



CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
September 15, 2025 at 4:00 PM
Council Chamber

The Charlottesville City Council held a regular meeting on Monday, September 15, 2025. Mayor Juandiego Wade called the meeting to order, and Clerk of Council Kyna Thomas called the roll, noting all councilors present: Mayor Juandiego Wade, Vice Mayor Brian Pinkston and Councilors Natalie Oschrin, Michael Payne and Lloyd Snook.

On motion by Pinkston, seconded by Payne, Council unanimously adopted the meeting agenda.

REPORTS

1. REPORT: Charlottesville Free Clinic

Willa Barnhardt, Executive Director, presented the Charlottesville Free Clinic update. When asked about funding, she stated that donors have mentioned that with recent economic uncertainty, they are giving less. Volunteer work at the Free Clinic continues to be strong and they could always use more volunteers to meet the needs of more people.

2. REPORT: Blue Ridge Health District (BRHD)

Ryan McKay, BRHD Health Director, presented the BRHD Funding and Impact Update. Significant State and Federal funding cuts have resulted in loss of staff and public health provider positions as well as negative impacts to community engagement activities and health screenings. The long-term impact will result in a diminished capacity to respond to outbreaks of communicable diseases. Mr. McKay outlined potential funding and program cuts, and while there were no expected changes to the FY26 budget, future loss of grants could impact the FY27 funding request.

Mr. McKay emphasized the need to connect individuals to the resources that they need to improve social determinants of health.

3. REPORT: Child Health Partnership

John Nafziger, Executive Director, presented an update on of Child Health Partnership (CHP) services and programs. CHP provides at-home support to children and parents to promote the health and well-being of families facing challenges in our community. He stated that families are facing increasingly greater challenges, as CHP marks its 35th anniversary. CHP provides dedicated teams of registered nurses and certified family support specialists who build trusted relationships with families in their homes to: 1) promote child and family health; 2) enhance parenting skills and child development; and 3) foster family self-sufficiency. CHP averages one to two home visits per month and families average 20 months in the program.

To answer questions from City Council, work session presenters discussed local gaps in health care services.

4. CLOSED MEETING

On motion by Pinkston, seconded by Snook, Council voted 5-0 (Ayes: Oschrin, Payne, Pinkston, Snook, Wade; Noes: none) to meet in closed session as authorized by Virginia Code Section 2.2-3712 for the following reasons:

1. Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(3), discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body; and
2. Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) for consultation with legal counsel pertaining to actual or probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body.

On motion by Pinkston, seconded by Payne, Council by a vote of 5-0 (Ayes: Oschrein, Payne, Pinkston, Snook, Wade; Noes: none) certified 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.

BUSINESS SESSION

The business session of the meeting began with a moment of silence.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Oschrein announced the Loop de Ville hiking, biking and running event on September 27.

Mayor Wade announced the Next Gen Skilled Trades Day event on October 4th at Piedmont Virginia Community College.

Councilor Payne announced September 15 as the 8th Annual CYM (Close Your Mouth (and Listen)) Day observance, presented by Mr. Alex-Zan.

RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

- **PROCLAMATION: 2025 Cville Sabroso Day**
Councilor Payne presented the Cville Sabroso Day proclamation to Andrea Jacobs, event coordinator.
- **PROCLAMATION: Co-Responder and Crisis Responder Week**
Councilor Snook presented the Co-Responder and Crisis Responder Week proclamation to members of the Charlottesville ANCHOR Team.
- **PROCLAMATION: 50th Anniversary McGuffey Art Center**
Vice Mayor Pinkston presented the 50th Anniversary proclamation to Bill LeSueur.
- **PROCLAMATION: 125th Anniversary University Baptist Church**
Mayor Wade presented the proclamation to Pastor Matthew Tennant.

COMMUNITY MATTERS

Mayor Wade opened the floor for comments from the public.

1. Kate Lambert, CEO of Boys & Girls Club of Central Virginia, thanked City Council for restoring funding to the Boys & Girls Clubs afterschool programming, and she listed many program successes.
2. Joy Johnson, city resident and Chair of PHAR (Public Housing Association of Residents), requested a commitment to inclusive zoning. She spoke in support of the Westhaven, 10th & Page, and Fifeville

neighborhoods and against luxury student housing developments that encroach upon these neighborhoods.

