

THE SCHOOLHOUSE, 720 MAGNOLIA ROAD

Regular Meeting

February 13, 2018

The forty-eighth meeting of the City Council of Charleston was held this date convening at 5:23 p.m. at The Schoolhouse, 720 Magnolia Road, West Ashley.

A notice of this meeting and an agenda were mailed to the news media January 31, 2018 and appeared in The Post and Courier February 11, 2018 and are made available on the City's website.

PRESENT (13)

The Honorable John J. Tecklenburg, Mayor

Councilmember White	District 1	Councilmember Waring	District 7
Councilmember Shealy	District 2	Councilmember Seekings	District 8
Councilmember Lewis	District 3	Councilmember Shahid	District 9
Councilmember Mitchell	District 4	Councilmember Griffin	District 10
Councilmember Wagner	District 5	Councilmember Moody	District 11
Councilmember Gregorie – <i>excused at 6:56 p.m.</i>	District 6	Councilmember Jackson	District 12

Mayor Tecklenburg called the meeting to order at 5:23 p.m.

The Clerk called the roll.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "If you would like to join us, Councilmember Waring will lead us with an invocation and then the Pledge of Allegiance."

Councilmember Waring opened the meeting with an invocation.

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

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you very much. I always try to be mindful of the exits of the building, so, in the very unlikely event that we have to exit, of course, we've got the main doors back there that we all came in and there is an exit door up here on the side. This goes into the building, so this is not an exit door. So, those are our two exits just in that unlikely event; I want to bring that to everyone's attention. Now, we're going to have the presentation of a few awards of the Keep Charleston Beautiful Awards and, first, I'd like to call on Kevin Kolmos and, is Jamie here? There she is."

Jamie Gillette said, "I'm not sure if Kevin made it inside the room."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Kevin is here. So, each year Keep Charleston Beautiful recognizes one educator that goes above and beyond to bring litter prevention, waste responsibility, community beautification and civic engagement into the classroom. The 2017 Teacher of the Year Award is presented to Kevin Kolmos, who works for Charles Towne

Montessori, and helped conduct litter cleanup initiatives with their students along the West Ashley Greenway. He also works with students to collect data on types of litter and their sources, and to help them think about solutions and organized last year's Clean City Sweep Garden Project with the school. Kevin, thank you so much."

There was applause.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "The next award is named in honor of Reverend Alma Dungee, the Volunteer of the Year Award. Keep Charleston Beautiful recognizes one volunteer each year that has gone above and beyond to help create a litter-free and beautiful community. The 2017 Reverend Alma Dungee Volunteer of the Year Award goes to Allison Sterrett-Krause for her collaborative work to bring together the residents, businesses, and even the youth of the West Ashley area, to take part in the litter cleanup events in the West Ashley Bikeway. Is Allison here? She didn't make it."

Ms. Gillette said, "She was going to try and catch the bus, so probably not."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We're going to get her award to her. Let's give her a round of applause."

There was a round of applause.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Third, is the Volunteer Group of the Year, and it goes to a group of any size that exhibits dedication and commitment to the community through volunteer litter cleanups. This year's Volunteer Group of the Year is the Lowcountry Marsh Sweepers. Anybody here with the Lowcountry Marsh Sweepers, please come forward. So, this group works not only cleaning litter, but to promote others' involvement as well. They regularly clean the Northbridge Park area, conducting over 11 litter cleanups in 2017 and removing over 1,200 pounds of debris. Your name, sir?"

Walter Rickson said, "Walter Rickson."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Walter Rickson. Thank you so much, Walter."

There was applause.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "So, Walter, I've actually gotten some personal thank you notes to the Mayor's Office for the cleanup efforts along Northbridge, so thank you very much. I appreciate that and last, but not, no, there are two more. Next is the Clara of the Year Award. Is Clara here?"

Ms. Gillette said, "Clara was here, but the Pelican Mascot was outside waiting in line. So, she made an appearance, but had to go back outside."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "When you see Clara, the Clean City Pelican, please give her a big thanks."

Ms. Gillette said, "But the award recipient..."

Mayor Tecklenburg continued, "Lastly, is the Thornhill Young Award named after Jane Thornhill and Elizabeth Young, who volunteered for over 20 years of service through Keep Charleston Beautiful. These women held a unique passion for creating a litter-free community and were an inspiration to those around them. Their passion has been passed down through

generations as they supported and encouraged others to do their part in maintaining our wonderful City and, as I think you all know, we all need to continue to do that. The Thornhill Young Award for 2017 goes to Mark Pine. Mark, would you please come forward?"

There was applause.

Mayor Tecklenburg continued, "Mark is someone who not only gives his time, almost daily, to help beautify our City, but also inspires and encourages others to take an active role in bettering and improving our City. Mark, thank you so much."

Mark Pine said, "Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "The Clara Award is here, Campbell Bowers. She's a teacher at the Charleston Collegiate School. She goes above and beyond her duty to bring smiles to students' faces by volunteering to dress as Clara for her school's environmental education program. Campbell Bowers."

There was applause.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "So, we thank all of our award winners. Let's jointly give them all another round of applause."

There was applause.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Now, just by way of announcement, I wanted to let our community know and our Council know that, week after next, Wednesday, February 21st, there will be a community transformation presentation, an opportunity for us in the area of health and wellness. I don't know if you all ever heard of this, it's called the Blue Zone Project, and various cities, around the country and the world, have adopted Blue Zone Projects. Also, after some analysis of our community, they will recommend specific activities for our community to become more, well, more fit, and it's really quite an amazing effort that they've done in other cities. So, if you would like to participate in that, check out Blue Zone. There will be a presentation about this on Wednesday, February 21st."

Councilmember Seekings said, "8:30 a.m."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "8:30 a.m., and in the afternoon at 5:00 p.m. They're having Wine at Five, so there you go. It's got to be healthy wine, I'm sure. Now, we're going to have a number of public hearings this evening, I think a total of about a dozen of them. The first one up is an ordinance to amend the City of Charleston Century V Plan Comprehensive Plan update, adopted by City Council last February 22, 2011, to incorporate the Plan West Ashley Area Plan into said Century V Plan, as provided. So, would anyone like to come forward? Are we going to first have a few minutes of presentation?"

Jacob Lindsey said, "Whichever you prefer, Mayor."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Yes, sir. Please proceed, Mr. Lindsey, our Planning Director."

Mr. Lindsey said, "Very good, and I'm going to activate our projector, and is there a microphone I may use?"

Councilmember Seekings said, "Just use that one right there."

Mr. Lindsey said, "Our projector is here so I'm going to use a floating one, and so is Christopher. Thank you, Mayor. As the slides are coming up, a very, very brief introduction to the Plan. Mayor, and members of Council, as you all know, from time to time, we do take up area plans that are an amendment to our Comprehensive Plan. Some examples of these would be things like our 1999 Downtown Plan or the 2007 Johns Island Plan or the 2015 Rethink Folly Road Plan. All of these are area plans that we undertake and adopt, as a part of the overall Comprehensive Plan. They come to you for review and approval."

Councilmember Griffin said, "Can you talk a little louder?"

Mr. Lindsey said, "Yes, sir. I think they want me to speak louder. Okay, and I think our projector is coming up. So, we do periodically adopt these area plans that become a part of our Comprehensive Plan and now we are delighted to . . ."

