

Gas rates are proposed to decrease for all natural gas customers. For the average residential gas customer, gas rates are proposed to decrease by 0.25%.



Impact on the Customer

The impact on a customer's bill will depend on the volume of gas that the customer uses. The average single family household uses 4,600 cubic feet of natural gas per month. The table below shows the monthly impact on gas customers at different amounts of usage. The base rate is set on July 1st each year. This base rate is calculated using the cost of gas at that time.

	Gas Used (cf per month)	Current Monthly Gas Bill with Most Recent PGA	Proposed Monthly Gas Bill with Most Recent PGA	\$ Change	% Change
Minimal User	4,000	\$57.81	\$57.67	-\$0.14	-0.24%
Average User	4,600	\$64.69	\$64.53	-\$0.16	-0.25%
Large User	20,000	\$232.21	\$231.55	-\$0.66	-0.28%
High Volume User	60,000	\$664.96	\$663.00	-\$1.96	-0.29%

However, gas is purchased throughout the year and the cost per cubic foot of natural gas varies by month due to various factors (weather, economics, etc.) which are hard to predict. The purchased gas adjustment (PGA) acts as a "true up" to account for the differences between the current market cost of gas and the gas cost used to calculate the base rate. This ensures that customers are not over or underpaying and that the City is not over or under collecting.

Gas Service Connection Fee

Charlottesville Gas is proposing to no longer offer service line installations for qualifying appliances at a cost of \$340.00 to the customer. It is proposed that all gas services will pay a \$1,950.00 connection fee, starting in January, 1st, 2027, for the new service, up to 150 feet of service line. Services that exceed 150 feet will be required to pay the cost for the excess footage. The new connection fee charge is designed to cover the direct costs of the installation of the service line.

Utilities Operations Overview



FY2027

The Department of Utilities is committed to providing the Charlottesville community with safe, reliable, and sustainable utility services by dedicated and knowledgeable staff.

Core Programs & Services

Department-Wide

- Utility Location Oversight**
 Protecting infrastructure & critical facilities, including utility locating: **38,371** tickets in 2025.
- 24/7/365 Utilities Call Center**
 The Utilities Call Center handles approximately **19,000** calls per year.
- Customer Service**
 Last year, we processed **6,601** Move-ins and **6,345** Move-outs.
- Online Bill Pay Services**
 In October 2021, we launched a new bill pay portal. To date, **7,431** customers have registered for Autopay, and over **13,050** customers receive paperless billing.
- Emergency Operations**
 Emergency response to water and gas leaks as well as sewer backups: **839** leaks checked in 2025.
- GIS Mapping and Maintenance**
22,185 feet of utility lines entered and **778** CCTV videos cataloged last year.
- Meter Reading and Maintenance**
 We performed **450,407** meter readings including **2,985** implausible meter readings and completed **623** ERT replacements in 2025.
- Development Site Plan Review**
 Our engineers reviewed and followed the implementation of **237** site plans and **302** building permits in 2025.

Customer Satisfaction

Experience Interacting with Utilities Department Staff (% Satisfied)*

Politeness & courtesyness of staff



Overall responsiveness to your request, question or concern



How satisfied you are with the new Utility Billing Online Payment Portal?



*Department of Utilities Customer Satisfaction Survey - SurveyMonkey – April, 2026



Water & Wastewater by Numbers



14,800
CUSTOMERS
SERVED



4.5 million
GALLONS OF WATER
PROVIDED DAILY



179 miles
OF WATER
MAINS



169 miles
OF WASTEWATER
MAINS



7,961
WORK ORDERS
COMPLETED

Water Quality & Water Loss Prevention

- The quality of our drinking water meets and exceeds all regulatory requirements and expectations for safety and reliability. A water quality report is prepared annually and is available online.
- Cross-contamination:
 - The situation in which water flows in a direction that is opposite from the intended flow is called backflow and presents a serious hazard to our water supply.
 - The City's Department of Utilities currently maintains inspection records for **1,108 backflow devices** in an effort to protect and provide the highest quality water to the City residents.
- Annual system-wide leak detection survey:
 - In 2025, **5 leaks** totalling **164,160 GPD** were detected and repaired.



Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) treatment providing superior quality water to our community.

Water & Wastewater Asset Management

- Water main replacement program:
 - **4,887 linear feet** in 2025 and **139,963 linear feet** of water lines have been replaced since 2010 (**14.8%** of the entire water system).
 - Total construction cost: **\$35.4 million**
- Water service line replacement:
 - **3,944 linear feet** in 2025 and **72,997 linear feet** of water services have been replaced since 2010 (**21.5%** of the City-owned water services).
- Wastewater main rehabilitation program:
 - **4,197 linear feet** of wastewater lines were rehabilitated or replaced in 2025 and over **385,547 linear feet** of main have been rehabilitated or replaced since the program's inception (**43.2%** of the wastewater system).
 - Total construction cost: **\$43.5 million**
- Manhole rehabilitation or replacement:
 - **1,479 manholes** have been rehabilitated or replaced since the program's inception (**23.4%** of the City's wastewater manholes).



Fats, Oils, and Grease Program

- The City of Charlottesville prohibits the discharge of fats, oils, and grease (FOG) down the drain into the City's wastewater system.
 - In FY'26, Utilities launched the FOGbuster program as a fun and engaging approach to enhance awareness of the importance of preventing FOG buildup.
- We provide FOG Kits to residents to help properly dispose fats, oils, and grease from cooking processes.



Customer Satisfaction

In our recent Utilities Customer Satisfaction Survey, our customers show high levels of satisfaction with the reliability of our services.

Rate the value that you pay for your water service



Rate the value that you pay for your sewer service



Reliability of your water service



Reliability of your sanitary sewer service



The vast majority of our customers rated the value of their water and sewer service as fair and above (good and excellent).



Stormwater

Stormwater by Numbers



15,700
BILLABLE
CUSTOMERS



9,280
STORMWATER
STRUCTURES



125 miles
OF SUBSURFACE
CONVEYANCE PIPING



1,147
OUTFALLS

Rate the value that you pay for your stormwater service



24% of customers could not rate, due to a lack of familiarity with stormwater services.

Stormwater Asset Management

- Utilities has had an active Stormwater Conveyance System Rehabilitation Program since 2010.
- Stormwater rehabilitation program:
 - **83,952 linear feet** rehabilitated or replaced (**12.7%** of the system since the program's inception).
 - Total construction cost: **\$13.9 million**
- Structure rehabilitation or replacement:
 - **603** structures rehabilitated or replaced since the program's inception (**6.5%** of the system's storm structures).





Gas System

Natural Gas by Numbers

*Monthly average FY 2026



21,270*
CUSTOMERS
SERVED



341 miles
GAS MAIN
LINES



307 miles
GAS SERVICE
LINES



36
REGULATOR
STATIONS



10,164
WORK ORDERS
COMPLETED

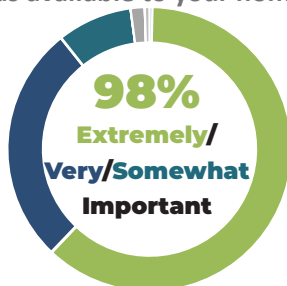
Energy-efficiency programs:

The Department of Utilities launched three new incentives to help improve home energy efficiency. Utilities now offers six home envelope resources that complement each other to help community members improve the energy efficiency of their home, lower utility bills, and increase home comfort.

