

**CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA**



Agenda Date:	November 2, 2020
Action Required:	Approve Extension of Resolution
Presenter:	Kaki Dimock, Director, Human Services
Staff Contacts:	Kaki Dimock, Director, Human Services
Title:	Extending the Timeline for the Measurements & Solutions Workgroup

Background:

After substantial revisions to the Agency Budget Review Process, now called the Vibrant Community Fund, in the Spring of 2019, City Council passed a resolution establishing a Measurements and Solutions Workgroup on June 17, 2019.

The Measurements & Solutions Group was established to identify appropriate measurements, benchmarks, solutions and metrics for the designated priority areas (Jobs/Wages, Affordable Housing, Public Health Care, and Education) for use in The Vibrant Community Funding process.

Specifically, the commission was charged with establishing measurements, benchmarks, solutions and metrics in a formal report to council in May 2020 after:

- Conducting best practice research on the five priority areas
- Engaging the community to understand what solutions community members prefer in each priority area including but not limited to:
 - Community meetings & stakeholder interviews
 - Formal liaison with Nonprofit Leaders of Color network
 - Active engagement of people from marginalized communities

Discussion:

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this workgroup was unable to meet the deadline for the expected report to City Council identified in the June 17, 2019 resolution. Staff request an extension of the resolution establishing this workgroup and a new timeline for its required report to City Council. Staff request that the workgroup present its recommendations in May 2021 for consideration in advance of the FY23 Vibrant Community Fund process.

Alignment with City Council's Vision and Strategic Plan:

This proposal aligns with City Council Strategic Goal #5 – A well-managed and responsive

organization; specifically 5.4: Foster effective community engagement. Funds provided to area nonprofits are most likely to impact City Council Strategic Goals #1: An inclusive community of self-sufficient residents and #2: A healthy and safe city.

Community Engagement:

The mayor's ad hoc workgroup included several community members. A worksession was held that included two opportunities for public comment and results of surveys and community meetings of nonprofit partners. Staff created a survey for the city's website which was promoted on Facebook, which yielded 478 responses over the 30 day period in which it was live. The Center for Nonprofit Excellence sought information and feedback from the nonprofit community through surveys and community meetings which was presented in full at the May 8 worksession.

Budgetary Impact:

There is no anticipated impact to the general fund.

Recommendation:

Staff recommend that the City Council adopt a new timeline for the Measurements & Solutions Workgroup with a report date of May 2021.

Alternatives:

Council could dissolve the Measurements & Solutions Workgroup.

RESOLUTION

Whereas, on June 17, 2019, City Council established an advisory commission referred to as the “Measurements and Solutions Group” (M.S.G.) and set a timeline for the M.S.G. to complete its work and to report back to City Council in May 2020; and

Whereas, due to constraints of the state of emergency caused by COVID-19, the M.S.G. was unable to meet to complete its work, and City Council desires to establish a new timeline for the M.S.G.’s work to be performed with a deadline of May 2021 for the group to make its report back to City Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that:

City Council hereby ratifies its June 17, 2019 Resolution establishing a Measurements & Solutions advisory Group (“M.S.G.”) to identify appropriate measurements, benchmarks, solutions and metrics for the designated priority areas (Jobs/Wages, Affordable Housing, Public Health Care, and Education) for use in The Vibrant Community Funding process by which the city funds nonprofit organizations, provided that, by approval of this Resolution, this advisory group shall have until May 2021 to complete its work and make its final report back to City Council.