Mr. Lindsey continued, "Can our microphone be turned up any more? I think our Mayor is working on that, or I can put the microphone right at my mouth like this. This plan comes to you after over a year of work by many, many people, including the public stakeholders, dedicated City staff, and, of course, the members of the West Ashley Revitalization Commission, who have given countless hours to this work. So, this is something that comes to you after significant amounts of public input and involvement and the big idea, which is contained in this plan, is that existing residential housing should not be changed. We should work to make our neighborhoods stronger, and the visions to make strategic interventions in focused areas where they can positively change West Ashley. There have been over 66 public meetings to create this vision. We've had members of the public, members of the development community, and many of you from Council have attended. This has been an exhaustive effort and the plan itself is focused on five different areas, community, design and land use, transportation, green infrastructure, housing, and economic development. In the first of those, it calls for development in the right areas. It says, 'growing places that are connected and places that are high and dry'. Under transportation, it says that the solution to West Ashley transportation is everything and the kitchen sink. If we're going to be more global, we need to walk, we need to bike, we need to take the bus, we need to widen more lanes, we need to improve intersections, we need to do everything, if we're going to move around more effectively. Under the green infrastructure and sustainability section, it says that we need to continue to strengthen our stormwater regulations, we need to adopt cutting edge measures for storm water handling, and we need to, again, grow in the right places that can handle additional growth. Also, a very important amendment has been made in this plan along the way for us to complete all of our great work in the Church Creek drainage basin, and that is included in this plan. Under housing, it calls for the protection of our existing neighborhoods in West Ashley, and it also calls for the continued construction of affordable housing. On your desks is an amendment to this, which was suggested by Councilmember Waring in our meetings with my staff, with all of you in discussing this. Councilmember Waring had a specific suggestion for streamlining the approval of affordable housing and that is on your desks, in the red box, which is on the sheet before you. Last, but not least, under economic development, the plan calls for additional workplaces in West Ashley, and additional new services that support quality of life here. One of the things that we know is, the majority of folks who do live in West Ashley commute outside of West Ashley to go to work. One of the solutions for reducing traffic and increasing quality of life is to get more workplaces here, and the plan calls for that. At the end of the plan, you will see this implementation matrix and it spells out the many, many things, the steps that need to take place in order to accomplish all of the goals that are set forth. Primary among them is coordination among the City, County, and Public Service District, in a serious effort on the part of the many, many parties to make West Ashley a better place. With that said, the way the plan

has been so far is, first it was brought to the West Ashley Revitalization Commission. They endorsed a few pages from this plan, which you all received. They are the summaries of each chapter and the implementation pages that add up to about 70 or so pages. The job of the West Ashley Revitalization Commission is to implement the plan, and that's what they endorse: the implementation components and the summaries. It went to the Planning Commission, whose job is to look at the Comprehensive Plan. They looked at the entire plan, and that is all of the pages that the work endorsed, in addition to narrative content and maps. If you are minded to endorse this plan tonight, what that will do is formalize the vision for West Ashley and authorize staff and the members of the Revitalization Commission to move forward, implementing the various steps that are called for."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Alright. Thank you very much. Would anyone like to be heard on this matter? Please queue up at the microphone over here and state your name and your address. We're going to limit folks, if I may ask, since we've got a big crowd here, to just one minute per speaker. Yes, sir."

1. George Shearhouse, 219 Shadowmoss Parkway, commended the Mayor, City Council, and the Planning groups for undertaking what looked to be a very comprehensive and integrative plan. He had concerns about funding it, which he thought was essential, with integrated regulation that pertained to the building standards and enforcement of existing standards, as well as for maintenance of existing drainage fields, which he thought was more important than anything downtown. He had a professor at The Citadel, who said prior planning prevented low performance, and then asked Council to plan ahead and integrate this into the process.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you, sir. Make sure to speak right into the microphone."

2. Linda Dennis said she represented an afterschool program at Orange Grove Elementary School in West Ashley. Mandi Herring visited them, and the average ages of the students were 9, 10, and 11. In 30 years they would be 39, 40, and 41, which was the proposed length of the Plan West Ashley. She stated they were engaged during the class presentation taking notes and wrote the following letter at the class time when they discussed the experience with Mandi. 'In our democracy, taking an interest in learning more about our communities was key to becoming a good citizen'. While they were too young to have the right to vote, they're not too young to have their voice heard. She said their experience with Mandi was eye-opening. She also said that they learned the importance of City planning and enjoyed learning about new lands, new developments, the Greenway, and good infrastructure, as well as their concern for the traffic. She stated they took home that night everything Mandi shared with them and wrote a letter. She said they thanked Council for purchasing the Piggly Wiggly building at the intersection of Sam Rittenberg and Old Towne Road, and they hoped to see a garden or park on that site. She said they understand that the City, County, and State were all working together to solve the traffic issue, and they would be turning the letter in.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you. She runs an incredible program with those young kids. They're learning so much by being backpack journalists. It's really remarkable."

3. Robert Gurley, Preservation Society of Charleston (PSC), commended the West Ashley Revitalization Commission, City Council and staff, and others, as they had done a wonderful job. He said PSC attended almost all of the meetings, some of the workshops, and were really encouraged by the quality of the conversation between the community and the City. PSC thought this was a well-conceived plan that re-envisioned West Ashley, and asked that it be incorporated into the Century V Comprehensive Plan.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you, sir."

4. Chris Cody, Historic Charleston Foundation, said they supported the adoption of this Plan, and urged Council to adopt it as so. They were proud to have contributed \$50,000 to this effort, and believed that the entire City could be proud of the work done by the Planning staff and the citizens on the Revitalization Commission. They looked forward to working with stakeholders and City staff on the implementation of the recommendations of this Plan. The language of Historic Preservation was woven throughout the document, and they stood ready to help preserve the cultural character and historic resources of West Ashley.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you for your generous support."

Councilmember Shahid said, "Amen."

5. Jason Crowley, Director of Communities and Transportation with the Coastal Conservation League, said they wanted to echo their support. They had been incredibly thrilled to see this process throughout the year. The amount of collaboration and communication compromise, between not just the Revitalization Committee but also the members of the public, had been terrific and it really showed an example of how to identify needs and opportunities for growth and investment that could be used as a model throughout the rest of the City to include the sea islands, and to be able to be a part of this process moving forward particularly as they implemented the Plan and identified ways to take action, particularly with resilience.
6. Karl Brenkert, Ashford Place at Church Creek, said he wanted to point out a contradiction in the Plan. He stated that an overwhelming sentiment from the community was the amount of traffic congestion they had to deal with on a daily basis, and the Plan summed up that West Ashley now found itself where most major roads couldn't be widened further, yet the congestion still existed. He said that if they're at the point in developing infrastructure where they could no longer expand, there couldn't be any new development. He asked where the new development was going to go. He stated they were in the same situation with traffic as they were with flooding. He encouraged Council to vote against this Plan.

There was applause.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you very much."

7. Trudy Krawcheck said they had owned Southeastern Galleries in West Ashley for more than 30 years, and they lived in downtown Charleston. She said she had been attending these meetings on a regular basis, and she thought the group

had done their diligence and their homework and brought a wonderful presentation. She hoped that West Ashley would get this kind of attention in dollars that it deserved to have. Beautification would benefit all of West Ashley. She thanked Council for their time and energy on this project.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you, Ms. Krawcheck."

