

COUNCIL CHAMBER

Regular Meeting

February 11, 2020

The ninetieth meeting of the City Council of Charleston was held this date convening at 5:07 p.m. at City Hall.

A notice of this meeting and an agenda were mailed to the news media February 5, 2020 and appeared in The Post and Courier February 9, 2020 and are made available on the City's website.

PRESENT (13)

The Honorable John J. Tecklenburg, Mayor

Councilmember Delcioppo	District 1	Councilmember Waring	District 7
Councilmember Shealy	District 2	Councilmember Seekings	District 8
Councilmember Sakran	District 3	Councilmember Shahid	District 9
Councilmember Mitchell	District 4	Councilmember Griffin	District 10
Councilmember Brady	District 5	Councilmember Appel	District 11
Councilmember Gregorie	District 6	Councilmember Jackson	District 12

Mayor Tecklenburg called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m.

The Clerk called the roll.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "If you would like to join us, please join Councilmember Mitchell in reciting an invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance."

Councilmember Mitchell opened the meeting with an invocation.

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

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you all for being with us this evening. At the risk of being overly repetitive, I think it's always safe to announce that in the most unlikely event that we would need to evacuate the building, these are our two exit doors out of this main room. There is an exit door over here. In that unlikely event, please do not use the elevator, but use the two stairs going down and then the one stair going out the front. I just like to share that with folks. Now, we have a proclamation, just one this evening, that I would like to share with everyone. So to start with, I'd like to ask any representatives with us tonight with the League of Women Voters to please come forward. This is their birthday. So, would you all please come forward to the podium?"

There was applause in the Chamber.

Mayor Tecklenburg continued, "If Councilwomen Jackson and Delcioppo would like to join us, I certainly welcome you to join us. So, we have a special proclamation honoring the League of Women Voters. I would like to proceed to read it, and then I will call on whomever would like to make some remarks from the League. Some of this is interesting history."

Mayor Tecklenburg read the proclamation.

--INSERT PROCLAMATION--

Barbara Griffin said, "Thank you, Mayor and members of the Council. Actually, the proclamation is so well written that I don't need to give you a history lesson tonight. Really, if you think back 100 years, women who had marched for decades in all kinds of weather, all over the country, in those gosh awful dresses, and hard leather shoes – unforgiving, tight, and miserable, without water bottles, without tennis shoes, and with very few public facilities, they were on the precipice of the passage of the 19th Amendment. Think about that, 20 million women becoming eligible voters to participate in our democracy. If you think about that, that's an incredibly historic moment, not simply in our country, but in the history of mankind. But then, what do you do? I always had this vision. They looked at each other and said, 'oh no, now what do we do?' The conclusion was, 'we take this on as a challenge.' Several of them organized the League of Women Voters to register 20 million first time voters, to help educate them about the issues and the candidates of the day, and then to help them actually do their first vote. What an inspiring thing to have been a part of. Our work continues. We still have voters to register. We still have candidate forums and debates to help educate voters. We still have voter's guides, so that the candidates can get their word out about what it is they stand for. The work continues, but with your support, we really know that we have a chance to continue to live up to the principles that we have all set aside. Nonpartisanship was one of the great decisions those early ladies made. It made them welcomed in every community across the country, and we continue to hold that as our bedrock principle, and it holds us in good stead. A year ago, you voted unanimously to encourage the passage and ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment. A lot of good things continue to happen, but that's one more thing we need to get accomplished. We thank you very sincerely for this honor, and we look to celebrate it. Thank you."

There was applause in the Chamber.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you for all of your good work."

There was applause in the Chamber.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "So, we don't have any public hearings tonight, and we're going to move right along to approval of City Council minutes from January 14th."

Councilmember Shahid said, "So moved."

Councilwoman Jackson said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We have a motion and a second. Are there any additions, deletions?"

No one asked to speak.

On a motion of Councilmember Shahid, seconded by Councilwoman Jackson, City Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2020 City Council meeting.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "So, we are going to move to our Citizens Participation Period, and it looks like we had about, close to 20 folks sign up. We are going to ask when you come forward, please state your name and address. We ask you to keep your remarks to about 90 seconds. When she calls time, please just finish whatever thought you are on. We are going to give you time to finish your sentence and all like that, but please be respectful because we just allow a 30 minute period for public participation. So, Madam Clerk will call out about 3 or 4 names at a time, if you all would just kind of que up. We will take turns, and we look forward to your remarks."

1. Anthony Bryant said it was Black History Month. The Public Safety Chairman did not give notice of Executive Session at the meeting. He got something from the Department of Transportation, U.S. Department of Education for the U.S. Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals. A camera was put on the table by the Internal Affairs who were there, and there was no notice of Executive Session. He walked in the room several times. He believed it was a set up, as the Chairman was a former U.S. Attorney. He said a lot of Black people didn't like to talk about the assembly of their young people. He was going to talk about it because he was framed and set up by Black and White people. The whole history of Black people was triumphing over adversity, not about being comfortable. If their people weren't comfortable, they shouldn't be comfortable, and that was the problem.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you, sir."

2. Mohammed Idris said he was a very famous man in the administration before the Mayor. He became an enemy of the City that he loved due to a statement he put in the paper. He read the statement: 'Black people keep waiting on the government to do something for them.' He said the ills that affected the Black community would only be addressed through self-empowerment. It was not a Black or White thing. It was a money thing. Where was that money going? He sat in City Council meetings and listened to the Councilmembers beg for organizations, but the only ones he saw benefiting were the people running the organizations. He said they threw a bone to the community every now and then, but they kept the meat for themselves.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you, sir."

3. Bill McKenzie said that he was Vice President of development for DI Development Company which managed the development for two large Master Plan communities in the City. He was also a member of the Stormwater Task Force. While there were a number of good ideas in the new Stormwater Manual, it had not been tested to see what the cumulative impacts were. They encouraged Council to make sure all of the impacts were looked at, not just one or two good ideas, but the overall impact would change dramatically the way neighborhoods looked. Further, with the rise of the outfall elevations to six-and-a-half, there were a number of grand trees that would drown. It was not about fill. There was no way to get the water away from them and that would be a big change. They had been able to preserve a number of trees, but they would no longer have a way to do that.

4. Myra Polson said that moving to Charleston was her dream and through the City Housing Authority, she was able to live her dream in downtown Charleston. She lived in Williams Terrace Apartment Complex and said her apartment and neighborhood were wonderful, but she had concerns over the parking. She said there was a lot of parking, but they all had meters. There were only 12 parking spaces, and she was the ninth on the list to be in the parking garage. She was there to put a face to her name and thank them for their efforts.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Well, welcome to Charleston."

5. Ann Auburn stated she and her husband had resided on Gadsden Street for the last 21 years. Those who knew the City knew that Harleston Village experienced a lot of flooding and they had had flooding both in the street and in their house over the last several years, which was distressing. She was there to speak on behalf and in favor of the new revised Stormwater Manual. She felt strongly that anything the City could do to mitigate flooding would help in stemming the tide of what they had experienced and what they would continue to experience. She urged Council to accept the Stormwater Manual at the next meeting.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you."

6. Susan Lyons stated that she was grateful for the Stormwater Department that was working on all cylinders to make sure the City they loved was preserved, that they built it in a way that made sense in light of sea rise, and that they paid attention to the impact the water increasingly had on their neighborhoods. They needed the new carefully designed Stormwater Manual as a development guide to help avoid the unnecessary mistakes and miscalculations that had occurred in the past, and they needed to trust their Stormwater and Resilience professionals like Matt Fountain and Mark Wilbert. She urged the members of Council to resist the inclination to revert to past practices. Flooding, which was what the future surely held, compelled a better approach. She asked that on second and third readings Council approve the manual for everyone's sake.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you."

7. Mark Bloom said that he represented Groundswell. He had read part of the new Stormwater Manual and could not quite understand it, as it was extremely detailed and full of nuance beyond his capacity. He heard there were efforts to water down some of the stronger provisions of the manual in the second or third reading. He urged Council to consider any efforts to water down the document very carefully. He hoped they would consider it.

The Clerk said, "Next will be Laurie Kramer, Rob Kramer, Veronica Goodrich, and Edward Good."

8. Laurie Kramer said their house had been a part of the severe and repetitive loss properties. They had taken up to 32 inches of water on their property. She said that there were a whole lot of them living the flood reality. The Stormwater Manual was exciting for them, they were seeing progress on flooding, and the recent efforts were obvious. She could only hope for more. She said that she had heard that infrastructure was what was going to matter to this administration and what was

going to save the city. She said they couldn't have tourism or maintain property values with excessive flooding. It mattered to them. She thanked Council for consideration of the Stormwater manual.

9. Rob Kramer said he had not read the Stormwater Manual yet. He said that flooding was an ongoing problem throughout the City. Any efforts to curtail a solution to this problem was not feasible. He said they needed to think about the future, and the future was not the past.
10. Veronica Goodrich stated she was with Groundswell and had been coming to council for almost four years. She said they had come a long way. She recognized Matt Fountain and Mark Wilbert. They had put a lot of time into it and should embrace it. The Stormwater Manual was the future and, hopefully, a plan in place that would curtail the past problems. She also pointed out that a lot of Stormwater and flooding had been mitigated with the ongoing efforts of check valves. She had waited for this conversation for four years, and she would still be here to make sure they moved forward. She didn't want them to fall back on bad practices.
11. Edward Good said he grew up in Charleston. He resided on Golfview Drive and was there to discuss diverting traffic on Golfview Drive from Maybank which was right in front of his house. He said the players were teeing off on the 10th fairway, and there was no way to divert traffic onto that street. It was not wide enough to accommodate a truck and a car at the same time. He said people driving would be meeting the terrible 'slicers' who bounced golf balls off his house. They would have to build nets or wires. He said his daughter was hit in the throat as they were taking a walk, and it took her to the ground. There would be too much activity, and it just wouldn't work.
12. Susan Hardie was part of Charleston Area Justice Ministry (CAJM) which was a local nonprofit organization composed of 33 organizations and congregations. They envisioned a future of a thriving community liberated from unjust systems. Last year, CAJM called for a regional housing trust fund to address one of the unjust systems – the lack of affordable housing. From extensive research, they identified the need for 30 million dollars a year to be split among Charleston, North Charleston, Mount Pleasant, and the County. At the 2019 Nehemiah Action, they gained commitments from four Charleston County Council persons to champion the trust fund with Council. They also got the same commitments from members of the three other councils. They met with the Mayor last week and heard his own commitment to the report and trust fund itself. The Mayor also committed to partner with CAJM to get there. They commended Charleston on the proven commitment to affordable housing, as witnessed by the significant work to date and the commitment to the regional fund. They recognized the tough road ahead and knew it was going to take strong and visible leadership by Charleston to bring this regional operative alive. They asked for Council to take up the mantle and lead the area to make affordable housing available.
13. Frank Hardie was a member of CAJM. He stated that CAJM was currently working with North Charleston and the County to get their buy-in to the regional trust fund, as well. CAJM was committed and persistent and would partner with the City to do whatever was needed. He invited Council to their Nehemiah Action on March 30th at 7pm. He said they were gaining broader commitment to and funding for the

regional housing trust fund which would be a key focus. He said visible leadership by Charleston would make a difference.

14. Cashion Drolet stated she was there to represent Historical Charleston Foundation. She commended the Public Works Committee for all of the work they had done on the construction noise ordinance under Chairman Waring's leadership. Committee members engaged in a very lengthy and thoughtful discussion on appropriate hours, days, special exceptions, implementation dates, and permits. The Foundation was encouraged and hopeful it would produce a robust ordinance that balanced quiet enjoyment with construction activity. They looked forward to working with the Council on full implementation of an ordinance. She also commented on the new Stormwater Manual and stated they remained committed to the Dutch Dialogues and that the updated manual put important recommendations into practice and was a critical component of the City's game plan to address flooding and climate change. She commended Council for taking the important steps to engage citizens with education workshops across the City, and they looked forward to working with the City on additional measures to prevent fill from being used as a means to meet flood standards, curb flooding, and improve resiliency. Lastly, she commented on a recent BZA meeting where they debated three proposed hotel projects under the new Accommodations Overlay Ordinance. They were very frustrated by the lack of understanding of the new ordinance by board members. At the very least, a workshop to educate the board members on the ordinance was required, and they believed it would be wise for Council to go one step further and provide additional clarification on the ordinance on the definition of district, diversity of uses, and ability to develop full service hotels. They were committed to working with Council on the successful implementation of the ordinance.
15. Cyrus Buffum stated he was there to vocalize his opposition to the proposed filling and destruction of Gadsden Creek and the implications of this action on the Gadsden Creek community. He stated that as this was the largest fill project mandated by the City, he wanted to educate everyone present on Council. He commended Councilmen Sakran and Seekings and Councilwoman Jackson who he had private conversations with and had lent their support to him. On the west side of town, there were four acres that were proposed to be filled and destroyed in order to add an additional four acres of upland entitled property for the WestEdge Project. The City of Charleston held title to 64 percent of that critical zone which meant citizens owned 64 percent of the creek and the wetlands proposed to be filled. If an application before DHEC was acting on behalf of property owners, the residents and the City had to have lent its support. What was submitted with the application in 2015 was a letter from Mayor Riley's administration that said the City of Charleston expressly authorized the activities described in the permit application submitted to SC DHEC. He urged Council to educate themselves on the nuances and technical mechanics. This was not an issue that should be unilaterally decided by private interests.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you. Do we have one more?"

