

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING**

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON Monday, June 20, 2016, 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 Rice

**SECOND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM – June 20, 2016**

Council met in special session on this date with the following members present: Ms. Szakos, Mr. Bellamy, Mr. Fenwick, Mr. Signer. Absent: Ms. Galvin.

On motion by Ms. Szakos, seconded by Mr. Bellamy, Council voted, (Ayes: Ms. Szakos, Mr. Bellamy, Mr. Fenwick, Mr. Signer; Noes: None; Absent: Ms. Galvin), to meet in closed session for the purpose of discussion or consideration of prospective candidates for appointment to boards and commissions.

On motion by Ms. Szakos, seconded by Mr. Fenwick, Council certified by the following vote (Ayes: Ms. Szakos, Mr. Bellamy, Mr. Fenwick, Mr. Signer; Noes: None; Absent: Ms. Galvin) 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 – June 20, 2016**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Council met in regular session on this date with the following members present: Ms. Szakos, Mr. Bellamy, Mr. Fenwick, Mr. Signer. Absent: Ms. Galvin.

**AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Fenwick read a proclamation regarding healthcare decisions. Ms. Marta Keane was present from JABA to accept the proclamation and thanked Council for their support.

Mr. Signer read a proclamation in honor of the League of Women Voters. Ms. Sue Lewis, Vice President of the Charlottesville Area League of Women Voters, thanked Council for the proclamation.

Ms. Szakos announced a citizen informational meeting regarding the Hillsdale Drive project on Wednesday, June 29 at 6:00 p.m. at the Senior Center. She also announced the next Our Town on June 30 at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Bellamy announced the Pollock's Branch Walkable Watershed event on June 25 from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. at CRHA's South First Street property.

Mr. Fenwick announced the "YOGO Rally" to reduce area violence on Thursday, June 30 at 7:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church on West Main Street. Call Alex Zan at 804-321-3636 for more information. He also announced the next Blue Ribbon Commission meeting will take place Thursday at 6:00 p.m. at CitySpace. The court hearing on Water Street Garage is scheduled for June 27 at 3:00 p.m. at the Charlottesville Circuit Court.

### **APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS & COMMISSIONS**

On motion by Mr. Fenwick, seconded by Ms. Szakos, the following appointments were made to Boards and Commissions: to the Citizen's Police Advisory Panel, Pascal Bussiere, Peter Jenkins, David Simmons, Lawton Tufts; to the Charlottesville Redevelopment & Housing Authority, Julie Jones; to the Piedmont Virginia Community College Board, Pam DeGuzman and Janet Morrow; to the Retirement Commission, Ben Cullop; to the Sister Cities Commission: Leah Hicks, Amy Lemley, Jon Lohman; to the Youth Council: Lucas Higgins, Chloe Landry, Jamez Lynch, Elizabeth Valtierra. (Ayes: Ms. Szakos, Mr. Bellamy, Mr. Fenwick, Mr. Signer; Noes: None; Absent: Ms. Galvin.)

### **CITY MANAGER RESPONSE TO MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC**

Mr. Jones reported that the CAT Advisory Board voted for removal of the traffic light at Water Street and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, but Ms. Seville's assertion that a Councilor intervened was not accurate. Several business owners expressed concern, and staff is currently reviewing options for the intersection. Mr. Edward Brooks was concerned about the memorials discussion and suggested names for Lee Park. The Blue Ribbon Commission is reviewing all recommendations and will have dates for public engagement in the future; the first public forum is tentatively scheduled for July 27. Ms. Rebecca Quinn was concerned about the language on utility bills regarding the PILOT; staff is working on preparing a description for the City's utility bills.

### **MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC**

Mr. Joe Draego, Carrsbrook, said he is concerned about unrestricted immigration of people from the Middle East and said a system should be in place. He described a sexually graphic situation. Council asked Mr. Draego to keep in mind that children are watching.

