

## COUNCIL CHAMBER

Regular Meeting

January 23, 2018

The forty-seventh meeting of the City Council of Charleston was held this date convening at 5:22 p.m. at City Hall.

A notice of this meeting and an agenda were mailed to the news media January 17, 2018 and appeared in The Post and Courier January 21, 2018 and are made available on the City's website.

### PRESENT (13)

The Honorable John J. Tecklenburg, Mayor

Councilmember White	District 1	Councilmember Waring	District 7
Councilmember Shealy	District 2	Councilmember Seekings – <i>excused at 7:47 p.m.</i>	District 8
Councilmember Lewis – <i>excused at 7:24 p.m.</i>	District 3	Councilmember Shahid	District 9
Councilmember Mitchell	District 4	Councilmember Griffin	District 10
Councilmember Wagner	District 5	Councilmember Moody	District 11
Councilmember Gregorie	District 6	Councilmember Jackson	District 12

Mayor Tecklenburg called the meeting to order at 5:22 p.m.

The Clerk called the roll.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Can I please call on Councilmember Gregorie to say an invocation, and if you all would like to join us as he leads us in the Pledge of Allegiance."

Councilmember Gregorie opened the meeting with a moment of silence.

Councilmember Gregorie then led City Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Alright. Welcome, everyone. It looks like we have a good crowd here tonight. Thank you all for coming. We do not, amazingly, have any presentations or recognitions to make this evening, so we're going to move right along to our public hearings. We have three public hearings tonight. One is on a development amendment involving the Magnolia property in the neck area and then, two on annexation matters. So, if you're here to speak on any of those three things, we'll get to you in just a minute. If you're here for some other matter, then you need to sign up on our sign-up sheet to address the Council during Citizens Participation Period. I just wanted to make that clear, and we are going to, respectfully, ask for a two-minute limit when addressing Council for the public hearings. So, that being said, we'll start with public hearing number one. Do we have a presentation at all from Planning?"

Frances Cantwell said, "It's from me, Mayor."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "From Ms. Cantwell."

Ms. Cantwell said, "I've got two minutes. I'm going to be as brief and concise as I possibly can. The first public hearing tonight is the approval of an amendment to the development agreement that pertains to the Magnolia property up in the neck area of the City. For the benefit of the new members of Council, there is approximately, well, it's a little more than 250 acres that are subject to a development agreement, but the Magnolia property is privately owned. It's not owned by the churches, it's not owned by the cemeteries, but it's privately owned. The request tonight is for Council to hold a public hearing and to give, hopefully, a second reading to the amendment to the agreement. What the amendment does is that when the Magnolia agreement was initially signed, the contemplation of all parties at the time was that the properties would be under one ownership, Ashley River Investors. There was a contingency in the agreement that said that Ashley River Investors had to acquire title to the property in order for the development and the agreement to proceed. Well, what happened is, it's a very complicated piece of property, it's very difficult to develop because of environmental issues, and it was also tied up in a bankruptcy proceeding. So, the Ashley River Investors acquired the bulk of the property, but they acquired it not just in their name of Ashley River Investors, but in a number of affiliates. So, the purpose of this amendment would be to bring all of the current property owners that own property in Magnolia and make them parties to the agreement, just to make it clear for the record that we've got all of the right parties, all of the proper owners signed up and are subject to the agreement. All of the property owners, including the bankruptcy trustee, are in favor of the amendment. We are also resetting the time when the agreement would start to be effective with the effective date of this amendment. We are resetting the development schedule because we're two years or a year and a half into this agreement, and we've been tied up in Bankruptcy Court. The development schedule that we anticipated is a little delayed, so we're resetting it now to reflect what was going on and the current state of events. So, the question is, why would we do this? Well, with the Magnolia property, the way the City is able to receive land and commitments for affordable housing is by way of this agreement. The developer, the owners of this property, will donate to the City an acre and a half of land, which we will then use to create more affordable housing in this area of the City, and as the private development goes forward, 15 percent of the units that are built will be affordable housing. Without the development agreement, we don't have that because it's not in the PUD right now. So, to me, it's our advantage to have that commitment reaffirmed, have it solidified by way of the agreement, and to have the agreement last a little longer, so that we make sure that we get as much affordable housing as we can. I know I've exceeded two minutes, but I think that's it.

There are a couple of what I call 'housekeeping provisions' of the agreement so that next time, if in fact there is another amendment that somebody proposes, if only one person's property is affected by the amendment, the amendment could be executed between the City and that property owner, not necessarily the multiple property owners that might be involved in the Magnolia development. So, that is the purpose of the amendment. First reading was given probably back in December, and we had a 30-day public hearing notice. This is the public hearing tonight to get public input on that, and I'm happy to answer any questions that you might have."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Shahid.

Councilmember Moody said, "It's a public hearing."

Councilmember Shahid said, "Yes, I just need to put something on the record real quick, Mr. Mayor. I've done work for the Diocese of Charleston, the Bishop, so I'm going to abstain from any consideration regarding this matter."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Okay. Would anyone from the public like to be heard on this matter? Yes, sir. Please come forward, state your name and address."

1. Anthony G. Bryant said he was a former member of the Charleston County Board of Zoning Appeals, and he was the only one that made public comment at the ILA Hall and the only one that made public comment to the EPA. The EPA didn't concern themselves with growth, in terms of evaluations and market values, so there were increased property and insurance values. He said this was serious and that his reputation was maligned for making a public comment to the EPA, and John McDermott's article reflected that. He resented the fact that this was done and would file necessary complaints.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Would anyone else like to be heard on this matter?"

No one else asked to speak.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Hearing none, it comes before Council. Are there any questions?"

Councilmember Lewis said, "Move for approval."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We have a motion to approve."

Councilmember Gregorie said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "And a second. Are there any questions or discussion?"

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Seekings.

Councilmember Seekings said, "Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I have vague recollections of when we first took this up and had the negotiations over the affordable housing portion of this, especially the acre and a quarter. Have we identified, specifically, where that acre and a quarter is going to be, or is that just a part and parcel of the development agreement going forward?"

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "I believe that we have."

Ms. Cantwell said, "We have a general idea of where it's going to be. It hasn't been platted yet, but we know it's going to be near the Rosemont Community."

Councilmember Seekings said, "Just a quick follow up, I forgot who we first negotiated this deal with, but it was a while ago."

Ms. Cantwell said, "Right."

Councilmember Seekings said, "Are we far enough ahead now where once this is all done, this property is ready to be developed including the affordable housing portion, or is there still some more environmental cleanup that needs to be done out there?"

Ms. Cantwell said, "I don't know the answer to that."

Councilmember Seekings said, "I think we definitely need to take a look at that and see where we are. Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "My belief is that the environmental is done, but road access will have to be provided. That's my belief."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Gregorie followed by Councilmember Mitchell.

Councilmember Gregorie said, “Frances, a quick question for you. I know when we negotiated this, we negotiated to 15 percent, and we had not made any changes to our regulations with regard to MU. I know this is not necessarily MU, this is a development agreement, and they’re sort of volunteering to do this. Can we talk about 20 percent instead of 15 percent to be consistent with where we are with our Workforce Housing?”

Ms. Cantwell said, “Well, I would answer that in two ways. This property is zoned PUD, and they may have some vested rights that go along with that and, unfortunately, the PUD did not address affordable housing, which is why we did it through the development agreement. Second is, while the developer is not at the 20 or 25 percent that we are now, he is giving us land in addition to that, so I kind of think the slate is almost even.”

Councilmember Gregorie said, “Thank you.”

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Mitchell.

Councilmember Mitchell said, “I think about a year or a year and a half ago, this came before the Community Development Committee, and we addressed it. We came up with this proposal because at first they said they couldn’t build any affordable housing in that particular area where the development was going on. So, then, we kind of held it off and said if you can’t build affordable housing, you have to give us something. They went back to the developers and came back and said they were going to give us this portion of land, the property. When the developer starts the work, I want them to get into the Rosemont Community and the Silver Hill Community and let those people know what is going to be happening in that area. Right now, with the bridge and the way they have it closed, the people are going through a whole lot right now with the development with I-526. So, we need to be very careful about that and not run over the people in those communities. I want the developers to make sure that they get in those communities and inform them and work with those particular areas to let them know what’s happening so they won’t be the way they are now with the bridge. King Street is closed and they are going all the way around, and I have driven around to get into those areas. When this development happens, they’re going to be closing the streets again and those people are going to have problems getting in those particular areas. We are going to have to work with those communities a lot. So, that’s what I’m going to stress, and if they have to come back before the Community Development, I’m going to bring it back before us. I want to let them know where I’m coming from for my constituents in that area.”

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “Thank you, sir. Are there any other questions or comments?”

Councilmember Gregorie said, “As we move forward, and this was some time ago when the developers came to the Wagener Terrace Community, because it can have an impact on that community, particularly traffic wise. Rutledge Avenue really does not have the capacity to feed it. Our concern is they will then take shortcuts through our neighborhoods. I just want that to be something that we’re cognizant of because the neighborhood is very, very adamant that this development does not have an adverse effect on our livability by becoming the cut-through to get to the development. I just wanted the record to reflect that.”

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “Alright. Thank you very much. Are there any other comments or questions?”

No one else asked to speak.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “Hearing none, we have a motion to give second reading to this ordinance.”