The Clerk said, "No, we have the people who said that they would like to speak."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Okay. How many did not know or would like to have the opportunity to speak? Could you all come forward, and I ask you to leave it to one minute each."

The Clerk said, "Okay. I called his name and he wasn't here. Is that LuqmaN Rasheed right there?"

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Yes."

16. William Hamilton reminded everyone in the room that after years of struggle they were on the verge of creating a real rapid transit system for the Lowcountry. Nowhere needed it more than the City of Charleston. As the historic City slipped away from the rest of the region, it had to be reconnected. It was critical that the rapid transit system go down the old railroad line that could be done in a way where it could still be a wonderful linear park. He strongly recommended that this matter be referred to the Transportation Committee for review.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you, sir."

17. David Ingel stated he was a lifelong resident of Charleston and was there to discuss the diversion of traffic off of Maybank Hwy onto Golfview Drive. This was a huge mistake. He asked that they think about the citizens that lived on Golfview. It was a very narrow street, and it was a bad idea to divert all of that traffic. They needed a recommendation from City Council that that was not going to happen. He said it would ruin the neighborhood. He thanked Council.

There was applause in the Chamber.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Could I ask everyone no outbursts in the Chamber? If somebody wants to ask for a show of hands in support of a position, that would be fine, but we ask you all not to have an outburst in the Chamber. Thank you."

Councilmember Seekings said, "Mayor, could I just very briefly, because I know these are all add-ons to our original sign-up, and I think many of them are about to talk about the same thing that Mr. Ingel talked about. I just got forwarded a copy of a letter that came from Senator Senn, that we've seen that she has asked us, and we will get this report out, but just so you know there are a lot of other people now involved in this. If you've not seen the letter from Senator Senn she has asked us to think more about it. So, we will be talking about it in Committee, but it's out there, but it just came in. Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Yes, ma'am. Please state your name and address."

18. Pam Bingham stated that she and her husband were lifelong members of Riverland Terrace. She asked Council not to vote to approve this. It would be a detriment to their neighborhood. They weren't trying to pass the buck and say that the other problem was not a problem. They were just saying that they were making a problem in their neighborhood when the problem should be fixed.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Yes, ma'am."

19. Gail Fralen urged Council not to divert heavy traffic through their neighborhood as it was a narrow road and couldn't handle two cars passing at once. When it had

been diverted on Maybank Highway, it was impossible to take a left out of her driveway and get off of her road. They bought their homes because of the beauty and serenity of the golf course. Golfview was where all of Riverland Terrace went to walk with their children and walk their dogs. She begged Council to save their beautiful street.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you very much. Yes, sir."

20. Price Krutcher who also lived on Golfview Drive thanked Councilmember Seekings for his support and said he was just there in opposition.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Yes, sir. Thank you. Yes, sir."

21. Jim Morris said he lived off of Wappoo Road, a couple streets over from Golfview, and he was there to echo the same sentiments. He also said the process could be tweaked a little bit. People woke up that morning to find this out, and they had a large constituency there also. It showed how adamant people were about not having input. They weren't asking anything more than to have input on what happens to the street in front of them. He asked Council to either table it or not recommend the use of Golfview.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you, sir."

22. Madeline Britton said she also lived on Golfview Drive, and she had not had time to prepare anything because they woke up to this information. She had a baby five weeks ago, and when they bought their house, she envisioned her son growing up and riding bikes with his friends and collecting golf balls and selling them for a quarter a piece. She spent the morning with another Mom trying to get the word out that everybody knew this was happening. She didn't feel like this was a holistic solution to the problem. People ran the red light all the time. She waited three to five seconds before she even thought about pulling out, and it also didn't address people turning left from Johns Island onto Riverland. She and her neighbors knew that intersection had been a problem as they had often been the first people on the scene for those fatal accidents. She would appreciate an alternative solution.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you so much. Yes, sir."

23. Luqman Rasheed said he was a long time resident of the North Central Neighborhood, and his community was an indigenous, Islamic community in Union Heights. They started in Charleston in 1967. He asked the Mayor or one of his representatives to meet with him and others, so they could be balanced with the Islamic community.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We'll do it. Thank you."

24. Arthur Lawrence said the Westside Neighborhood Association supported the WestEdge Development. He said they had people talking about closing Gadsden Creek, but when they wanted to spend the money on the Low Battery, they were nowhere to be found. When it stormed and the people that lived in that area flooded out, nowhere to be found. The Westside Neighborhood Association voted to support the development of Gadsden Creek, and they supported it fully. He

always asked people if they had a problem with something what was their solution. The City didn't have the money to fix the problem. If people wanted to preserve the creek, then they should come with money, so people would not be flooded out of their homes every year.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you, sir."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Gregorie.

Councilmember Gregorie said, "Mr. Mayor, I would be remiss if I don't sort of chime in on the Gadsden Creek story because Gadsden Creek is in my district. As recent as yesterday, I had a meeting with Representative Gilliard, as well as the Executive Director of WestEdge. Our discussion was Gadsden Creek. I have also reached out to the leadership of Saving Gadsden Creek, so I am in communication with them, as well. I do think at some point, Mayor and Council, that this body may need to go into executive session and have a discussion with the leadership of WestEdge with regards to Gadsden Creek. But, I just wanted to make sure that folks are aware that we are aware of the issues. The young man that just spoke, I would like to get his name, so I can include him in any discussions that I may have with Tamika, because I have already reached out to her, as well. So, I appreciate your comments."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Cyrus, if you would get your information to Councilmember Gregorie, that would be great. So, that is the end of our Citizen's Participation Period. Thank you all for coming and sharing with us, and I think we are listening. So, Petitions and Communications, we have two reappointments to the Housing Authority of the City of Charleston, Ms. Wigfall and Mr. Partlow."

Councilmember Seekings said, "Move for approval."

Councilmember Waring said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg asked, "Do we have a motion and a second?"

The Clerk said, "Yes, we do."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Is there any discussion?"

No one asked to speak.

On a motion of Councilmember Seekings, seconded by Councilmember Waring, City Council unanimously voted to approve the reappointment of Sharon Wigfall and Herb Partlow to the Housing Authority of City of Charleston.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Next, I was asking Council to consider a Resolution to communicate with our House and Senate delegation to oppose H4431, as it currently stands. We have a motion and a second."

Councilmember Shahid said, "Move for approval."

Councilmember Seekings said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We have a motion and a second."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Griffin followed by Councilwoman Delcioppo.

Councilmember Griffin said, "Mr. Mayor, I am fully in support of this, but I am just wondering why this didn't go to the Business License Committee. I thought we were doing a better job of sending things to committee and, for some reason, this one didn't make it."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Well, I think the next Business License Committee is going to take up this matter. It is before the House right now, so we felt some urgency. I was at a meeting last week of the Municipal Association and, given that they are considering it presently, we just wanted to go ahead and get word to them. But, there are some matters that the Business License Committee does need to take up in regards to this. If I may, just one more minute, Councilwoman Delcioppo. When we were in Columbia last week, the key provision that is harmful to the City of H4431 is regarding the funding. We all agreed at the Municipal Association that some standardization of timing and application forms and information amongst all of the cities in the State is a positive thing. I think there will continue to be an effort to amend 4431 in that regard. But, if they change the funding of calculation from a gross, which we use gross proceeds to businesses as opposed to net, it will literally cut our knees off below ourselves from a funding point of view to the tune of millions and millions of dollars to the City of Charleston that we would not otherwise be able to make up. That is a critical part that we oppose."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilwoman Delcioppo.

Councilwoman Delcioppo said, "So, I actually called my State House Representative, Nancy Mace, over the weekend when I saw this. Today, when she was in Columbia, she grabbed the LIC chair for a minute to express my questions regarding this. The intent, and I'm just reading her text messages, so excuse me that I'm looking down, but the intent is that it will not take any money away from the City. The City actually sets the tax. The State does not. It's really, as you mentioned Mayor, to standardize the classifications and sub-classifications to simplify the City's job, and, also, to make it easier for a business owner, rather than running all over the place to multiple municipalities, to be able to go to one central portal and be able to pay their taxes that way. So, I just wanted to clarify because as I read this, it seemed as though it was taking away this major revenue source for us. I just wanted to clarify that, as Nancy said specifically, this bill will not take a dime away from the City. The City can set the tax, and the State does not set the tax. It simplifies the City's job."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Right. Well, there are those standardizations. There is a lot of scrutiny about what the bill says, and it does, in fact, impact our funding, as written. Now, there's already House and Senate members who are proposing to amend that portion of the bill, so maybe she's referring to an amendment. But, as it's originally written, it would change the calculations from using gross proceeds that a business receives to net. So, easily a partnership could just pay the partners a little more money and claim that they have no net income, and hence, owe no business license fee. When you're operating in the City, whether you're making a buck or not, we still have to provide police service, fire protection, and environmental services. So, to allow business to, potentially, manipulate what they would pay in a business license fee would be very detrimental to us. That is the way it was originally written, so I appreciate that Representative Mace may support our position that it should remain as a gross calculation and not a net. If that's the case, I'm very happy to hear that."

Councilwoman Delcioppo said, "I know when I talked to her over the weekend I said, 'how can we make sure that funding is secure, so that we are not losing money as a City when this is a major revenue source for us?'"

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilwoman Jackson.

Councilwoman Jackson said, "Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I did pay attention to this as it came through the Municipal Association at their annual meeting this summer. Then, I went to the regional session that several of us attended in the early Fall, and this is a big deal, not only on its face, for the reason that you have recited Mayor about the change in our revenue scope, but also in the change of the State controlling the license application process and the data that is collected from the businesses. The whole goal, on paper, is to make it uniform. The Municipal Association has been working their brains out to develop a way to overarch the municipalities that would use the same application system. They've developed software that we can all take advantage of. We are in a different spot, originally, because the City had taken it upon ourselves to make our licensing process much more state of the art, friendly, for our purposes to catalog and require people. But, I think if the Municipal Association has the ability of making it a uniform, one size fits all, application process across all of the municipalities, especially in our region where business owners do business across many jurisdictions, that it would behoove us to cooperate with that. But basically, it's a grab by the State to take over functions that local government should provide for its citizens and to the business owners that we do business with and our citizens are benefitted by. I'm just opposed to this as something that we have seen a pattern of the State not trusting local government to do the work of the people, so I will strongly support this Resolution."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Appel.

Councilmember Appel said, "Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I am very much in favor of this Resolution. I think this is a massive overreach by the State of South Carolina. It is an assault on Home Rule, and I'll just point out for everybody in the room, business license revenue is our number two revenue source for this entire City, after property taxes. So, roughly speaking, our property taxes go to fund law enforcement. Everything else, essentially, runs through business license taxes. So, what we're talking about here speaks directly to what we do and what we're trying to do on an everyday basis. So, when we're talking about what we're going to be doing about transportation, about flooding, about all of these different things that we're trying to address in the coming years, it's all the more important that we have the power to solve Charleston's problems here, and the State of South Carolina stay out of the way."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "And these issues that Councilmember Jackson mentioned, Councilmember Griffin, are those very issues that I would like for our Business License Committee to take up, as far as the recommendation for standardization and forms and all like that. Maybe the wording of this, is a little, you know where it says, 'if the business license tax is eliminated,' is not exactly correct because it did not, H4431 doesn't, in fact, propose to eliminate a tax, but it changes, it proposed to change the way the license fee is calculated. So, maybe it would be more appropriate for us to say 'whereas if the business license tax funding is altered in any way' or 'diminished in any way', or 'is taken out of our control.' This is a little bit of a misnomer, I agree, reading it. They aren't proposing to eliminate it, but we don't want them to change the way', it's calculated and the way that we have authority over it, rather than that authority going to the State of South Carolina."

