

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON Monday, March 1, 2010 AT 6:45 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 Jeanne Cox

SECOND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM – March 1, 2010

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 Dr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Huja, Council voted (Ayes: Dr. Brown, Ms. Edwards, Mr. Huja, Mr. Norris, Ms. Szakos. Noes: None) to meet in closed session for discussion of appointments to City boards and commissions as authorized by Section 2.2-3711 (A)(1) of the Virginia Code.

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

COUNCIL CHAMBER – March 1, 2010

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

AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS: GFOA Budget Award; Virginia Festival of the Book and Sesame Street Anniversary Proclamations; Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week

Mr. Norris presented the GFOA Budget Award to Leslie Beauregard and Ryan Davidson.

Mr. Norris presented the Virginia Festival of the Book proclamation, the Sesame Street Anniversary proclamation, and the Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week proclamation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Edwards announced that scholarship applications from the Albemarle-Charlottesville NAACP are available.

Dr. Brown said that Warren St. John will be speaking about a refugee soccer team at the Book Festival.

Mr. Norris said census workers are beginning and this is “fix a leak” week in the City.

PUBLIC

Ms. Estella Knott, 808 Rockland Avenue, said Belmont is developing into a vibrant neighborhood. She said it is better to fine tune the existing ordinance than change it. She suggested that Council talk with a sound professional before acting. She said it will have a dampening affect on music. She said 500 people have signed a petition in opposition to the proposed noise ordinance.

Ms. Liz Palmer, a resident of Albemarle County, said incorrect information has been stated about the safety of the dam. She said it would be imprudent to spend money on a study of building on top of the existing dam given what we know about its condition.

Mr. Chris Winter, Stony Point Road, said he is a musician and opposes the noise ordinance. He said the ordinance on the books is not helpful either and it should be abolished as well.

Mr. Gary Kinero, a U. Va. student and musician, said the music scene in Charlottesville is extremely rich and the noise ordinance could destroy that.

Mr. Francis Fife, 501 9th Street, S.W., thanked Council for demanding the dredging study before the dam study. He said he is convinced that dredging is the better alternative. He gave tribute to Citizens for a Sustainable Water Plan for their work.

Ms. Dede Smith, 2652 Jefferson Park Circle, said she has just seen the preliminary dredging report and it is very favorable and shows that dredging is most likely feasible. She said there will be a public meeting with the consultant on March 9 and Citizens for a Sustainable Water Plan will hold a forum on Sunday. She presented charts showing projected and actual water demand.

Mr. Keith Rosenfeld, Broad Ax Road, said he is seeing the first glimmer of hard facts with the dredging study. He thanked Council for doing the study and asked them to read the report carefully.

Mr. Lou Hart, 477 Fontana Drive, said that immigration reform is needed in the country. He said immigrants are making important contributions to our community, and asked Council to support the resolution.

Mr. Jim Baldi, owner of Bel Rio, presented a couple hundred additional signatures on a petition opposing the noise ordinance. He asked Council to make a decision. He said restricting noise to 60 decibels seems arbitrary. He said it is unreasonable to only apply it to amplified noise.

Mr. David Bresanski, 808 Rockland Avenue, said he is a musician and the debate is becoming increasingly uncivil. He said what Council is proposing seems unenforceable, will be arbitrary, and will dampen the spirit of the arts.

Ms. Shirley Shotwell, Douglas Avenue, said she lives beside Bel Rio and lays awake three or four nights a week because of the sound level.

Ms. Jennifer Braverman, 226 Douglas Avenue, said she and her family worked hard on renovating her house, and they cannot sleep due to the base sounds coming from Bel Rio.

Ms. Gloria Rockhold, 1417 Lester Drive, supported the immigration resolution. She said immigrants are a vital part of our local economy.

Ms. Allison Ruffner, 735 Graves Street, said she does not think the noise ordinance proposed for Belmont is appropriate city wide. She said there is a problem when residential zones are affected by noise. She said she supports a level of 55 decibels because Belmont is a mixed use neighborhood.

COUNCIL RESPONSES TO MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC

Ms. Szakos said she plans to bring up the immigration resolution during other business. She asked that those in the audience who support the immigration resolution stand, and several people stood. She said she appreciates people speaking out.