8. Katie Zimmerman, Executive Director of Charleston Moves, said they advocated for multiple methods of transportation including biking, walking, and mass transit. She commended Council for all of the hard work. She said Mr. Gurley summed up all of her appreciative sentiments, but she wanted to make sure Council knew that Charleston Moves was there to help where needed. They needed to get people walking or biking or taking the bus, and the Plan was a great blueprint to move forward. She was proud of the City and everybody who worked on this project.

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

9. Sherry Irwin reminded Council that the number one duty of any elected government was to protect people's lives and private property rights. She stated she was at a meeting in July in the Maryville-Ashleyville area, and they knew that they wanted to take their homes. She stated the developer actually told the residents that they had affordable housing for them, which meant they wanted to take their homes and put them in high-rise apartments. She told Council they got elected to solve this. Council continued to fill in open spaces. In a free society, they didn't tell people what mode of transportation they had to take. They tried to do away with suburbs, and they called it 'new urbanism'. She begged Council to vote no, and to start educating what was actually going on.

There was applause.

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

10. John Steinberger said he lived in Sandhurst. He said what made West Ashley great was their single-family homes, wonderful subdivisions, the freedom to drive their cars where they wanted, and free parking. He said the push for high-density development was incompatible with their suburban way of life, and they needed to stop filling in the wetlands, which was causing flooding, and paving the wetlands, which was putting stress on their natural environment. He urged Council to vote no, and to look into drainage first.

There was applause.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you, sir. I'm going to ask you all assembled here not to outburst. If someone wants to ask for a show of support, he or she could ask the crowd to stand, but we ask you to refrain from outbursts. Thank you. Yes, sir. Mr. Alexander."

11. Aubry Alexander said the last time he was there he was graduating from the 6th Grade, and that he was a longtime resident of West Ashley. He encouraged Council to receive and accept the Plan. He said his real concern about the Plan was not the vision that the people had put together, but the implementation. He said officials were elected for a reason, and they were to judge everything that happened in the City, because their decisions had great consequences. His

advice was to look very carefully at the implementation of the Plan, how much is being turned over to departments and bureaucracies, and how much impact this Council and future Councils will have.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you very much. Would anyone else like to be heard? Yes, sir."

12. Justin Ferira thanked Council for the opportunity and privilege to serve on the West Ashley Revitalization Commission, and thanked Council for their service. He said that 86 percent of the people that lived in West Ashley worked elsewhere. He said this was widely inclusive, and he hoped Council would vote unanimously for the Plan, because these were not competing hands, they were one body, and what benefited West Ashley, benefited Charleston. He also thought, while the meeting started off, about the give and take of the budget. He said Councilmember Shahid said that West Ashley was the birthplace of Charleston and City staff had already gotten signs out at the entry points hyping that which was true. Additionally, Council and others were going to advocate growth and structure, and that advocacy was not spending money, but advocating for the budgetary allocation. Another concern was incentivizing investment as trying to harness the power and the money and the dollars of the private sector to come here and install that 86 percent drain that led to jobs elsewhere. It was not how the Council was going to spend money, but how they were going to harness the private sector to bring other dollars here and make the Implementation Plan of 30 years valuable and implemented successfully. He thanked Council for their service and vision in calling out the attention of West Ashley.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Yes, sir. Thank you for your service on the Commission. Are there other Commission members present here this evening? Would you all stand and be recognized if there are any others here? Ms. Hannah, I didn't see her. Thank you as well."

There was applause.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Seeing no one else in the queue, this matter comes before Council."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Shahid.

Councilmember Shahid said, "Thank you, Mr. Mayor. First of all, I would like to request that the adoption of the Plan include the abridged version that was passed unanimously by the Revitalization Commission. That included the implementation portions, the overall portions dealing with the existing conditions, and the underlined information behind that. I think it consists of 70 pages. That is what the Revitalization Commission passed unanimously and now put up for this Council to approve. With that being said, I would like to make a few comments about the Plan and the work of the Revitalization Commission. First, many thanks to members of Council who had the confidence in me to allow me to steer this Commission. We've had 19 individuals from different parts of our community with different experiences, expertise, and vision to serve on this Commission. The work of any public Commission that involves most of the community, you don't get paid, and as we've got several of those around the City, it just shows the level of commitment, concern, and desire of the public to be involved in this process. Like our school teacher just mentioned to you earlier, this democratic process, this ability of citizens to come forward to be heard, to speak, to have a part in this whole community aspect

was just overwhelming, and it really was just a beautiful thing to watch. There was a public servant at the very first meeting at Mr. Moody's church, John Wesley United Methodist Church, just to see the number of people there, the enthusiasm. I don't want to get into too much more about it. It just reinforces our American dream that citizens take a part in their process, they take ownership of what we do.

This is a huge project. More than half of the population in the City of Charleston lives in West Ashley. The land mass over here is enormous, so the project in and of itself, just the sheer demographics, our power lines, how important this project is, and the amount of workshops we had, the charettes, the interviews with stakeholders, members of Council were involved in this process, was important and overwhelming, and it was a magnificent opportunity. I can't thank enough of the members of the public who came to these workshops and participated and the other stakeholders who were involved in this process and all members of Council who were involved in it, including particularly Councilmember Lewis, who is a member of the Commission. Councilmember Wagner is also a member of the Commission. Thank you, gentlemen, for all of your help and to the City staff, I just can't say enough about our City staff. It's been said enough about them, but I just want to emphasize that, as well.

The unanimous approval of the recommendation of the West Ashley Revitalization Commission, I can just break this down for the public very quickly. The Plan has five chapters. There is a chapter on Community Design and Land Use, Transportation, Green Infrastructure, Housing, and Economic Development. You've heard a few comments about housing, and there was a meeting we had here last year about the Maryville-Ashleyville area. People are concerned about how this development is going to have an impact on that very historic area. I just want to state this publicly, for your benefit. On Thursday, I'm going to be installed as the President of the Charleston County Bar Association. I see Mr. Miller, and Mr. Miller is one of the members of our Commission who had expressed concern, and Councilmember Waring has added an amendment to this about housing. One of the things that we have got to avoid happening is that folks who have owned and lived in houses in these very historic areas, like the Maryville and Ashleyville area, cannot be run out of those areas. The Charleston County Bar Association is going to do everything in its power to provide for clinics to make sure that those folks who live in these areas will have the opportunity to make sure that the title to their homes is clear and stays within their family, provide clinics to them, so that we can help them do wills and other probate matters, so that they have succession of their land. It stays in their family, and they're not run off because of the legal complications that we can easily avoid. So, that is going to be a very landmark and historic part of what we're going to be doing from the legal community to assist those folks as part of this Plan, as well. So, that is where we're headed with this, so I would ask Council, since we had a unanimous approval of this, we have unanimous approval from Council to adopt with the Revitalization Commission."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "So, we have a motion to adopt the abridged version as was unanimously approved by the Commission."

Councilmember Waring said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Is there any further discussion?"

Councilmember Seekings said, "Could I ask a quick question, Mayor?"

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Seekings followed by Councilmember Lewis.

Councilmember Seekings said, "Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Jacob (Lindsey), when is our Century V Plan due for an update comprehensively?"

