Background
Pursuant to Section 5 of the Charter of the City of Charlottesville, and Virginia Code Title 15.2, Chapter 25, a proposed budget was prepared by the City Manager and presented to City Council for consideration. After public notice was given in accordance with the law, public hearings were conducted by City Council on the City Manager’s proposed budget and on the proposed equalized tax rate to be adopted in order to levy taxes in support of the adopted budget, Council is required to vote on these matters.

Discussion
Following the public hearings, City Council may deliberate and consider any additions, deletions or modifications of the items presented within the City Manager’s proposed budget, and consider the proposed annual tax rates. City Council must consider and vote upon three items:

1. Ordinance approving the FY-2024 Budget and Annual Appropriation,
2. Ordinance Establishing the Annual Tax Levy for Tax Year 2023, and
3. Resolution Establishing the Personal Property Tax Relief Percentage for Tax Year 2023 [a separate agenda memo and Resolution provided by Commissioner Divers will be presented at the Special Meeting to be held on April 11, 2023].

Note the Budget Ordinance authorizes a total General Fund Budget of $230,390,146, a difference of $4,150,991 from the $226,239,155 presented in the City Manager’s Proposed Budget. $1,956,900 of the difference represents the estimated account balances shown in the table below that are projected to remain unspent as of June 30, 2023 which will be authorized for expenditure during FY 24 and $2,194,091 represents the total amendments made by Council to the Proposed Budget as part of its final deliberations.

City Council amendments to the City Manager’s Proposed Budget are as follows:
Alignment with City Council’s Vision and Strategic Plan
Alignment with Council’s Vision and Strategic Plan are highlighted throughout the City Manager's Proposed Budget.

Community Engagement
Council has held a series of budget work sessions and public hearings on the City Manager's Proposed Budget throughout the month of March. There is one remaining work session will be held on April 6, 2023, 6:00 PM at City Space. The public will have the opportunity to provide comments to City Council on the budget at the end of that work session.

Budgetary Impact
Council approval of these items will set forth the tax rates and government spending plans for the 2024 fiscal year (July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024).

Recommendation
Staff recommends Council approve the FY 2024 Budget and 2023 tax rates as set forth in the attached ordinance and appropriation.

Alternatives
Attachments
1. Tax ORDINANCE
2. FY 24 Budget Appropriation_SECOND READING
3. Amendments_FY24 Approved_Budget