Councilmember Seekings said, "Thank you, Mr. Mayor, and that's why I do think we need to send it back to committee because we also want to make sure there is no provision put in there

that will prevent us, moving forward, from administering our own business licenses fees, as well. I think that's something we need to look for."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "I'm fine with that, if we could go ahead and call a Business License Committee meeting and, not only deal with the wording of this, but also with the particulars of the standardization. Does that make sense? Okay."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilwoman Jackson.

Councilwoman Jackson said, "Thank you, Mayor. Would we have the opportunity then to resolve to send whatever changes to a resolution that the License Committee would like to put forward, without it having to come back to Council? I'm worried about the timing of that, though. It could get to the floor quickly."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "A few of our friends in the Senate have, since the other day, committed to me that they'll keep a lid on this. Some further amendments can occur, so as long as the Business License Committee can get together before our next meeting, I think we will be okay."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Gregorie.

Councilmember Gregorie said, "You answered my question. For the next meeting?"

The Clerk said, "So, we're going to defer it for the next meeting."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Okay, by acclamation, we're just referring this to the Business License Committee. Good. I think it was Councilmember Griffin's suggestion to start with. Thank you, sir. We have our Council Communications. We didn't have any additions to the agenda there. Although, I did see a hand go up."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilwoman Jackson.

Councilwoman Jackson said, "Mayor, I think I gave you advanced notice. We had a Council Communication discussion based on our Small Cell 5G ordinance, actually before my new colleagues were seated in January. I know that, at that point, we sent, we asked Ms. Herdina to be researching suggested changes that our citizens were asking of us, in addition to some of the things that she wanted to recommend to us to amend our existing 5G ordinance. I know she's been hard at work on that. In the meantime, there has been another preemptive type bill at the State Legislature that is being rapidly moved through to, again, restrict the local government's opportunity to regulate anything about 5G installations. So, I'd like you to call on Ms. Herdina so we can just get her update. I think she has a recommendation for us to take forward at the next meeting. So, can we do that as a continuing item under communications?"

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Well, let me say this. I was going to ask for two committee reports that aren't official Council Committees, but City Committees. One is Health and Wellness, at which this matter was discussed, and Ms. Herdina was there. I was going to ask Mr. Seekings, who chaired the meeting just the other day, to give us a brief report, and, if as part of that Ms. Herdina wants to chime in, I think that would be appropriate, if there's no objection from Council. Councilmember Seekings, could you give us a little report from the Health and Wellness Committee Meeting?"

Councilmember Seekings said, "Sure. Thank you, Mr. Mayor, fellow Councilmembers. The Health and Wellness Committee did meet Wednesday, February, 5 2020. For those of you who may recall, this is a committee that we put together now, a couple, three years ago, at the Mayor's suggestion. It is a very well attended committee. It is made up of a number of people in the community who literally just flat out show up and are really interested in what is going on. It is chaired by Anton Gunn. He wasn't there, so I had the honor of chairing it the other day. Just so you know, we, in an hour, take up many, many things. We talked about the Be Smart Gun Safety Campaign that MUSC is putting on for child protection. We talked about all the updates from DHEC in terms of the coronavirus and the mumps. A lot of information came along, and at the recommendation of the Mayor and this Council, we also took up the 5G wireless radiation awareness and matters that we could address and that we could not address.

Ms. Herdina was there, and I know she's here, so I just want to get her backup on this. We did take advice from Ms. Herdina before we began our conversation in the committee about the powers that the City has, or doesn't have, to address the installation and the operation of 5G cell towers within the bounds of the City of Charleston. For those of you both on this Council and in this Chamber, if you haven't seen one of these towers, you ought to go take a look. They are very large. They are intrusive, and if you believe everything you read, which I don't, but I think this is fairly accurate, they are going to be scattered, that's not even the right word, and they are going to be populated in close proximity to each other. So, they are going to be everywhere. Currently, and Ms. Herdina will jump in as soon as I say something that's not right, but to boil down on the about 5 or 6 minutes she gave us which is a comprehensive review of the law. We, essentially, in the City of Charleston, do not have any power to regulate this, even though we are the most important historic city, and we have an incredible number of regulations that we talk about all of the time in this Chamber over what happens on, in, and around the properties in the City of Charleston. For some reason, this one just completely escapes us. We have nothing to say about it. Those towers are going up quickly. So, the Health and Wellness Advisory Committee sort of took the lead from Ms. Herdina and unanimously was supportive of anything that this Council can do to encourage Home Rule on this and to get out there and be able to have a conversation with our State Legislatures at the Federal level. It really goes back to the FCC. They have sort of put the kibosh on us. We don't have legal tools at our disposal, but we certainly have tools of persuasion and advocacy at our disposal. So, what I will tell you is the Committee is going to look to this Council and to Ms. Herdina and her staff to put together a strongly worded and stated resolution. Principally, if you look at, there are lots of things about these towers, if you go look at them, they're really horrible. But, principally, we were interested in what the health implications are of what goes on those towers. So, with scientific research, with the good work of our legal counsel, what we've asked is to, for them, and Ms. Herdina and her team, to put together a resolution to both be considered by the committee and this council to move forward. Am I missing anything?"

Ms. Herdina said, "Thank you, Councilmember. That sums it up very well. There are two issues that are ruminating right now. One is the health issue that the constituents have brought forward. The other issue is to what extent, if any, radio frequency from the small cell towers are impacting health. The answer there is that there's science on both sides of the issue. Some say there are potential health effects. Others, scientists, say there are not, but as Councilmember Seekings said, this issue is out of our hands. The Federal government has totally preempted the field of allowing local jurisdictions, like the City, to regulate the location of the small cell facilities on the basis of health. So, we had recommended at the Committee that the City pass the Resolution and do whatever we can to encourage our Federal representatives to take a look at this issue again and look at it seriously, and not just look at what's happening now, but look at potential health effects, which we encourage them to do. We should also encourage our State

Representatives to do this, but frankly, they don't have much authority, if any, in this area either. It has been totally preempted by the Federal government. So, we need to turn to our Federal legislatures and ask for help there.

The other issue that is ruminating, that Councilwoman Jackson referred to a short while ago, is it's House Bill 4262. This is called the SC Small Wireless Facilities Deployment Act. It attempts to severely restrict our authority to control our Rights of Way, with respect to the installation and the design and aesthetics of small cell wireless facilities. What's interesting is, some of you probably know, this bill was introduced in the House last March. It was passed out of the House in less than a month. It was referred to the Senate in March of 2019. It has since been referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee, and there are subcommittee hearings that are going on right now. Myrtle Beach has taken a lead with AT&T to try and negotiate a bill but, again, many municipalities and MASC are against it because it is really an assault on local authorities' ability to regulate our right-of-ways, what the facilities look like are being taken out of our hands, how much we can charge for the installation on public right of way is taken out of our hands. So, in that respect, and this bill is moving along fast in the Senate, and so we our recommending that our State legislatures here appreciate the uniqueness of the City and its historic issues and other areas, and that we slow down and take a look at this bill and not pass it that quickly. We have an ordinance in effect, as some of you know who are here. We passed an ordinance a couple years ago. We worked hard with AT&T and Crown Castle and Verizon on this ordinance, and we think it's a good fit for Charleston. We really don't see the need for this House bill to move forward and usurp this ordinance. So, in any event, those are the two things that are circulating right now on 5G small wireless facilities. It was our recommendation that we come back, that Legal comes back, with some resolutions asking for some time to look further at the House bill and also to encourage our legislatures to look more closely at the developing science of the health impacts of the RF coming from the small facilities. Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you for that update."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Sakran.

Councilmember Sakran said, "Thank you, Mayor. Just a point of clarification, I realize that our hands are tied in many ways. Does that include schools? Is there anything we can do in terms of them?"

Ms. Herdina said, "We have no authority at this point to prohibit the location of a small cell facility based upon health impacts. Our zoning abilities are being stripped away by the State bill, frankly."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilwoman Jackson.

Councilwoman Jackson said, "So, can I just clarify then. Your Committee is recommending that the Legal office write a resolution?"

Councilmember Seekings said, "Yes, we do not need a report back. We just left it to Ms. Herdina to come back to Council with something that's comprehensive to be voted on."

Councilwoman Jackson said, "I agree. This is moving fast through the Senate. I think that my Senator, Senator Senn, represents a lot of us. She is trying her best to slow it down, and I don't know if she has a lot of support from the Charleston County delegation, but again this is one

more example of how our local authority is being taken away from us. It would undo the ordinance that we've had on our books for 18 months, correct?"

Ms. Herdina said, "It's not clear what impact it would have on existing ordinances, but I'm sure there will be an attempt to try and unravel that and replace the State law with what we have previously passed, but I don't think that's been decided yet."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Shahid.

Councilmember Shahid said, "Thank you, Mr. Mayor. So, when we pass these resolutions, we send them off to our local delegations. I mean, do they get these resolutions, and do we send them off with a cover letter from you? What happens with these resolutions after we pass them? We passed the Resolution to support the ERA being passed. Did that go off to our local delegate? What follow up do we have with this sort of stuff? We passed a Resolution about the Hate Crime Bill being passed. But unless we, I have done some follow up with the Hate Crime Bill and talked to some other folks about what we need to do to get it moving, but it seems like, unless we take an active role with this, and I know we have lobbyists that we work with, unless we take an active role on this, we pass a resolution and we go on to our next point of business, and we see the erosion. This is an ongoing process with erosion of local rule and Home Rule. So, our local legislatures, I think many of us around this table have a good connection with our local legislatures, if they're not aware of this, if they're not aware of what's going on, and if they're getting this information about what is taking place with some of these other rules, then this is ineffective. They will come back to us and say, 'why didn't you tell me? Well, I didn't realize what was going on.' I certainly believe that they're not reaching out to the Mayors of our community asking them for their input on this sort of stuff. I don't think that happens, and if it does, that would be a surprise that that was taking place. But, I know we're burdened, and we have more work that we need to do serving our constituents and serving what we do here in meetings in Council, but unless we take an active role on some of these things that are precious to us, and this is precious to us, this is undercutting our funding issues. It's undercutting our zoning issues. It's undercutting health issues that we're dealing with on a regular basis. Unless we take a more proactive role in doing something with this, that's nice that we pass a resolution, but we have to do more. I'm not sure what the answer to that is, but we seem to need to either collectively do something with contacting our local legislatures, writing them letters or even caravanning up there working with North Charleston, Mount Pleasant, and other communities. This impacts all of us, and I just don't think that, our local legislatures, I just texted one local legislature and said 'do you know about this bill'? He had no idea about it. I think that's sort of telling what is happening with this thing. So, we've got to take the next step forward on this. I'm just not sure how to do that and how we go about taking that next step, but we have to do something else besides passing a resolution."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Waring.

Councilmember Waring said, "Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I just wanted to segue what Councilmember Shahid just said. I think we do extend ourselves to our relationships. All of us have collective relationships with our delegation, quite frankly all the way to Congress and the Senate. To pass a resolution and just let it be on a sheet of paper without action, that's part of the action steps of doing that. So, I think you're on the right path there, Councilmember, by reaching out and extending our tentacles and maybe bringing other people up to speed. Now, you have to be prepared, they will bring us up to speed on something else, but that's okay. It should be a two way deal, so I sign on to what you're saying."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Oh, absolutely. We can pass the resolution. We can send it to them by email and mail, but there's nothing like that one on one conversation. You represent a certain number of constituents that are also constituents of our House and Senate members and directly communicating in their face, on the phone, however you can track them down. It's the most effective. It's a busy time of year for them. Are they paying attention to each and every email they get? A personal contact and conversation is best, no question about it. So, we will come back at the next meeting with some resolutions from the Business License Committee after they meet and just from our legal staff on this matter of the small cells. Any further discussion?"

No one asked to speak.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "So, next we'll move on to our more formal Council Committee Reports. First up is Community Development, Councilmember Mitchell."

Councilmember Mitchell said, "I'm going to move for approval for the Committee report."

Councilmember Griffin said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Alright. Is there any discussion?"

No one asked to speak.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "So, I would like to share for the other Councilmembers who were not there and for the members of the public who are here, it was mentioned by a few folks making remarks that at that meeting was a very comprehensive Housing for Fair Charleston Plan. A five-year plan, sustainable and inclusive for growth of affordable housing in our City. We talk about tools in the toolbox. There's everything in there from the pliers to the wrench, to the screwdriver, an amazing number of strategies and plans, many of which we're already engaged in, but some of which we have not. It is very comprehensive, and I want to shout out and thank Geona Shaw Johnson and our Housing and Community Development Department for putting this together over the last 18 months, and it's online. I think we've shared it with Council. It's a really comprehensive plan for moving us forward for more affordable housing in Charleston, and that was the bulk of the presentation. I just want to thank those who were involved in it. Is there any further discussion?"

