

## **NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING**

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON Monday, April 18, 2011, AT 6:00 p.m. IN THE Second Floor Conference Room.

THE PROPOSED AGENDA IS AS FOLLOWS:

Closed session as provided by Section 2.2-3712 of the Virginia Code

BY ORDER OF THE MAYOR

BY Paige Barfield

### **SECOND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM – April 18, 2011**

Council met in special session on this date with the following members present: Dr. Brown, Ms. Edwards, Mr. Huja, Mr. Norris, Ms. Szakos.

On motion by Ms. Szakos, seconded by Dr. Brown, Council voted (Ayes: Dr. Brown, Mr. Huja, Mr. Norris, Ms. Szakos. Noes: None; Absent: Ms. Edwards) to meet in closed session pursuant to section 2.2-3712 of the Virginia Code, I hereby move that City Council close this open meeting and convene in closed session for: (1) Consultation with legal counsel regarding probable litigation involving the acquisition by condemnation of right-of-way for Hillsdale Drive Extended, where such consultation in an open meeting would adversely affect the City's negotiating or litigating posture, as authorized by Virginia Code sec. 2.2-3711 (A) (7); and, (2) Consideration of prospective candidates for appointment to City boards and commissions, as authorized by Virginia Code sec. 2.2-3711 (A) (1); and, (3) Discussion of the acquisition of real property on Davis Avenue for a public purpose, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position of the City, as authorized by Virginia Code sec. 2.2-3711 (A) (3).

On motion by Ms. Szakos, seconded by Dr. Brown, Council certified by the following vote, (Ayes: Dr. Brown, Mr. Huja, Mr. Norris, Ms. Szakos. Noes: None; Absent: Ms. Edwards), that to the best of each Council Member's knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from the open meeting requirements of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and identified in the motion convening the closed session were heard, discussed or considered in the closed session.

### **COUNCIL CHAMBERS – April 18, 2011**

Council met in regular session on this date with the following members present: Ms. Edwards, Mr. Norris, Dr. Brown, Ms. Szakos, Mr. Huja.

## **AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

Mr. Norris read a proclamation regarding Fair Housing. Ms. Karen Reifenberger of the Piedmont Housing Alliance was present to receive the proclamation.

Mr. Norris read a proclamation in honor of Women and Girls' Wellness Month. Vice-Chair Amy Eastlack and volunteer Keiana Mayfield of Women's Health Virginia were present to accept the proclamation.

Mr. Norris read a proclamation declaring the Charlottesville Derby Dames the official roller team of the City. Maize Osteen spoke on behalf of the Derby Dames and presented a personalized t-shirt to Mayor Norris. Mr. Norris also recognized Mr. J.R. Gentle for his work with the team.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Ms. Szakos announced the next Town Hall Council meeting in the Fry Spring/Johnson Village neighborhood on Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at Johnson Elementary School.

Mr. Huja said this Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> there will be an Easter egg hunt at Charlottesville High School. The hunt will begin at 11:00 a.m. Also, the Spring Job Fair is taking place at John Paul Jones on Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Mr. Norris announced May 2-6 as Building Safety Week in Charlottesville, and the City is offering free deck and pool inspections to City residents. Contact NDS at 970-3182 to schedule an inspection.

## **MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC**

Mr. Rich Collins, 108 Wilson Ct., said progress has been made to make a better deal to protect historic properties, but Council took a wise position years ago when they said the road through the park does not make sense if it ends with an intersection at the 250 Bypass. Please continue to hold the position that no road should go through the park unless there is an interchange.

Mr. Bob Fenwick, 901 E. Jefferson St., asked the City Manager what the status of the RFP for dredging the Rivanna Reservoir is, and what the total preliminary cost of the new dam, the new reservoir, and the new pipeline is. Changes in the design and cost are not unusual. Dredge first, and then consider whether or not a dam needs to be built. This is the overwhelming sentiment in both the City and the County, and without strong action on the part of Council, dredging will not happen.

Mr. John Morrison, 707 Altavista Ave., has lived in Charlottesville since 2001 and said he disagrees with Council's decision to build a 30 foot earthen dam. We do not need the water. Abandoning the reservoir and building the dam are extraordinary measures and are unwarranted. He said 412 people have signed the online petition to dredge first.

Ms. Rebecca Quinn, 104 4<sup>th</sup> Street, said the RWSA submitted permit modification requests on March 22<sup>nd</sup>, which was not announced publically until April 6. Council should carefully read the Request for Modification. Citizens for a Sustainable Water Plan submitted letters to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the DEQ; the public can view the letters at [www.cvillewater.info](http://www.cvillewater.info). Dredging should be back on the table.