Mr. Lindsey said, "We just completed a review year last year, so the next full update doesn't happen for another five years. Of course, we can always amend and update as we go, which we routinely do, and we bring those to you, but the next full update is in another five years."

Councilmember Seekings said, "So, the ask here is to receive and accept this and make it part of our Century V Plan and then have it move parallel along with our Century V Plan altogether, right? Under the auspices of your department?"

Mr. Lindsey said, "If the Council moves to adopt this evening, that would take place as of your vote."

Councilmember Seekings said, "As part of the Century V Plan?"

Mr. Lindsey said, "Correct."

Councilmember Seekings said, "Is it sort of the thought in your department that we get some regular updates, by not just this portion of the Century V Plan but all of this, so we see where we're going? As you know, earlier we had conversations about Capital Projects and all of those things, so we would sort of know where we're going together here?"

Mr. Lindsey said, "We're happy to bring updates on the Comp Plans, as Council sees fit."

Councilmember Seekings said, "Alright. Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Lewis.

Councilmember Lewis said, "Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I want to thank the citizens who participated also on the Revitalization Commission to get the Plan implemented. We thank you for your service, thank you for your time, and we thank you for all of the comments that we've heard. I just want to challenge City Council as we start implementing this Plan, it's a long ways Plan, that each year whatever part of the Plan we start implementing, that we make sure that we have the necessary funding to implement this Plan, so we can move forward and make West Ashley one of the best places in the country to live. In order to do that, we have to make sure that money is there to make sure that infrastructure is in place. Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you, Councilmember Lewis. Are there any other comments?"

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilwoman Jackson.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Would you all pass the microphone around?"

Councilwoman Jackson said, "Ms. Maybank, can you read the motion as it's on the floor?"

The Clerk said, "The motion was to give first reading to the abridged version of the Plan, is what they said?"

Councilwoman Jackson said, "What would be the intent of it?"

The Clerk said, "It was seconded by Councilmember Waring."

Councilwoman Jackson said, "But, I guess where I'm going is the motion is to adopt and incorporate this as an amendment into the Comprehensive Century V Plan, correct?"

The Clerk said, "Yes."

Councilwoman Jackson said, "Not to receive and accept, but to adopt as an amendment, is that correct?"

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "That is correct."

Councilwoman Jackson said, "I am certainly going to vote yes on that basis. Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Are there any other questions or comments?"

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Shealy.

Councilmember Shealy said, "Before becoming a Councilmember, I was very involved in this, with the public part of this, so I've gotten to see it from both sides and before I ever fully decided that I was going to run for City Council. I can tell you, as I look through this book (Plan) now, and I think back to sitting around those tables, because I went to all four public sessions, I can hear some of the public comments made at that public session. When I read this book, I can tell you that truly most of what is in here came directly from those sessions and those conversations. I believe there were 1,500 people that contributed to this, so it's a tremendous amount of public input that was put into this. I heard Mr. Brenkert loud and clear that we've got to watch flooding, and I will tell you as your Councilmember, Mr. Brenkert, we're going to keep an eye on that. Certainly, the Church Creek Basin has got to take precedence over whatever goes on, and certainly as a Council, we're going to look at that. I heard about the traffic, too, and there are things in this Plan that address flooding, drainage, and traffic, and we will certainly be taking a look at that. I would like to encourage all of my fellow Councilmembers to vote for this first reading."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Wagner.

Councilmember Wagner said, "I was honored to be part of this Commission. There were a lot of hours of either fussing, a lot of fighting, a little argument here and there, but you know what? We got the best document we could possibly get. A lot of it we had two superstars, one of them is Diane Hamilton and the other one was Donna Jacobs. If you said a Commission meeting is going to be here or there, get signatures, we want to show it to you, those two ladies were there. I ran into them at places I didn't even know we were supposed to be. So, I just want to say thanks to those two specifically. The only thing that I have any trepidation about at all is something that is going to happen, I hope soon, but it might not ever happen, and that's a large portion of the transportation element revolves around a road that may or may not ever be built. That could change the whole debate here next year, two years, five years from now. So, that's the only thing out there that could give any of us any real problem."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "It's a matter of time. We're going to get it built."

Councilmember Wagner said, "Thank you, sir."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Is there anyone else?"

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember White.

Councilmember White said, "Thank you. Although, obviously, my office is here in West Ashley, and I own several pieces of real estate in West Ashley, I don't live in West Ashley, but I will say that I've certainly watched with a lot of interest as to how this plan would formulate over time. One of the things Mr. Lindsey made a comment earlier on about, I think is probably one of the most important statements that we could make about this Plan, is the intent for diversity of use. It's something that this Plan needs to implement, but we also need to consider across the entire City of Charleston including Johns Island and James Island. It's the lack of diversity of use in the areas across our City that create the need for people to get in their car every morning and every night to go to work and to go home, and that's what ends up creating traffic. I drive around West Ashley all day long, and there is not a traffic problem, but in the morning there is and at night there is, and the problem is the lack of diversity of use. If you create significant, commercial-central opportunities for people to work, they won't have to leave West Ashley. They have shopping here. They have everything else they need. What they lack is the ability to work and live in the same place. So, what I would encourage this Council to do, as we move forward, is make sure that that becomes part of something that we implement, and we can do that sooner rather than later. The reason I point this out is because what I've watched over time is the City spend lots of money on plans, and too often, we then put them on a shelf. Ten years later, we go back and look at the plan, and you start counting how many of those items have we executed, and too often, the answer is zero. The challenge becomes funding to be able to implement the plan. We can do things, as a Council, that don't cost us money, and that is to encourage the diversity of use by the legislation that we pass, the zoning ordinances that we pass, and how we, at a planning perspective, encourage developers to develop sites within our City that provide more diversity of use than we have. It helps them financially to make decisions that they don't just build hotels, or apartment complexes, or neighborhoods, but actually are encouraged to build commercial centers where people can live and work in the same community. So, I've watched this process for a long time come together. I know that there has been a lot of work, a lot of consternation to get to this point. I commend all of those who were involved. I would say step two is to make sure that we can actually execute the Plan, and we don't put this on the shelf. Thank you very much."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you very much. I guess if I may make just one comment or a couple is to, again, thank the Commission and thank all of the public that has been involved in this. As Mayor, and also as a resident of West Ashley, I'm very proud to have a blueprint for our future going forward. Councilmember White is exactly right. Implementation is so important, and that's why the job of the West Ashley Revitalization Commission is really just beginning. It's going to be their job to help see the implementation through and push for change, and push for advocacy on City Council. Councilmember Waring, I look forward to working with you to get every dollar that we possibly can dedicate to this implementation going forward, but I want to share with you and everyone that it's more than just the red stamp or the green dollar. It's policies, it's us encouraging the County and the Public Service District and the State of South Carolina to do the right thing at the right time, and as just pointed out, to encourage investment from the private sector. So, it's really going to be a collaborative effort moving forward to implement this Plan, and it's about money, but it's also about policy, influence, and encouragement. So, with that said, I want to thank everyone."

Councilmember Gregorie said, "Just one question, Mayor."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Yes, sir, a question from Councilmember Gregorie."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Gregorie.

Councilmember Gregorie said, "Yes, I don't like to fly blindly. Do we have any sense of, we know this is a long-term Plan, is there any sense of what this may cost us over the next 20 years?"

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Millions and millions of dollars."

Councilmember Seekings said, "More than that."