On a motion of Councilmember Lewis, one (1) bill (Item E-6) received second reading. It passed second reading on motion by Councilmember Gregorie and third reading on motion of Councilmember Seekings. On further motion of Councilmember Waring, the rules were suspended, and the bill was immediately ratified as:

**2018-005** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ON BEHALF OF THE CITY A FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND ASHLEY RIVER INVESTORS, LLC, ST. MATTHEWS LUTHERAN CHURCH AND THE BISHOP OF CHARLESTON PERTAINING TO LANDS LOCATED IN UPPER PENINSULA AREA OF THE CITY COMPRISING APPROXIMATELY 326 ACRES AND BEARING CHARLESTON COUNTY TAX MAP NUMBERS 464-00-00-012, 464-00-00-029, 466-00-00-019, 466-00-00-028, 466-00-00-029, 466-00-00-030, 466-00-00-031, 466-00-00-035, 466-00-00-036, 466-00-00-049, 464-00-00-025, 464-00-00-026, 464-00-00-028, 464-00-00-039, 464-00-00-040, 464-13-00-013, 464-13-00-012, 464-13-00-011, 464-00-00-008, 464-13-00-023, 466-00-00-016, 466-00-00-017, 466-00-00-018, 466-00-00-032, 466-00-00-033, 466-00-00-034, 466-00-00-037, 466-00-00-044, 466-00-00-046, 466-00-00-051, 460-00-00-002, 466-00-00-021, 464-14-00-136 AND 464-00-00-019. **(AS AMENDED)**

Councilmember Shahid abstained from voting and completed a Conflict of Interest form which is on file in the Office of the Clerk of Council.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Next, we have a public hearing on, can we--"

Councilmember Seekings said, "Mayor, move to take E-2 and E-3 together for public hearing."

Councilmember Moody said, "Second."

On a motion of Councilmember Seekings, seconded by Councilmember Moody, City Council voted unanimously to take items E-2 and E-3 together for public hearing.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We're going to take E-2 and E-3 together. They're two different annexations, but they're both in the Historic Highway 61 District. So, if anybody would like to come forward, or do we want to have a little presentation first? Ms. Cantwell."

Ms. Cantwell said, "Thank you, Mayor and Council. You might recall that, I believe at our last meeting in December, we brought to City Council a Petition that had been received, two Petitions for annexation of properties in what I'm calling the Plantation District off of Highway 61 for annexation into the City. Each one of the Petitions were under the 75 percent method, which means that if you receive a Petition that is signed by 75 percent of the freeholders, who own 75 percent of the assessed values of the properties included in the area, that this Council has the authority to accept those Petitions and to enact an ordinance bringing them into the City. Under the 75 percent rule Petition method, unlike the 100 percent method, we have to have a public hearing. I'm going to go through some of the PowerPoint in a few minutes to discuss the annexations in more detail. So, tonight is a continuation of what we started in December, when Council accepted the Petition and authorized us to go ahead and advertise for the public hearing, which we did, and so this is the public hearing on the annexations.

The first Petition that we're going to discuss is the annexation of properties which I'm calling on the East side of 61. I'm not sure of the direction, but it's between the Ashley River and

current City limits of the City. By law, we have to have the legal descriptions of these properties available. I'm going to go through the slides, but I also have Petitions that we received that have all of the maps, and all of the legal descriptions for anybody. A member of public who cares to have one, we have some available for that. So, this is the first tract identified by TMS numbers, parcel 1, parcel 2, parcel 3 is 06, and parcel 4 is 023. These properties, I take that back, this is the larger annexation. This is on the West side of 61, and they include the parcels that were legally described on those slides. They include the parcels, and you can see this is an annexation of roughly 5,000 acres. We had a number of large tracts, the owners of which brought their property or are petitioning to bring the City in. We have another parcel, on the south side or right on the northern boundaries of the City, that's owned by the Truluck family, and they agreed to bring their property in. We have a portion of a property that a property owner also agreed to bring into the City. The large tract that is between the two squares, that has TMS number ending in 005, did not sign the Petition. The owner of that property is Whitfield interests. It's a company, I don't recall the exact name of the company, but the owner of that property did not sign to come into the City, but we have 75 percent of the freeholders who own property in the area. They own 75 percent of the assessed value, so this is an authorized method of annexation. We have to talk about services. Right now, the upcoming millage for the City, for operations, is 83.6 mills. We have a monthly stormwater fee of \$8.00 per residential unit. The City intends to provide all of the services that we provide every other citizen in the City, Police, Fire, Code Enforcement, Planning and Zoning, Business License, Public Service, which is Environmental, Inspection, and Stormwater. We will not provide water and sewer. That would be up to CPW to determine if they wanted to extend their lines there. There will be Recreation, and of course, more importantly, they'll have representation on City Council. As I indicated, the costs of providing these services for the 2018 tax millage is 83.6 mills. I will point out that these properties are not located in the St. Andrews Public Service District. You learn something every day. They are located in a special tax district called the West St. Andrews Fire District, which is a taxing district that was created by Charleston County to help with providing Fire to this property. We will be talking to the County about taking over being the First Responder, and of course, we will work hand in hand with the St. Andrews Public Service District pursuant to a mutual aid agreement, if not, an automatic aid agreement that we have. Again, this is the notice that we ran. I'm trying to remember the exact date, but it was 30 days in advance of today. That was the notice that we ran after we brought the Petitions to Council back in December.

This is the next annexation, which is the smaller annexation, and if you bear with me for a second, it includes the smaller properties on the top, which I'm calling to the East of 61. Again, these are four properties involved in this annexation, and three of the property owners signed to bring the properties into the City to include one parcel owned in the name of Millbrook, LLC, but it's a friend of mine, Bruce Miller's property. He has not requested to come into the annexation, but he is included in this Petition. As with the other annexations, we are providing the legal descriptions for the public to view, but if they want to read them we have them available with the Clerk. This is the annexation exhibit. You will see the annexation includes the properties that are cross-hatched prior to these properties coming into the City. A portion of them came in some time ago as part of a prior annexation effort that we don't need to get into right now."

Councilmember Seekings said, "Frances."

Ms. Cantwell said, "Yes."

Councilmember Seekings said, "Could you just go back a second, please? Which one is the Miller tract?"

Ms. Cantwell said, "It's the one on the bottom."

Councilmember Moody said, "The right."

Councilmember Seekings said, "Thank you."

Ms. Cantwell said, "That's the 30-acre tract. As with the property across the street, the millage to run for City operations on this property, for this year, is 83.6. The stormwater fee is \$8.00. Has that been raised?"

Councilmember Moody said, "Yes."

Councilmember White said, "That's the new rate."

Ms. Cantwell said, "That's the new rate?"

Councilmember Moody said, "That's the current rate. It was \$6.00."

Ms. Cantwell said, "Alright. So, that is the preferred rate, that is correct. We will provide the same services to this property, Fire, Police. We'll work with the County on transferring the services with the Fire, Planning and Zoning, Code Enforcement, Business License, Public Services. We'll include Environmental Inspections, Stormwater, Recreation, and City Council representation, and that is the end of the proposal. What I might just add is that these properties are not densely populated at all. In fact, one, I think, is occupied maybe part-time. The larger annexation may have a house or two on one of the larger tracts, and across the street, at the smaller annexation, I think that there may be one, two residents, or maybe four residents out there."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you so much. Would anyone like to be heard on this matter? Please come forward. If you would start, Mr. Duell. Thank you for being with us."

The Clerk said, "Two minutes?"

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Two minutes, yes."

1. Charles Duell, 21 East Battery, said he was President of the Middleton Place Foundation, which now owned the entire National Historic Landmark, Middleton Place. Over the past decades, they had been working to save the Historic Ashley River Plantation District from excessive development intrusion. In the 1970s, the Historic Charleston Foundation, led by the legendary Frances Edmonds, succeeded in halting a planned intersection between the then new I-526 and the Ashley River Road to protect the character of South Carolina's oldest road. Frances was also instrumental in convincing Georgia-Pacific to deed a 100-foot wide strip of land to the National Historic Landmark. In the 1990s, George McDaniel, who was then Executive Director of Drayton Hall, led the efforts to have Ashley River designated a South Carolina scenic river and the road, a scenic highway. It later became a national scenic byway. He urged Council to help continue this monumental preservation conservation effort by moving forward with the proposed annexation.
2. Jason Crowley, Director of Communities and Transportation for the Coastal Conservation League, encouraged the approval for the annexation of more than 5,000 acres within the 24,000-acre Ashley River Historic District. The existing zoning, as set forth by Charleston County, currently limited density to one unit per eight acres. City staff had been working to match that zoning, as closely as possible, to ensure that not only the headwaters of the already strained Church Creek Drainage Basin were able to continue to be preserved and work towards the

larger goal of addressing the drainage problems down creek from those headwaters, but also to ensure the conservation and preservation of this significant, both ecological and cultural, landscape. He said this was the most appropriate solution for this area and hoped that Council would vote to approve the annexation.