Mr. James Halfaday, 2423 Sunset Rd., spoke to Council about childhood obesity. He said [www.letsmove.org](http://www.letsmove.org) is a site started by Michelle Obama, and he encouraged parents to take part in [www.presidentschallenge.org](http://www.presidentschallenge.org) during the summer when school is out to promote an active lifestyle. Also, check out summer camps available through the Parks and Recreation department on the City website. He said he was able to lose weight and so can others.

Mr. Stratton Salidis, 704-B Graves St., encouraged Council to take a holistic view regarding decisions facing them in the upcoming months. Major global events such as the recent oil spill shows that we need to take a different path. We should consider whether we want to create a good environment for people or automobiles. Promote a more pedestrian-oriented infrastructure. This Council should put an end to Meadowcreek Parkway and save McIntire Park.

Mr. Brandon Collins, 536 Meade Ave., thanked Council for the Derby Dame proclamation and for their hard work on the music hall zoning changes. He also thanked Council for revisiting the noise ordinance. He thanked Mayor Norris for signing the Mayors for Peace pledge and encouraged the rest of Council to support the pledge to end war. Please pass a resolution against the government waging war on a massive scale. Money used for war can be put to better use. Schools should present alternatives to military service. He asked council to stop the Meadowcreek Parkway.

Mr. Jacob Wolf, 614 Monticello Ave., said he was pleased with the music hall zoning amendment and the noise ordinance amendments and hopes Council will pass both of them. Music should be by-right or provisional use in a wider variety of areas.

## **COUNCIL RESPONSES TO MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC**

Ms. Szakos said Mr. Salidis' talk of sprawl is part of the reason she supported the 30 foot dam, because an adequate supply of water, especially in the county, will help avoid sprawl. She said the "Let's Move" program is great and hopes the City can sign on. She supports peace activism, although many local contractors are involved in military intelligence, which helps figure out how to avoid war.

Mr. Huja said he agreed with Mr. Salidis' initial remarks but does not see the logic in his conclusions.

Dr. Brown said Mr. Salidis made several good points, and the City has guided their zoning ordinances to encourage density and the thriving of a public transportation system. He said abandoning the Meadowcreek Parkway will not cause people to stop driving.

Ms. Edwards thanked everyone for coming out to speak. She said she agreed with Mr. Collins' words against our culture of consumption and agreed that we should strive to strike a balance.

Mr. Norris said he agreed with Mr. Salidis' remarks and conclusions. He thanked Mr. Morrison for his remarks. Water supply alternatives were not about restraining growth in the County. All water options provided plenty of water. He asked Mr. Jones to follow up on the RFP for dredging. Mr. Jones said the Rivanna Board has discussed dredging at the last few meetings. An RFP is scheduled to go out soon, at which point the RFP will be posted and responses will be presented to Council.

Dr. Brown announced openings on Boards and Commissions.

On motion by Dr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Huja, the following people were appointed to Boards: to the CDBG Fifeville taskforce, Josephine Conover and Catarina Krezenick; to CEDA, Carolyn Sheers and Gregory Young; to JABA, Bettie Amiss; to MACAA, Fred Greer; to the Social Services Advisory Board, Cindy Weinstock; to the CACVB, Kirby Hutto. The motion passed unanimously. (Ayes: Mr. Norris, Dr. Brown, Ms. Edwards, Ms. Szakos, Mr. Huja; Noes: None.)

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

On motion by Ms. Szakos, seconded by Dr. Brown, the following consent agenda items were approved: (Ayes: Mr. Huja, Ms. Edwards, Mr. Norris, Dr. Brown, Ms. Szakos; Noes: None.)

- a. Minutes of March 7
- b. APPROPRIATION: \$595,584.45 – Funds for 2011-2012 CDBG (2<sup>nd</sup> reading)
- c. APPROPRIATION: \$215,419.83 – 2011-2012 HOME Funds (2<sup>nd</sup> reading)
- d. APPROPRIATION: \$41,884.67 – Aquatic Facility Rental Revenue – Crow Indoor Pool (carried)
- e. APPROPRIATION: Appropriation of FY 2011 Additional Transit Revenues (carried)
- f. APPROPRIATION: \$1,500 – Donation Toward Purchase of “Azure” Sculpture (carried)

- g. ORDINANCE: Overlay Zoning Restriction for 233 4<sup>th</sup> St NW /  
Individually Protected Property  
Designation (Jefferson School) (2<sup>nd</sup> of 2 readings)
- h. ORDINANCE: Telecommunications Franchise – Windstream (2<sup>nd</sup>  
reading)
- i. ORDINANCE: Zoning text changes for Music Halls (2<sup>nd</sup> reading)
- j. ORDINANCE: Amendment of Noise Ordinance (carried)

**PUBLIC HEARING/RESOLUTION: SILVERCREST LEASE (carried)**

Mr. Lance Stewart with the Charlottesville Public Works Department presented to Council. He gave a history of the property to Council.