Ms. Edwards said she thinks the investment in the dam study is worthwhile. She said everybody is not going to be happy with the noise ordinance decision. She said it is never too late to develop relationships.

Mr. Norris echoed comments made.

APPOINTMENTS: BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

On motion by Dr. Brown, seconded by Ms. Szakos, Mr. Preston Coiner was appointed to an unexpired term on the Board of Architectural Review by the following vote. Aye: Dr. Brown, Ms. Edwards, Mr. Huja, Mr. Norris, Ms. Szakos. Noes: None. This term will expire on January 1, 2012.

On motion by Dr. Brown, seconded by Ms. Szakos, Mr. Dan Fagan was reappointed to a four-year term on the Charlottesville Economic Development Authority by the following vote. Ayes: Dr. Brown, Ms. Edwards, Mr. Huja, Mr. Norris, Ms. Szakos. Noes: None. This term will expire on April 3, 2014.

On motion by Dr. Brown, seconded by Ms. Szakos, Mr. Bruce O'Dell and Ms. Linda Seaman were reappointed to three-year terms on the CHART Advisory Committee by the following vote. Ayes: Dr. Brown, Ms. Edwards, Mr. Huja, Mr. Norris, Ms. Szakos. Noes: None. These terms will expire on March 31, 2013.

On motion by Dr. Brown, seconded by Ms. Szakos, Mr. Demesey Perry was appointed to the Dialogue on Race Steering Committee by the following vote. Ayes: Dr. Brown, Ms. Edwards, Mr. Huja, Mr. Norris, Ms. Szakos. Noes: None.

On motion by Dr. Brown, seconded by Ms. Szakos, Ms. Margaret Crawford and Mr. Frederick Schmidt were reappointed to two-year terms on the Jefferson Area Board for Aging Advisory Council on Aging by the following vote. Ayes: Dr. Brown, Ms. Edwards, Mr. Huja, Mr. Norris, Ms. Szakos. Noes: None. These terms will expire on March 31, 2012.

On motion by Dr. Brown, seconded by Ms. Szakos, Ms. Connie Jorgensen was appointed and Ms. Sue Lewis was reappointed to two-year terms on the Jefferson Area Board for Aging Board of Directors by the following vote. Ayes: Dr. Brown, Ms. Edwards, Mr. Huja, Mr. Norris, Ms. Szakos. Noes: None. These terms will expire on April 1, 2012.

On motion by Dr. Brown, seconded by Ms. Szakos, Mr. Peter Jenkins was appointed to an unexpired term on the Police Advisory Panel by the following vote. Ayes: Dr. Brown, Ms. Edwards, Mr. Huja, Mr. Norris, Ms. Szakos. Noes: None. This term will expire on September 30, 2011.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Huja removed the Rebranding of CTS from the consent agenda.

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

- a. Minutes of December 18, January 22 and February 1
- b. **APPROPRIATION**: \$60,000 – Cherry Hill Subdivision Sidewalks Contribution (2nd reading)
- c. **APPROPRIATION**: \$1,380 – Public Access TV Registration Fees (2nd reading)
- d. **APPROPRIATION**: \$100,000 – Schools Contribution to Small Capital Improvements Program (carried over)
- e. **APPROPRIATION**: \$370,900 – Safe Routes to School Grant (carried over)

- f. **APPROPRIATION**: \$50,000 – Roy’s Place Subdivision Improvements
(carried over)
- g. **RESOLUTION**: Allocating \$25,000 from Housing Fund to Charlottesville
Redevelopment and Housing Authority for PHAR
- h. **ORDINANCE**: “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 19-139 OF
ARTICLE V OF CHAPTER 19 OF THE CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY CODE, 1990,
AS AMENDED, RELATED TO FAMILY HEALTH CARE COVERAGE FOR
CITY RETIREES” (2nd reading)

ORDINANCE: RESTRICTING NIGHTTIME NOISE LEVEL FOR RESTAURANTS
IN NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS (2nd reading)

Mr. Jim Tolbert, Director of Neighborhood Development Services, said Council amended the noise ordinance at the last meeting to set a limit of 60 decibels after 11:00 p.m. for amplified music measured at the residential property line. He said notices were sent to Fontaine Avenue businesses as it would also apply to them since they are in a neighborhood commercial zone.