3. Tracey Todd, Chief Operating Officer and President-Elect of Middleton Place Foundation, said he worked at Middleton Place and remembered the first time he rode down Ashley River Road while he was a College of Charleston Freshman and it was like stepping back in time. He said everyone knew the history of this important area. It was linked to Lords Proprietors and members of the Continental Congress and the signers of the Declaration of Independence. It was also linked to thousands of enslaved Africans. Black troops marched down Ashley River Road, freedman's communities were there, black churches were still there and important congregations. He urged Council to move forward with the annexation. He said, 'don't move forward just to annex it, but move forward with the idea of preservation in mind.' It was important that it be preserved for future generations, and they wanted it to be there for future generations.
4. Winslow Hastie said he was wearing two different hats. He was the President and CEO of Historic Charleston Foundation, but also represented the family that owned Magnolia Gardens and Magnolia Plantation, which was adjacent. They cared very deeply about how this area would grow and develop. The Foundation had worked and advocated for the preservation of this nationally significant cultural landscape for decades. They worked hard to secure Drayton Hall and the public trust and to preserve the character of that corridor and the broader district. More recently, they expanded the Ashley River Historic District to include lands on the West side of Highway 61 to expand it from roughly 7,000 acres to over 24,000 acres. This annexation was going to protect that because they were extremely concerned about the potential plans for annexation by the City of North Charleston. While they never liked to see people have their land annexed without their consent, he thought they needed to think more broadly about what this annexation was attempting or if its intent was to protect the Ashley River Historic District. He urged Council to support this annexation.
5. Robert Gurley, Preservation Society of Charleston, said they urged Council to pass this annexation in order to protect the Urban Growth Boundary, the agreement between the City and the County. If the City of North Charleston jumped the City of Charleston on this, then there would be the potential for inappropriate development, which would increase density, traffic, and flooding. Also at stake was the incredible boundary that protected this nationally important and historic corridor and the plantations along the Ashley River. He said they urged Council to support this annexation proposal.
6. Ben Lenhardt, 37 Church Street, said he was a member of the Board of the Drayton Hall Preservation Trust and Chairman of the Garden Conservancy in New York. He urged Council to approve this annexation, as it was in the best interest of Charleston and of all of its citizens. This was an important greenspace that must be protected and Council's actions would make that happen. City Council had a long record of supporting preservation and he encouraged Council to do that again.

7. Anthony G. Bryant said, under the Comprehensive Plan, that they needed to think about in terms of saving taxpayers' money in a lawsuit. That was his concern, to think In terms of trying to get North Charleston, Charleston County, DHEC, and others to come to the table to work this out, as this was a very unique land use and vitally important, but the property owner had rights, too. With a 75 percent rule, he may not want to come into the City of Charleston, so then his property was tied up in a lawsuit. He thought it was unfair to that property owner. The Bill of Rights protected minority voices, minority points of view, and being from a minority group, he clearly understood and appreciated equal protection and due process. He hoped that Council could at least send another plea to Mayor Summey and Charleston County to come to the table to figure out how they could do this without going to court and spending taxpayers' money.
8. Carter Hudgins, 473 Huger Street, said he was President and CEO of Drayton Hall Preservation Trust, and he just wanted to go on record urging members of Council to move forward with this annexation. As Mr. Duell noted, this was certainly the cradle of the Carolinas, in terms of culture, and that region held too much value in terms of the character of Charleston and the surrounding region. He urged Council to move forward with the annexation.
9. Mohammed Idris said this fight was about the big boys fighting against the little people. He stated the little people couldn't get any help and were told the land had been contaminated, and no one came to the poor people's aid, and the City pushed the poor people out of the Peninsula. The supermarket was moved out of the neighborhood, and now there was a bar on King Street called the 'Crooked Crowd Bar,' where they were going to put a luxury development for students. He wanted to know what kind of people were allowing this to happen in their neighborhood. He stated the City was trying to fight North Charleston when Mayor Tecklenburg had said that he was following the ways of Mayor Summey, and that things would catch up with him.
10. Chuck Baker, 5 Exchange Street, said he was an attorney speaking on behalf of Eleanor and Heyward Carter, and Elizabeth Hanahan, trustees for two of the three tracts that were petitioned to be annexed, and the fourth tract was owned by a limited liability company controlled by Mr. Miller. All four tracts were within the Ashley River Historic District and outside the Urban Growth Boundary. The whole area was highly sensitive from both a historical and environmental perspective and Ms. Hanahan's property had a conservation easement. The property on the other side of Ashley River Road, almost 3,000 acres of that, was subject to a very restrictive conservation easement at the time. They believed the City of Charleston was best equipped to honor and protect the character of the Ashley River Historic District and, that annexation of all four tracts was necessary to honor and protect the character of the district. The Millers had stated publicly that their intention was to operate a commercial venue on their property with an unlimited number of events per year. The property, when they bought it, was in Charleston County, which limited events on agricultural zoned property to 25 per year. It was true that Magnolia Plantation and Middleton Place were event venues, but there were two very significant differences between those. They were non-profits which used the funds from their events to promote historic preservation and the environment. They supported the annexation of the lands across the road.

11. Bruce Miller said the first agenda item was number 2, which consisted of 5,100 acres, and his agenda item number 3, which consisted of 70 acres. Council could vote 'yes' on agenda item number 2, and 'no' to number 3. The Carters signed a petition and didn't call or talk to them, so they didn't know anything about it. His goal was to have an event venue. They did not want to develop it. They had met with the Ashley Historic Foundation District, and they had approved what he wanted to do. Their property was annexed fully into the City of North Charleston on December 21, and they didn't even know about the petition until they received the Mayor's letter after Christmas and had not been asked at all. Their 30 acres generated \$103 in tax revenues, so the option before Council was to vote 'no' to agenda number 3 and ask the Carters to re-submit. The Carters could come back in a month, and Council could grant their petition. If they voted 'yes', it would force him to file a lawsuit against the City. If he won, State law required that the City pay their fees. An annexation attorney he talked to said it could be \$250,000. Under State law, only the State of South Carolina had the standing or the legal right to challenge their annexation into North Charleston. He said the option was easy, to vote 'no' to annexation on item number 3 and let the Carters come back a month from then. If they voted 'yes', Council would be using \$250,000 of taxpayers' money to gain their property, which they didn't want to develop and it had \$103 in tax revenues. He thought the citizen would say, 'that's a no-brainer, that's not a good option'. He asked Council to vote on the items separately and vote 'no' to item 3.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Alright, then this matter comes before Council. Can we take them separately now? We had them together for the public hearing, but let's take them separately, number two, first."

Councilmember Waring said, "Before the discussion begins, I'm going to move for approval, so we can hopefully get a second and then go to discussion."

Councilmember Seekings said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We have a motion to approve and a second for item number two, correct?"

Councilmember Waring said, "I would just like to follow up, Mr. Mayor. I think the Urban Growth Boundary Line matters. I think a rural historic area like this should be preserved, and I certainly would like to commend all of the people that came and spoke, Mr. Hastie, Mr. Gurley, Mr. Lenhardt, and Mr. Duell. I couldn't agree any more with them. It's an area that I grew up not too far from and enjoyed immensely just driving through and certainly wouldn't want to see it changed. I highly move for approval."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Shahid.

Councilmember Shahid said, "Mayor, I also want to echo my support for this annexation plan. I would classify this as being good Government, and we would be good stewards of this property. I appreciate all of the comments that were made on this. It's just sad we didn't do this earlier, but here we are to do it now, and I would urge my Councilmembers to support this plan."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilwoman Jackson followed by Councilmember Griffin.

Councilwoman Jackson said, "Thank you, Mayor. I do want to speak, for the record, that I'm fully in support of this motion and this item on our agenda. I wanted to greet Mr. Duell as a longstanding supporter of the National Trust Preservation, where I was an employee many, many years ago. I also appreciate that all of the landowners have come out to give us their personal recount of why we should take this vote in favor of this annexation. Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Griffin.

Councilmember Griffin said, "I just want to say that I am also in favor of this annexation and to continue on to your point, we have heard from everybody because we've all got a letter on the desk from the Whitfield Family, as well, so we can take all of that into account. You're going to speak later on tonight about what the number one thing is that we're focused on this year. It's drainage and flooding, and for me, as a man who believes in the Constitution and property rights, at the same time, I've got thousands of people that rely on me to make a decision that's going to protect their quality of life. I can't allow us to let North Charleston not play by the rules. They're not part of the Urban Boundary Agreement, so they can go separate ways, and we just heard that even before. I'd like to ask Frances a question, if she's still here. I'm interested, number one, is the annexation of the Miller and Whitfield properties completed in North Charleston?"

Ms. Cantwell said, "I believe they are."

Councilmember Griffin said, "When was the Runnymede annexed in?"

The Assistant Clerk said, "December 21<sup>st</sup>."

Ms. Cantwell said, "The Runnymede, I think, was earlier in the fall in November of 2017. After the Runnymede, I believe in late November, or early December of 2017, North Charleston gave first reading to an ordinance for the acre that the Whitfields had donated, which is across City boundaries. Then, when that property was coming up for second reading, by that point and time, this Council had received the 75 percent Petitions, had accepted those Petitions, and had authorized that the public hearing be advertised. I think my dates are correct that it happened on a Tuesday, and then, that following Thursday, North Charleston consummated the acre annexation, gave first reading to the Miller Tract and, maybe, the Whitfield Tract. Then, a week after that, because it was a 100 percent annexation and they did not have to have the 30-day public hearing notice, they consummated the annexations, I think, before the first of the year."