The Clerk said, "Mayor, when the vote is taken, we will be approving a., b., c., and e., d. is deferred."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Correct. E. was just a matter of conversation instructing staff to proceed with work on a proposed accessory dwelling ordinance, but Madam Clerk is correct. By voting to accept the report of the Committee, we would be approving the Resolution and Grant Agreement with the CRC, which actually passed at Ways and Means earlier, also, additional funding for the Humanities Foundation and a project they're working on to rehab Archer School, and then a commitment to help reventures. First, before adding any additional funding, we discussed seeing if we can get them a variance, which would allow them to proceed at a lower cost."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Gregorie.

Councilmember Gregorie said, "Yes, Mayor, I would just like to piggyback on your comments with regard to the plan, Housing for a Fair Charleston. I did get a chance to really read through it."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Sir?"

Councilmember Gregorie said, "I did have an opportunity to finally read it. It really is a great document. It's very comprehensive. It's almost like a one-stop shop, anything you want to know on affordable housing. So, I really want to commend everyone that worked on that document. It's a great job. Being an old housing person, that's a really good piece of work."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you."

Councilmember Gregorie continued, "The young lady that worked on it with us, I hope we can convince her to somehow stay because that's a really, really great piece of work that was done, and I appreciate it. Thank you, Mayor."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Natasha Hicks is her name, and I will share with the rest of Council and the public to give credit where credit is due. This is not any kind of endorsement, but she was made available to the City of Charleston, her services and time, through a grant from the Bloomberg Philanthropies. They've been helping us in a number of ways. So, thank you to Mayor Bloomberg for his assistance on this."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Waring.

Councilmember Waring said, "Thank you, Mr. Mayor. It was a great report. One of the things that came out of that, though, was a piece that I think our Planning Department is supposed to bring to us at the next meeting on creating smaller lots, one of the issues. Listen, you guys are missing out by not being on Community Development. It's a very, very good Committee. One of the things that I brought up is we had the accessory dwelling unit provision back here. What is that besides creating a smaller lot? Well, we had years ago, decades ago, centuries ago, Freedman Cottages created, and those smaller lots are part of the success of the Peninsula. Today, if you tried to create a Freedman lot, which many of them were 30 to 35 feet, certainly less than 40 feet wide. As a matter of fact, my colleague right here owns a house that's on a lot that's 35-feet wide. I looked it up."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "That big ole house?"

Councilmember Seekings said, "Yes. It was built a long time ago."

Councilmember Waring said, "It was built a long time ago. They had a vision a long time ago that we enjoy today, but some place in planning across the Country said that the minimum lot size, and this happened, as I understood, back in the '70s, has to be at least 50 feet. Well, I don't know about across America, but Charleston is a 20th Century example that you can do better than that and thrive. As we revitalize West Ashley, James Island, Johns Island, and certainly Cainhoys or whatever, we need that in the toolbox, and our Planning Department has put a lot of work in creating a small lot ordinance that has been on the back burner and deferred. Mr. Lindsey, are we going to be able to hear from you in two weeks?"

Jacob Lindsey said, "Yes."

Councilmember Waring said, "I think one of the things that we worked a lot on and couldn't make the numbers work, she succeeded here quietly, but the fine executive lady from the Humanities Foundation is putting together a transaction that's going to renovate, hopefully, Archer School into affordable housing. She hadn't said one word, but I'm going to tell you, it was yeoman's work. The Mayor got with the Deputy Secretary of Transportation because that was going to go towards streets and sidewalks, potentially, now is going to go towards helping to assist with affordable housing in perpetuity, hopefully in a long period of time. Not perpetuity, but a long period of time."

Councilmember Mitchell said, "They're working on it."

Councilmember Waring continued, "So, a lot of hard work on that Committee that's going to make a difference. People came in Citizen's Participation today and exemplified the City of Charleston for its lead in creating affordable housing in this region. We do lead in that, and some of the techniques that we're doing can be duplicated by other municipalities, so continue to lead. Thank you, Mr. Mayor."

Councilmember Mitchell said, "Mayor."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Mitchell.

Councilmember Mitchell said, "I think what some of the people need to do is come to our Community Development meeting to see what we are doing. There are a lot of things we are doing there. There's a lot of information that's being given out in dealing with housing in Community Development. I just made the motion, so we could go on, so I wouldn't have to go point by point."

There was laughter in the Chamber.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Is there any further discussion on any of these matters?"

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Sakran.

Councilmember Sakran said, "I just wanted to say, as a new member to Council, the plan that we got presented last week or the week prior, was a perfect plan. They're all kind of blurring. It just helps paint a picture, an overview, of what housing challenges we have in Charleston. So, I just want to say thanks to the team, to Geona, for getting that together because it really helps me understand it. To Councilmember Gregorie's point, it's an overview, and it's kind of a one-stop shop. It really helped me from a technical standpoint understanding our challenges. So, thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Okay. So, in case there was any question about accepting the Committee Report which includes approving those items."

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Griffin, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the Committee on Community Development Report as presented:

---INSERT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT---

a. Presentation of the Plan: Housing for a Fair Charleston

- b. Resolution and Grant Agreement between the City of Charleston and the Charleston Redevelopment Corporation
- c. Presentation from the Bond Recipient: Humanities Foundation
- d. Presentation from the Bond Recipient: Rea Ventures (*Deferred*)
- e. Discussion of an Accessory Dwelling Ordinance

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “Finally, as a comment, I mentioned the Humanities Foundation. I would like to recognize Tracy Doran who is here with us this evening with the Humanities Foundation. Maybe ‘bravery’ is a good word, to take on the conversion, the renovation of Archer School to be a block of affordable housing in our City, I think, well it is brave. It’s very thoughtful, and we thank you for your efforts. We look forward to partnering with you and making that happen. So, next is our Committee on Public Safety, Councilmember Shahid.”

Councilmember Shahid said, “Thank you, Mr. Mayor and members of Council. The Public Safety Committee met on February 6th to interview candidates for the Municipal Judge position, and we’re meeting again on Thursday.”

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “Great. Next is our Committee on Traffic and Transportation, Councilmember Seekings.”

Councilmember Seekings said, “Thank you, Mr. Mayor. The Committee on Traffic and Transportation met yesterday, promptly at 3:00 p.m. Since that time, I have received 3,526 e-mails, and I’m sure my fellow colleagues have, too, and we’ll get to that in a second. So, as an appetizer for the main course of our meeting, we got a report from Charleston County on the CTC and TST projects and resurfacing. For those of you who don’t know what CTC is, and it’s no reason why you should, acronyms are no good, that’s gas tax money. The amount of money that actually finally makes it back to the County, by the way, on gas tax right now in the new formulation is a smaller number than I thought when I asked that question. It’s only about \$9 million. It’s not a huge amount, but it’s something, right? The TST projects are the half-cent sales tax projects, both from the original half-cent sales tax and the new half-cent sales tax. As you probably know, the recently enacted half-cent sales tax is a pay/go as opposed to a fund that we have bonded against.

So, the projects are slowly but surely coming in the pipeline. There are a number of projects that are in, or partially in, the City of Charleston under both of those programs. I know those who observed yesterday, I believe it was by the Mayor, Taylor Green from the County who came and gave us the presentation and gave, by far, the most comprehensive, lucid, understandable presentation on what’s going on in this County in terms of the expenditures of monies through these two programs and the C-Tax money. It was terrific. I got a copy of it this afternoon. I know Mr. Benjamin has it. I’m going to ask him to send it to each one of you. I would normally never do that to load up your inboxes, but it’s a PowerPoint of about 20 slides that shows, in very logical and chronological order, the projects that are out there, and there are a number of them. Some of them are actually projects. Some of them are studies, sort of the bigger more comprehensive is on Johns Island, the Main Road Corridor, the Folly Road Corridor. They’re looking, and they’re doing some projects. I’ve got the whole list here, but there are a number of them and a good amount of money being expended. So, I would just recommend that you get a hold of this and see how your and our constituents’ tax dollars are being expended. There is a good bit going on.

One of the ones that caught my eye is the Northern Pitchfork, which is about to go out for bid and to contract, so that's coming to a Johns Island near you. There was no mention, by the way, of the Southern Pitchfork, which we'll need to follow up on. So, that took up a good bit of our time. It was fascinating. I would totally just recommend you all get a hold of that presentation and see the projects and the studies that are out there because there are a lot of them. One of the things that did come up, by the way, and I don't want to take too much time, is as these new projects come or these widening projects like, for instance, Glenn McConnell, bike/ped facilities and alternate facilities for getting around are being incorporated in all of those projects which is a very good thing, and monies are being expended for that. So, that was the appetizer. Then, we got to the main course.

We had a presentation and a series of recommendations on the intersection of Maybank and Riverland. It's not the first time we've taken this up. It was presented to us by our outside engineering advisor, Mr. Day, and I did not ask him to come and recreate that tonight. Had I known we were going to have as many people sending e-mails, I might have done that, but that's okay. There are a series of recommendations for that intersection, which is effectively a non-functioning intersection. Whether you come at it from the north, the south, the east, or the west, there are problems at that intersection. Probably the worst problems are coming from the east to the west trying to make a left turn off of Maybank Highway to get onto Riverland. That is problematic. There have been a number of incidents there. Those who came tonight to speak can, I'm sure, attest to all of those things, but coming off of Riverland, getting to Maybank Highway, is slow. Coming out of Riverland Terrace onto Maybank, all of those things are problems, and our County and your State legislators are acutely aware of that.

The issue is it's been left back to us to resolve it without all of the tools probably necessary in our toolkit to do it because I think if you asked everybody yesterday around that table, and I'll let them speak for themselves, we would have looked at that problem and said, short term, there is a super easy solution. Put a left turn light right there coming down Maybank Highway to get onto Riverland, I mean a super easy solution. Well, great, but we have some people who look over our shoulders that don't think that's such a great idea. That would be the County, and that would be the State. So, anyway, we took a recommendation yesterday. There were five options that were presented to us. We voted unanimously, by the way, on a hybrid recommendation, which was to put no left turn signs on Maybank Highway as you're coming west to the south and as you're coming east to the north, no left turn signs, which I live in an area where there are lots of no left turn signs, and I can tell you, well, anyway. So, the combination of no left turn signs and then an alternate route to avoid the left turn off of Maybank to get onto Riverland was discussed. We voted in favor of the recommendation that we divert traffic off of Maybank Highway to loop back around, come onto Riverland and go across, and I know you all are shaking your heads because we got your 3,526 e-mails. So, the good news is because we've now had 24 hours to digest our main course and me, as the Chairman, I get to speak first, I'll let others, I've heard your voices, and I think after going back and looking at that, we can do better. We should do better, and I know that not all of you and I'm not going to ask you to raise your hand if you live in the City, some of you live in the County, but that's no excuse. We should be good stewards and good neighbors and make sure that we take care of everybody in that area, and it does seem to me, and this is now just me talking, not as a Chairman, but as a member who is going to get a vote. Although I voted yesterday for this recommendation, I think we should really think this through, Mr. Mayor. We did vote on it unanimously, and I'm going to ask someone at some point to make a motion to defer this since yesterday we got your 3,526 e-mails. Senator Senn has weighed in with a two-page letter asking to take a deep breath and think about this. I think we have a responsibility to meet with the DOT in our regional office to talk again about some other short-

term options. By the way, a left turn signal is not a long-term fix. It's short-term, probably better. There are probably some other things we can do. So, although we voted unanimously yesterday to put this forward as a recommendation of a combination of no left turn signs on Maybank Highway and the diversion coming from downtown towards Johns Island around and through I, for one, think that we should probably re-think this and put this to a longer conversation, Mr. Mayor. If there is any member of this Committee who would move for deferral, I would appreciate it. If not, I'm going to vote against this resolution."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "So moved."

Councilwoman Jackson said, "I'll second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We have a second."

Councilmember Seekings said, "So, with that, and this is the only activity that we took up yesterday that needs a vote, Mr. Mayor, can we call that question, and then I've got one more thing, really briefly, that if we defer this, that we go back to the drawing board, and we put all options on the table. We include everybody, including elected officials, and we engage with the neighborhood. I'd rather you all, we sit around in a room, and then you have to come figure out the sign up and get up there and talk and all of those things. I think we need to do all of those things. I think we need to make sure your Councilmember's there, and I'm sure he's going to make some comments about this. But that is the one thing that needs a vote, and I think I've got the second, so I'd ask that we move to defer this after we have any conversation I think. You take it from here, Mr. Mayor."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Absolutely."

Councilmember Seekings said, "Then, I have one more thing to come back to on this report."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Right. Is there any further discussion on this matter?"

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Griffin followed by Councilmember Appel and Councilwoman Jackson.

Councilmember Griffin said, "Mr. Mayor, can Councilmember Appel go first? It's his district."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "I see. That will be fine."