The public hearing was opened.

Having no speakers, the public hearing was closed.

On motion by Mr. Huja, seconded by Dr. Brown, the motion carried unanimously. (Ayes: Dr. Brown, Ms. Edwards, Mr. Norris, Ms. Szakos, Mr. Huja; Noes: None.)

**PUBLIC HEARING/RESOLUTION: VIRGINIA DISCOVERY MUSEUM LEASE  
(carried)**

Mr. Lance Stewart presented to Council on the lease and rental rate.

The public hearing was opened.

Having no speakers, the public hearing was closed.

Mr. Huja said this is a major asset in our community and he supports.

On motion by Mr. Huja, seconded by Ms. Szakos, the motion carried unanimously. (Ayes: Dr. Brown, Ms. Edwards, Mr. Norris, Ms. Szakos, Mr. Huja; Noes: None.)

**REPORT: SUSTAINABILITY GRANT AND CHARLOTTESVILLE  
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE**

Ms. Creasy presented to Council. The grant has been used to get additional technical resources, including staff. A working group has been meeting since fall of 2010. Their first kick-off event occurs on April 27<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. A short term planner has been hired to assist staff through the process.

Mr. Norris asked for an example of what kind of ordinance changes could come out of the process. Ms. Creasy said they will likely have to do with environmental and livability principles, such as visibility and development codes. We may need some assistance from Richmond.

The City Planning Commission has held two work sessions on the process. Efforts will be focused on land use and a shorter, user-friendly comprehensive plan. Their first joint work session with the County Planning Commission was in March.

The theme for the grant is “Many Plans, One Community”. The website is [www.1-community.org](http://www.1-community.org). Ms. Creasy updated Council on the comprehensive plan time line.

Mr. Huja said County/City cooperation is a good step. Ms. Szakos asked for the website to be linked with the City site. She said she is pleased with the emphasis on public participation. Dr. Brown said he liked the idea of a less text-driven, accessible format and appreciated that environmental issues will be a focus.

Mr. Norris said the process sounds good but is not clear why this costs upwards of \$1 million. He asked for a breakdown of where the money is going. Ms. Creasy said a breakdown is available, and a majority of the money is going towards staffing. It is a planning grant, and through the planning process, the City will have a good opportunity to get further money to implement plans. At the request of Council, Ms. Creasy said she will post the budget online.

### **REPORT: 250<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE REPORT**

Mr. Beliles, Ms. Damon, and Mr. Meeks, the committee chairs, presented to Council. Mr. Beliles said the celebration is a year-long event and is called “Celebrate 250”. He described the seven work groups of the steering committee. Ms. Damon described planning for the series of events, which will kick off in January 2012. The committee will meet with existing festival heads next week to work with them on collaborating for 2012 events. Mr. Meeks described committee goals, which include finalizing workgroup goals and developing budgetary needs in order to build a comprehensive income and revenue picture for 2012. Launch of the official logo and website, [www.celebrate250.com](http://www.celebrate250.com), are planned for mid-year. He thanked Mr. Huja for his efforts as a committee member.

Ms. Edwards said Ms. Kay Slaughter wanted Bridge Builders to be recognized and asked if this could be incorporated into the celebration. She said there is a connection between Charlottesville and Liberia, and this could be explored. Dr. Scott French has information on this.

Mr. Norris thanked committee chairs and Mr. Barrick for their work on this project.

## MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC

Mr. Peter Kleeman, 407 Hedge St., said City council elections were recently moved from May to November. He said this is a liability because we do not have any districts designated for our delegates. City elections are key, and he recommended Council consider whether the move to November has been successful or was an error in terms of getting people involved with issues of the City. There is more to be considered than turnout rates.

Ms. DeDe Smith, 2652 Jefferson Park Cir., said interesting documents have come to light regarding the water supply plan. She distributed tables to Council with information from permit modification reports. Dredging alone provides more safe yield than any other option.

Ms. Ivy McCall, City of Charlottesville, said the allocation of funds for the sustainability grant and the celebration committee are great ideas, but Council should prioritize where money is going, especially when schools are in need.

## COUNCIL RESPONSE

Dr. Brown said Council changed the timing of the election because of voter turnout and the cost of running two separate elections. An unanticipated benefit was the healthy discussion of both City issues and County issues running concurrently in the news.

Ms. Szakos thanked Ms. McCall for speaking. She clarified that the sustainability grant is funded on a federal level.

Mr. Norris also thanked Ms. McCall for speaking and asked her to come back often.

The meeting was adjourned.



President



Clerk