- **Attic Insulation Self-Assessment :**
 - According to Energy Star®, **90% of U.S. homes are under-insulated.** The Attic Insulation Self-Assessment was developed by Utilities’ staff and is a great resource to help customers better understand their attic’s insulation needs. The self-assessment is **100% free** to use, and can be accessed via smartphone, tablet, or computer.
- **\$500 Attic Insulation Rebate:**
 - Maximize the most cost-effective way to improve your home’s energy efficiency with upgraded attic insulation. Gas customers can receive a **\$500 rebate** towards upgrading their home’s attic insulation.
- **\$150 Attic Air Sealing Rebate:**
 - Gas customers can receive a **\$150 rebate** to cover the cost of measures that plug holes and seal cracks in their attic. This process improves home comfort, enhances air quality, and boosts energy efficiency by keeping conditioned air inside the house.
- **\$125 Smart Thermostat Rebate:**
 - Gas customers can receive a **\$125 rebate** towards a smart thermostat to enhance the energy efficiency of their home. Smart thermostats use Wi-Fi to allow you to control a home’s indoor air temperature remotely from a smartphone or tablet. Plus, Utilities still offers a **\$100 Programmable Thermostat Rebate** for customers interested in that option.
- **Home Weatherization Program:**
 - The Charlottesville Gas Energy Efficiency Program (CGEEP) is Utilities’ **no-cost home weatherization** program for qualified gas customers. Newly expanded income-qualification levels have broadened the reach of this program to even more members of the community.

In our recent Utilities Customer Satisfaction Survey, our customers show high levels of satisfaction with access to gas service, reliability, and value of natural gas.

How important is it to have gas available to your home?



Reliability of your gas service



Rate the value that you pay for your gas service



Policy Briefing Summary

City Council



Regarding:	Public Hearing and 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 (1 of 2 readings)
Staff Contact(s):	Jason McIlwee, Deputy Director, Chris Cullinan, Director of Finance, Lauren Hildebrand, Director of Utilities
Presenter:	Jason McIlwee, Deputy Director
Date of Proposed Action:	June 1, 2026

Issue

A Public Hearing is being held at tonight's City Council Meeting to establish a connection fee of \$1,950.00 for a new gas service. The fee would be effective as of January 1, 2027, if approved by City Council on June 15, 2026. The future effective date is to allow adequate notice to be given to interested parties. The Public Hearing Notice was advertised in the newspaper during the weeks of May 11, 2026, and May 18, 2026.

Background / Rule

The City of Charlottesville, Virginia ("City"), owns and operates a natural gas utility that provides service to approximately 21,300 customers in the City and Albemarle County, Virginia. Currently, the City offers natural gas service to residential and commercial customers based on the proposed connected loads for their gas appliances. City Department of Utilities Staff make a financial evaluation of gas service requests to ensure installation, operation, and ongoing maintenance of the service are economically feasible for the gas utility. The City currently offers gas service installation up to 150 feet at a cost of \$340.00 to residential customers.

Comparatively, the City charges \$3,100 for a water residential facility fee and \$5,350 for a wastewater residential facility fee. The facility fees, or fees to establish new connections to the water and wastewater system, are higher than gas connection fees primarily due to the amount necessary for capital improvements to the water and wastewater infrastructure. In addition to establishing the physical connection on the water and wastewater system, the City's Department of Utilities must maintain fixed capital investments — pump stations, distribution mains, services, and all associated appurtenances — all sized to peak demand plus fire flow reserve requirements. This capacity reservation cost is passed through to new customers at the time of connection via the facility fee, reflecting each new customer's proportionate share of the infrastructure built and held in reserve on their behalf.

In contrast, the City's gas utility system is already fully built out and does not need additional system capacity. A residential gas service line installation may involve less excavation and fewer components than a water or wastewater connection. Additionally, because the gas distribution system is already in place and no new capacity-related projects are being constructed to serve additional customers, the connection fee only recovers the direct costs of making the physical tap — labor, materials, and equipment. There is no capacity reservation component to recover, and no new infrastructure is being built on the new customer's behalf. This makes the gas connection fee fundamentally a charge to connect the new customer to the system, rather than a capacity or infrastructure development charge and results in a lower charge than the water and wastewater facility fee.