Councilmember Appel said, "I appreciate that, Councilmember Griffin, and I hear the neighborhood loud and clear on this. I was taken a little bit by surprise by this, as well. I've learned more about traffic signaling over the last 12 hours than I think I have over the last 35 years of my life. I appreciate this walk back from what I believe was perhaps a well-intentioned decision, but something that, of course, has unintended consequences. I represent the handful of homes that are in Riverland Terrace that are in the City, but this is, obviously, a very important issue that's impacted everybody. If my inbox is any indication of how strongly the neighborhood feels about it, I think it's a very good decision that we've made tonight. I spent a lot of time on the phone today with Keith Benjamin and also with Senator Senn. She is on top of this. We're going to re-engage on this issue. We're going to do what we can to get DOT to come up with what sure seems to be a common sense solution. Again, here we are trying to do something very simple

for a need that's very unique to the City of Charleston, and what do we have? We have bureaucrats in Columbia telling us what to do about a traffic signal on a road. It's unbelievable what we have to deal with and the challenges that we're under, whether it's business licenses, cell towers, a traffic light, or whether it's, God forbid, a bike path somewhere. So, that's the system we're living in. We've got good representation in our legislative delegation, and we're going to engage with them. A lot of them are up for re-election again this fall. You all vote for them just like you vote for us. So, we're going to make sure that these voices are heard loud and clear, and we're going to get the right thing done for the community."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Griffin.

Councilmember Griffin said, "I appreciate Councilmember Appel's polish. Unfortunately, I don't have that. I'm going to be a little bit more blunt. Number one, he talks about common sense. I don't understand how anybody voted to approve this project the way that it is, common sense-wise. I'm sorry, I'm not on this Committee. I can't speak for you. I hope that you all can share your sentiments on that but, to me, this was the worst of all of the ideas. Number one, we're going to divert traffic off of Maybank. Now, let me take a step back for a second. This is an issue because it's dangerous, and we can all agree that changes have to be made because people's lives are at risk. Our staff might have kind of pushed this thing along because we have been working on this for a while, and people are ready for action. Unfortunately, we were put in a tough situation where certain people felt our hands were tied, and some sort of agreement was made here, that the City is going to take the responsibility and come up with this idea. How did this happen? Well, we have a Department of Transportation that doesn't have any respect for us, none. I hear it all of the time from our representation in Columbia, specifically Senator Senn, who talks all of the time about this great relationship she has with the DOT. I agree, that she has that, but this is the time where she needs to be writing a letter instead of asking us to defer this. She needs to be writing a letter to the DOT saying to get it done. We need to, as a collective, march up to Columbia with our citizens and make them understand how angry we are about this. It's not just happening on James Island. It's happening all over our City. It's happening in West Ashley along Bees Ferry Road and Hwy. 61. We cannot get the DOT to work with us, and I get it. They might help out on some downtown projects, and God forbid we anger them a little bit, but I'm sorry. Unfortunately, I'm teed off about this, really. I've got a couple of other things to say. We, as a City, constantly and consistently help the DOT. We take sidewalks over for them because they can't maintain them. We take on that responsibility and that price tag. Each person in here that's a resident of Charleston is paying to maintain sidewalks that were, at one time, DOT responsibility, and guess what? When we need something as simple as a left turn signal, they tell us, 'Hey, too bad, so sad.' We shouldn't take that as an answer. We should fight this.

Our citizens came here tonight on less than 24-hour notice and begged us to fight and that's what we should do. Our procedure on this stunk unfortunately, just bad. We cannot expect our residents and our Council to act hastily on decisions that impact our residents' lives. We talk all of the time about local authority and how it gets stripped. It gets stripped when we make bad decisions. Our residents are never going to support us if we impact negatively their quality of life, and by diverting traffic from Maybank, which is a major road, through the middle of a neighborhood, basically what we're doing is we're putting a band-aid on the situation. We're taking it off of a busier intersection, putting it in a neighborhood where we could actually still, unfortunately, injure people. This is a very, very popular place to walk around, and it's very accessible to the public. You have the golf course right there. We are doing our citizens a disservice, unfortunately, and I'm sick and tired of getting pushed around. But unfortunately, if we make bad decisions, now this area also is a very high County area. There are very few City residents, but if I were them, I wouldn't want to annex into the City if these were the kind of

decisions that our City Council were going to make. So, I think deferring it is kicking the can down the road. If we really want to send a message, we should vote 'no' on this because this is the worst idea that we could possibly do at this intersection. I don't see how there is any way our Council could ever support diverting traffic off of Maybank through the middle of the neighborhood. So, I'm making a motion that we have a substitute motion that we vote this down and say 'no' to this."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "A motion to defer has precedence."

Councilmember Griffin said, "No, it doesn't."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Yes, it does."

Councilmember Griffin said, "A substitute motion has precedence."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Not over a motion to defer."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilwoman Jackson.

Councilwoman Jackson said, "I just call the question to defer."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Alright. I do have to recognize other Councilmen who have not spoken yet, Councilmember Brady."

Councilmember Brady said, "Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I'd be happy to explain some thoughts, Councilmember Griffin. When we were reviewing everything yesterday, if you look at the traffic count numbers during peak hours, there are about 30 people trying to make a left turn, and there are 1,200 during peak hours trying to get onto Johns Island, of whom I represent, twelve hundred people trying to get through that intersection that get blocked by 30 people trying to make a left hand turn. So, when you just review it that way, those people on Johns Island already feel underrepresented on this Council, and we're telling them that they don't matter because 30 people are going to dictate. The residents, I hear you and I feel you, but this has been an ongoing problem. We all know it has been. The people I represent on Johns Island just want to be able to come home from work and not have to make unsafe traffic maneuvers to dart around people that are making a left hand turn. This was the least bad option of all of the bad options that we had, so I am going to vote to defer it. I want to see the left hand turn signal, but to attack the reasoning and not give the benefit of the doubt to the colleagues who are on that Committee, I think, is just a lack of decorum."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Seekings.

Councilmember Seekings said, "Just very briefly, I would ask to Council, with all due respect, do vote for a deferral of this because this is deferral on the recommendation of what to do there, not of just this one recommendation. We want to make sure, with Senator Senn and everybody else, that it's looked at completely. If one thing is clear from this conversation around here tonight, if a recommendation does come back to us to divert the traffic, you know what's going to happen to it. It's not going to happen. So, I just don't think trying to direct it, at this point, all we're doing is deferring the recommendation, any recommendation. So, I think it's the right motion, and I'm going to vote in favor of it with the understanding, look we did not have a great 24 hours. We get it, okay? We're going to fix it before it goes and gets implemented. We're going to engage, and I do want to just say this to the people in the neighborhood who came out

and that you read about this in the newspaper which, I'm sorry, we learn about a lot of stuff sometimes in the newspaper, too. It's okay. Not all of it is, by the way perfect, and we're not either. So, good for you for coming out tonight, good for you for sending the 3,000 e-mails. Please cut it out for a little bit."

There was laughter in the Chamber.

Councilmember Seekings continued, "Until we send you the next set of recommendations and we engage you, okay? So, your leadership, your homeowner's association president did a great job today. He got on it quickly, got on the phone, got on the e-mails, and we talked to him. So, although a little sloppy, this is work, this process is work. We haven't gone as far as we might have otherwise gone had we had this meeting today instead of yesterday. So, I would ask that we move on this motion to defer and get it right, and we can."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "So, I do want to add, for Council and our citizens' ears, that the underlying motive of all of this was about public safety. You all know there have been some terrible accidents there, and our ultimate goal is to try to keep people safe. I think it was clear with the different options presented, that to do something with the light was the highest preference, but we were just presented with this information that, of all the criteria that the DOT has about approving such a change, that we were dead in the water. So, the engagement of our elected officials, who represent us on the State level, to give them the opportunity to go to bat and see if they can advocate for that option that, I think, would have provided more safety and keep the traffic flow on Maybank. We ought to give her that chance since she's stood up and raised her hand saying that she could do that. So, we hadn't resolved this obviously, but a little deferral here would give her that opportunity and our other State elected officials to try to come to a better outcome. So, I do want to call the question, but if somebody hasn't been recognized yet, Councilmember Waring, very briefly."

Councilmember Waring said, "Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Listen, this is a tough one, but you know what, I think the system did work. We had a public meeting yesterday, and believe it or not, I like to give compliments to the Post and Courier because they had a good story in today's paper which got the word out. Believe it or not that's how I found out about it. I'm not on that Committee. I would dare say a couple of other Councilmembers found out as a result of the newspaper article, as well as these good people in the audience. You know what, that's democracy. Some of the part about the additional information that the Committee had involved how difficult it is to work with the Department of Transportation. Now, they're all our friends, but they're difficult to work with. I think they would even admit that. With that said, the system is now engaged. So, today, I think you have 13 members of this Council, you being one of them, with the Mayor, obviously 12 Councilmembers that if we were to vote on this today, that being the route, I think it would be 13 to nothing. So, sometimes democracy is like the birthing process, and I've been in that room with my wife, and I came out a different man on the other side. I really did."

There was laughter in the Chamber.

Councilmember Waring said, "Because of the engagement of the public at the meeting, at the newspaper, now responding Councilmembers conversing with one another, praying that we do it in an environment that's respectful of one another, we'll come up with the better solutions."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "That's right. Absolutely."

On a motion of Mayor Tecklenburg, seconded by Councilwoman Jackson, City Council voted unanimously to defer Item 3.b. of the Traffic and Transportation Report.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "You had one more item to complete."

Councilmember Seekings said, "We're still in the Committee report but very briefly the last thing sort of the dessert of it all, was we got a report from Mr. Benjamin, and I want to recognize him. He's had a tough 24 hours, just like all of us on all of this, but he did present to us the plan for the resurfacing, re-striping, and sort of reconfiguration of Brigade Street which, if you don't know where Brigade Street is, if you go it's an east/west running street north on Morrison Drive. It's an example of many things that we'll be able to do in the future, but as it gets re-paved in the regular course of the re-paving project it is going to be re-striped to make it a much more vibrant street, a much more user-friendly street, not just for those who are driving, but for those who are walking and biking. Also, as they do that, they will take into consideration water management along there. So, I forget Keith, how many blocks this is, about a four-block, five-block area, but it's going to be re-paved, re-striped, and we'll make sure the drainage all works. It's going to be much more accessible for those who live up there. It's going to be great for connectivity. It's going to end on the west side of the Lowline, and when that gets activated, it will give people access from the Lowline all the way to the east side of the Peninsula. It's a really cool project and we had, literally, a life size version of it rolled out on the table. We actually had a meeting on Brigade Street effectively, and if we can get a copy of that to everybody. So, for information only, this project is coming, and when do we think it's going to happen?"

Keith Benjamin, Director of Traffic and Transportation, said, "End of the summer."

Councilmember Seekings said, "End of the summer. So, just keep an eye on Brigade Street. With that, if there are no more questions, and I see there is one, I will conclude my Committee report and thank everybody tonight for coming out. If you've never been in these Chambers, it's a pretty cool place. If you have been before, we won't summon you back through the Post and Courier. Next time, we'll give you a little more advance warning. So, thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilwoman Jackson.

Councilwoman Jackson said, "Thank you. I just wanted to confirm Chairman Seekings' report about Brigade Street. This is an opportunity and illustration of when our relationship with DOT does work. Mr. Benjamin reported to us that this is the most dangerous intersection on the Peninsula, if I understood that correctly. We're taking advantage of the fact that the State DOT is resurfacing the street, and they gave us the opportunity to make the improvements, so it's a good collaboration. It can give us hope. I do feel like, in previous discussions, Senator Senn is going to be on the job. That was my response to people as they wrote today, the few people I had a chance to write back to, that without our community speaking their mind to the leadership that's appropriate, and in this case it is the State, for all of these instances we're not going anywhere. So, we need to be the jurisdiction that can give our voice to the State and take our responsibilities and not give them away. So, I really appreciate, the Committee meeting yesterday was stimulating, and we have a lot going on. Community Development is great, T&T is great."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you very much. Next is our Committee on Public Works, Councilmember Waring."

Councilmember Griffin said, "Public Works is great."

There was laughter in the Chamber.

Councilmember Waring said, "Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I tell you, it was a very short meeting, if we excepted the noise ordinance. Other than that, everything went well. The noise ordinance is still being worked on, but I need to share with you I did call Building Inspections, Mr. Mayor. We were kind of operating under the premise that anything under \$5,000, what I refer to weekend warriors of people working on their own homes to be able to kind of I think have a pass on that. There is no such thing that exists with the City of Charleston, so there is no \$5,000 or \$4,999 clearance that you can go and do without getting a permit."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "It's not even \$500."