Mr. George Benford, Rainier Dr., said at a recent meeting of the Downtown Business Association (DBAC), the board voted to support the City retaining its stake in the Water Street Parking Garage. They requested that Council treat parking as a public utility and explore options to ensure safe and affordable parking for downtown employees.

Mr. John Heyden, Westwood Rd., said there should be automatic stiff sentences for those who use firearms in the commission of a felony, and the City should review crime statistics to figure out how to focus enforcement. He said he is against relocating large numbers of refugees to this area. He said he believes in Second Amendment rights; radical Islamic terrorists will not be stopped by gun control laws.

Ms. Susan Payne, on behalf of the DBAC, thanked Council for voting to purchase additional parking spaces in the Water Street Parking Garage. She said affordable and adequate parking is important to tourists. She yielded the balance of her time to Mr. David Petit. Mr. Petit, representing the Violet Crown Theatre, said a petition was circulated at a recent DBAC meeting, and a majority of those present were in favor of maintaining downtown parking for the benefit of citizens, employers and merchants downtown.

Mr. Mark Briggs, 1310 Carlton Ave., said many are living with water damage and black mold in their housing environment, which is a dangerous concern particularly for young children and the elderly. He said his goal is to help others living in a dangerous housing environment to be able to move into a healthy living environment.

Ms. Joann Robertson, Charlottesville resident, said she wants a safe space for her children. People with concealed carry permits claiming they will defend people do not make her feel safe. She suggested giving out certificates to businesses in Charlottesville for being "safe spaces." She said Whole Foods and ACAC are two local businesses who do not allow weapons. She read a list of businesses with a "safe spaces" policy. She said as a world-class city, we should accept all people.

Mr. Peter Kleeman, 407 Hedge St., said he is following up on his past comments regarding pedestrian safety in the City. The intersection at Park Street and High Street has ever-expanding holes in the crosswalk. He said cross-walk improvement funds should be made available. He asked for creative solutions to allow the City to fix these problems more expeditiously.

Mr. Joe Thomas asked Council to vote down the resolution to enact additional gun legislation. Some cities with the most restrictive gun laws still have high murder rates. There is no constitutional backing for the no-fly / no-buy policy, because there is not a constitutional limit on adding someone to the no-fly list. We should develop plans to combat active shooter situations.

Mr. Jim Mohr, 1213 Hazel St., said in 1965, Charlottesville's population was 40,000, which is about the same as today. However, staff has vastly increased. We are heavily managed. Hiring full-time staff off-budget to address the parking problem is not good management. The BRC has respected members, but our attention to racial narratives should be augmented to at least include American Natives. He said there are many criminal convictions of immigrants.

Ms. Marsha Tarbert said the City should not infringe on Second Amendment rights.

Mr. Al Shank, Charlottesville residents and retired soldier, was the first jail superintendent on Avon Street. He said he disapproves of efforts to curtail Second Amendment rights; this is the only way we can defend ourselves against criminals.

Mr. Signer thanked everyone for their remarks and said the City Manager will respond to remarks that can be addressed by staff. Ms. Szakos asked Mr. Jones to find out what it would take to regulate mold as part of building inspections.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Minutes for June 6**
- b. APPROPRIATION: Victim Witness Assistance Program Grant Increase - \$22,245 (2nd reading)**

Victim Witness Assistance Program Grant Increase

- c. APPROPRIATION: Virginia Homelessness Solutions Grant - \$5,887 (2nd reading)**

Virginia Homelessness Solutions Grant

- d. APPROPRIATION: Local Agency Contributions for Crisis Intervention Training - \$15,000 (2nd reading)**

Local Agency Contributions for Crisis Intervention Training

- e. APPROPRIATION: Albemarle County Reimbursement for the Gordon Avenue Ceiling & Lighting Replacement Project - \$25,000 (2nd reading)**

Albemarle County Reimbursement for the Gordon Avenue Ceiling & Lighting Replacement Project

- f. APPROPRIATION: Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS - \$11,485 (2nd reading)**

Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS

- g. APPROPRIATION: Sidewalk Improvement Fund Contribution - \$15,344.60 (carried)**