3. Wendy Gao, community organizer with PHAR, spoke against trickle-down housing cost increases as a result of luxury housing developments. She spoke in support of including housing residents in conversations about deeply affordable housing and addressing the housing affordability crisis. She spoke in support of the Westhaven, 10th & Page, and Fifeville neighborhoods and against luxury student housing developments that encroach upon these neighborhoods.
4. Frank Bechter, Fifeville resident, spoke about an ideal location in Fifeville for student housing, and against a proposed large luxury student housing development in Fifeville, which could displace residents and raise housing costs.
5. Sarah Malpass, Fifeville resident and Vice President of the Fifeville Neighborhood Association, spoke in support of the Westhaven, 10th & Page, and Fifeville neighborhoods and against luxury student housing developments that encroach upon these neighborhoods. She stated that the by-right zoning is not in alignment with the culture of the neighborhood.
6. Angela Carr, city resident and member of the PHAR Board, expressed concern about large buildings being built to hover over lower-wealth neighborhoods.
7. Rosia Parker, Westhaven resident, spoke in support of affordable housing for the Westhaven, 10th & Page, and Fifeville neighborhoods
8. Alicia Lenahan, Albemarle County resident, spoke about historical events involving police action toward children, and a recent court ruling allowing racial profiling. She requested that Council adopt an anti-ICE resolution.
9. Sophia Marrero, city resident, spoke against trickle-down housing and expressed concern about a proposed large luxury student housing development in Fifeville, which could displace residents and raise housing costs. She requested that Council prioritize long-time resident over university students.
10. Laura Goldblatt, Belmont resident, spoke against the LB Collective proposed luxury student housing development on West Main Street and in other neighborhoods going forward.
11. Dr. Emily Yen, city resident, requested additional funding for CAT bus services to reach 15- minute routes and improve infrastructure at bus stops. She requested that micro-CAT service be brought in-house so that all people who work for CAT can make a living wage.
12. Aba Codiaga, member of Friends of PHAR, a UVA student organization, spoke against a proposed large luxury student housing development on West Main Street, expressing concern about displacement of people in historically Black neighborhoods.
13. Sylethia Carr, long-time city resident, spoke against the proposed large luxury student housing development that would hover over the Westhaven neighborhood, which could displace residents and continue to raise housing costs.
14. Susan McCulley, Albemarle County resident and owner of two properties in the city, requested that Council adopt an anti-ICE resolution.
15. Isis spoke in support of Westhaven residents.
16. N Anconduar (?), Urban Planning Student at UVA and member of Friends of PHAR, spoke about her belief in a commitment to be great and good and to know what we stand for as a community, and the need for Council and residents to take care of everyone.

Councilor Payne requested future analysis from the City Attorney whether City Council has the legal authority to dictate how federal law enforcement operates within the locality. He also spoke about by-

right development with the new Zoning Code and inclusionary zoning.

CONSENT AGENDA

Clerk Thomas read the following Consent Agenda items into the record, and on motion by Pinkston, seconded by Oschrein, Council unanimously adopted the Consent Agenda (Ayes: Oschrein, Payne, Pinkston, Snook, Wade; Noes: none).

5. RESOLUTION to Appropriate Grant Funds from the Anne and Gene Worrell Foundation for the C.A.Y.I.P. (Community Attention Youth Internship Program) in the amount of \$42,480 (2nd reading)

RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE ANNE AND GENE WORRELL FOUNDATION AWARD OF \$42,480 TO HUMAN SERVICES COMMUNITY ATTENTION YOUTH INTERNSHIP PROGRAM (C.A.Y.I.P.)

WHEREAS, the City of Charlottesville Department of Human Services has been awarded \$42,480 from the Anne and Gene Worrell Foundation.

WHEREAS, the funds will be used to support C.A.Y.I.P., a program operated by the Department of Human Services. The grant award covers the period from January 1st, 2025 through December 31st, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, that the sum of \$43,480 is hereby appropriated in the following manner:

Revenue – \$42,480

\$42,480 Fund: 213 Cost Center: 3413003000 G/L Account: 451020

Expenditures - \$42,480

\$42,480 Fund: 213 Cost Center: 3413003000 G/L Account: 530450

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this appropriation is conditioned upon the receipt of \$42,480 from the Anne and Gene Worrell Foundation.