Councilmember Waring continued, "It's not even \$500. Yes, sir. As a matter of fact, the example that was given was \$200, and you still have to come down and get a \$40 application fee, so that's something we can work on before we come back in two weeks. I think we'll get that worked, and we're trying to protect the private homeowner being able to work on his or her home during the weekends and other hours also. With that said, we did pass and I'll make a motion the Acceptance and Dedication of Rights-of-Way and Easements a.(i) and a.(ii)."

Councilmember Shahid said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Is there any objection?"

No one asked to speak.

On a motion of Councilmember Waring, seconded by Councilmember Shahid, City Council voted unanimously to approve the following:

(i) Approval to notify SCDOT that the City intends to accept maintenance of 753 LF concrete curbing, 4658SF of concrete sidewalk and street lights at Morrison Drive (S-52) in conjunction with the project at Morrison Yard Apartments.

(ii) Approval to notify SCDOT that the City intends to accept maintenance of 323LF concrete curbing, 2000SF of concrete sidewalk street lights at Morrison Drive (S-52) in conjunction with the office at the Morrison Yard project.

Councilmember Waring said, "At the first part of the month, we always have a detailed report from Mr. Fountain on Stormwater Management. Well, there was another thing I needed to pass b.(i), where we voted to approve the funding for AECOM so I move for approval."

Councilmember Griffin said, "So moved."

Councilmember Shahid said, "Second."

On a motion of Councilmember Waring, seconded by Councilmember Shahid, City Council voted unanimously to approve the following:

(i) Stormwater Design Standards Manual – Professional Services Work Authorization #5 on the Stormwater Program Management Contract with AECOM for Technical Education Workshops and Preparation of Technical Memoranda for \$100,655.00. These funds are available in the Stormwater Management Department Operations Account.

Councilmember Waring said, "We had some discussion on some points that I brought up, three points, from the Stormwater Manual which we will continue. We didn't get to finish that."

Councilmember Griffin said, "We're going to send some of that as a memo."

Councilmember Waring said, "We're going to send some of that as a memo. You're right, Councilmember Griffin, but I want to get to Mr. Fountain's report on some of the things that are going on around the City in your district, as far as stormwater projects being updated."

Matt Fountain, Stormwater Director, said, "So, that is the memo moving around that we had discussed in the former workshop of this Committee. Thank you. As Councilmember Waring mentioned, we did discuss the AECOM scope that was passed in Ways and Means tonight and then passed again a moment ago. That is to provide for educational outreach workshops related to the manual, which is specifically related to kind of major updates and changes in the manual to show the consulting community how to comply with those terms, as one of the real thrusts of the manual is trying to simplify compliance. That was one of the major gives. It also provides eight technical memos to document and make into the record. 'Here is how we would expect to demonstrate compliance.' We did then discuss a number of questions that had been brought up by the Committee at a previous meeting related to the Stormwater Manual and how it impacts revitalization project work, infill development work, and then how the process would be communicated and how the manual will be updated in the future. I did prepare a memo with a little bit more detail, but for a revitalization, it basically talks about something similar to what we hadn't seen previously in Church Creek where we're able to pass ordinances that are sort of customized to the particular problems that are causing flooding in different areas. That generally leads to a lot more citizen support and resident support when you see redevelopment occurring. It's something where you say, 'this will actually make stormwater better', rather than hopefully not flooding your property, which is sort of the general feeling that a lot of residents have at this point. That, generally, is one of the hurdles for a lot of the revitalization projects, resistance and frustration from local citizens. So, in this stance, we're saying, 'we'll help you basically demonstrate you are making stormwater better.' You, in turn, will actually make stormwater better that will open up more properties for redevelopment because we all know that if your property is regularly flooding it tends to be an economic challenge to get someone to invest significant money in that property because you're basically going to keep having these recurring losses.

Most of these areas, in West Ashley especially, are in TIFs where that redevelopment then leads to further revenue that goes back into the Capital Projects that the City is building to help reduce flooding in the basin. So, it's a nice cycle of, as projects come in they reduce flooding and produce more money. That helps the City build more capital projects, which helps further reduce flooding, which helps you then revitalize more properties, which helps you create more money, which helps you reduce more flooding. Eventually, have a fully functional basin. That's the plan. One of the major things to realize for revitalization is it's a little more complicated. I did try to explain it in the memo, and it's incredibly difficult to describe in a couple of sentences, but we did make a modification of the request of the Public Works and Utilities Committee originally to modify our current City redevelopment ordinance for Stormwater to say that, right now, if you have to spend 50 percent of your total property value, that's land value and improvement value, within a five-year period, you have to do one of three things to basically help improve stormwater on the property. It's not full compliance with the manual. It's not a complete re-do of your site, but there are things to bring you more into compliance. Currently, that has an exemption for interior/exterior remodeling work and pavement resurfacing work, so it has to basically be a full scale construction project. At this point, you've torn down buildings and recreated buildings. The proposed manual

updates would change that ordinance to eliminate those exemptions to say that that 50 percent value over that five-year period includes remodeling work, basically interior and exterior. It doesn't include maintenance activities, waxing the floors, general re-painting and that kind of thing, but significant improvements that bring you up to that property value, so that is a change. We did also talk a little bit about--"

Councilmember Waring said, "Mr. Fountain."

Mr. Fountain said, "Yes."

Councilmember Waring said, "If you don't mind, let me tell you why that's important. In some of the areas that are being revitalized, West Ashley and James Island, some of you all represent shopping centers that their flooding runs through neighborhoods. Those older shopping centers were basically grandfathered, so they didn't have to hold the water on their site. That complicated provision, that he just gave you a Cliff Notes version on, is an attempt to bring them into compliance. So, South Windermere, St. Andrews Shopping Center, Westwood Plaza, all of those areas were revitalized, but didn't hit the threshold in our previous ordinance that would bring them into compliance with retention ponds and the like on their parking lots which would delay that water running through neighborhoods getting to the marsh. Thank you."

Mr. Fountain said, "Yes, that's exactly right. They're what we would generally consider very low hanging fruit projects and that most of the centers, if you did almost anything, you would improve the stormwater situation in those basins. We also talked about infill development, specifically talking about affordable housing and other small project work kind of in existing developed areas. We do have a provision in the manual for, if you're under a half acre of disturbance, even in an area of known flooding. There is basically a menu of items provided that you can select from to offset your new impervious area. The intent there was not to make small projects have to do massive drainage studies and bring in special design work. Instead, it says for every 500 square feet of impervious area, you can add a certain amount of rain barrels or you can add a rain garden. You can add infiltration trenches. It's supposed to say basically, 'do something in your property', and to raise awareness for understanding that you're in an area of flooding that you're contributing to that through impervious area, but it's a relatively low economic impact. Once you're above a half acre, you do then come into the current requirements. Those requirements are specifically written to try to prevent development that will either cause flooding on that development or on adjacent property or area property. So, there will be a different design shape for those properties once you're above the half acre. At that point, we feel you have enough land area to work with that you have options on how you do your design.

Finally, for process engagement, this is basically how we address the manual moving forward. We are continuing with the quarterly meetings of the Stakeholder Task Force. We do have a resolution that says we'll bring the manual back for reconsideration by Council by February of 2021 just to see how the implementation is going and see if we need to make modifications. We do have the work with AECOM that we just discussed. That's the four educational sessions, in addition to the eight technical memos. Then, we also did, in addition to that, get the developers of the LID manual in coordination with Ashley Cooper Cooperative Extension to come down and do a full-day workshop again showing how to do that, how to show the design community how to implement those features, and how to maintain those features. So, that's also underway. Then, as part of the Church Creek Basin work with NFWF, which is the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Grant, we're working with the Clemson Extension to do an outreach class of how you maintain these green infrastructure systems as we install them on some of the buyout properties throughout Church Creek. So, that will be another good way to kind of lead into that manual and

create support for the local landscaping and maintenance communities to be able to learn how to perform that service. We do have a public meeting that we're finalizing for next week on Johns Island, per Councilmember Brady's request, to try to make sure that the outlying areas have a chance to get into that. We're just waiting to hear back from the school on whether Tuesday or Thursday will be the ideal day, but we'll make sure we get notice out to everyone. We've already talked with some of the groups and the stakeholders about that meeting coming and we'll continue that, of course, with the four more educational sessions. We'll try to do those around the City in different regions so people can kind of have a chance to come out and hear about the manual in more detail.

Getting into the actual project work, the Eastside drainage evaluation, we've been going back and forth finalizing the scope with AECOM. I think we're just about, we're in kind of our last revision, so we should see this. It will go to Capital Projects review in two weeks, and it will go back to Council for the first March meeting most likely. So, that will basically be the evaluation of all of the Eastside drainage inventory, doing the stormwater modeling to determine kind of where the current flooding is with, which we confirm, then to calibrate the model with what we know is out there in the flooding situation.

Developing improvement projects and then doing some cost estimates on those, we've made this scope a little bit different than some of the work we've done in the past. We started this a little bit in Dupont/Wappoo. We did this to some extent where we've brought a lot of the community involvement into the work, not just sort of the engineers doing it in the, but we did put in after the evaluation process. We'll have sort of outreach to talk about possible project options to have the community to be able to come out and say what their priorities are for the projects. Then, once we have sort of some finalized projects, do another outreach to say, 'here's where we see those projects moving forward.' In addition to that, we have a heavy reliance of what we would call a multi-use type of stormwater project, where it isn't just benefiting flooding. It's also providing secondary benefits whether it's park space, recreation, walking trails, or greenspace. So, that is much in keeping with the Dutch Dialogues. We're saying to make sure that's a focus of the evaluation of project work, and that ties into what we've previously talked about with the prioritization system where we look at environmental, facts, and social justice impacts, in addition to just straight economic cost benefit impacts.

The Dupont/Wappoo Drainage Improvement Projects, these are the first four improvement projects that scope. We've negotiated with AECOM. We're now working with the County because the County has agreed to cover about 25 percent of that. So, we're finalizing their comments, our comments, and finalizing that with AECOM who will bring forth an IGA or an MOU to finalize that fiscal arrangement and bring that back to Council for consideration for the design funding.

Ongoing project work: the Medical District Tunnel Extension, we did approve that at the final portion of the design work at a recent Council meeting. We've met with the hospitals again. We're moving forward with easement acquisition. They're all very supportive of the project, and we have that preliminary design work. So, we're doing our easement corridor and finalizing our geotech.

The Low Battery, all of the first phase of demolition is complete. All of the initial waterline work is complete, so there is now a new CWS water service through the area, including services to the homes which we're actually replacing currently. Lead pipe service, so that was something that was pretty well received by the community to go from lead pipe to modern plumbing. We are getting significantly through production pile work. We did have some differing site conditions, which was not unexpected, on a wall that's 110 years old. So, we're probably going to have to

modify. We are modifying the pile design slightly based on the locations of the timber piles. That will be a change proposal that we're bringing back, but that's something we expected with this project. That's why we phased the original phase to do 1,000 feet to find out what we don't know as we basically remove this wall and start investigating the underground. The upside is that the other major unknown was subsurface voided space, basically how much of the soil had been eroded out from underneath the wall over time, which you have to backfill with a urethane solvent remover which are very expensive. That seems to be much less than we had anticipated, so the two things will somewhat balance each other out as we move through the project.

Spring/Fishburne Phase 3, we're actually in the last set of concrete pours for the underground tunnel. It's the junction of the two major tunnels. So, once that finishes this month that will be the end of concrete work on the underground portion of Spring/Fishburne. We'll still be working between the two bridges, but not on the underground section. They'll be coming up to surface and finalizing the sites putting the covers back on, re-opening the King Street on-ramp, some of that kind of work.

King/Huger Drainage Improvement, we submitted our encroachment permits to DOT for review on the street level improvements on that project. So, that will be the first phase of that project. We do have our preliminary engineering report completed, too, for the pump station design for what the recommended options are for that approach, which we're going through right now with a consultant. Then, we'll be bringing that next task to actually do the final design work on the second phase of the project.

Church Creek and Lake Dotterer, again we're finalizing that NFWF grant award for the conversion of buyout properties into a beneficial use. It's been awarded now. It's just finalizing the actual work documentations, so we can bring it to Council to formally accept the award and be able to begin work. We've had a number of good negotiation and discussion sessions with major property owners in the area in addition to that, for potentially dedicating over a large drainage storage pond where we can re-naturalize the existing canal into a stream, convert some of the large property areas into additional floodplain, bring some wetlands to the area and sort of do a regional detention system, which we will kind of feed out of that buyout property work.

We're also continuing to work with the County on the Glenn McConnell widening which is basically adding the additional drainage pipe under Glenn McConnell from Lake Dotterer to the south to help Lake Dotterer also maintain a lower water level during these major storm events.