Sidewalk Improvement Fund Contribution

- h. APPROPRIATION: Approval and Appropriation of Revised HOME Budget Allocation for FY 2016-2017 (carried)**

Approval and Appropriation of Revised HOME Budget Allocation for FY 2016-2017

- i. **RESOLUTION: Corrective Action to Support Funding for the Charlottesville Redevelopment and Housing Authority Modernization Coordinator / Maintenance Supervisor**

Corrective Action to Support Funding for CRHA Positions

- j. **RESOLUTION: 1000 West Main Street - The Uncommon Comprehensive Signage Plan**

The Uncommon Comprehensive Signage Plan

- k. **RESOLUTION: Health Department Fiscal Agent**

Health Department Fiscal Agent

- l. **RESOLUTION: Programmatic Project Administration Agreement Extension/Revenue Sharing**

Programmatic Project Administration Agreement Extension/Revenue Sharing

- m. **RESOLUTION: Transfer Funds from Capital Improvement Program Contingency Account to Start Parking Department Account - \$500,000**

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- n. **ORDINANCE: Closing Unaccepted Street off Douglas Avenue (2nd reading)**

Closing Unaccepted Street off Douglas Avenue

- o. **ORDINANCE: Homeowner Tax Relief Grant (2nd reading)**

Homeowner Tax Relief Grant

On motion by Ms. Szakos, seconded by Mr. Bellamy, the consent agenda passed. (Ayes: Ms. Szakos, Mr. Bellamy, Mr. Fenwick, Mr. Signer; Noes: None; Absent: Ms. Galvin.)

Mr. Signer announced his open office hour Thursday, July 7; contact the Clerk for a slot.

**RESOLUTION: ALLOCATION OF CHARLOTTESVILLE AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUNDS (CAHF) FOR VIRGINIA ORGANIZING -\$264,484**

Allocation of Charlottesville Affordable Housing Funds

Ms. Szakos announced that she will recuse herself from this conversation because her husband is the director of Virginia Organizing.

Ms. Kathy McHugh presented to Council and gave an overview of the item. Council voiced their support. On motion by Mr. Bellamy, seconded by Mr. Fenwick, Council voted to pass the resolution. (Ayes: Mr. Bellamy, Mr. Fenwick, Mr. Signer; Noes: None; Recused: Ms. Szakos; Absent: Ms. Galvin.)

Mr. Signer directed Mr. John Heyden be removed from Chambers due to repeated outbursts. Mr. Heyden discontinued speaking out of turn and was allowed to remain.

**RESOLUTION: BLUE MOON REDEVELOPMENT SPECIAL USE PERMIT - 600 W. MAIN ST.**

Blue Moon Redevelopment Special Use Permit

Mr. Ikefuna presented to Council.

Mr. Fenwick asked if the City has the power to address improper use of parking spaces in the neighborhood. Mr. Ikefuna said the parking arrangement in place includes permit parking for the adjacent neighborhoods.

Representing the applicant, Mr. L.J. Lopez presented to Council. The applicant is comfortable with the proposed revisions and believes they addresses the concerns of the neighborhoods.

Ms. Szakos read the following statement from Ms. Galvin into the record:

Lisa Robertson is preparing a revised resolution to approve the SUP for 180 dwelling units per acre for this property that you should receive on Monday. I support this revised resolution and would vote yes for it if I were here. Councilor Szakos, as you have been a long-standing supporter of more infill housing on West Main Street, I request you make the motion and put forth the revised resolution. Unlike the Planning Commission's earlier resolution, this revised resolution ties unit size to parking ratio, which is a common practice nation-wide. Consequently, the revised resolution first defines micro-studio units as being not less than 450 square feet and no more than 550 square feet, and then allows these smaller units to have a diminished parking ratio of a half space per dwelling unit. One parking space per dwelling unit would be required for all other units greater than 550 square feet. In contrast, the Planning Commission's resolution diminished all parking ratios to a half space per dwelling unit regardless of unit size, and did not establish the size of the micro-unit. There are valid reasons for reducing parking ratios along West Main Street that relate to unit size and affordability, and to a lesser extent, access to multiple transit options. I found little evidence however to justify going below one space per dwelling unit for more standard sized market-rate units at this time. Because it is essential that residents of the Blue Moon project not park on public neighborhood streets or West Main Street, and we do not yet have a municipal parking garage in place to serve commercial users along