6. RESOLUTION to appropriate Virginia Juvenile Community Crime Control Act Grant (VJCCCA) - \$452,704 (2nd reading)

RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE VIRGINIA JUVENILE COMMUNITY CRIME CONTROL ACT (VJCCCA) GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$292,058 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

WHEREAS the City of Charlottesville has been awarded a Virginia Juvenile Community Crime Control Act Grant in the amount of \$292,058 from the Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice; and

WHEREAS this grant requires local maintenance of effort funds in the amount of \$52,231 from Albemarle County and \$108,415 from the City; and

WHEREAS the grant award covers the period from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, that upon receipt of the sum of \$292,058 from the Commonwealth of Virginia, that sum is hereby appropriated in the following manner:

Revenue – \$452,704

\$292,058	Fund: 220	Cost Center: 3523001000	G/L Account: 430080
\$52,231	Fund: 220	Cost Center: 3523001000	G/L Account: 432030
\$108,415	Fund: 220	Cost Center: 3523001000	G/L Account: 498010

Expenditures - \$452,704

\$103,704	Fund: 220	Cost Center: 3523001000	G/L Account: 519999
\$349,000	Fund: 220	Cost Center: 3523001000	G/L Account: 599991

7. RESOLUTION to appropriate Virginia State Police FY 26 HEAT Equipment Reimbursement Funding - \$10,000 (2nd reading)

**RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR FY 2026 HELP ELIMINATE AUTO THEFT (HEAT) EQUIPMENT REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM
\$10,000.00**

WHEREAS, the City of Charlottesville, through the Police Department, has received a grant from the Virginia Department of State Police’s Help Eliminate Auto Theft (HEAT) Program in the amount of \$10,000.00 to be used for sending investigators and/or officers who investigate auto theft- related crimes to training for the BERLA Toolkit and to pay the FY 2026 annual fees for the BERLA Toolkit.

WHEREAS, the grant award covers the period of July 1, 2025, through May 31, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, that a total of \$10,000.00 be appropriated in the following manner:

Revenues \$10,000.00

Fund: 209	IO:1900612	CC3101005000	\$10,000.00	GL:430110	State Grant
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Expenditures \$10,000.00

Fund: 209	IO:1900612	CC3101005000	\$5,000.00	GL:530210	Education/Training
Fund: 209	IO:1900612	CC3101005000	\$5,000.00	GL:530260	Software Lic/Maint; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this appropriation is conditioned upon receipt of the \$10,000.00 from the Virginia Department of State Police.

8. RESOLUTION to Appropriate \$25,680 from the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services 2026 JAG Law Enforcement Equipment Grant (2nd reading)

**RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES FY 2026 BYRNE/JAG PROGRAM -
LAW ENFORCEMENT EQUIPMENT AWARD #: 551190
\$25,680.00**

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services (“VDCJS”) awarded a grant to the City’s Police Department, through the FY 2026 Byrne/JAG Program - Law Enforcement Equipment Grant Program to procure and deploy eight (8) new high-performance desktop computers to replace the General Investigation Bureau (“GIB”) detectives' less efficient laptops; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, that a total of \$25,680.00 be appropriated in the following manner:

Revenues \$25,680.00

\$19,260.00	Fund: 209	Internal Order 1900605	G/L Account: 431110
\$6,420.00	Fund: 209	Internal Order 1900605	G/L Account: 561209

Expenditures \$25,680.00

\$25,680.00	Fund: 209	Internal Order 1900605	G/L Account: 520900; and
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this appropriation is conditioned upon the reimbursement of funds or goods as supplied from the VDCJS FY 2026 Byrne/JAG Program - Law Enforcement Equipment Grant Program for seventy-five percent (75%) of the total cost and the use of Virginia Forfeited Asset Sharing Program funds for twenty-five percent (25%) of the total cost.

9. RESOLUTION Appropriating Charlottesville/Albemarle Adult Recovery Court Grant Award in the amount of \$240,000 (layover)
10. RESOLUTION to appropriate the Victim Witness Grant - \$299,672 (layover)
11. RESOLUTION to appropriate funding from the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development, Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS/HIV (HOPWA) Grant 25-HOPWA-303 in the amount of \$392,582 (layover)

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Presentation by Foothills Children’s Advocacy Center

Sherri McKinney, Foothills Children's Advocacy Center, presented an update on Foothills services. Four core services provided are: 1) Forensic Interviews, 2) Onsite Medical Exams; 3) Family Advocacy; and 4) Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) Case Review. She announced that Foothills has new staff, a new name, a new logo and tagline, a new location (co-located) with SARA (Sexual Assault Resource Agency), a new website, and a new Strategic Plan. Foothills Children's Advocacy Center can be reached at www.foothillscac.org.