For Barberry Woods, we did release the advertising for the request for qualifications on the Barberry Woods Drainage Improvement Project. So, that's now on the streets for consultants to respond to. We give them about six more weeks for that, and we'll be having a Committee to select the most qualified firm and bringing that back to Council for consideration.

William Ackerman, it's behind the Windermere Shopping Center. We've installed a check valve and a small berm insulation. That's one of our small projects. Those are both complete. We should go from basically Ackerman flooding at just higher than a six-foot tide, to now it would take about an eight-foot tide before you would have flooding. So, if you get to that eight-foot tide, you're going to get major flooding, but it won't be that constant recurring flooding now from month to month.

Lord Calvert Drive, that project is underway. We did have a differing site condition on that one as well where they, basically there is a corrugated metal pipe that the contractor probably, 50 years ago, had a clay sewer conflict. You generally don't want to touch the clay sewer lines

because they start to crack when you touch them, and you have to keep chasing them. It tends to become a very, very major Capital Project very quickly. So, someone basically crushed the corrugated metal pipe to fit it under the sewer pipe. Since we're replacing with concrete, you don't have the option to do that with concrete pipes. So, we're going to have to re-adjust that slightly, but that project is moving well. It's just the excitement of exploring old sewer infrastructure.

Dunoon Drive is a project in Shadowmoss that's currently out for bid, so we'll be bringing that back to Council with the bids and recommendation for award.

This isn't directly a stormwater project, but it's one that we're heavily involved in coordinating, that Councilmember Waring will probably be interested in, that the County is beginning its sidewalk work on Orleans from Sam Rittenberg to Hazelwood. So, that infill project is going in, and we're coordinating from a stormwater perspective because, of course, that's also where we're looking at doing many of the Dupont/Wappoo stormwater improvements, so as to make sure we don't create a conflict on two entities doing projects on the same area.

Then, for Floodplain Management, we're underway on appraisals for the (Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) buyouts from both Hurricanes Matthew and Irma. We should receive grant paperwork to bring to Council for the 2018 FLMA properties shortly, which is another two properties for purchase also, as well.

We have a much more complete presentation of all of the actual project work going on, I think scheduled for February 19th, for Council in a workshop session where we can get into what these projects are and how they work. Especially for the new Councilmembers, but that's sort of the changes in the projects over the last couple of weeks."

Councilmember Waring said, "Mr. Fountain, I want to thank you for your extensive report because the Committee members get that every two weeks, but everybody that's not on that Committee doesn't get that and I certainly can't give that kind of detail. So, I know it's a little bit arduous at an open Council meeting, but I think drainage is that important in every one of our districts. So, thank you for what you do."

Mr. Fountain said, "I appreciate it, and it does sound like a lot, but this year we'll be expending somewhere between \$50- and \$60-million of drainage work on these construction projects, so it is a significant undertaking. Thank you."

Councilmember Waring said, "It is a big deal. Thank you very much. Thank you, Mr. Mayor."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you. Is there any further report? I think we voted on the matters that we needed to. So, next is our Committee on Special Facilities, first meeting since I've been Mayor, Councilmember Shealy."

Councilmember Shealy said, "Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Yes, I think it's been about seven years since Special Facilities Committee met, but we talked about this today. In fact, Councilmember Shahid said that our special facilities are real jewels. We've got special value, and some of our special facilities are some of the most special facilities in the Country. We need to make sure that we are keeping track of that, and we need to make sure that we're a good liaison to this Council. So, we will be meeting more often to check on those things. The first item that came up on our agenda was the Alicia Paolozzi Plaque at the Dock Street Theater Courtyard. Spoleto Festival USA was requesting our approval to procure and install a plaque in the Dock

Street Theater Courtyard for Alicia Paolozzi for which that courtyard is already named. Spoleto is seeking to complete that project prior to the start of the 2020 Spoleto Festival USA commencing, and they would also be responsible for the cost associated with this, so they asked for our approval. The Committee voted on this unanimously, so we take that to Council, and for the rest of our report, I want to call on Mr. Frohlich, if he would, to give us an update on our special facilities.”

Matt Frohlich, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, said, “Thank you, and I’ll try to keep this brief. It will probably be much shorter than Matt’s report.”

There was laughter in the Chamber.

Mr. Frohlich said, “But hopefully, just as interesting. So, the Angel Oak had approximately 400,000 visitors in 2019.”

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “Forty thousand.”

Mr. Frohlich said, “No, 400,000 visitors in 2019.”

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “Okay. I thought you said 40,000 earlier today.”

Mr. Frohlich said, “No, 400,000 in 2019. They have a couple of small projects going on there, but the big thing is there are some larger projects that need to probably be undertaken, as far as enhancing the visitor experience, as well as protecting the tree. There were some discussions about how we might go about possibly funding that. Ultimately, though, what came out of that is what I’ve been tasked with is going back to the staff out there trying to record. We currently just click how many people come. We’re not really keeping track of where they’re coming from. So, I have been tasked to go back and work with staff to try to gather some data over a period of a few months, maybe some slower periods, as well as high tourist season, to see what percentage of tourists we actually have coming to the facility to see what our percentages look like and what some options might be for that to fund some things out there. So, I’m going to work on that and report that back out to the Committee.

The Dock Street Theater, the plaque was mentioned. Thank you for that. The theater seats are going to be all reupholstered in 2020. So, that was a project that was funded in 2019, but because of the calendar and all of the events going on, we were not able to get it done. So, there will be probably a two or two-and-a-half week period where there will not be any events going on, and we’ll have all of everything reupholstered, and no, there will not be, who was the Councilmember who asked if they were going to get any larger? The seats will not be getting any larger, unfortunately, just reupholstered.”

There was laughter in the Chamber.

Mr. Frohlich continued, “The Old Exchange Building had 69,000 visitors in 2019. They are currently working on some facility repairs to both the cupola and the windows, and they are also working to research and create some new displays. I know it seems like a relatively low number. I think that’s probably just paid visitors. I think that’s probably not including some of the school tourist groups and things like that that are coming through. So, I’m going to go back and probably verify that number with staff. I think that’s an isolated number that they’re giving.

The Old Slave Mart had 83,000 visitors. That is actually another record. I think it's about the fourth or fifth year in a row. It just continues to climb, the number of visitors that come to see the Old Slave Mart. They, too, are working on some new displays for the museum, and out of the Emergency Action Plan that we did with all of the facilities, a couple of recommendations that came out of it from the Police Department was a couple of more security cameras, as well as an AED machine. We are working on the security cameras right now. The AED machine has already been installed. Our Safety Management has already taken care of that, and we've already trained some staff on use of that.

The Maritime Center, the big thing with the Maritime Center is we kind of updated, we did the MOU with the International African American Museum (IAAM) and the South Carolina Aquarium for use of the facility. The Aquarium is starting to discuss plans and designs and have engaged the City about our interest in working on that lease. Part of that includes the City trying to get out of our EDA grant requirements that exist. Legal is currently working on that. As that progresses, we will continue to bring that back to the Committee. A few things that were also discussed had to do with the docks, and specifically, some things we're seeing happen with the docks. Unfortunately, we're seeing a lot of transient boaters turn away from the docks after only being there for a day or two because of the construction going on with the IAAM. We're hoping the pile driving and sheet piling, which will be done in a few weeks, will kind of prevent that from happening, but that is something we are experiencing. We also have one commercial boat operator that has a long-term agreement with the City that has asked if we would, they say that they're experiencing some impact to their business, as well, and asked if we would consider freezing their rates. In their agreement currently, the agreement goes up three percent each year. They asked if we would consider freezing it during the time that the IAAM construction is going on. I have been asked to go back to them and ask for some data to kind of verify the experiences that they're actually having. When I get that information, I'll bring it back to the Committee.

The last is the Visitor Center. We entered into a Management Operation Agreement with the Charleston Area Convention and Visitors Bureau (CACVB) for that facility, which included the renovation which we funded over a two-year period. The last update I got is that the facility is scheduled to have a partial soft opening tied to some events with SEWE this weekend, and they are on schedule for their June/July full opening as we speak."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Alright. Councilmember Shealy, is there any further report?"

Councilmember Shealy said, "No, sir, that's it for my report. Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "So, I would like to accept a motion to accept the report, since there was one action that was taken."

Councilmember Shahid said, "So moved."

Councilmember Mitchell said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Is there any discussion?"

No one asked to speak.

On a motion of Councilmember Shahid, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the Committee on Special Facilities Report as presented:

---INSERT COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL FACILITIES REPORT---

a. Alicia Paolozzi Plaque – Dock Street Theater Courtyard

b. Special Facilities Update

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “So, now we’ve got two Committees in a row going to Councilmember Gregorie, and before I ask you to begin, I would like to share with Council that when I got elected a little over four years ago Councilmember Gregorie urged me to greatly consider the use of our Committee structure.”

Councilmember Gregorie said, “I did.”

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “So, how are we doing, Councilmember Gregorie?”

There was laughter in the Chamber.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “We’re doing pretty good, aren’t we?”

Councilmember Gregorie said, “I think so, but I--”

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “Committee on Recreation.”

Councilmember Gregorie said, “But I still think we’re at the beginning stages of our involvement on our Standing Committees, Mayor. I think we’re doing fine, but we’ve still got a lot of work to do. The Committee on Recreation met today at 3:00 p.m., and we only had one action item, however, there was a very extensive discussion on the Lowline, and I really can’t wait until all of my fellow Councilmembers get a chance to see that presentation. I do think that it’s going to be an unbelievable addition to our City. There was a request for some funding, but we tabled that until we had some time to sort of discuss where we’ll get the money from etcetera, etcetera. ‘B.’ was just more of a reporting item. ‘C.’, the naming and approval of signage for ‘Brenda Scott Way’ at the corner of President and Fishburne Streets, just a little background. This was recommended by Arthur Lawrence and Burke High School Class of ‘67. Yay, ‘67! The reason for the request is that on the corner of President and Fishburne, Brenda Scott’s father operated sort of a soda fountain shop there. Mr. Scotty was Brenda Scott’s father. Brenda Scott was a 25-year City Councilwoman on this Council and served us very well. So, our class thought it most appropriate to give her her due, as well as recognizing the importance of Scotty’s to most of the children and students that went to Burke High School. That was the only action item we had, and we voted unanimously to support that.”

Councilmember Seekings said, “So moved.”

Councilmember Mitchell said, “Second.”

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “We’ll approve that matter. Is there any further discussion?”

No one asked to speak.

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

---INSERT COMMITTEE ON RECREATION REPORT---

- a. Lowline Presentation
- b. Naming of the all purpose room at the Arthur Christopher Center after Mrs. Tee, proposed date of May 15, 2020
- c. Naming and approval of signage for “Brenda Scott Way” at the corner of President and Fishburne Streets (*Recommended by Arthur Lawrence and Burke High School Class of 1967*)
- d. Update on Parks and Recreation Master Plan
- e. Additional items for discussion as requested: (*Action may or may not be taken on any of the below items*)
 - Update: 1099 King Street, the Reverend Alma Dungee Community Center;
 - Update: Renovations at the Municipal Golf Course;
 - Update on the Charleston Battery;
 - City property on Woodland Road;
 - Golf Course Commission and Recreation Commission (citizen advisory boards);
 - Brantley Park;
 - Longborough Exchange Agreement;
 - Stoney Field;
 - WPAL;
 - Status of the ongoing Cultural Planning Process;
 - Status of Cannon Street Arts Center (134 Cannon);
 - Corrine Jones Community Garden proposal;
 - Fallen Oak Park;
 - Ferguson Village;
 - Wellness and Aquatics Center Complex;

Councilmember Gregorie said, “Mayor, that concludes our report. Now I know that there are a whole lot of items down here that follow, and we’re going to go through those item by item at our next Recreation Committee meeting and report the status of each to you following that meeting.”

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “Alright. So, next would be our Committee on Ways and Means.”

Councilmember Griffin said, “Move for approval.”

Councilmember Seekings said, “Second.”

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “We have a motion to approve. Is there any discussion?”

No one asked to speak.