West Main or have an affordable permit parking program in place to protect on-street parking for existing residents of Fifeville, Star Hill, 10<sup>th</sup> & Page, we must ensure that there is adequate on- and off-street parking. I believe that can be achieved with this revised resolution given the following circumstances: Nelson\Nygaard study states by allowing for and encouraging shared parking. The City could implement minimum parking requirements and reduce the required number of parking spaces for mixed use developments or single use developments in mixed use areas, and that study also projects that the West Main Street parking supply will increase by a net of 2,266 spaces if all six developments are built as proposed. Five of those six have been built, and the sixth – The Standard – is proceeding. Despite this documented ample supply however, the City, via its Office of Economic Development parking division and NDS, will have to work with the development community to facilitate these off-site parking agreements. For example, The Standard’s structured parking is slated to provide 260 spaces more than required. The Standard however would have to request an SUP first in order to be allowed to lease any of its excess spaces to the Blue Moon project. Our zoning City-wide should be revised to allow this by right. In addition, this case illustrates the need for a suite of new actions and policies to ensure that we develop in a way that increases housing supply in the City without ignoring impacts on established neighborhoods. The suite would include, but not be limited to, a municipal structured parking facility on West Main, a City-wide zoning ordinance that defines micro-studio units and establishes parking ratios based on unit size, affordability, location relative to public transit and sound research, zoning revisions that reduce the 25 year lease term and facilitate shared parking agreements, and lower cost neighborhood permit parking in the active promotion of permit parking on neighborhood streets adjacent to redeveloping areas of the City.

Ms. Szakos made a motion, changing the final paragraph of the resolution to read:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that, pursuant to City Code section 34-641 and 34-162(a), a special use permit is hereby approved and granted to authorize the Proposed Development to be established on the Subject Property, with residential density up to 180 DUA, subject to the following conditions:

1. There shall be a mixture of dwelling units permitted within the Proposed Development including without limitation one or more studio units. Any studio unit shall have a size of not less than 350 square feet. The studio units with a size from 350 square feet up to 550 square feet may comprise up to 40% of the total dwelling units within the Proposed Development;
2. The parking requirements for the residential component of the Proposed Development shall be as follows: (i) for each unit having an area of 550 square feet or less: half a space per unit; and (ii) for each unit having an area of more than 550 square feet: 1 space per unit. Parking reductions allowed pursuant to the City’s zoning ordinance may be applied to further reduce the total number of required parking spaces.

At least forty percent (40%) of the total number of required parking spaces for the Proposed Development shall be provided on-site. Any remaining required parking spaces, if any, may be provided at an off-site location ("Off-site Spaces"), in accordance with the requirements of City Code §34-971(e)(4)(b), provided that, any off-site parking lease for the Off-site Spaces may contain renewable terms if, collectively, the terms of the lease comply with the durational

requirements of §34-971(e)(4)(b), and, by the terms of such lease, the Applicant has the right to renew the terms. The Applicant shall give the City's Zoning Administrator 90 days' advance written notice of any expiration or earlier termination of such lease.

On or before July 1 of each calendar year following issuance of any certificate of occupancy for the Proposed Development, the property owner shall submit to the City's Zoning Administrator a Parking Demand Management Plan ("Plan") designed by the Property Owner, reasonably documenting parking demand and the means by which the parking requirements of this Condition #3 will be satisfied during the upcoming year and describing any other means or measures that may be taken by the owner during the ensuing twelve (12) months to reduce or eliminate parking demand within or associated with the use and occupancy of the Proposed Development. After the initial Plan is submitted, the Owner may satisfy subsequent annual submission requirements by submitting modifications of the Plan to the City; if no modifications are received in a timely manner by the City, then the prior year's Plan (as in effect on June 30) shall remain in effect.