City Manager Report

City Manager Sanders congratulated the Rose Hill neighborhood on a great event over the weekend. He provided an update on the Oak Lawn property transfer which was recently announced. Mr. Sanders provided a report on the Homelessness Intervention Plan, including a timeline of intervention activities. Councilors followed up with comments and a request for a community-wide approach

ACTION ITEMS

12. PUBLIC HEARING and RESOLUTION to Approve Exercise of Eminent Domain for the

Acquisition of Right-of-Way and Easements in Service to the East High Streetscape

Lee Cooper, Transportation Project Manager, presented the request to obtain by eminent domain three remaining parcels of 26 properties needed in service to the East High Streetscape, particularly for fulfilling the right-of-way tasks for the East High Streetscape Project.

Mayor Wade opened the public hearing. With no speakers coming forward, the public hearing was closed.

On motion by Pinkston, seconded by Oschrein, Council by a vote of 5-0 (Ayes: Oschrein, Payne, Pinkston, Snook, Wade; Noes: none) approved the resolution.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES BY PURCHASE OR CONDEMNATION OF REAL PROPERTY FOR THE EAST HIGH STREETSCAPE PROJECT

WHEREAS, the City of Charlottesville, Virginia (“City”), has obtained approval to construct the East High Streetscape Project within the City that will provide intersection improvements along with sidewalk improvements for its citizens (“Projects”); and

WHEREAS, providing safe roadways and pedestrian access is a public purpose for which the City is authorized to enter upon and take possession of property before the conclusion of condemnation proceedings, including the procedures in Chapter 3, § 25.1-300 *et seq.*, of Title 25.1 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended (“Virginia Code”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Virginia Code §§ 15.2-1901, 15.2-1901.1, 15.2-1902, 15.2-1903, and 15.2-1904, the City is authorized to acquire by condemnation necessary land to permit the construction and maintenance of the proposed road improvement to provide safer roadways to City residents, and the City is vested with the power of eminent domain for the acquisition of land for the purposes of such public use; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia (“City Council”), finds that it is necessary to obtain certain properties, listed and attached hereto as Exhibit “A” (“Properties”), which are in the City, to be used for the construction of the Projects; and

WHEREAS, the City has made a *bona fide* but ineffectual effort to purchase the Properties from the owner of the Properties (“Owners”) hereto attached as Exhibit “A,” having previously established the just compensation therefor and having promptly offered in writing to pay the same to the Owners, which offer was rejected; and

WHEREAS, the City has made every reasonable effort to acquire the Properties by negotiation; and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing on the subject matter of this Resolution was duly held on September 15, 2025, as required by Virginia Code §§ 15.2-1903 and -1905(C), at which City Council declared its intent to enter and take the Properties for the purposes of /to the citizens of the City, an inherently public use under Virginia Code § 15.2-1904(A); and

WHEREAS, the compensation offered to the Owners by the City for the Properties is in accordance with the City’s determination of just compensation.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT OFFICIALLY RESOLVED, by City Council that, after due consideration, that City hereby approves and adopts the following resolutions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the construction, operation, and maintenance of the Projects are approved as a critical public use, necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the members of the public served by the City; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the acquisition of the Properties by purchase, condemnation, or other means, free and clear of any and all liens, judgments, deeds of trust, leases, or other conflicting encumbrances, is approved, such acquisition being necessary for the construction of the Projects; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Properties will be used by the City for the Projects in furtherance of its public and governmental functions pursuant to the Virginia Code, and that that the acquisition of the Properties are for road improvements, which is a public use pursuant to Virginia Code §§ 1-219.1(A)(i) and (D)(iii); that no more private property is being taken, than that which is necessary to achieve the public use intended by and for the road improvements; and that this Resolution otherwise complies with Virginia Code § 1-219.1; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City previously has made *bona fide* efforts to acquire the Properties from the Owner(s), but, to date, those efforts have been ineffectual; and

BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City does hereby authorize its City Manager, Deputy City Manager, City Project Manager, City Staff, and the City Attorney, or their designees, respectively, to take all actions for and on behalf of the City, which are or may be appropriate or necessary for the City to acquire the Properties through the exercise of its power of eminent domain, including, but not limited to, any actions or proceedings necessary to achieve the transfer of defeasible title by Certificate of Take, pursuant to the procedure established in Chapter 3, § 25.1-300 et seq., Title 25.1 of the Virginia Code; the filing of any papers or pleadings with the Circuit Court of City of Charlottesville, Virginia; and other actions related to the initiation of any legal proceedings necessary or appropriate to acquire the Properties by eminent domain, provided, however, that nothing in this Resolution shall be construed as preventing the continued negotiation by the City Manager, Deputy City Manager, City Project Manager, City Staff, and/or the City Attorney, or their designees, for the acquisition by purchase or other means of the Properties, before the initiation of any such eminent domain proceedings; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that City Council authorizes the payment into the Court or to the Clerk thereof, for the Owner(s)' benefit, or the issuance of a Certificate of Deposit in lieu of payment pursuant to Virginia Code §§ 15.2-1904(D) and 25.1-305(A)(2), to be issued by the City Manager, or his designee, and countersigned by the City's Finance Director for availability of funds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, hat all the actions taken by the City Manager, City Finance Director, City Project Manager, City Staff, and the City Attorney in connection with this matter are hereby ratified and confirmed; 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.

EXHIBIT “A”
EMINENT DOMAIN FOR THE EAST HIGH STREETSCAPE PROJECT

Parcel 003 identified as East Jefferson Assemblage LLC, Tax Parcel No. 530172000

- Acquisition area: 220 SF (in temporary and grading easements that need to be acquired)
- Offer amount: \$1,800.00

Parcel 026 identified as MWPC Properties, LLC & IRR Properties LC, Tax Parcel No. 540007000

- Acquisition area: 65 SF (in fee acquisition); 112 SF (in temporary and grading easement that needs to be acquired and cost to cure item)
- Offer amount: \$8,480.00

Parcel 032 identified as East Jefferson Assemblage LLC, Tax Parcel No. 530180000

- Acquisition area: 74 SF in fee acquisition, 928 permanent utility easement, 1,323 SF in temporary and grading easement
- Offer amount: \$41,595.00

13. RESOLUTION considering 1114 East High Street Special Exception Permit Amendment (Build-To and Transition Screening)

Benjamin Koby, Planner, presented the request and Planning Commission recommendation.

Matt Alfele, Development Planning Manager, provided background about the Development Review Process, during which the issue requiring a Special Exception Permit was discovered. Staff and the Planning Commission recommended approval of the SEP with the following conditions:

1. The size, location, and use will be consistent with the materials submitted in application PL-25-0038 and PL-25-0041 both dated August 12, 2025.
2. Two large trees shall be provided on the subject property in accordance with Section 34-4.7 (Transition Screening). However, placement of these trees is not required between the studio workshop and the property line.
3. A minimum six (6) foot fence—existing or future—shall be provided between the studio workshop and the property line. The fence shall be maintained and kept in good repair.
4. The studio workshop shall not exceed one (1) story in height.

On motion by Pinkston, seconded by Payne, Council by a vote of 5-0 (Ayes: Oschrein, Payne, Pinkston, Snook, Wade; Noes: none) approved the resolution.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING A SPECIAL EXCEPTION PERMIT AMENDMENT
FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1114 E. HIGH STREET**

WHEREAS, Luckyball’s Juggler Training Camp, LLC (“Landowner”), is the current owner of a lot identified on 2025 City Tax Map 28 as Parcel 112 (City Parcel Identification No. 540021000), having an area of approximately 0.43 acres (18731 square feet) ("Subject Property"); and

WHEREAS, the Landowner proposes to modify the Build-To and Transition Screening requirements on the Subject Property to build a studio workshop space behind the existing structure on site ("Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Project is described in more detail within the Applicant's application materials submitted in connection with Applications PL-25-0038 and PL-25-0041, as required by City Development Code § ("CDC") 34-5.2.15.B.2 (collectively, the "Application Materials"); and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission ("PC") made a recommendation of approval at its August 26, 2025, Public Meeting, per CDC § 34-5.2.15.C.2, subject to the following conditions:

- The size, location, and use will be consistent with the materials in Applications PL-25- 0038 and PL-25-0041, both dated August 12, 2025;
- Two (2) large trees shall be provided on the subject property in accordance with Section 34-4.7 (Transition Screening). However, placement of these trees is not required between the studio workshop and the property line;
- A minimum six (6) foot fence, existing or future, shall be provided between the studio workshop and the property line; said fence shall be maintained and kept in good repair; and
- The studio workshop shall not exceed fourteen feet five inches (14' – 5") in height.