Councilmember Shahid said, "Just the Church Creek Basin is \$40 million."

Councilmember Gregorie said, "Not a good answer."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Alright. If there are no others questions, I'll call the question."

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

An ordinance to amend the City of Charleston Century V 2010 Comprehensive Plan update, adopted by Charleston City Council on February 22, 2011, to incorporate the Plan West Ashley Area Plan into said Century V Plan as hereinafter provided. (AS AMENDED)

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you all very much. So, next we have E-2, which is a zoning matter on Lee and Cooper Street, a City property that we are changing the zoning to our Mixed-Use Zoning Category, which requires an affordable housing component to any development there. Mr. Lindsey or Mr. Morgan."

Mr. Lindsey said, "It's going to be Mr. Morgan, actually I'm just setting up our projector, Mayor."

Mr. Morgan said, "We're going to have the projector up in just a second, but I'll just give the background of this. Again, the property is along Lee Street, Cooper Street, and Aiken Street. It's about two acres. It's a request to go from the (DR-2F) District to the Mixed-Use Workforce Housing (MU-1/WH) District. We have images now in front of you. I think you all are very familiar with where this property is east of Meeting Street, and it's something we have been working on for our Workforce Housing. Both staff and the Planning Commission recommend approval of this change."

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

No one asked to speak.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Hearing none, it comes to Council."

Councilmember Lewis said, "Move for approval."

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

Councilmember Moody said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We have a second from Councilmember Moody. Is there any discussion?"

No one asked to speak.

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

An ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Charleston by changing the Zone Map, which is a part thereof, so that properties located on Lee Street, Cooper Street and Aiken Street (Peninsula) (approximately 2.07 acres) (TMS #459-05-04-116, 192, 193, 194, 195, 197, 198, 220, and portions of 208 and 209) (Council District 4), be rezoned from Diverse Residential (DR-2F) classification to Mixed-Use/Workforce Housing (MU-1/WH) classification. The property is owned by the City of Charleston.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Next, Mr. Morgan, if we can kind of take E-3 and E-4 together, they both really involve the same property, if that's okay with Council."

Mr. Morgan said, "Yes, sir. These relate to 194 Cannon Street, which is home to a Planned Unit Development, which you all approved in the past year. Essentially, this is just codifying it through some amendments in our Accommodations Overlays. The first one is a text amendment, which changes the limits on the number of rooms in a facility allows and for the A-7 District to be added in this location, which will allow over 175 rooms. The second one is the actual map amendment here. Again, you see the references to A-7, 175 rooms. This is on Cannon Street, essentially along the Crosstown between Cannon and Spring, in the vicinity of Hagood Avenue, and I think you all are very familiar with this surrounding area. We've just got an aerial photo of it from the north, and both the Planning Commission and staff recommend approval of this change. It was part of a PUD, which you all passed in the past year."

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

No one asked to speak.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Hearing none, it comes before Council."

Councilmember Lewis said, "Move for approval."

Councilmember Mitchell said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We have a motion to approve and a second. Councilmember Moody, did you want to speak?"

Councilmember Moody said, "No, I just wanted to give a second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Okay, you were just giving a second. Are there any questions or discussion?"

No one asked to speak.

Councilmember Moody said, "I assume we're voting on both, the motion was for E-3 and E-4?"

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "E-3 and E-4."

On a motion of Councilmember Lewis, two (2) bills (Items E-3 and E-4) received second reading. They passed second reading on motion by Councilmember Mitchell and third reading

on motion of Councilmember Gregorie. On further motion of Councilmember Lewis, the rules were suspended, and the bills were immediately ratified as amended:

2018-008 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 54 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON (ZONING ORDINANCE) BY REVISING SECTION 54-220 (B) (1) (E) (15) PERTAINING TO LIMITS ON THE NUMBER OF ROOMS IN FACILITIES.

2018-009 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON BY CHANGING THE ZONE MAP, WHICH IS A PART THEREOF, SO THAT 194 CANNON STREET AND ADJACENT ZONED RIGHT-OF-WAY (PENINSULA) (APPROXIMATELY 2.07 ACRES) (TMS #460-10-04-013) (COUNCIL DISTRICT 6), BE REZONED SO AS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE ACCOMMODATIONS OVERLAY (A) CLASSIFICATION DESIGNATED AS "A-7": 175 ROOM MAXIMUM. **(AS AMENDED)**

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Next, we go to E-5."

Mr. Morgan said, "This is a rezoning request in the Cannonborough-Elliotborough neighborhood. It is a request at 41 Bogard Street to take an existing former commercial structure. Back when Zoning was implementing these areas, there was just a Residential zoning that was given throughout the area, and we've had property owners who have been interested in going back and taking these traditional corner buildings back to the actual Commercial zoning, in this case, a CT zoning. I'll show you an image of the building here at this location. There is an aerial image, and you can see the building. It's home to a very popular restaurant, so it's clearly a commercial use that was essentially grandfathered in because of the history of the structure, but the request would be to give it a CT zoning, and both staff and Planning Commission recommend approval."

Councilwoman Jackson said, "I move for approval."

Councilmember Moody said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We have a motion to approve, but we do have a public hearing to conduct. Would anybody like to be heard on this matter?"

No one asked to speak.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Hearing none, we have a motion to approve by Councilwoman Jackson and a second by Councilmember Moody. Is there any discussion?"

Councilmember Lewis said, "Yes, Mr. Mayor."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Lewis.

Councilmember Lewis said, "Both E-5 and E-6 are the same items located in the same block on the same street. So, can we just take both of them together?"

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Well, if you don't mind, since we already started on E-5."

Councilmember Lewis said, "They're owned by the same developers. I don't know why we didn't take them both together."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We started down this road, and we're conducting the public hearings so, if you don't mind, we'll vote on one and then the other."

Councilmember Lewis said, "Okay."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Sorry about that. Is there any other discussion?"

No one asked to speak.

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

An ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Charleston by changing the Zone Map, which is a part thereof, so that 41 Bogard Street (Peninsula) (0.05 acre) (TMS #460-08-03-144) (Council District 3), be rezoned from Diverse Residential (DR-2F) classification to Commercial Transitional (CT) classification. The property is owned by 9 Bogard St LLC.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Next is E-6. It's a very similar matter."

Mr. Morgan said, "Absolutely. It's the same situation here, and it's a commercial structure at the corner of Percy and Bogard. Here is the image of the structure and a successful commercial establishment in this location. The Planning Commission and staff recommend approval."

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

No one asked to speak.

Councilmember Mitchell said, "Move for approval."

Councilmember Lewis said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We have a motion to approve by Councilmember Mitchell and a second by Councilmember Lewis. Is there any discussion or questions?"

No one asked to speak.

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

An ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Charleston by changing the Zone Map, which is a part thereof, so that 18 Percy Street (Peninsula) (0.05 acre) (TMS #460-08-01-063) (Council District 3), be rezoned from Diverse Residential (DR-2F) classification to Commercial Transitional (CT) classification. The property is owned by 9 Bogard St LLC.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Next, E-7, is a rezoning at 651 Meeting Street."