Councilmember Griffin said, "The reason why I ask that is because we just heard Mr. Miller say that he and North Charleston began talking in May. So, they have been working on this for a while, even before they annexed Runnymede, and there's definitely a level of concern there of what their priorities are compared to ours. There is no reason why we can't vote 'yes' for a first reading and then have more discussion moving forward. Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Alright. Is there any other discussion on number two?"

No one asked to speak.

On a motion of Councilmember Waring, seconded by Councilmember Seekings, City Council voted unanimously to give first reading to the following bill:

*An ordinance to annex to the City of Charleston properties located West of the Ashley River on or near Highway 61 bearing Charleston County Tax Map Numbers 301-00-00-002; 301-00-00-003; 301-00-00-005; 301-00-00-023 (a portion); and 359-00-00-006, as shown on the map attached to this ordinance labeled "annexation exhibit" and to make said properties a part of District 10.*

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "On to number 3."

Councilmember Waring said, "Move for approval."

Councilmember Mitchell said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We have a motion to approve and a second. Is there any discussion?"

Councilmember Waring said, "I do have one point. Since the discussion of legal fees and all of that came up, it would be a great suggestion to Mayor Summey that they not file a lawsuit."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Well, that is a good suggestion, and I would like to add my echo to a few points that have been made this evening. The most important one to me, as Mr. Griffin said, is the impact of development on our stormwater management and drainage in the Church Creek Basin, because what Mr. Horner discovered when he did his study, was that the Church Creek Basin was actually a good bit bigger than what we had thought before and, in fact, includes almost all of the 2,200-acre tract that Mr. Whitfield owns. It's clear to me that since the City of Charleston honors the Urban Growth Boundary, and the City of North Charleston has made it clear that they don't, the difference in density, and development of properties in the Historic District of Highway 61, would be significantly different if it remains in the City of Charleston versus being in the City of North Charleston. So, if you look at the historic nature of the district, you've heard from the other owners in the region about the cultural and historic nature, and just think about the traffic. You've got Highway 61, which is a nationally designated scenic highway, those beautiful trees on either side. It's going to remain a two-lane road forever and ever, at least I hope so. So, it can't handle massive development out further in that district. With all due respect to Mr. Miller, I would like to point out that I think it's appropriate to include him because otherwise we could end up with a repeat of the Runnymede scenario where, if it didn't work at Runnymede, maybe it would work at Mr. Miller's property. I think it's important for us to include him, and I would respectfully share with Mr. Miller that after this is resolved and you find out whether you're in the City of North Charleston or the City of Charleston, given your statements about not desiring to develop your particular property, we would be most happy to work with you in the City of Charleston and would welcome you to be part of our City."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Moody.

Councilmember Moody said, "Yes, Mr. Mayor, that was really going to be my question to either our Planning Department or Ms. Cantwell. Assuming that the City is successful in annexing all of this property tonight, the bigger piece of tract, I'm all for that. I do have a concern a little bit about Mr. Miller's property. I'm not so concerned about Mr. Miller, it may be his heirs or who he may sell it to down the road. He told us that, and I take him at his word. Would that be something, Ms. Cantwell, we could do if that became part of the City, that we could maybe grant some kind of a venue there, if we took back some kind of an easement or whatever to cover that property, as far as further development is concerned? Is that something we could do?"

Ms. Cantwell said, "Well, I meant to say this in my presentation. The intent, as far as the land uses for all of these properties, including Mr. Miller's, is to keep them where they are in the County. So, he would still be allowed to have the special events that he now conducts. I think the difference is, in all honesty, that the ordinance that the County has in place might limit the number per year, and I think that he is interested in doing more. But, not one of the property owners who voluntarily came in has asked for anything more than what they have now in the County, and that's why we're working very hard to create something akin to the AG-8 District, so that everybody stays where they are. To answer your question, yes, he will be able to. That's

the intent when we zone it, that he will be able to continue the event operations that he is doing now. Whether or not they would expand would depend on what you or a future Council might do down the line.”

Councilmember Moody said, “Well, that was really my question. The problem is, if you spend the money to develop an event space, and you could only use it for whatever the number was, say 24, you might not be able to recover, and it might not be a good investment. That’s why I’m saying could zoning allow us to increase that number, and in exchange for some kind of a development, could you have a PUD or something there that would allow that?”

Ms. Cantwell said, “We can explore all sorts of zoning categories. We cannot condition our zoning on getting an easement. You can’t have a conditional zoning.”

Councilmember Moody said, “But he could do it.”

Ms. Cantwell said, “He could.”

Councilmember Moody said, “If he put the, well, we’ll talk about that later.”

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “Alright. Are there any other comments, questions, or discussion?”

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Shahid.

Councilmember Shahid said, “Just a comment, I just want to thank Ms. Cantwell and her staff. They have shepherded us through this process, and it’s a very complicated matter. Just thank you, Ms. Cantwell, for all that you have done on this and your entire staff.”

Ms. Cantwell said, “And all of the property owners involved.”

Councilmember Shahid said, “As well as all of the property owners who worked with you along these lines. Thank you all very much.”

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “Right. Are there any other questions?”

No one else asked to speak.

On a motion of Councilmember Waring, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, City Council voted unanimously to give first reading to the following bill:

*An ordinance to annex to the City of Charleston properties located West of the Ashley River on or near Highway 61 bearing Charleston County Tax Map Nos. 361-00-00-006, 361-00-00-007, 364-00-00-001 and 364-00-00-002, as shown on the map attached to this ordinance labeled “annexation exhibit” and to make said properties a part of District 10.*

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “Next, we have the approval of City Council minutes from December 11, 2017, December 19, 2017, and January 9, 2018.”

Councilmember Mitchell said, “Move for approval on all of it.”

Councilmember White said, “Second.”

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “We have a motion and a second to approve. Are there any additions, deletions, or subtractions?”

No one asked to speak.

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember White, City Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2017, December 19, 2017, and January 9, 2018 City Council meetings.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Next, will be our Citizens Participation Period. Did we get our sign-up list?"

The Clerk said, "Yes, I have the list."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We have about 15 people on there."

The Clerk said, "Actually, it's 13 because these two already spoke."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Okay. So, we normally have a 30-minute period. We have about 15 people signed up. So, once again, the limit will be two minutes per speaker, please. Madam Clerk will call out the folks who have signed up."

1. Anthony Bryant said this would be the last document the City would get from him. He received a letter from the U.S. Department of Justice. Mark Shields was requesting \$100 million for facilities, equal protection, and due process. He hoped that everybody understood that his request was under-funded in Counties and Court Systems that did not provide the proper protection. This was very serious for African Americans and, in particular, African-American men like him, and he would fight this battle on his own. He didn't support this and did not want his name maligned and added that the City was divided.
2. Mohammed Idris said CAJM had attended Council meetings and had charged the Police Department with being corrupt, but when he got up to speak, he was accused of being 'anti-this' and 'anti-that.' With regard to the John C. Calhoun statue, Mr. Idris stated that Calhoun was a racist and criminal, and then inquired why the statue was placed between two church steeples. He said when people looked up, they were thinking about God, not someone like Calhoun. He said that statues of people like Philip Simmons and Denmark Vesey were placed in Hampton Park and on Columbus Street.
3. Henry Siegling said he was a native-born Charlestonian and he addressed the John C. Calhoun statue. He stated Charlestonians were strong and resilient over their history and had united over many causes and adversities, but re-writing history was the wrong path and a divisive one. History happened, good and bad, favorable and unfavorable. They could handle the truth and they may ultimately draw different conclusions, but they should all agree that the past could not be strictly judged as if it happened today. The older and wiser had addressed this issue and the only solution was to leave it alone. He quoted scripture and said the burden laid on Council was to bring us together, and he was sure there were more pressing issues to which the City could direct its energies.
4. Brett Barry said, at the last meeting, he asked that the Calhoun plaque not be a pro-Calhoun statement or an anti-Calhoun statement, but a historical statement. He thought opinionated phrases were inappropriate, and many Charlestonians and historians did not share them. What may be appropriate for an op-ed page was not appropriate for a Government-approved historical plaque. A truly historical statement that was factual and reflected John C. Calhoun's full body of work, both

positives and negatives, was extremely difficult to achieve. He asked Council to move on to the more pressing business of the City, such as flooding, traffic congestion, and proper growth management. He asked Council to vote 'no' on the plaque and to vote 'no' to defer this any further. The Mayor's charge included other ideas besides the plaques, which he believed would unite rather than divide the community.