Mr. Huja asked about the difference between 55 and 60 decibels, and Dr. Brown said his understanding is that sound doubles every additional 10 decibels.

Mr. Norris asked what the rationale was behind limiting the noise to amplified, and Mr. Tolbert said Council was trying to regulate music, not conversation.

Mr. O’Connell presented a summary of noise coming from Bel Rio. He noted that while the average was much lower, it was as high as 92.6 a few weeks ago.

Mr. Norris asked how many total noise complaints there have been in Belmont and how many of those are from Bel Rio.

Lieutenant Cheryl Sandridge of the Charlottesville Police Department said that 100% of the complaints were about Bel Rio.

Responding to a question from Mr. O’Connell, Lieutenant Sandridge said that the noise meters used by the Police Department are calibrated before and after each use and certified for the court. She noted that they do not measure base, just noise.

Mr. Norris asked if measures have been taken to work with Bel Rio to be a better neighbor, and if so, what was the response.

Mr. Tolbert said staff has met with the owner of Bel Rio and sound proofing was suggested, but staff was told that they had already invested in the building and they would not be spending any more money.

Mr. Jim Baldi, owner of Bel Rio, said \$30,000 has been put into the building. He said he asked the neighborhood association to meet at Bel Rio to discuss possibilities, but they have not responded.

Mr. Huja noted that the proposed ordinance is very limited in scope and will apply to a very limited area of the City.

Mr. Norris asked if noise complaints have been received from Fontaine Avenue, and Mr. Tolbert said no.

Ms. Szakos said ordinances are not punishment, but they give residents a tool and are not subjective. She said it is time for an ordinance in this neighborhood. She said she is a musician, but when there is a line between businesses and residents we need to find a balance. She said we have moved too far to one side.

Dr. Brown said Council has been asked to give the neighborhood a chance to work this out themselves, but he is pessimistic about that happening. He said a compelling case has been made for how important music is to Charlottesville, and we should be careful not to take too quick a step in the wrong direction. He said he does not agree that this is the first step in the direction of a city-wide ordinance. He said this addresses a specific problem in a specific neighborhood. He said he is still concerned that 60 decibels is too low a standard and would rather err on having the decibel level being too high and adjust it later than have restaurants close. He said he would prefer to see the level set at 65 decibels.

Ms. Edwards said this is an opportunity for Bel Rio to think about insulation. She said she would like to look at the complaints and readings in six months as well as their business.

Ms. Szakos said she does not think 65 decibels would deal with complaints, and would agree to a level of 60 decibels.

Mr. Huja said he thinks a decibel level of 60 would be a compromise on both sides.

Mr. Norris said that with the average night at Bel Rio being 63 to 65 decibels, this ordinance would not clamp down on them, and he would agree with the 65 decibels.

Dr. Brown made a motion to amend the ordinance to set a limit of 65 decibels after 11:00 p.m.

Ms. Edwards asked how businesses will be held accountable, and Mr. Huja said the noise can be monitored.

Ms. Szakos said that residents are being bothered now at a level of 55 decibels, which is what would likely be the reading at their property line with a limit of 65 decibels. She said she thinks it is reasonable to be upset about that noise level.

Dr. Brown suggested that Council be given a report on complaints and decibels levels in three months.

Mr. Norris seconded the motion to amend the ordinance.

Ms. Edwards suggested that noise be monitored in three month increments.

Mr. Norris encouraged Mr. Baldi to reach out to the community and to add insulation.

The ordinance was amended to increase the noise level after 11:00 p.m. to 65 decibels by the following vote. Ayes: Dr. Brown, Ms. Edwards, Mr. Norris. Noes: Mr. Huja and Ms. Szakos.

The ordinance entitled “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND REORDAINING SECTION 16-11 OF CHAPTER 16 (NOISE CONTROL) OF THE CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY CODE, 1990, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO NOISE FROM RESTAURANTS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR DISTRICT, as amended” was approved by the following vote. Ayes: Dr. Brown, Ms. Edwards, Mr. Huja, Mr. Norris, Ms. Szakos. Noes: None.