Mr. Morgan said, "This is property on upper Meeting Street, near the old SCE&G Trolley Barn that's now home to the American College of the Building Arts. This is a property just to the north of that on Meeting Street. There are some walls around it that were part of a former building. You can see that from this aerial photo, and it has always been assumed that this property would be revitalized once we got the Trolley Barn renovated, and this is moving

forward with that. To properly revitalize it, the request has come forward for rezoning to the MU-1 Workforce Housing District in this location, and staff and the Planning Commission recommend approval of this request.”

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “Would anyone like to be heard on this matter?”

No one asked to speak.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “It comes before Council. Do I hear a motion?”

Councilmember Gregorie said, “So moved.”

Councilmember Lewis said, “Second.”

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “We have a motion to approve and a second.”

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Mitchell.

Councilmember Mitchell said, “Mr. Morgan, this is the property that is on Poinsett Street?”

Mr. Morgan said, “It’s at the corner of Poinsett. Yes, sir. It’s that building to the right there. It has the kind of yellow metal on it at present.”

Councilmember Mitchell said, “Okay, that’s what I was talking about. I received a call from the Neighborhood President, and I spoke with the developer. The Neighborhood President said she had problems with it, because of the 40 units that are going to be built there, and because of the small area there on Poinsett Street. The way Poinsett Street is narrow, and she is concerned about the traffic and how they’re going to get in and out, because we still have about two or three families still living on Poinsett Street. If they’re going to use that entrance and the exit for traffic with the 40 units, who knows how many cars are going to be there. They said, at one time, they were doing it for the young people attending that school. But, if you have all of these people coming in, she has a problem with that. She called me yesterday and today, and I think she relayed this to the developer, but I spoke with him on a previous occasion, and I didn’t have a problem with it at the time. I don’t know if we’re going to make some changes to that, how they’re going to do it, or how they’re going to deal with that one entrance and exit there. That’s the problem that we have and that she’s looking at.”

Mr. Morgan said, “At present, we’ve not seen any site plan for this, but we would be taking into account giving it safe legal access. It would have to meet all fire codes, it would have to meet all transportation standards for access to be created there for whatever number of units would be built but, at this point in time, we’ve seen no site plans or any schematics.”

Councilmember Mitchell said, “So, we haven’t approved, really, the 40 units yet?”

Mr. Morgan said, “No, sir. No number of units are approved. It’s just a concept of letting it go to the MU-1 Workforce Housing.”

Councilmember Mitchell said, “Okay, I just want to make sure, so I can relay that information back to her.”

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember White.

Councilmember White said, "So, is this the property that was intended to be the student housing for the College for the Building Arts?"

Mr. Morgan said, "I think there was some discussion about that, but I'm not certain what the actual residential use of the property would be, and MU-1 Workforce Housing did not specify that. It could be student housing, it could be regular apartments, it could be condominiums, or it could be a range of housing types."

Councilmember White said, "My recollection is that if this is the same parcel, that was the whole premise for us originally doing this deal. So, can they not do student housing under the current GB zoning?"

Mr. Morgan said, "They would not have the density that they would need, based on the amount of block area. If, for instance, let's say they were doing 40 units, that would not fit the current block area under GB. So, that's why they're requesting the MU."

Councilmember White said, "We're not certain whether or not their intent is to build student housing?"

Mr. Morgan said, "I'm not certain about that. I think there may be a representative of the development team. Is he here?"

Charles Summerall said, "Mayor and Council, I'm Charles Summerall, here with the Walker Gressette firm, and we represent the applicant. I'll try to answer any questions you have."

Councilmember White said, "Do you know, is the intent that they're going to build up the student housing on the site? Is that what they're currently intending to do, and that's the reason for the rezoning?"

Mr. Summerall said, "I know the current plan does include some apartments for students and faculty, which is complementary to the existing College of the Building Arts, and it's a mixed-use on top of that."

Councilmember Mitchell said, "What happened when we first had the Trolley Barn there, that was one of the requests we had, that was going to build student housing. I think that particular development fell through. So, this is a new owner that has it now. I don't think they are falling under the same category, under student housing, per se, but we just want to make sure what is going to be going there, because the community there is a small-knit community. They are getting on me, so I had to find out and make sure what is happening. Like I told them, I didn't have a problem with it in the beginning, but after addressing this question about the traffic coming through that little street, that one street, we still have three families still living there, and they still have to come in and out. How much traffic is going to be going in and out of that small little street there when it is so narrow? They are very concerned about that, and I have to be very careful with that. I just want to make sure I know how many units are going to go over there, so I can get back with them. The Neighborhood Association is going to have the developers to come back to them also to explain this because they are ringing my phone all day long on that, and I need to have some answers for them."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Could I make a suggestion, Councilmember Mitchell? This situation is not unlike what we recently dealt with for the rezoning of Laurens Street and Society Street, the old Veggie Bin property. It is just sitting and kind of waiting on our agenda for third reading until we finalize the plans with them. Anyway, I would suggest that we give this first

reading, but kind of hold onto it until they come forward with a specific site plan and development plan that we could review.”

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Lewis.

Councilmember Lewis said, “Mr. Mayor, you weren’t the Mayor when this came before us. This is a building that was given to the City under the Bridge Mitigation Program. For some reason, some friends of the current Mayor talked them into giving this building away to the School of the College of the Building Arts.”

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “You mean former Mayor.”

Councilmember Lewis said, “The former Mayor, excuse me, the School of the Building Arts and that’s why I voted against it. They’ll come to you, and they promise this, and they promise that. Now, we’re getting a bunch of “what ifs” and they don’t know what they’re going to do with the building. The original intent was there wasn’t going to be any housing on the front of the building. It would be somewhere around the back part of the building, but some of their deals fell through. They’re still making money, and this poor neighborhood is suffering, because we gave something away where we could have put affordable housing for people in that neighborhood to live. It was given to the City by the Bridge Mitigation for people who had been displaced by the Cooper River Bridge. Now, we’re giving a piece of property to the developers who want to make a bunch of money and, still yet, they’re going to tell you whatever. They don’t know what they’re going to put there. That’s a shame. Thank you.”

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “Well, I hear you. I do point out that our change of zoning to Mixed-Use would now require that 25 percent of the units be for affordable housing, which is a much higher requirement than it was just until a year ago, and I’m sure they know that.”

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Wagner.

Councilmember Wagner said, “Yes, sir. I think it might be a little bit more complicated because, as I remember, there was a reversion clause when we basically sold that, and they had to do specifically what that contract said. I think we’re going to have a legal issue here, and I know we’ve got Ms. Cantwell, but I’m pretty sure she doesn’t remember all of it, but maybe she can point us in the right direction, because there was a reversion clause in that contract. So, let’s figure out what we’ve got to do with the reversion.”

Ms. Cantwell said, “What happened was, if you look at the site, the site was subdivided, and the portion where the School of the Building Arts now sits is restricted to that use, and the rest of the site is not restricted to that use. I don’t know who owns it now, but the School of the Building Arts actually traded off that part of the site to the developer, who made a contribution to the construction and renovation of the School of the Building Arts.”

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Waring.

Councilmember Waring said, “When we gave it away, we gave it away under the assumption of some knowns, and now we’re being asked to rezone it under unknowns. Can you put the overhead back up, Mr. Morgan? If you put 40 units there, I don’t know if you could park 40 units on that. So, that means some people may park on Poinsett Street, and we know how narrow Poinsett Street is, so we need more information. I would ask that we move for deferral, so we can find out some more knowns before we vote on this.”

Councilmember Gregorie said, “Second.”