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

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

(Bids and Purchases

- (Police Department: Approval to submit the FFY21 SCDPS Highway Safety Grant application. The grant will fund one officer salary and mileage. The officer will focus on impaired driving enforcement. The application for this grant is due 02/21/20. This grant does not require a City match. The grant will not require retention of the position once the grant is over.
- (Police Department: Approval to submit the FFY21 SCDPS Highway Safety Grant application. The grant will fund one officer salary and mileage. The officer will focus on speed enforcement. The application for this grant is due 02/21/20. This grant does not require a City match. The grant will not require retention of the position once the grant is over.
- (Planning Preservation and Sustainability/Business Neighborhood Services: Approval to renew a Strategic Alliance Memorandum with the United States Small Business Administration to help start, maintain, and expand small businesses. There is no fiscal impact.
- (Parks-Capital Projects: Approval of Stoney Field Concrete Repairs Change Order #2 with Volunteer Restoration, Inc., in the amount of \$28,830 to repair an additional 4,800 linear feet of concrete cracks and coat the interior walls and vomitoria not included in the original contract. Approval of Change Order #2 will increase the construction contract by \$28,830 (from \$241,012 to \$269,842). Funding sources for this project are: 2005 GO Bond (\$399,048), 2018 GO Bond (\$2,600,000), Hospitality Funds (\$1,250,000) and Capital Contribution (\$19,432.50).
- (Parks-Capital Projects: Approval of CPD Forensic Services Building – LED Lighting Agreement with Dominion Energy for the installation and maintenance of 6 lights. This agreement sets the monthly fee at \$179.50 per month for the full initial term of the agreement (10 years). Approval of the lighting agreement will obligate \$179.50 per month (\$2,154 per year) for 10 years which will be paid from the Street Light operating budget (170000-52115).
- (Housing and Community Development: Mayor and City Council are requested to approve a Resolution and Grant Agreement in the amount of \$20,000,000 authorizing the Charleston Redevelopment Corporation authority to administer proceeds from the General Obligation Bonds to development corporations previously approved by Charleston City Council. The Bond funds shall be used to facilitate the development of affordable rental housing in the City of Charleston. The CRC will provide deferred, forgivable loans to the approved entities as previously determined by the Mayor and City Council and provide inspection and oversight to ensure long-term compliance with the affordability requirements. This request was coordinated with the Community Development Committee of City Council at their meeting held January 30, 2020.
- (Budget Finance and Revenue Collections: An ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of a not exceeding \$7,900,000 Special Obligation Redevelopment Bond (Charleston Neck Redevelopment Project Area), Series 2020, of the City of Charleston, South Carolina, and other matters relating thereto.
- (Police Department: Approval of a contract between the City and Turning Leaf Project. Turning Leaf provides a post release reentry program for recently released inmates. The amount to be paid by the City is \$85,000.
- (Budget Finance and Revenue Collections: Request approval of a resolution expressing the City's intention to make a loan to the WestEdge Foundation, Inc. supporting WestEdge's obligation pursuant to the Infrastructure Development Agreement to pay certain costs incurred by Charleston Horizon Devco, LLC for the installment of public improvement supporting the redevelopment of the WestEdge District, such loan to be secured by a Promissory Note in the form attached to the Resolution in the amount of \$600,000 which

loan shall be repaid by TIF Revenues, and further, all outstanding principal and accrued interest shall be due five years after the date of the Note.

(Office of Cultural Affairs: Approval to apply for funding from the South Carolina Arts Commission to support Office of Cultural Affairs General Operations/Programs for time period 7/1/2020 to 6/30/2023. A 3:1 City match is required. Matching funds will come from foundation support and paid admissions.

(Stormwater Management: Approval of AECOM Program Management Work Authorization #5 with AECOM in the amount of \$100,655 to provide technical education workshops and prepare technical memoranda to support the regulated community in utilizing the revised Stormwater Design Standards Manuals.

(Budget Finance and Revenue Collections: Request approval to contribute \$100,000 to the Theodora Park Endowment Fund to be used for the maintenance of the Park. The income from this fund will be directed to the Charleston Parks Conservancy who will perform the ongoing maintenance. This will be funded with 2018 General Fund Reserves.

(Authorization for the Mayor to execute a MOU between the City and the Gaillard Management Corporation which sets out the agreement between the parties related to the installation of pipe penetration in the Gaillard Center complex to allow for cabling related to the Democratic National Committee debate to be held at the Gaillard Center on February 25, 2020. There is no cost to the City. (TMS: 458-01-01-001)

(Discussion regarding Greenbelt funding application for the purchase of approximately 11.25 acres adjacent to the Johns Island Park for the purpose of expanding park facilities and improving pedestrian/bicycle connectivity on Johns Island

First reading was given to the following Resolutions and bill:

Resolution and Grant Agreement in the amount of \$20,000,000 authorizing the Charleston Redevelopment Corporation authority to administer proceeds from the General Obligation Bonds to development corporations previously approved by Charleston City Council.

Resolution expressing the City's intention to make a loan to the WestEdge Foundation, Inc. supporting WestEdge's obligation pursuant to the Infrastructure Development Agreement to pay certain costs incurred by Charleston Horizon Devco, LLC for the installment of public improvement supporting the redevelopment of the WestEdge District, such loan to be secured by a Promissory Note in the form attached to the Resolution in the amount of \$600,000 which loan shall be repaid by TIF Revenues, and further, all outstanding principal and accrued interest shall be due five years after the date of the Note.

An ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of a not exceeding \$7,900,000 Special Obligation Redevelopment Bond (Charleston Neck Redevelopment Project Area), Series 2020, of the City of Charleston, South Carolina, and other matters relating thereto.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "So, before they leave I did want to note that one of the items on Ways and Means Committee included our issuance of an additional bond of \$7.9 million for the Charleston Neck Redevelopment Project Area and recognize Weldon Johnson, who is with us this evening, and he works with the development there. The reason I point it out is that a lot of this funding, we as a City, had the dubious distinction of having an environmental superfund site. Those are the worst of the worst environmental sites in the nation. It was designated many, many years ago. It was where the Koppers Creosote Plant was in the Neck area, and so, a lot of the funding and agreement that we had with the developer, and you can see a lot of the work now going on, is really cleaning up that superfund site and then the adjacent fertilizer plants that were there, as well. You might be old enough to remember the smell that you would smell when you

were driving through the Neck area of Charleston. So, we want to thank Weldon and his team for the environmental remediation that's going on. My understanding is, that when they complete the work, which is in earnest happening right now, that we will be able to get the EPA to take us off of the superfund list. Isn't that correct?"

Weldon Johnson said, "Yes, sir."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Also, with him this evening, part of the team, is Stuart Coleman, who, in addition to assisting with this matter for years, also served on our Stormwater Manual Task Force. So, thank you for your service on that. So, next, we have bills up for second reading."

Councilmember Griffin said, "Mr. Mayor, I'd like to make a motion to take one through ten."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We've got one through ten that we can take altogether."

Councilmember Mitchell said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We've got a second, and do we have any discussion or comments on any of those items one through ten?"

No one asked to speak.

On a motion of Councilmember Griffin, ten (10) bills (Items M-1 through M-10) received second reading. They passed second reading on motion by Councilmember Mitchell and third reading on motion of Councilmember Mitchell. On further motion of Councilmember Shahid, the rules were suspended, and the bills were immediately ratified as:

2020-015 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON BY CHANGING THE ZONE MAP, WHICH IS A PART THEREOF, SO THAT 32 LINE STREET (PENINSULA) (0.07 ACRE) (TMS #459-05-03-025) (COUNCIL DISTRICT 4), BE REZONED FROM DIVERSE RESIDENTIAL (DR-2F) CLASSIFICATION TO RESIDENTIAL OFFICE (RO) CLASSIFICATION. THE PROPERTY IS OWNED BY MICHAEL GEORGE.

2020-016 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON BY CHANGING THE ZONE MAP, WHICH IS A PART THEREOF, SO THAT 101 SYCAMORE AVENUE (101 PAULA DRIVE) (WEST ASHLEY) (0.26 ACRE) (TMS #418-09-00-075) (COUNCIL DISTRICT 9), BE REZONED FROM SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (SR-2) CLASSIFICATION TO RESIDENTIAL OFFICE (RO) CLASSIFICATION. THE PROPERTY IS OWNED BY DAVID NAUHEIM.

2020-017 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON BY CHANGING THE ZONE MAP, WHICH IS A PART THEREOF, SO THAT 1565 HUTTON PLACE (WEST ASHLEY) (0.49 ACRE) (TMS #353-11-00-003) (COUNCIL DISTRICT 7), ANNEXED INTO THE CITY OF CHARLESTON NOVEMBER 26, 2019 (#2019-122), BE ZONED SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (SR-1) CLASSIFICATION. THE PROPERTY IS OWNED BY NATASHA CHISOLM AND TANYA CHISOLM.

- 2020-018** AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON BY CHANGING THE ZONE MAP, WHICH IS A PART THEREOF, SO THAT 758 ARCADIAN WAY (WEST ASHLEY) (0.33 ACRE) (TMS #418-15-00-063) (COUNCIL DISTRICT 3), ANNEXED INTO THE CITY OF CHARLESTON NOVEMBER 26, 2019 (#2019-121), BE ZONED SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (SR-1) CLASSIFICATION. THE PROPERTY IS OWNED BY JOHN AND CHANTAL BYRNE.
- 2020-019** AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON BY CHANGING THE ZONE MAP, WHICH IS A PART THEREOF, SO THAT 1440 DORSET LANE (WEST ASHLEY) (0.3 ACRE) (TMS #352-09-00-081) (COUNCIL DISTRICT 9), ANNEXED INTO THE CITY OF CHARLESTON DECEMBER 3, 2019 (#2019-130), BE ZONED SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (SR-1) CLASSIFICATION. THE PROPERTY IS OWNED BY SHELIA D. PACE.
- 2020-020** AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON BY CHANGING THE ZONE MAP, WHICH IS A PART THEREOF, SO THAT 1249 WISTERIA ROAD (WEST ASHLEY) (0.19 ACRE) (TMS #351-12-00-111) (COUNCIL DISTRICT 9), ANNEXED INTO THE CITY OF CHARLESTON DECEMBER 17, 2019 (#2019-139), BE ZONED SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (SR-2) CLASSIFICATION. THE PROPERTY IS OWNED BY RACHEL CARSON HOLLING.
- 2020-021** AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON BY CHANGING THE ZONE MAP, WHICH IS A PART THEREOF, SO THAT 1701 WOODCREST AVENUE (WEST ASHLEY) (0.25 ACRE) (TMS #351-11-00-021) (COUNCIL DISTRICT 9), ANNEXED INTO THE CITY OF CHARLESTON DECEMBER 17, 2019 (#2019-140), BE ZONED SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (SR-1) CLASSIFICATION. THE PROPERTY IS OWNED BY GREGORY R. THOMAS.
- 2020- 022** AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON BY CHANGING THE ZONE MAP, WHICH IS A PART THEREOF, SO THAT 1623 WOODCREST AVENUE (WEST ASHLEY) (0.24 ACRE) (TMS #351-11-00-027) (COUNCIL DISTRICT 9), ANNEXED INTO THE CITY OF CHARLESTON DECEMBER 17, 2019 (#2019-138), BE ZONED SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (SR-1) CLASSIFICATION. THE PROPERTY IS OWNED BY KRISTEN AND ERIC CHAPPELL.
- 2020-023** AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 28, SECTION 45, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA, TO PROVIDE IN SUBSECTION (F)(3) THAT A PERSON CONVICTED OF A THIRD OR SUBSEQUENT VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION MAY BE PROHIBITED FROM RETURNING TO THE STREETS AND SIDEWALKS DELINEATED IN SECTION (B) FOR A PERIOD OF SIXTY (60) DAYS.
- 2020-024** AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 21, SECTION 67, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA, TO PROVIDE IN SUBSECTION 67(H)(3) THAT IF AN ABANDONED WATERCRAFT IS REMOVED BY THE CITY ALL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE

REMOVAL SHALL BECOME A LIEN AGAINST THE WATERCRAFT AND THAT THE CITY MAY BRING AN ACTION TO RECOVER THESE COSTS FROM THE OWNER.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Now I did note on my agenda number 22, there was a request to be withdrawn at the request of the applicant. So, can I entertain a motion to withdraw number 22?"

Councilmember Shahid said, "So moved."

Councilmember Griffin said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Is there any discussion?"

No one asked to speak.

On a motion of Councilmember Shahid, seconded by Councilmember Griffin, City Council voted unanimously to withdraw Item M-22:

An ordinance to provide for the annexation of property known as 3894 Savannah Highway, and 711 & 715 Hughes Road (28.85 acres) (TMS# 287-00-00-139; and 287-00-00-140, 142, 178), 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 5. The property is owned by Colson Jean R Saltwater Breeze LLC. (WITHDRAWN)

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "You all, technically, I'm supposed to sign these bills or ordinances while we're still in session. Would anybody like to be recognized or make a comment while I'm busy at work up here?"

No one asked to speak.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "I've got a long name. It takes me a little bit of time here. You sure? Nobody has an announcement of any kind or anything?"

No one asked to speak.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "There being no further business, I thank you very much. We stand adjourned."

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Vanessa Turner Maybank
Clerk of Council