5. Bobby Baker, who lived on Meeting Street, said as Charlestonians, they could handle the truth, but what they couldn't handle was being told they didn't have the capability to reach their own opinions when presented with well-documented facts. The citizens were growing more dismayed and worried that the nature of this City and its capacity to present important history to the world was being threatened. He believed that the Mayor's purpose in creating a purely factual plaque for John C. Calhoun's monument was one of great intention, but it became obvious at the last Council meeting that some of the presented language was clearly opinionated and without factual basis. Even more concerning was the divisive debate that preceded within the Council. He said Charleston didn't need nor deserve this and, if Council couldn't stick to the true facts, then abolish the notion of the plaque.
6. Don Livingston, 287 Meeting Street, said he recently retired from teaching philosophy at Emory University, and he spoke against the plaque before the Calhoun monument. The monument to Calhoun read, 'Truth, justice, and the Constitution.' He told Council to assess the word 'Constitution,' because it was his explication of constitutional Government that was his lasting legacy and of benefit to all mankind. This was worked out in a book titled, 'A Disquisition on Government', and it was the first book by an American that developed a systematic political philosophy. Calhoun's constitutional principles were incorporated into the Canadian Constitution in 1982 and had an influence on European thinkers in wrestling with power relations in the European Union. His work in political economy laid the ground for what was known today as public choice theory. A Senate Committee headed by John Kennedy selected Calhoun as one of the five greatest Senators in American history.
7. Dr. K. Brockbank said all politicians had people who looked at them in one way, negative or positive. He stated there was no reason they should be writing an editorial that could go on the Calhoun monument. He was a great Statesman, and they should let things lie as they were. He hoped that Council would not go forward with making any changes to the monument.
8. Michael S. Kogan, 1 King Street, said he was a retired Professor of Philosophy, and asked Council to deal with the Calhoun statue signage issue in a way that would unite Charlestonians rather than divide them. He stated, after months of effort, the History Commission reduced the text on Calhoun, which was still objectionable, both to those who felt it was too harsh and to those who felt it was too mild. He said it was difficult to see any easy way out of this stalemate and, if the City tried to produce signs for all of the controversial monuments in downtown Charleston, then Council had years of controversy lying ahead, which was time that could be put to much better use dealing with pressing contemporary issues facing the City. Given this reality, he urged Council to vote to discontinue the signage plan which was divisive and proceed to an alternative project behind which all Charleston could unite. He had in mind a City Council Resolution to erect a monument to the nine innocent human beings gunned down by their assassin at

Mother Emanuel Church. A statue of the Reverend Pinckney, or even of all nine victims, would bring all of the people together in shared resolve to resist the hatred and bigotry that led to this atrocity. He stated he would be honored to contribute the first \$1,000 toward the Emanuel 9 Memorial.

9. Cliff Roberts said he lived in Harleston Village and was a recently retired teacher of American History. In his travels, he had stopped to read thousands of historical markers and reveled in the fact that he lived in a City that seemed to have a historical marker every 100 feet. He saluted the Mayor and others in their efforts to add new signs that would spotlight unrepresented achievements in the African American community, but was in opposition to the present wording that was part political and part commentary on the Calhoun monument. History changed over generations while historical markers tended to last through several generations. Calhoun's history was complex, but his importance continued to evolve. His point was simply that putting their thoughts of the day on a historical marker was something that would be viewed with skepticism by this and future generations.
10. Ana Zimmerman said she was a former resident of Shoreham Drive on James Island, and she wanted to bring attention to a Shoreham flooding situation that currently, according to FEMA, violated FEMA guidelines. The situation was very dire and it created a severe health risk due to mold in their houses which put several children, five sets of grandparents, two veterans, two teachers, and a single mom's health at risk. One family with a baby had been homeless since Hurricane Irma, and several families, including hers, had to abandon their homes, and no help was provided by the City, despite several requests. FEMA was not covering this, even though they all had flood insurance and there were a slew of problems that dated back to 1987, when the houses were built. The houses were not built up to code. They were built under FEMA requirements and the City violated FEMA guidelines in 1987 when they allowed these homes to be occupied. None of them knew anything about this when they purchased their homes. Several Shoreham houses were a term now called 'substantially damaged', meaning they had sustained damage that was over 50 percent the value of their structure. She inquired as to how was the City going to rectify this. She asked the City to do the right thing and rectify the situation it created.
11. Vivian Appler, 1132 Shoreham Road, said they just purchased their home in July, and there was no elevation certificate, which made it extremely difficult to buy insurance, which they were required to do because the house was in a flood zone. Their first choice of the insurance company was USAA, but they had to go through their second choice, which was a local insurer. They're now having difficulties with their FEMA claim, which they had appealed, and it all came back to this variance. She said they needed help from the City to solve their problems.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Alright. Thank you for sharing that, and thank you everyone for being with us this evening and sharing your comments and concerns. We will follow up with you folks on Shoreham Road. So, next, we had a discussion about the John C. Calhoun Monument, but I think you all knew it was deferred, right? It was in our agenda as deferred, so we weren't planning on taking any action on this matter tonight, just to share with you.

A citizen asked, "We have to come back again?"

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Well, you might at some point in the future. We don't know when that will be. I shared with Council earlier today a letter that we got from Armand Derfner

and Millicent Brown. They suggested that we defer it for some time and allow some more community and public forums to occur about this matter, and I appreciate the comments. The intentions, I assure you, were good intentions for us to tell the full story of our City's history, and our Country's history, for that matter, and part of that will evolve in all of the other things we do. I shared at the last meeting many other memorials and efforts that we have to tell further parts of Charleston's history and heritage. Then, you may have seen, Council, a letter to the editor the other day by Bratton Riley, who suggested just to put the words of Mr. Calhoun out there. I know folks can go to the library and do the research, but maybe we could just make it a little easier for them without any politicizing or commentary, but just the words of Mr. Calhoun, himself, sometimes speak for themselves. The goal was to get a full story of what he did say and what he stood for, and I'd like to think that was good.

I would also comment, and I particularly noted, Councilmember Mitchell, your comments here at our last meeting and as were reported in the newspaper the following day. I had the sense that some of our citizens might not fully understand and be aware of how you feel about the statue, and what your life experience has been like regarding John C. Calhoun, and what he stood for. So, I viewed that as a positive thing, and I know you all are looking at this as a very divisive topic, but I'd like to think that it's healthy for us to each hear what our feelings are about this important matter in our community, the way the majority of you who have come tonight feel, but also our African-American brothers and sisters in our community and on Council. Maybe you didn't really feel or understand their longtime feelings about Mr. Calhoun, walking down Calhoun Street, and seeing that statue up there. I don't have a specific plan going forward, Council. We deferred the matter, so there would be no action on it tonight, and we got some suggestions to defer it for an extended period of time. Maybe we'll come back to it in a while, but I seek the pleasure of Council."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Waring followed by Councilmember Mitchell.

Councilmember Waring said, "You're right, it's not on the agenda today, but I saw the letter that you sent, and thank you for sending it. As a matter of fact, thanks for bringing this up, because our communities wouldn't be speaking today had you not brought the subject up. I thought it would be a good idea if you or the Clerk could read the letter, maybe for some that didn't have a chance to see it, because I thought it was actually a pretty good letter and had some pretty good thought processes in there. So, I was asking if that could be read and consider that."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "I have it."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Mitchell.

Councilmember Mitchell said, "Mayor, I'm very adamant on certain things and, like I said at the last Council meeting, the majority of everyone sitting here in this Chamber, even my colleagues, did not go through what I went through, even in the Civil Rights era. I think Mr. Louis Waring, Jr. (former Councilmember and father to Councilmember Keith Waring), who sat there, he was out there. Councilmember Waring, Keith Waring's brother and sister, and Keith were out there, but he was a little boy. As, he wasn't along with us, he even handled the various abuses, but we were for Civil Rights, and Civil Rights is for everyone. Like I said, the statue is there, I don't need something such as a monument for me to see, to understand what people went through. I'm talking about people in general, not just African Americans, even some whites, and even what females went through, during that time under Mr. Calhoun. So, my take on it is totally different. I heard all of this, talking of history. History is there. Yes, history is there, but I don't need history or something to show me what happened, or standing up there to remind me, if you may, what happened. It can be placed in a place where people who want to go and see it, they

can go and see it. Place it in a museum. It doesn't matter to me in that sense, because I always look at myself. I serve, and I'm a strict believer in God. It doesn't matter what whomever else believes in, but that's my belief, and the person that sits high and looks low to me is God, not Mr. Calhoun. I never paid that much attention, really, to the statue, because I'm not going to hold my head up, look there, and get dizzy and fall down. So, my thing on the statue is, I got arrested, right there in front of that statue, four times demonstrating during that time, when I was 14 years old. We were doing it for Civil Rights for everybody to make sure that everyone was on the same playing field, which they were not.

The City of Charleston, where everybody right now is coming to, this is not the way the City of Charleston was, not for us. We couldn't sit in a restaurant. We had to go to the back of everything to buy any goods. We couldn't go in the restroom. We couldn't even go to Fort Sumter and drink the water out of the fountain. I could not do it. I was there. So, it's a lot different for me because I was there, and I was out there. You can't understand what we went through during that time, and I can see it when I go and read the history about Mr. Calhoun. I read the history about Mr. Calhoun. I don't know if a lot of you read everything about him. He might have been the Vice-President, he might have been a Statesman, but all of the ideas, he was one of them that did not want to abolish slavery. That's in the history. Even with females, he was against them, too, in certain aspects. So, if you're going to read history, going to tell history, tell the whole history, and we've taken little points from here and points from there. My history taught me. I finished at New York University. That's where I went, so I had history, too. I know a lot about this, but I came back home, and my time when I was a teenager was a young boy getting locked up 25 times, right here in the City of Charleston, making things better for everyone, so we would not have this division, if you may. It's a little different with me. So, the wording, and I told Mr. Mayor, and I applaud him for what he was trying to do, but I knew it wasn't going to work, because you're not going to appease both sides. I don't care what kind of wording you put on it because when it comes to us, we're going to look at it differently. It goes to other people who want it to stay that way, and it's going to be different. I would have said leave it alone at the time and get more information, and let people come and speak about it. Maybe, by consensus, we might can come together on something to deal with it, but right now I don't see it. So, I would say we have to defer it, and we have to come together and get people to come to talk about it, and maybe we can come together on some aspect on it."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "So, no action is required, of course, because it was deferred as a part of our agenda, and I'll read a portion of the memo. It says:

*'This memo acknowledges time, energy, and emotions you and the History Commission have expended in seeking resolution to the John C. Calhoun Statue controversy. Because centuries-old issues are difficult to fully evaluate, the following suggestion is offered to adopt a meaningful strategy for addressing historical, race-related problems that burden decision makers like you who must respect deep-seated stances and varied opposing philosophies. It is offered on the premise that citizens need opportunities for structured engagement about emotionally-charged concerns to better understand other points of view and ultimately reach consensus.'*

So, they recommend a vote to defer, actually, for a period of one year to create a City-sponsored and monitored action initiative for public study and expression of what the statue means to multiple citizens, businesses, and groups. They suggested we utilize such public forums as opportunities for learning ways to inspire different, but necessary, ways of thinking in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Deferring would not mean forgetting, but rather it would mean working conscientiously, as other cities have, to expand a community's capacity for problem solving.