Analysis

City Gas is proposing to no longer offer service line installations for qualifying appliances at a cost of \$340.00 to the customer. It is proposed that all gas services will pay a \$1,950.00 connection fee for the new service, up to 150 feet of service line. Services that exceed 150 feet will be required to pay the cost for the excess footage. The new connection fee charge is designed to cover the direct costs of the installation of the service line.

Financial Impact

The City's Natural Gas Utility Fund is a self-sustaining enterprise fund that is supported by the revenue from rates and fees. The approval of the connection fee has no impact on the City's General Fund.

Recommendation

Following conducting the legally required Public Hearing and the second reading of this matter, City Staff recommends adoption of the attached Ordinance approving the proposed connection fee.

Recommended Motion (if Applicable)

Not applicable at this time (Ordinance adoption will require a second reading).

Attachments

1. Gas Connection Fee Ordinance

ORDINANCE #0-__-__

**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**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, that:

1. Section 31-31(a) of Chapter 31, of the Code of the City of Charlottesville, 1990, as amended, are hereby amended and reordained as follows:

CHAPTER 31. UTILITIES

ARTICLE II. GAS

DIVISION 1.-GENERALLY

Sec. 31-31. - Installation of service connections and lines; relocation of lines, meters, etc.

(a) The gas division may install new service connections up to one hundred fifty (150) feet from the main at a cost of ~~\$340.00~~ \$1,950.00 to the customer for residential service, provided that the Director of Utilities, or their designee, determines that the prospective revenue from such installation will justify the city's investment therein. The additional cost to the city in extending any such service connection beyond one hundred fifty (150) feet from the main shall be charged to the customer. The cost to the customer for installation of a gas service for commercial applications will be determined based on connected load using the economic model in the gas main extension policy.

2. The foregoing amendments shall become effective January 1, 2027.

Date Introduced: _____

Date Adopted: _____

Certified: _____
Clerk of Council

Policy Briefing Summary

City Council



Regarding:	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 (1 of 2 readings)
Staff Contact(s):	Laura Morris, Deputy Director of Administration, Robert Roach
Presenter:	Leon Henry, Director of Social Services
Date of Proposed Action:	June 1, 2026

Issue

Supplemental funds are needed to cover approved Children's Services Act (CSA) services for at-risk City of Charlottesville children and families through June 30, 2026.

Background / Rule

The Children's Services Act (CSA) is a Virginia law enacted in 1993 to establish a mandated single state pool of funds to support children in foster care or at risk of going into foster care, children with certain special education needs, children involved in the Juvenile Court system, and children with serious emotional or behavioral problems. CSA is funded by State and local funds. The school system pays a proportional share of the local match for services in the special education category.

Analysis

The increase in CSA costs is due to increases in the number of children and families receiving services for foster care, foster care prevention, and educational services. Additionally, the level of service need for clients and families has increased which, in turn, has increased expenditures.

Financial Impact

The Office of Children's Services will provide \$1,520,004 of the supplemental funding. Local matches from the City and the City Schools will also be required. The amount of additional funds required by the City is \$423,546 and an additional \$133,147 is required from Schools.

Recommendation

Staff recommends approval and appropriation of this item

Recommended Motion (if Applicable)

Attachments

1. Resolution to Appropriate Additional CSA funding



RESOLUTION #R-__ -__

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this appropriation is conditioned upon the receipt of \$1,520,004 from the Virginia Office of Children's Services.

Date Adopted:

Certified:

Clerk of Council

Policy Briefing Summary

City Council



Regarding:	Resolution to Return \$1,848,424 to the General Fund and Appropriate an Additional Transfer of \$423,546 to the Children Services Act Fund (1 of 2 readings)
Staff Contact(s):	Charles Clemmer
Presenter:	Chris Cullinan, Director of Finance
Date of Proposed Action:	June 1, 2026

Issue

Supplemental local funds are needed to cover Children's Services Act (CSA) services for at-risk City of Charlottesville children and families through June 30, 2026.