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We have a motion to defer and a second. Councilmember Gregorie, did you also want to speak to this matter?"

Councilmember Gregorie said, "No."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Okay. Is there any other discussion?"

No one asked to speak.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "A motion to defer takes precedence, hence, we will vote on that."

On a motion of Councilmember Waring, seconded by Councilmember Gregorie, City Council voted unanimously to defer the following bill:

An ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Charleston by changing the Zone Map, which is a part thereof, so that 651 Meeting Street (Peninsula) (0.61 acre) (TMS #463-16-02-061) (Council District 4), be rezoned from General Business (GB) classification to Mixed-Use/Workforce Housing (MU-1/WH) classification. The property is owned by 651 Meeting Street Partners. (DEFERRED)

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "So, next on our agenda is, and I think we'll kind of take these together, E-8 and E-9. Aren't they related?"

Councilwoman Jackson said, "No, sir."

Mr. Morgan said, "No, sir."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "No, we're just going to hold them both for a vote after the annexations. Okay, E-8."

Mr. Morgan said, "This is a property that is on Folly Road, here, at the intersection of Grimball Road. It is approximately ten acres in Charleston County. It was under the Folly Road Overlay, as it would be in the City of Charleston. It was a Commercial designation under the Folly Road Overlay in Charleston County. When you come into the City, it's Limited Business under the Folly Road Overlay in the City. The property is surrounded by other residential uses, a commercial tract at the corner, and an apartment development to the south. I think we've got an aerial image here that shows the apartment development to the south and some of the residential further to the east. There is an industrial property on the other side of Folly Road to the west, and we've got a little bit tighter view of the property here. Here is the image of it from the Folly Road Overlay and the original county zoning on the property there. Both Planning Commission and staff recommend approval of the Limited Business in the Folly Road Overlay for the property."

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

No one asked to speak.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Alright. Hearing none, it comes to Council."

Councilmember Gregorie said, "Move for approval."

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

The Clerk said, "Well, Mayor, we're going to hold the vote. Remember?"

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Sorry."

The Clerk said, "We're going to come back at the end."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "That's right, you had to remind me. We're going to come back and vote on this later, because it's not officially in the City limits yet. We're going to do that later tonight."

Councilwoman Jackson said, "So, you will have discussion then, Mayor?"

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We'll have discussion then. Yes, ma'am. Alright, E-9."

Mr. Morgan said, "This is a property that is another annexation. This is off of Bees Ferry Road, a 17.13 acre parcel. It's zoned Industrial in Charleston County, and the request is come into the City as Limited Business. This would also be just a second reading, not a third reading. They have requested deferral of the third reading to a future meeting. This is an aerial photo of the property. It's undeveloped, it's adjacent to an electrical transmission line to the south and then a multi-family complex further to the south. In this area, of course, we always look to see if properties are in the Church Creek Drainage Basin. A portion of the property is in the Church Creek Drainage Basin, however, none of the property is in the 100-year flood plain, which is subject to the moratorium. Both Planning Commission and staff recommend approval of the Limited Business zoning for this property."

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

No one asked to speak.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Likewise, we're going to take this up in a little while, after the annexation gets handled later on."

The Clerk said, "Mayor, I think what Christopher is saying is, after we left to come over here (at the schoolhouse), we were called, and they only want a second reading for this, so you can vote on it if you choose to. It's not going to be ratified. It's not going to get a third reading."

Councilmember Moody said, "It was just to annex it."

Mr. Morgan said, "That is correct. They just want a second reading."

The Clerk said, "The reason is it's not going to be annexed into the City by this vote."

Councilmember Moody said, "So, we can still give it second reading."

The Clerk said, "Yes, you can get a second reading, but you have to get a third reading to be ratified. You're not going to get the third reading."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Now the Clerk is saying that the applicant has requested only a second reading at this time and a third reading be deferred, so we can go ahead and give it a second reading at this time."

The Clerk said, "That is correct."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "So, I would ask the question, Mr. Morgan, has some development scheme or proposal been brought forward on the property?"

Mr. Morgan said, "We have not seen one at present. They have talked about residential there, and they have talked about potentially multi-family on the property. It was Industrial in the County, but we've not had a layout for a specific development plan."

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

The Clerk said, "We need a motion."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Wagner.

Councilmember Wagner said, "Christopher, we went through first reading a month or so ago, right?"

Mr. Morgan said, "Yes, sir."

Councilmember Wagner said, "At that point in time, we were given some hint as to what was supposedly going to go there, and I can't remember what it is."

Mr. Morgan said, "They have talked about potentially multi-family on the site. There is a representative of the property owner here, the developer here. I don't know if he wants to say anything about that."

Councilmember Wagner said, "Okay, I would sure appreciate it."

Mr. Summerall said, "Mayor and Council, Charles Summerall, again, on behalf of the applicant. I'm not sure that I am a stand-in for my partner, Trenholm Walker, tonight. I'm not sure I can answer the question, but we are asking only for a second reading tonight and not a third reading."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "You have no knowledge about the development plans for the property, sir?"

Mr. Summerall said, "I don't know if I'd go that far, Mayor, but I don't feel authorized to get into the specifics of the plan tonight."

Councilmember Wagner said, "Can I follow up just a little bit? I know that we weren't going to say 'okay' to the first reading if you told me they were going to build a couple of hundred apartments there. That's a real sensitive area right now, and I'd like to know what we're going to put there before I say 'yes' to it. So, I'm going to request deferral of this item until we can get a clue."

Councilmember Shealy said, "Second."

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

No one asked to speak.

On a motion of Councilmember Wagner, seconded by Councilmember Shealy, City Council voted unanimously to defer the following bill:

An ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Charleston by changing the Zone Map, which is a part thereof, so that property located on Bees Ferry Road (West Ashley) (approximately 17.13 acres) (a portion of TMS #286-00-00-040) (Council District 5),

be zoned Limited Business (LB) classification. The property is owned by Julia E. Bradham et al. (DEFERRED)

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "So, we have deferred second reading of E-9, now to E-10."

Mr. Morgan said, "E-10 is a Single-Family residence at 1 Riverdale, and it's a quarter acre lot. It was Residentially zoned (RS) in Charleston County, and the recommendation for zoning in the City is Single-Family Residential (SR-1)."

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

No one asked to speak.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Hearing none, it comes before Council."

Councilmember Waring said, "Move for approval."

Councilmember Shahid said, "Second."

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

No one asked to speak.

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

An ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Charleston by changing the Zone Map, which is a part thereof, so that 1 Riverdale Drive (West Ashley) (0.26 acre) (TMS #418-14-00-080) (Council District 11), be zoned Single-Family Residential (SR-1) classification. The property is owned by Maho Holdings LLC.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Now on E-11 we have a request that this item be withdrawn, so I need a motion to withdraw."

Councilmember Moody said, "I'll make the motion we withdraw. The moratorium is over, so I'll make a motion to withdraw."

The Clerk said, "Okay, we need a second."

Councilmember Mitchell said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We've got a second over here from Councilmember Mitchell. So, what we still have on the books, just to explain, was a moratorium on James Island that was put in place while we were putting in our Folly Road Overlay District. All that got done. So, there is no further need for the moratorium, and we're going to withdraw it. Are there any further questions or discussions?"

No one asked to speak.