Ms. Szakos said there is a change to item #5, which should read, "prior to the issuance of any land-disturbing permit for the Proposed Development". There is also a change to item #6, which should read, "along with any application for a building or other development permit for construction of improvements that are the subject of the site plan."

Mr. Bellamy seconded the motion.

Mr. Fenwick asked if the applicant has the right to renew. Ms. Robertson said this gives the owner the opportunity to continue it as long as needed.

Ms. Szakos moved for 5 more minutes of discussion.

Mr. Fenwick asked clarifying questions of Mr. Sipe, who represented the applicant.

The resolution passed. (Ayes: Ms. Szakos, Mr. Bellamy, Mr. Signer; Noes: Mr. Fenwick; Absent: Ms. Galvin.)

## **REPORT: SOCIAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD ANNUAL UPDATE**

### **Social Services Advisory Board Annual Update**

Ms. Rachel Thielmann, Social Services Advisory Board Chair, presented to Council. Ms. Diane Kuknyo, Director of Department of Social Services, was also present.

Ms. Kuknyo answered clarifying questions for Council.

Ms. Szakos asked for a report of figures over time, rather than a snapshot, to provide a broader view. Ms. Szakos asked for updated numbers for foster care. Ms. Kuknyo said as of May 11, 2016, there were 95 children in foster care; 15 of them were on trial home visits, and 21 of

them were in kin home placements. Ms. Szakos asked for numbers as of June 30 for the last several years. She asked for new cases to be identified.

Council took a brief recess at 8:44 p.m. and returned at 8:53 p.m.

**RESOLUTION: CALLING FOR STATEWIDE AND NATIONAL GUN CONTROL LEGISLATION AND LOCAL CONTROL OVER GUN REGULATIONS**

**Calling for Statewide and National Gun Control Legislation and Local Control Over Gun Regulations**

Ms. Szakos presented a resolution calling for statewide and national gun control. She explained why she believes gun control is necessary. She said this does not violate anyone's rights; it calls on Congress to act.

Mr. Bellamy seconded the motion.

In response to outbursts from the room, Mr. Signer warned that those who are not respectful during the meeting proceedings will be asked to leave and not permitted to return to the meeting.

Mr. Signer read the following statement from Ms. Galvin into the record:

First, our police chief (an experienced professional hired by City Council) should be consulted first, about any council resolution and policy that affects the public safety. Otherwise, passing an unexamined resolution may lead to unintended consequences such as a possible surge in people purchasing assault weapons. This point is of grave concern to me as a city councilor because our first and foremost duty is to protect the public. As you know, I have been reviewing local police data about gun use in our city and will be meeting with Chief Thomas when I return. We need a full discussion about actual local policy that can put in place to curb demand for not only assault rifles but any semi-automatic weapon or hand gun typically used in criminal activity. Reducing demand is just as important as trying to legally lessen their availability in the city. I have also talked with Reverend Alvin Edwards in the past about ways to do just that. In short, we should be working hard as a council and a community to develop a comprehensive, practical approach to this problem.

Second, because the proposed resolution as currently worded is more symbolic than practical (in large part because local governments in Virginia are restricted in what they can do to control gun supply,) it is incumbent upon council to be precise. That way a case can be made for good gun control policy at multiple levels of government moving forward. For instance our commonwealth's attorney (an official elected by the public) expressed concern that the resolution as currently worded did not advocate against clips and magazines that allow any semi-automatic weapon, rifle or not, to kill a lot of people (as in Virginia Tech).

Third, as City council has no jurisdiction over gun regulation, this resolution could be interpreted by some members of the public as a presumption of such blanket authority. Members

of the public who do realize that Council lacks authority on these matters however, may view this resolution as frivolous. Misleading or ineffectual statements proclaimed by council on such issues of dire consequence, may not only damage the credibility of other legitimate laws passed by council but also the public trust.