So, with that said, for right now, we're going to continue to defer this matter, and we have to get ready for the 7:00 p.m. State of the City Address."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Seekings.

Councilmember Seekings said, "Mayor."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Sir."

Councilmember Seekings said, "Motion to adjourn."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "It's not a motion to adjourn. We're going to recess for about ten minutes while they set up. Then, I'm going to do the State of the City, and then we'll continue our meeting to conduct the rest of our business, which won't take an awful long time, but we've got to do it. So, we're going to recess."

The January 23, 2018 regular meeting of City Council recessed at 6:47 p.m. and reconvened at 7:24 p.m.

Councilmember Lewis was excused from the meeting at 7:24 p.m.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "So, next on our agenda are Council Committee Reports, and the first one up is the Committee on Public Safety, Councilmember Shahid."

Councilmember Shahid, Chair of the Committee on Public Safety, said, "Thank you, Mr. Mayor, and members of Council. The Public Safety Committee met on Thursday, January 18, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. The information I'm giving you is for information purposes only. At this time, no action is required. We got an update from the Turning Leaf Project. Amy Barch sent her pinch hitter, Joe McGrew. We just approved \$85,000 appropriations for this project. For those who are not familiar with it, it is a re-entry program that was started several years ago by Amy. Last year, they worked with 63 men. Sixty-one percent of those completed their projects and were put into transitional jobs. Fifteen of those were placed with the City of Charleston, in which 13 are still working full-time jobs for the City of Charleston. They're now partnering with the County and the City of North Charleston, and they've got four with the County and three with the City. So, this project is a wonderful re-entry program for these men who have gone through the criminal justice system. They are working, productive citizens, and our contribution of \$85,000 is a wonderful investment into the whole project for these young men to help them to be productive citizens. So, a very good report, and I've asked for Amy to update us on a regular basis. Any time that anybody wants to take a visit out there to see what they do, I'm happy to work with you to do that. One of the projects that they do is screen printing on t-shirts. So, I don't know if I could do that, but if I could encourage you to, if you have a screen printing project for t-shirts, you may want to look into it. They give you a really good deal. They did our 'Love West Ashley' t-shirts for us at a discount, so we were very happy with all of that.

All of you should have received a letter from Kay (Cross) regarding the updates on the Police and Fire Chiefs search. Needless to say, I think we're going to all be very busy at the end of this month and the beginning of February. January 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> are going to be the initial interview sessions for the Fire Chief, and then February 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> will be for the Police Chief search. Following that will be, I think, some panel discussions, and it will be the number of candidates, which I have not been told have an exact number yet or what that final cut is. It's between five and six for each department, and five or six will be cut down, and the Mayor will

make a selection and bring it back to Council. So, tentatively, we could have a permanent Fire Chief and Police Chief by the springtime or early summer, so we are moving on that. If anybody has any questions about the schedule, Kay has sent that letter out, so be prepared for the breakfast session, I think, on the 30<sup>th</sup>, with all Councilmembers, and on the 6<sup>th</sup> for the Police Department on that. So, we'll be busy, kind of long.

We received another report from the Fire Chief. Chief VanHoy pinch hit for Chief Tippett, and I'll give you a quick report. The stations of interest are Stations #14 and #21. The construction is about done. They're into the punch list status on those two stations, and Dinos Liollo's company is working. I think they're finalizing their initial plans for Station #11. So, things are moving quickly with Stations #14, #21, and getting off the ground for Station #11. A new recruit class is underway, 17 new recruits. This is recruit class #1801. So, that is up and running, and I think they're having an engineer exam coming up soon. Isn't that correct, Chief?"

Interim Fire Chief John Tippett said, "Yes, sir."

Councilmember Shahid continued, "I wanted to mention two things coming up, Fire Ops 101 is scheduled for April 21<sup>st</sup>, and Marine 101 will return from a hull-out. That is that boat that we use, and it's been overhauled, so that is the quick update for the Fire Department and for where we are with the search.

Chief Taylor gave us a quick report for the Police Department. They had 24 openings last year, 40 new hires, and an attrition rate of only eight percent, which is below the national average. We talked about some issues dealing with the science building, which we talked about earlier today in our Ways and Means Committee. I just wanted to say that we've done a lot of work. Congratulations to both the Fire Chief and Police Chief, as the Mayor mentioned in his public statements earlier, for the work they have done. We've had six homicides reported for the last year, and I'm not trying to single out any other jurisdictions, but look around. Six homicides is a low number compared to the size of our City and its huge diversity.

Finally, Mark Wilbert gave us a report from Emergency Management. They have been busy. I will speak for myself, I was a little surprised with the numbers of that winter storm that we had that lasted so long. Seventy people were sent to warm shelters outside of the City, mostly in Mt. Pleasant and in North Charleston, and they responded to that very handedly. That's pretty much it for the report. So, I tried to give that as quickly as possible."

Councilmember Waring said, "Move for approval."

Councilmember Shahid said, "Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Move for approval as information?"

The Clerk said, "Right. It's for information."

Councilmember Shahid said, "Information only."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Are there any questions or discussion?"

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Moody.

Councilmember Moody said, "Yes, Mr. Mayor, thank you, and Councilmember Shahid, one question. In the next couple of weeks, we're going to be asked to, as all members of Council, to sit in to interview the Fire Chief, and the Police Chief candidates. Is there something you can share with us before that meeting as to what the priorities are from your Committee and what

you're looking for in these different departments that we could also look out for in our questioning, in our interviewing, and our relationship with those folks, or interaction with them?"

Councilmember Shahid said, "That's a big, tall order. I appreciate the question and that you've asked about that. We honestly did not have discussions about those criteria. It's going to be an open session and, I think, the collective wisdom of the 12 of us as to what we're looking for. We've talked about this on several occasions, about the audit that is going to be coming down at some point, and we're moving forward now with the Chiefs' selection. We've got a very good model of what we've done so far. Chief Mullen and Chief Taylor did a marvelous job. Chief Brack and Chief Tippett did a marvelous job, and I've got my personal ideas and thoughts on what we're doing. The Committee, to answer your question, Councilmember Moody, no one has come up and said, 'this is my criteria, these are my categories that I'm looking for in particular.' I think that's just something that we have collectively shared."

Councilmember Moody said, "Well, at a minimum, it seems like we ought to have the request for proposal to find out what you asked them to fill out. I'd like to know what you're asking them before I get there. All I'm asking is, can you share that information with members of Council, so that we can at least--"

Councilmember Shahid said, "Yes."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We can do that."

Councilmember Shahid said, "We can do that. That's something we could handle."

Councilmember Moody said, "Instead of walking into the meeting completely--"

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Absolutely. We'll have resumes."

Councilmember Shahid said, "I've asked Kay for that information as to the resumes and their application process, so we have that, and we're not going in there cold with that information."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We did ask the finalists to respond to a set of extra questions, and we'd be happy to share that with Council, as well. I think that would be the most helpful, and we'll do that when we do the resumes."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Griffin.

Councilmember Griffin said, "Mr. Mayor, can you expand on whether it is five or six finalists? Do you know for sure?"

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Well, we had five, I believe, but I think on the Fire side that maybe one dropped out, but Susan might--"

Susan Herdina said, "Yes, I think we're still finalizing that list. We hope to have all of the finalists notified and make sure that they're ready to continue in the process. Fire, by the end of this week, and, Police, by the following week but, as the Mayor said, we intend to share background information, professional resumes, and other materials with all of you prior to the Tuesday breakfast meeting. The plan is that it will be a public meeting, but then Council will go into Executive Session and be able to, excuse me, let me step back. The candidates will have a few minutes to talk generally to all of the Councilmembers. It will be a public meeting. Then, we'll go into Executive Session, and in the Executive Session, you will be able to ask candidates individual questions. They'll be coming in one by one. That's the plan at this point."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Alright. So, if there is no other discussion on Public Safety, we'll move on to the Committee on Recreation, Councilmember Gregorie."

