

**RESOLUTION**  
**Ending the City’s Procedures for Restricting Meeting Attendance and the Use of City Facilities in Response to the Coronavirus Pandemic**

WHEREAS on March 12, 2020, with the consent of City Council, the City Manager declared a local state of emergency, based on the threat presented by the Coronavirus pandemic (“COVID-19”) to the public health and safety of residents in the City of Charlottesville; and

WHEREAS on September 6, 2022, with the consent of the City Council, the City Manager ended the March 12, 2020, local state of emergency and established by Resolution #R-22-110 that normal governmental authority was resumed in accordance with the provisions of subparagraph C of Virginia Code §2.2-3708.3; and

WHEREAS by Resolution #R-22-110, City Council directed the City Manager to prepare and adopt standard operating procedure(“SOP”), setting forth protocols to govern how virtual and hybrid meetings would be handled to mitigate the potential spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS the City adopted “COVID-19 Meeting Space Policies” for City Council Chambers and City Space directing the use of such facilities; and

WHEREAS the Center for Disease Control indicates that the Covid-19 community levels in Charlottesville and Albemarle are considered low and it is proper to remove the Covid-19 meeting polices previously adopted and for City Council meetings and other Boards and Commission to return to in-person meetings with hybrid citizen participation as authorized by the City Manager; and

WHEREAS in the judgment of City Council that the previous emergency actions concerning meeting spaces are no longer required and it is right and proper to hold in person meetings in accordance with applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE THAT EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2023:

1. The City Manager is authorized to repeal and/or remove all procedures and protocols adopted to limit in person meetings and the use of City facilities in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and
2. The City’s various Boards and Commission are directed to return to in person meetings which are open to the public in accordance with federal, state and local laws and regulations; and
3. The City Manager is hereby directed and authorized to develop a list of City Public Meetings which are allowed to offer “hybrid” citizen participation both in person and electronically in accordance with City staff capacity and resources.