Fourth, the manner in which this item has been put on the agenda does not follow the protocols established by council to promote transparency, informed deliberation and council collegiality. It is my understanding that councilors need to give the mayor their proposed agenda items well before the meeting (at least a week) so that it can be posted and viewed by the public before council deliberation. This was not done in this case. In fact, it was only late last Wednesday that I discovered this was on the agenda. As I can communicate only via email at this point in time, I feel I have been excluded from an important debate.

I therefore request that this resolution be deferred until such time as all Councilors can be present to deliberate, and when it can be properly posted. I also request that Chief Al Thomas and the Commonwealth's Attorney, Dave Chapman and others in the community be present to give council their expert and informed advice on this matter. By doing so we may not only craft a more effectual resolution, but also lay the groundwork for a more comprehensive, effectual approach to solving this problem in and for Charlottesville.

Mr. Fenwick read a statement on his position in support of the resolution. He said no opponents of the resolution have offered an alternative.

Mr. Signer thanked Ms. Szakos and Mr. Bellamy for their moral passion on this issue and others. He read a statement, which included his reasons for joining Mayors Against Illegal Guns. He suggested changes to the resolution, including language about high capacity clips and magazines, and exploring limits for the mentally ill and potential terrorists from acquiring firearms. He suggested postponing the matter until Ms. Galvin has returned and we are able to consult with the appropriate people.

Mr. Bellamy moved for 10 more minutes of discussion.

Ms. Szakos said she does not find it compelling to delay based on Ms. Galvin's absence.

Ms. Szakos said she would be amendable to adding "including limitations on high-capacity magazines and clips" to the first now therefore clause. She said mental illness and terrorists are covered in comprehensive background checks.

Mr. Bellamy said he appreciates Mr. Signer's support of this resolution and the LGBTQ community. He would be pleased with the addition Ms. Szakos and Mr. Signer put forward. He stated his support for the resolution and for the community of people it will protect.

Mr. Signer said this is an attempt to move forward with an important statement without marginalizing those who feel strongly about their position.

Mr. Bellamy said this Council has never stated that they are not in favor of the Second Amendment. We favor law-abiding individuals' right to protect themselves and their families. We have to move towards common sense regulations to make sure everyone is safe.

Mr. Signer called for a vote on the amended resolution. The resolution carried. (Ayes: Ms. Szakos, Mr. Bellamy, Mr. Fenwick, Mr. Signer; Noes: None; Absent: Ms. Galvin.)

**RESOLUTION**  
**Calling for Statewide and National Gun Control Legislation**  
**and for Local Control Over Gun Regulations**

Whereas the Charlottesville community, along with communities around the world, share the sorrow and dismay over the killing of 49 people at the Pulse nightclub in Orlando, Florida, by a lone gunman armed with a pistol and a semi-automatic assault rifle; and

Whereas we grieve with the families and with the wider LGBTQ community that these victims were killed in what they felt to be a place safe from the discrimination and recrimination to which they are subject in the wider community; and

Whereas the shooter in Orlando, despite having a history of committing domestic violence, posting radical terrorist views online, and showing signs of serious mental illness, was able to buy the weapons legally in the weeks before the attack; and

Whereas we recognize that the Second Amendment of the U.S. Constitution guarantees the right of law-abiding Americans to bear arms, but believe there can be reasonable and constitutional limits to that right; and

Whereas this is but the latest and deadliest in a sad and horrific series of attacks in the United States on previously safe places by lone gunmen armed with assault weapons – in schools, churches, mosques, shopping centers and now an LGBTQ nightclub; and

Whereas each attack sees renewed calls from the public for meaningful and constitutional measures to reduce gun violence, each time to be beaten back by special interests;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the City Council of the City of Charlottesville does hereby demand that our legislators at the state and federal level immediately enact legislation to require comprehensive background checks for all gun purchases and move toward legislation to further prevent gun violence, including by regulating and/or banning the civilian purchase and sale of assault weapons, and including limitations on high-capacity magazines; and

Be it further resolved that the City Council of the City of Charlottesville challenges our sister localities in Virginia and across the country to adopt similar resolutions, in order that our representatives at the state and federal levels understand the urgency of this cause; and

Be it further resolved that the City Council of the City of Charlottesville renews its calls on the Virginia Legislature to enact legislation enabling localities to enact their own weapons

controls, as we have previously requested in our legislative agendas of November 8, 2013, and November 16, 2015.