Councilmember Gregorie, Chair of the Committee on Recreation, said, "Yes, Mr. Mayor and Councilmembers, the Recreation Committee met yesterday at 4:00 p.m. Most of what you see on this agenda had more to do with updating. I'm not going to go through each one of them. If anyone has a specific question on any items, I'll be happy to respond, but there was one action item on the agenda, and that was the discussion for action regarding the replacement parks for DeReef Park. We were provided with three suggestions. One is existing Simonton Park, another is the Gateway Park, which is right at the mouth of the West Ashley Bridge as you're coming in, and the other is the church site that the City has acquired in order for us to compensate the value, as well as the acreage, for the replacement of the DeReef Park site. Those three suggestions were unanimously voted on by the Recreation Committee. I would recommend to this body that we vote accordingly to approve the recommendations from our Legal Department for the replacement parks for DeReef."

Councilmember Waring said, "I'll second that motion. Is that a motion?"

Councilmember Gregorie said, "Yes."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We have a motion and a second. Is there any discussion on that?"

Councilmember Waring said, "I did have a question on Stoney Field. Could you give us a little bit on Stoney Field?"

Councilmember Gregorie said, "Yes, I can. We had a pretty extensive discussion on Stoney Field. As most of you know, we've probably got about \$1.2 million set aside for Stoney, which is not nearly enough to be able to complete that project. We are going to continue discussions with the College of Charleston, who seems to have some interest, as well as the Convention Bureau that has some interest. We're going to revisit talking to The Citadel, since the administration has changed and, perhaps, their position in participating in the funding of the track field would change. They can potentially be another funder."

Councilmember Waring said, "Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Alright. Are there any other questions or discussion?"

No one asked to speak.

On a motion of Councilmember Gregorie, seconded by Councilmember Waring, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the Committee on Recreation Report, as presented:

---INSERT COMMITTEE ON RECREATION REPORT---

Approval of the recommendation of Simonton Park, Gateway Park, and the church site on DeReef Park that the City acquired as replacement parks for DeReef Park

INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS:

- a. Parks Improvement and Expansion
  - i. Stoney Field
  - ii. WPAL Park
  - iii. Bender Street Park
  - iv. Annual Playground Replacement Update
    1. Thomas Johnson

2. Randolph Park
3. Martin Park
4. Lenevar
5. Parkshore
6. Forest Park
- v. Park House Maintenance Updates
- vi. Ballfield Lighting Updates
  1. Bayview Soccer Complex
  2. Governors Park
- vii. Greenway Paving Projects Review
- viii. JI Rec Center Roofing Project
- ix. Daniel Island Recreation Center
- x. Annual Court Resurfacing Summary
- xi. Herbert Hassel Pool Resurfacing schedule
- xii. WL Stevens Bulkhead Screen Repair Update
- b. Cultural Services – Cultural Plan
- c. Recreation Department and facilities
  - i. Natatorium
  - ii. Swimming Facilities Discussion

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “So, next, is our Committee on Public Works and Utilities.”

Councilmember Gregorie said, “Move for approval.”

Councilmember White said, “Second.”

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “Councilmember Waring, we have a motion for approval and a second. Is there any discussion?”

No one asked to speak.

On a motion of Councilmember Gregorie, seconded by Councilmember White, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the Committee on Public Works and Utilities Report, as presented:

-- INSERT PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES REPORT --

**a. Acceptance and Dedication of Rights-of Way and Easements:**

- (i) Sidewalk and Granite Curb at Beaufain and Smith Streets- Approval to notify SCDOT that the City intends to accept maintenance responsibility for the 292 LF of sidewalk and 297 LF of Granite Curb to be constructed along Beaufain and Smith Streets, within the SCDOT rights-of-ways (S-393) (S-871)
  - Letter
  - Map
- (ii) Grand Terrace at Grand Oaks-Acceptance and Dedication of a portion of Claret Cup Way ( 50' R/W, 652 LF), Spindlewood Way ( 50' R/W, 772 LF), Water Lotus Drive (70' & 50' R/W, 1,122 LF). There are 85 lots. All infrastructure with

the exception of sidewalks has been completed. The sidewalks have been bonded.

- Title to Real Estate
- Affidavit for Taxable or Exempt Transfers
- Exclusive Storm Water Drainage Easements
- Plat

(iii) Oak Bluff Phase 1B- Acceptance and Dedication of a portion of Oak Bluff Avenue ( 30' R/W, 508 LF). There are 19 lots. All infrastructure has been completed.

- Title to Real Estate
- Affidavit for Taxable or Exempt Transfers
- Exclusive Storm Water Drainage Easements
- Plat

b. Resolution for the adoption of the revised Charleston Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan by Charleston City Council

First reading was given to the following resolution:

*Resolution for the adoption of the revised Charleston Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan by Charleston City Council*

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Committee on Ways and Means, Councilmember White."

Councilmember Gregorie said, "Move for approval."

Councilmember Shahid said, "Second."

The Clerk said, "So, Mayor, Frances wants me to make certain that you understand that those ordinances that we're voting on dealing with the annexations are a part of the Ways and Means agenda. I will also say that we will carry over Councilmember Lewis' 'nay' as it relates to that item and also the Mayor's recusal."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Correct. So, those are all a part of accepting the Ways and Means Report."

The Clerk said, "That is correct."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Moody.

Councilmember Moody said, "I realize Councilmember Lewis is not here. I'm not sure, but is that a violation of the rules that he cannot vote unless he is present?"

The Clerk said, "No, he's not voting. I'm carrying over the vote that he took as it related to Ways and Means."

Councilmember Moody said, "That would be part of the Ways and Means record."

The Clerk said, "Yes."

Councilmember Moody said, "Okay, but we're going to vote on Ways and Means, so he will not have a vote on this. That will just be part of the Ways and Means record."

The Clerk said, "That is part of Ways and Means. Yes, it wasn't a vote."

Councilmember Moody said, "I just wanted to be sure we were following the rules."

The Clerk said, "Yes, just part of what he previously said."

Councilmember Moody said, "He's not voting on this agenda."

The Clerk said, "That is correct. It does carry over, and he was properly excused."

Councilmember Moody said, "I'm not questioning any of that, Madam Clerk."

The Clerk said, "Okay."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "I know Madam Clerk just stated this, but I just want to make clear for the record, by passage of this report, we are giving first reading to the two annexation matters in West Ashley that came before us this evening. So, is there any other discussion?"

No one asked to speak.

On a motion of Councilmember Moody, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, City Council voted to adopt the Committee on Ways and Means Report, as presented:

---INSERT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS REPORT---

(Bids and Purchases

(Fire Department: Approval to accept the HMEP grant in the amount of \$7,560 for the Charleston FD Haz-Mat Team to attend specialized training. An in-kind 20% match in the amount of \$1,890 will be documented for this grant.

(Police Department: Approval to submit the FFY19 Highway Safety Grant Application for salaries, mileage, and cellular service of two traffic enforcement officers for \$155,746. No City match is required.

(Police Department: Approval of a contract between the City and Turning Leaf Project. Turning Leaf provides pre-release and post release reentry programs for CCDC inmates. The amount to be paid by the City is \$85,000, which is the same as the 2016 and 2017 contracts. **[Mayor Tecklenburg abstained from voting on this item and completed a Conflict of Interest form, which is on file in the Office of the Clerk of Council.]**

(Parks-Capital Projects: Approval of Charleston Police Department Team 4 Office Building Roof Overlay Change Order #1 to the Construction Contract with Coastal Roofing Company, Inc. in the amount of \$6,523.10 for the re-caulking at all exterior opening perimeters and four vertical expansion joints. The project budget will increase by \$6,523.10. The contract time will increase by thirty (30) days. The approval of Change Order #1 will result in a \$6,523.10 increase to the Coastal Roofing Company, Inc. Construction Contract from \$44,200 to \$50,723.10. The approval will also result in a \$6,523.10 increase to the total project budget from \$2,316,723.18 to \$2,323,255.28. With approval of this Change Order, Council is approving the transfer in the amount of \$6,523.10 to the project budget from 2018 Facilities Maintenance-General Maintenance. The funding source for this project is the 2015 Installment Purchase Revenue Bond (\$2,130,000), 2015 General Fund Reserves (\$142,584) 2017 Police Department (\$3,904.18), 2017 Capital Projects-Structural Repairs (\$32,219) and 2017 Facilities Maintenance-General Maintenance (\$8,025).