WHEREAS, upon consideration of the PC's recommendation and the Staff Reports discussing this Application, as well as the factors set forth within CDC § 34-5.2.15.D, this City Council finds and determines that granting the proposed Special Exception Permit ("SEP") would serve the public necessity, convenience, general welfare, or good zoning practice.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, that, pursuant to City CDC §§ 34-2.4.3.A.5., 34-4.7, and 34-5.2.15, subject to and with the PC's conditions contained above, a SEP is hereby approved and granted to authorize the Project and require a new building to be built outside of the Build-To Zone required on the primary street lot line in the CX-5 Zoning District, and modification to the Transition Screening requirements due to the adjacency of an R-A zoned parcel.

14. RESOLUTION Appropriating Community Flood Preparedness Fund Grant Award in the amount of \$400,000 (layover)

Kristel Riddervold, Director of the Office of Sustainability, presented the grant resolution. She emphasized the need for a culture of preparedness.

Council agreed to carry the item to the October 6th meeting for second reading and vote on the consent agenda.

15. RESOLUTION authorizing the City's participation in the proposed settlements of Opioid-related claims against ALVOGEN, AMNEAL, APOTEX, HIKMA, INDIVIOR, MYLAN, SUN, and ZYDUS

Ashley Reynolds-Marshall, Deputy City Manager, presented the resolution request and provided background information about statewide processes led by the Attorney General's Office. Answering a question from Councilor Snook, Ms. Marshall stated that the City has already received approximately \$400,000 in funds.

On motion by Oschrin, seconded by Payne, Council by a vote of 5-0 (Ayes: Oschrin, Payne, Pinkston, Snook, Wade; Noes: none) approved the resolution.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY COUNCIL
APPROVING OF THE CITY’S PARTICIPATION IN THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENTS
OF OPIOID-RELATED CLAIMS AGAINST ALVOGEN, AMNEAL, APOTEX, HIKMA,
INDIVIOR, MYLAN, SUN, AND ZYDUS, AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO
EXECUTE THE DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE CITY’S
PARTICIPATION IN THE SETTLEMENTS**

WHEREAS, the opioid epidemic that has cost thousands of human lives across the country also impacts the Commonwealth of Virginia and its counties and cities, including the City of Charlottesville by adversely impacting the delivery of emergency medical, law enforcement, criminal justice, mental health and substance abuse services, and other services by Charlottesville’s various departments and agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Virginia and its counties and cities, including Charlottesville, have been required and will continue to be required to allocate substantial taxpayer dollars, resources, staff energy, and time to address the damage the opioid epidemic has caused and continues to cause the citizens of the Commonwealth and Charlottesville and

WHEREAS, settlement proposals have been negotiated that will cause the opioid manufacturers Alvogen, Amneal, Apotex, Hikma, Indivior, Mylan, Sun, and Zydus (collectively, “the Manufacturers”) to pay an aggregate of approximately \$720 million dollars nationwide to resolve opioid- related claims against them; and

WHEREAS, the City has approved and adopted the Virginia Opioid Abatement Fund and Settlement Allocation Memorandum of Understanding (the “Virginia MOU”), and affirms that each of the pending settlements with the Manufacturers shall be considered a “Settlement” that is subject to the Virginia MOU, and shall be administered and allocated in the same manner as the opioid settlements entered into previously with opioid distributors McKesson, Cardinal Health, and AmerisourceBergen, opioid manufacturers Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Teva Pharmaceuticals, and Allergan, and retail pharmacy chains CVS, Walgreens, Walmart, and Kroger;

WHEREAS, the City Attorney has reviewed the available information about the proposed settlements with the Manufacturers and has recommended that the City participate in the settlements to recover its share of the funds that the settlements would provide.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Charlottesville City Council, this 6th day of September 2025, approves of the City’s participation in the proposed settlements of opioid-related claims against the Manufacturers, and directs the City Attorney to execute the documents necessary to effectuate the City’s participation in the settlements, including the required release of claims against the Manufacturers.

GENERAL BUSINESS

16. DISCUSSION: Legislative Agenda Discussion – Part 1

City Manager Sanders introduced the item for discussion of recommended legislative positions made by the Office of Sustainability, the Human Rights Commission, and the Planning Commission.

Council requested a pared down list of policy priorities. Following summaries from Todd Niemeier,

Director of the Office of Human Rights; Kristel Riddervold, Director of the Office of Sustainability; and Phil D'Oronzio, Planning Commissioner, City Manager Sanders stated that he would bring back a shorter prioritized list for Council consideration.

COMMUNITY MATTERS (2)

Mayor Wade opened the floor for comments from the public. No speakers came forward.

On motion by Pinkston, seconded by Snook, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

BY Order of City Council

BY Kyna Thomas, Clerk of Council