Background / Rule

The Children's Services Act (CSA) is a 1993 Virginia law designed to help at-risk youth and their families. The services are paid for using funding from State and local funds. The local funds are appropriated from the City's General Fund and Charlottesville City School Board's operating budget.

Analysis

During FY 2025 financial closeout, \$2,145,606 was moved from the General Fund to the CSA Fund for expected expenses. Actual CSA spending was lower, requiring only \$297,182 in extra local funds. This resolution returns the surplus to the General Fund and appropriates \$423,546 back to the CSA Fund for FY 2026 needs.

Financial Impact

\$2,145,606 in surplus from the CSA Fund will be sent to the General Fund. \$423,546 of this will return to the CSA Fund for FY 2026 local match expenses. The resulting \$1,848,424 will be refunded to the City's General Fund as reimbursement for unrealized expenses in a prior year.

Recommendation

Staff recommends approval and appropriation of this item

Recommended Motion (if Applicable)

Attachments

1. Resolution to Withdraw excess CSA funds



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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

Date Adopted:

Certified: _____
Clerk of Council

Policy Briefing Summary

City Council



Regarding:	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 (1 of 2 readings)
Staff Contact(s):	Garland Williams, Director of Transit
Presenter:	Garland Williams, Director of Transit
Date of Proposed Action:	June 1, 2026

Issue

Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (VDRPT) have awarded the City's Transit Division federal and state assistance to support Capital Projects in the operations of public transit services.

Background / Rule

Analysis

FTA has awarded \$4,716,943; VDRPT has awarded \$11,455,432, with a local match of \$673,849.

The FY25 and FY26 Grant Award includes the following: two (2) Expansion Battery Electric Vehicles, as part of the BEV's Pilot Program, Battery Electric Vehicles Infrastructure, eleven (11) 35 FT Diesel Replacement Buses, Passenger Stop Amenities, CAD/AVL (Computer Assisted Dispatch/Automotive Vehicle Locator System) Software and Equipment, three (3) Support Vehicles, and Maintenance Shop Equipment.

The City's Transit Division has sufficient funds in its Budget for the required match of these procurements due to an unallocated balance held in its Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

Financial Impact

There is no impact to the City's General Fund. Local match requirements for the Capital Assistance are covered through the previously appropriated City contribution from the General Fund. Local Capital contributions are required in the amount of \$673,849. The matching requirement for these funds is four percent (4%). The City's Transit Division has sufficient funds in its unallocated CIP Budget to accommodate the match requirement without additional City funding.

Recommendation

Following the second reading of this Agenda item, City Transit Staff recommends City Council adopt the attached Resolution appropriating funding from FTA and VDRPT, which will support multiple Charlottesville-area Transit Capital Projects.

Recommended Motion (if Applicable)

"I Move to adopt the attached Resolution appropriating funding from FTA and VDRPT, which will support multiple Charlottesville-area Transit Capital Projects."

Attachments

1. Resolution_CAT FY2026 Supplemental Appropriation of Federal and State Grant Funding - Capital (v2)
2. Attachment 2 -Proposed Usage of Available FTA and VDRPT Grant Funds



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**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.

Date Adopted:

Certified:

Clerk of Council

PROPOSED USAGE OF AVAILABLE FTA AND VDRPT GRANT FUNDS

Capital Projects - \$16,846,224

AVL Software	1,500,000
Passenger Stop Amenities	1,330,957
A/E for Maintenance Building	1,500,000
Support Vehicles (3)	145,610
Maintenance Shop Equipment	676,805
BEB Infrastructure	2,750,000
35FT Battery Electric Buses (2)	2,600,000
29 FT Diesel Buses (3)	1,725,000
35 FT Diesel Buses (4)	2,400,000
35 FT Diesel Buses (4)	2,217,852
Total	16,846,224