- (Public Service: Approval for B&C Land Development to install a new liner in the failed storm drain line in Ashley Avenue in the amount of \$196,370 using pipe-burst technology. The line failed after Irma and required immediate repairs. The previously selected contractor was unable to complete the repairs. The work was completed to prevent collapse of the roadway and yards.
- (Public Service: Approval for Sea Island Land Development to install three Checkmate check valves in the amount of \$119,999.99 to replace three failing Tide flex valves in the canal.
- (Traffic and Transportation: Request authority for the Mayor to execute the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Charleston and Charleston Area Convention and Visitors Bureau to provide reimbursement for improvements to temporary Park and Ride Lot at 999 Morrison Drive. The amount of reimbursement is not to exceed \$40,000.
- (Request approval to execute the Memorandum of Understanding whereby the City will renew its Agreement with the Medical University Hospital Authority for one year for the use of a police forensics lab. The property is owned by Medical University Hospital Authority. (165 Ashley Avenue, Rooms EH203A, EH203B, and EH203C; TMS: 460-15-01-049)
- (Request approval to execute the Third Amendment to Lease whereby the City will renew its Lease with Charles River Laboratories, Inc. for one additional year for the use of the police forensics unit. The property is owned by Charles River Laboratories, Inc. (1023 Wappoo Road, Suites A14, A15, and B48; TMS: 351-15-00-007)
- (Request approval to execute the First Amendment to Commercial Lease and Deposit Receipt whereby the City will renew its Lease with 1575 Savannah Highway, LLC for five years for the use of City storage. The property is owned by 1575 Savannah Highway, LLC. (1575 Savannah Highway, Suite 5; TMS: 349-01-00-035)
- (Consider the following annexations:
- 209 Hickory Street (TMS# 418-13-00-103) 0.12 acre, West Ashley (District 9). The property is owned by Lucious Morris and Bridget Morris.
  - An ordinance to annex to the City of Charleston properties located West of the Ashley River on or near Highway 61 bearing Charleston County Tax Map Nos. 361-00-00-006, 361-00-00-007, 364-00-00-001 and 364-00-00-002 as shown on the map attached to this ordinance labeled "annexation exhibit" and to make said properties a part of District 10.
  - An ordinance to annex to the City of Charleston properties located West of the Ashley River on or near Highway 61 bearing Charleston County Tax Map Nos. 301-00-00-002, 301-00-00-003, 301-00-00-005, 301-00-00-023 (a portion), 359-00-00-006 as shown on the map attached to this ordinance labeled "annexation exhibit" and to make said properties a part of District 10.
- (Executive Session: Consider the acquisition of properties in the Cooper River Bridge District for park purposes. Action may or may not be taken.
- (Request approval of a Resolution to clarify and confirm the allocation of the bond proceeds from the Horizon Redevelopment Project Area TIF. **[Councilmember Lewis voted nay on this item during the Committee on Ways and Means meeting.]**

First reading was given to the following bills and resolutions:

*An ordinance to provide for the annexation of property known as 209 Hickory Street (0.12 acre) (TMS# 418-13-00-103), West Ashley, Charleston County, to the City of Charleston, shown within the area annexed upon a map attached hereto and make it part of District 9. The property is owned by Lucious Morris and Bridget Morris.*

*An ordinance to annex to the City of Charleston properties located West of the Ashley River on or near Highway 61 bearing Charleston County Tax Map Nos. 361-00-00-006, 361-00-00-007, 364-00-00-001 and 364-00-00-002 as shown on the map attached to this ordinance labeled "annexation exhibit" and to make said properties a part of District 10.*

*An ordinance to annex to the City of Charleston properties located West of the Ashley River on or near Highway 61 bearing Charleston County Tax Map Nos. 301-00-00-002, 301-00-00-003, 301-00-00-005, 301-00-00-023 (a portion), 359-00-00-006 as shown on the map attached to this ordinance labeled "annexation exhibit" and to make said properties a part of District 10.*

*Resolution authorizing the initiation of eminent domain proceedings to acquire the properties located on Nassau Streets bearing TMS Nos. 459-05-03-005 and 459-05-03-001 to enable the creation of a park*

*Resolution to clarify and confirm the allocation of the bond proceeds from the Horizon Redevelopment Project Area TIF*

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "The bills that were up for third reading are deferred. We do have two bills up for second reading. One is an annexation and another matter is with the Magnolia Development Group. What is the pleasure of Council?"

Councilmember White said, "So moved."

Councilmember Gregorie said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We have a motion and a second, I presume that is just on Item--"

Councilmember White said, "On both of them, on L-1 and L-2."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "On L-1 and L-2, we have a motion to approve and a second. Is there any discussion?"

No one asked to speak.

On a motion of Councilmember White, two (2) bills (Items L-1 and L-2) received second reading. They passed second reading on motion by Councilmember Gregorie and third reading on motion of Councilmember Moody. On further motion of Councilmember Gregorie, the rules were suspended, and the bills were immediately ratified as:

**2018-006** AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY KNOWN AS PROPERTY LOCATED ON SOUTH GEVERT DRIVE (0.24 ACRE) (TMS# 343-03-00-270), JAMES ISLAND, CHARLESTON COUNTY, TO THE CITY OF CHARLESTON, SHOWN WITHIN THE AREA ANNEXED UPON A MAP ATTACHED HERETO AND MAKE IT PART OF DISTRICT 11. THE PROPERTY IS OWNED BY UNION INVESTMENTS LLC.

**2018-007** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ON BEHALF OF THE CITY A FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE

IMPROVEMENTS AGREEMENT WITH ASHLEY RIVER INVESTORS, LLC  
PERTAINING TO THE CONSTRUCTION AND FUNDING OF PUBLIC  
INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CHARLESTON NECK  
REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA WITH TAX INCREMENT FUND BOND  
PROCEEDS AND TAX INCREMENT FUND REVENUES.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “Now, bills up for first reading, we don’t have any. So, we had a request about going into Executive Session on a transparency matter. I think it’s been resolved, but I’m happy to entertain a motion to go into Executive Session, if you want to.”

Councilmember Gregorie said, “I think we should.”

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “You think we should, okay.”

Councilmember Waring said, “Mr. Mayor, before we go into Executive Session, I guess I do have new business.”

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Waring.

Councilmember Waring said, “Ms. Zimmerman, who came up from Shoreham Drive and spoke about being turned down by FEMA on the Irma event, I actually have a person in my district with a similar issue and, as a matter of fact, her husband is one of our first responders. I don’t know how many citizens we have in the category. I was a bit miffed at FEMA paying for Matthew, paying for the 100-year or 1000-year flooding event and now, not FEMA, I mean the flood insurance, and now not paying for Irma. I really do think we need to look at and see if we can lend any help to these citizens who are trying to fight the National Flood Insurance Program by themselves. I saw the particular houses in my district that were flooded with about two feet of water and sheetrock all torn out and put out to the streets. They’ve been denied coverage for this third event in three years. It sounded like this lady, Ms. Zimmerman, who presented and gave us this letter sounded very familiar when she explained her case. Trying to fight the National Flood Insurance by yourself, is there is anything we can do as a City to help facilitate that? To me, it seems like the South Carolina Department of Insurance should get involved with that because, obviously, that was an Act of God and not of their own doing.”

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilwoman Jackson.

Councilwoman Jackson said, “Mr. Waring, yes, I would second your concerns that this seems to be a pattern or a trend that we could enter into. I do want to say that, in the case of this neighborhood, Senator Sandy Senn, in particular, has been responsive about this problem. It was sort of, I guess, in transition, as far as local elected leadership. So, I am just finding out about the details of these challenges for the residents, but Senator Senn has carried this ball to Senator Tim Scott’s office. They are in the process of trying to locate the right decision makers for FEMA that could clear away a lot of the red tape and, at least, start to address what seems to be needing, maybe, exceptions to their normal processing. So, I do think that, as much as the City can cooperate and support and champion whatever we need to be doing to get attention, it’s not like they’re just crying in the wilderness at this point and time.”

Councilmember Waring said, “Well, thank you but--”

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “Thank you, but that being said, we will huddle up again over this matter. I think we’ve tried to address it before, but not to residents’ satisfaction, obviously.”

Councilmember Waring said, “I’m curious, how many citizens do we have that have been turned down by the National Flood Program? Do we have any other people out there suffering in silence?”

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Well, we wouldn't know unless they came forward to tell us."

Councilmember Waring said, "We need to put something out there on our website asking if anybody has been turned down by the National Flood Insurance Program, if you have flood insurance on your house, get in contact with the City. I think we should do that."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We'll huddle up and take a look at it. Yes, sir. So, before we go in Executive Session, just so we clear the deck here, and when we come back, I'll just let everyone know, I don't expect us to take any action or to have any further business. So, for the public here, this will be the end of the meeting. Our next regular meeting is going to be in West Ashley at The Schoolhouse at 5:00 p.m. I wanted to ask Council, if you all would mind, if for the next meeting, we meet on the Monday, rather than Tuesday. Our City received a grant through the National League of Cities and LinkedIn folks. It's a workforce development initiative that's shared by Trident Tech and the City and one other person. They claim it's a mandatory meeting that the Mayor has to attend and it's on that Tuesday and Wednesday out of town, and so if I'm going to attend that meeting, I can't be here."

The Clerk said, "February 26<sup>th</sup>, not the next meeting. That's a Monday."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "February 26<sup>th</sup>, that's a Monday. Is everyone, as far as you all know, okay to meet on that Monday because that would help me be able to make that meeting?"

The Clerk said, "The next one will be at The Schoolhouse, as you said."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "The meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> is at The Schoolhouse."

Councilmember Griffin said, "Is it still at 5:00 p.m.?"

Councilmember Seekings said, "4:30 p.m., Ways and Means."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Waring.

Councilmember Waring said, "I'm fine with that, Mr. Mayor. Back to that issue with the people being turned down, can we put that on as an agenda item and maybe get some feedback on that at the next meeting?"

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Sure."

Councilmember Waring said, "Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Absolutely. Yes, sir. So, do I hear a motion for us to go into Executive Session?"

Councilmember Waring said, "So moved."

Councilwoman Jackson said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "So moved and a second."

Councilmember Seekings was excused from the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

On a motion of Councilmember Waring, seconded by Councilwoman Jackson, City Council voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 7:47 p.m.

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Gregorie, City Council voted unanimously to come out of Executive Session at 8:06 p.m.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Let the record show that we adjourned our Executive Session and that no action was taken, and then we adjourned the City Council meeting."

There being no further business, City Council adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Vanessa Turner Maybank  
Clerk of Council