PUBLIC HEARING/ORDINANCE: GRANTING UNDERGROUND UTILITY EASEMENT TO U. VA. ACROSS UNIVERSITY AVENUE TO SERVE MADISON HALL

Mr. Brown said that the ordinance will authorize a utility easement for Madison Hall.

The public hearing was opened, but as there were no speakers, the public hearing was closed.

On motion by Mr. Huja, seconded by Ms. Szakos, the ordinance entitled “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE GRANT OF A UTILITY EASEMENT UNDER UNIVERSITY AVENUE TO THE RECTOR AND VISITORS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA” was offered and carried over to the next meeting for consideration.

PUBLIC HEARING/ORDINANCE: CLOSING PORTION OF OAK STREET

Mr. Craig said the City has received a petition requesting that a portion of unimproved Oak Street be closed. He said the adjoining owner has consented.

Mr. Huja asked if any other neighbors have commented about the closing, and Mr. Brown said that notices were sent, but no other comments were received.

The public hearing was opened, but as there were no speakers, the public hearing was closed.

On motion by Mr. Huja, seconded by Dr. Brown, the ordinance entitled “AN ORDINANCE CLOSING, VACATING, AND DISCONTINUING THAT PORTION OF OAK STREET, AN UNACCEPTED RIGHT OF WAY, BETWEEN 6TH STREET AND 6½ STREET, S.W. ADJACENT TO PARCELS 97 AND 185 ON CITY REAL ESTATE TAX MAP 29” was offered and carried over to the next meeting for consideration.

PRESENTATION: SCHOOL BOARD’S PROPOSED FY 2011 BUDGET

Dr. Rosa Atkins, Superintendent of City Schools, reviewed increases in SOL scores and other successful programs. She said the Schools will see a decrease of \$129,089 in City funding and a State decrease of 9.77% from last year. She said reductions in State funding since the 2009 budget equal \$3,736,969. She said 32.10 positions overall are proposed to be eliminated and operating budgets are reduced by 7%. Class sizes at Buford and Walker will be increased by .5. She said instructional assistants in elementary schools will be reduced by one at each school over a two year period. She said \$1,186,000 in short-term fixes and one time items is being used to balance the budget. She said no direct service programs to children at proposed to be cut. She said additional State reductions are possible.

Dr. Brown said Dr. Atkins has done a fabulous job as Superintendent.

Ms. Szakos said she appreciates finding ways to make cuts without cutting direct services. She said she also appreciates living in a community where people support education.

Ms. Edwards asked that Dr. Atkins give the highlights of her NAACP presentation about African American graduation rates, and asked her what we can do as a community to fill in gaps.

Dr. Atkins said there is an intense focus on reading, math and core areas, and while graduation rates are not where we want them, they are improving dramatically. She said she would issue a call to action for encouragement of families, and would encourage parents to talk to their kids about the positives.

Mr. Huja said he is pleased to see indicators increase across the board and that the three and four-year old programs are being maintained.

PRESENTATION: CITY MANAGER’S PROPOSED FY 2011 BUDGET

Mr. O’Connell reviewed the highlights of the proposed budget: no cuts to services; lower property taxes; no staff layoffs; and support for City Schools.

Ms. Leslie Beauregard, Director of Budget and Performance Management, reviewed revenue projections and expenditures. She said \$2.8 million has been proposed for an economic downturn fund for things that cannot be predicted. She said there is a

\$40.08 million contribution for School operating funds and \$110,000 in new funding for Charlottesville Transit System.

Dr. Brown said he thinks things are going to get worse and it is going to be very harsh on non-profits. He said we need to be somewhat prepared to fill gaps in essential services provided by non-profits.

REPORT: PEDESTRIAN BICYCLE PLAN UPDATE

Mr. Tolbert provided an update on the Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan. He reviewed sidewalk priorities. He said bike lanes have been added on all streets where it can be done except where parking would need to be removed. He reviewed off-street trails and pedestrian safety efforts. He said there is a need to reprioritize sidewalks.

Ms. Szakos asked if we look at how street lights are placed in conjunction with crosswalks, and Mr. Tolbert said that can be looked into.

Dr. Brown said people appear to have developed better habits because of the LED lights at crosswalks. He asked how expensive the devices are that trigger traffic lights by bikes and how they work.