## **MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC**

Ms. Edith Goode, 305 2nd St., said she agrees with Council's stance on gun control.

Mr. John Heyden, Westwood Rd., said Council's position on guns is hypocritical when there are police officers in the back of Chambers with guns.

Mr. Daniel Moore, 3831 Belzoura Ln., Columbia, Virginia, said he does not agree with the Council resolution on gun control. He said Washington, D.C. has a goal to achieve mass shootings so they can implement gun control, which is a tactic called "false flags". He said there is no such thing as a high-capacity clip.

Mr. Joe Draego, Carrsbrook, said citizens should not trust Council because they are hypocrites. They talk about public safety but do not have the courage to talk about the fact that the shooter in Orlando was Muslim. He said Muslims are monstrous maniacs that perpetrate horrible crimes. Mr. Signer said Council prohibits defamatory attacks on individuals or groups. Mr. Draego said he refused to stop speaking. Councilors agreed to remove Mr. Draego from Chambers for refusal to abide by procedures. Mr. Draego lay down on the ground at the podium and refused to leave on his own accord; officers escorted Mr. Draego from Chambers. Mr. John Heyden also came forward and lay down on the ground at the podium, where he remained for the duration of the meeting.

Mr. Chris McClean, resident of Charlottesville, said he is a Navy veteran and an engineer. He asked Council what they believed the difference between an assault rifle or weapon and a regular gun is; he said there is no difference between the two. He also clarified that a "clip" is more properly called a "magazine".

Ms. Francis Resett, 182 Brookwood Dr., said the First Amendment gives people the right to worship the way they believe, and we should not touch that. The Second Amendment talks about a "well-regulated" militia, which begs the question of how we regulate the firearms we have today. She commended Council for working to do something about this.

Mr. Peter Kleeman, 407 Hedge St., said Council addressed adding new units to affordable housing stock, as well as many more market-rate units. Council should recognize that market-rate units put the City further from the affordable housing target.

Mr. John Pulomo, 7 Pineridge, said he is retired from the Army and is an assault weapons specialist. He said there is a misunderstanding about assault weapons and semi-automatic weapons. The Second Amendment provides him security, and Council should have researched this matter more thoroughly.

Ms. Joann Robertson, said she grew up in Norfolk, Virginia, which has a large military population and a high rate of people who suffer from PTSD. Muslims deserve to come to the

United States, just like White people did in the past. People should feel welcomed. She said she was highly offended by Mr. Draego's graphic description of rape, especially when one in four women have been raped.

Ms. Mary Nymen, 411 N. Main St., Rockingham County, said she is a concealed carry holder. She asked Council to consider how additional regulations would affect law-abiding gun owners.

Ms. Mary Hedges, City resident, said the gun control resolution passed tonight was not as prudent as it should have been. She said she opposes the resolution in general; we should deal with criminals and not have knee-jerk reactions. Most gun owners support reasonable legislation, including proper training.

Mr. Phillip Can, 111 Piedmont Ave. South, UVA graduate student, said he opposes the gun control resolution. There are unintended consequences of resolutions such as this one. He said there are many responsible, law-abiding gun owners who have seen the unintended consequences of legislative over-reach. He urged more caution and deliberation, which would better represent all citizens of Charlottesville.

Ms. Szakos asked to omit the word "clips" from the resolution and use "magazines" instead. Mr. Bellamy seconded the motion. (Ayes: Ms. Szakos, Mr. Bellamy, Mr. Fenwick, Mr. Signer; Noes: None; Absent: Ms. Galvin.)

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.