Mr. Tolbert said they are done by cameras, but are not extremely expensive.

Dr. Brown suggested identifying locations to make those investments. He said that ACCT made a number of recommendations a few years ago, and asked if those recommendations were addressed.

Mr. Tolbert said that about half of ACCT recommendations have been done.

Dr. Brown suggested involving people who regularly bike.

Mr. Huja said he would like to look at trying to connect the bike network. He agreed we need to look at sidewalk priorities again.

Ms. Szakos recommended that there be some neighborhood based meetings on the topic where there is not an active neighborhood association.

Mr. Huja said he would support adding more bikers to the committee.

Ms. Szakos asked about the possibility for something like a bike license, or registering of bikes, which could help fund bike improvements, and asked that the committee explore that.

REPORT: SNOW REMOVAL COSTS

Mr. Maurice Jones, Assistant City Manager, said the cost for snow removal from roads and sidewalks and debris pickup is estimated at over \$1 million, with another \$1 million estimated that will be needed to repair streets.

Ms. Judy Mueller, Director of Public Works, said that 100 potholes were patched on the Belmont Bridge alone. Ms. Mueller said staff is beginning to survey roads and will repair arterial roads first.

Mr. Bernard Wray, Director of Finance, said the City has made a \$130,000 claim to FEMA for the first storm, and claims for the remainder will be presented to the State. Mr. Wray said staff will come back with recommendations about which funds should be used to pay for the expenses.

Dr. Brown noted that snow clearing and repair of the streets is an expense that the City bears, but not Albemarle County.

REPORT: CITY MANAGER HIRING PROCESS

Mr. Galloway Beck, Director of Human Resources, said that staff recommends using a search firm for hiring the City Manager, and he presented a draft RFP for that purpose. He said Council also has the option of cooperative procurement, using a contract with a firm established by another public body.

Mr. Norris asked if anyone is opposed to using a search firm. He said he is interested in the cooperative agreement route because it would be faster.

Mr. Beck noted that with the cooperative procurement Council would be limiting itself to one firm, and noted they are currently working with Arlington County and James City County.

Dr. Brown said the firm in question did the Planning District Commission search, and he is interested in getting that information to Council.

Mr. Huja said this is one of the most important positions that Council hires, and he feels it would be better to take a few extra weeks. He said he is leaning more toward issuing an RFP.

Mr. Norris asked if staff has any concerns about the firm that could be used through cooperative procurement, and Mr. Beck said only that they are currently working with two other communities.

Mr. O'Connell said Council could explore working with them, but could also decide to issue an RFP if that was not successful.

Ms. Szakos said she does not object to this two-tiered approach, having staff prepare an RFP while the cooperative agreement is explored.

Mr. Norris stressed that the community will want to be involved in the selection of the City Manager.

Mr. Huja said we need to get a firm that is good with background checks.

Mr. Norris asked staff to check on the capacity and interest of the firm and in the meantime get feedback from Council on an RFP.

Mr. Huja said the process is going to take time and we need to find the best person.

Ms. Edwards said her preference is to issue an RFP, but she is open to blending of both options, and Ms. Szakos agreed.

RESOLUTION: AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF LAND AT 401 4TH STREET, N.W.

Mr. Tolbert said that the environmental review has been completed and nothing was found that is of great concern, noting that this has been confirmed by DEQ. He said a credit for the cost of an insurance premium has been agreed to by Region Ten, and he believes the property is ready for purchase.

Responding to a question from Dr. Brown, Mr. Tolbert said funds for the purchase will come from the housing fund and other CIP accounts, which will be repaid in next year's budget.

Dr. Brown asked about the e-mail from Charlottesville Redevelopment and Housing Authority regarding vouchers, and Mr. Tolbert said the deal is predicated on vouchers. He said that CRHA has said they are okay with issuing vouchers if the City will guarantee funding for them if funding is not available from HUD. He said this could be paid for with HOME funds and would provide 21 vouchers. He said those vouchers cannot be committed tonight. He said HOME funds can only fund tenant based vouchers, but they could be swapped with CRHA.

Mr. Norris said Congress is looking at increasing funding for vouchers.

Responding to a question from Dr. Brown, Mr. Norris said it is clear that there is agreement that CRHA will provide the vouchers if they get funding.

Mr. Tolbert said that Virginia Supportive Housing is looking for a 15 year commitment from Council for vouchers.

Mr. Huja said he supports the project, but has serious concerns about the City committing about \$2 million over 15 years. He said that is a major commitment.

Dr. Brown said that as long as it is clear that it comes from the housing fund he is comfortable with it. He said it meets an important need.

Mr. Norris said he would not vote for it if he felt there was a realistic chance we would have to pay for 15 years.

On motion by Mr. Huja, seconded by Ms. Szakos, Council approved the purchase of 401 4th Street, N.W. by the following vote. Ayes: Dr. Brown, Ms. Edwards, Mr. Huja, Mr. Norris, Ms. Szakos. Noes: None.

On motion by Ms. Szakos, seconded by Dr. Brown, the Resolution Expressing the Intent of Council to Appropriate Funds to Support Section 8 Housing Vouchers for an SRO was approved by the following vote. Ayes: Dr. Brown, Ms. Edwards, Mr. Huja, Mr. Norris, Ms. Szakos. Noes: None.

ORDINANCE: LEASE OF CITY-OWNED LAND AT 401 4TH STREET, N.W. FOR SINGLE ROOM OCCUPANCY FACILITY (2nd reading)

The ordinance entitled “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE LEASING OF REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, LOCATED AT 401 FOURTH STREET, N.W., AND IDENTIFIED AS PARCEL 26 ON CITY TAX MAP 32,” which was offered at the February 16th meeting, was approved by the following vote. Ayes: Dr. Brown, Ms. Edwards, Mr. Huja, Mr. Norris, Ms. Szakos. Noes: None.

REPORT: ENDORSING RE-BRANDING OF TRANSIT SERVICE

Responding to a question from Mr. Huja, Mr. Bill Watterson, Transit Manager, said that it will cost \$90,000 to put new markings on buses.

Mr. Huja expressed concern that it is premature to talk about rebranding while we are talking about the formation of a regional transit authority.

Ms. Szakos said we could be waiting for a long time.

Mr. Watterson said it was a very inclusive process. He said there is support to convey that change is happening and that CTS is environmentally friendly.

Mr. Huja said he does not like the new logo.

Ms. Szakos said she is inclined to go with the recommendations that came out of a public process, and is not sure Council should micromanage.

Mr. Norris asked about the rationale for the theme if we do the new logo. He said the name change reflects our desire to broaden the service.

Dr. Brown agreed that the proposed name reflects the reality of the service.

On motion by Ms. Szakos, seconded by Dr. Brown, Council approved the brand and name as proposed by the following vote. Ayes: Dr. Brown, Mr. Norris, Ms. Szakos. Noes: Ms. Edwards and Mr. Huja.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Szakos said she has been approached by members of the community to support a resolution regarding federal comprehensive immigration reform. She said immigrants are an integral part of our community.

Dr. Brown asked about the rationale for adopting the resolution now.

Ms. Szakos said there is legislation in the House now and it is supported by the President.

Mr. Huja said he thinks it is a good thing to support and a comprehensive approach is crucial.

Dr. Brown said he thinks it is a good idea, but he thinks the timing is premature. He said he thinks it will contribute more to influencing legislation when it is in the news.

Ms. Szakos said a statewide organization is promoting it and is encouraging that it be done now.

Mr. O'Connell said the current bill in the House is HR 4321.

On motion by Ms. Szakos, seconded by Mr. Huja, the Resolution Expressing Support for Federal Comprehensive Immigration Reform Legislation or Administrative Action was approved by the following vote. Ayes: Dr. Brown, Ms. Edwards, Mr. Huja, Mr. Norris, Ms. Szakos. Noes: None.

PUBLIC

Ms. Colette Hall, 101 Robertson Lane, asked that public input not be hurried regarding the neighborhood advocate. She asked that the general public have input into the City Manager hiring process. She said that if the SRO facility is built she hopes the City will not be leasor and leasee.

Mr. Peter Kleeman, 407 Hedge Street, said that there was a fair amount of damage to pedestrian ways as a result of the snow storm as well as streets.

Mr. O'Connell said staff will look at sidewalks when they survey streets.

The meeting was adjourned.