On a motion of Councilmember Moody, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, City Council voted unanimously to withdraw Item E-11:

An ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 2017-083, establishing a Temporary Moratorium on the acceptance or processing of applications pertaining to properties on James Island located in non-residentially zoned districts that exceed 4 units or 25,000 square feet, so as to extend the expiration date of the Temporary Moratorium until December 31, 2017. (deferred for public hearing) (The Planning Commission recommends disapproval; requires ¾ vote of Council.) (WITHDRAWN)

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Finally, E-12."

Mr. Morgan said, "This is just the extension of the Church Creek Drainage Basin Moratorium. You all gave it a first reading in November. It went to the Planning Commission. They recommended for its approval and to extend the moratorium to May 31st, 2018."

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

No one asked to speak.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Okay, do we have a motion to approve to extend the Church Creek Drainage Basin moratorium?"

Councilmember Shahid said, "So moved."

Councilmember Shealy said, "Second."

Councilmember Waring said, "I have a question."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We have a motion on the floor, and we have a question from Councilmember Waring."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Waring, followed by Councilmember Seekings.

Councilmember Waring said, "Thank you. When we did it before, we were supposed to get the study. What are we doing now, or what do we hope to accomplish in the next six months by having a moratorium?"

Councilmember Seekings said, "Thank you for taking my question."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Well, what we're doing right now is finishing the plan and recommendations from the study. I thought we had already extended it to May of this year. Isn't that correct?"

Councilmember Moody said, "We gave it first reading."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Right, we gave it first reading. So, now we're just giving it second reading. Laura, do you want to respond?"

Laura Cabiness said, "Sure. So, what we're doing right now is, taking the broader recommendations from Mr. Horner of Weston & Sampson and working on putting those in a form of development regulations to apply to the basin so that, when we come out of this building moratorium, we have it codified to whatever our options are going to be. There is still some work to do on that. We're working very hard on it."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "So, we will have some things to come to Council before this moratorium expires. It's certainly within our timeframe and intent to get that done before the middle of May, before the expiration. We don't, at this time, plan to extend it again."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Griffin.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "I'm sorry, I skipped over. Councilmember Seekings was next."

Councilmember Seekings said, "It's okay, go ahead. It's your district."

Councilmember Griffin said, "No."

Councilmember Seekings said, "It's your district."

Councilmember Griffin said, "I just want to say that, I hope that this extension is really a chance for us to implement some recommendations, or get to the point where we can begin the implementation because, when we come out of this moratorium, we want to see that we had the steps to be taken to make sure that it doesn't happen again. So, moving it forward, keeping it going until May, we've got a lot of projects that we're ready to tackle and, with the report finally about to come out, we don't want to lift this moratorium until we can actually implement something."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you very much."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Seekings.

Councilmember Seekings said, "Thank you, Mr. Mayor. My question is along the same lines as Councilmember Griffin and Councilmember Waring. One of the things that's obvious, as a result of the report that we've got, is there are going to be, among other things, infrastructure needs in the Church Creek Drainage Basin but, specifically on the map, in that sort of straight shot through Shadowmoss and the low points that, ultimately, are going to be undevelopable. We've got the FEMA grant money coming in, we've got the City match from buying people out, and we've turned spaces into greenspaces. So many things are going on in that basin, it's not all going to be done by May. It's probably not all going to be done by May 2020. I just think we're going to have to mesh this moratorium into a long range plan for just, specifically, the Church Creek Drainage Basin. So that we know, coupled with, for those of you that live in the Church Creek Drainage Basin, we feel your pain, and there are lots of flooding needs around the City. This is one of a number of large scale flooding projects that we're going to have to tackle over the course of the next five years. So, we're going to have to put all of these into the pipeline, getting in line on priorities, and try to get the funding for it. I don't know, and Ms. Cabiness is going to have to work through all of this, how we can come out of the backside of this moratorium with a long-term plan without knowing exactly how all of these pieces are going to fit into place. I don't know what's going to happen in May, but I don't think a whole lot is going to happen between now and then that's going to give us finality for the people who live in that drainage basin. For those of us who are in the City, to know exactly what projects are going to be where, how will we fund them and, ultimately, whether there's property in this basin, which I suspect there will be, that is, in the future, undevelopable, and we're going to have to deal with that. So, this is a big issue, and six months at a time bumping along is fine, but we're going to have to come up with a long-term solution, and I don't think it's going to be by May. So, I don't know if we're going to have a moratorium extended, or we're going to carp it up, or what we're going to do, but this is just a very short stopgap measure."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilwoman Jackson.

Councilwoman Jackson said, "Thank you. Mr. Seekings, I just want to clarify what I thought I heard Ms. Cabiness say, that, at the end of May, we would have some new development standards by which the developers who are interested in getting back into business in West Ashley would understand what we've learned about this whole study and how we are going to change the standards by which they're approved for development. So, the infrastructure, I agree with you, is a long-term challenge that we're going to have to prioritize, against everything else that we're learning about water in our whole region, but, I think, the intent for the end of May, is to have the developer community able to make educated decisions about whether they want to continue to develop in the areas that we've been studying."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Does anyone else have anything?"

No one asked to speak.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Hearing none, we'll vote on the second reading on E-12."

On a motion of Councilmember Shahid, one (1) bill (Item E-12) received second reading. It passed second reading on motion by Councilmember Shealy, and third reading on motion of Councilmember Waring. On further motion of Councilmember Moody, the rules were suspended, and the bill was immediately ratified:

2018-011 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2017-060 THAT ESTABLISHED A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE ACCEPTANCE OR PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION ON PROPERTIES LOCATED IN THE 100 YEAR FLOODPLAIN WITHIN THE CHURCH CREEK DRAINAGE BASIN FOR AN ADDITIONAL PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "I was reminded by Madam Clerk that I didn't call for the third reading and ratification on E-10, which was a zoning of that single-family home."

On a motion of Councilmember Waring, seconded by Councilmember Lewis, one (1) bill (Item E-10) received third reading, and the bill was immediately ratified:

2018-010 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON BY CHANGING THE ZONE MAP, WHICH IS A PART THEREOF, SO THAT 1 RIVERDALE DRIVE (WEST ASHLEY) (0.26 ACRE) (TMS #418-14-00-080) (COUNCIL DISTRICT 11), BE ZONED SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (SR-1) CLASSIFICATION. THE PROPERTY IS OWNED BY MAHO HOLDINGS LLC.

Councilmember White said, "Mr. Mayor."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember White.

Councilmember White said, "Before we move on, and maybe somebody on the Planning staff can answer this question. As we went through some of these rezonings this evening, under multiple situations, staff was not aware or didn't know what the intended use for the property would be and, subsequently yet, were being asked to rezone. So, it feels like we're putting the cart a little bit before the horse. Is there a reason that we can't require applicants for rezoning to go through an initial site design meeting with the Planning staff, so that the Planning staff knows what the intended use of the site is, before it comes to Council for a rezoning? Is there a reason we can't do that?"

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Well, I think on those two examples tonight, the reason might be because they are annexing into the City and, when they come in, we've got to give them some kind of zoning. Normally, we do it comparable to what's in the County and, oftentimes, we don't have a specific developmental plan when that happens. It certainly seems to me, when a property is in the City already and just requesting a rezoning for some reason, that it's certainly our prerogative to ask for that site plan and development plan before we approve it."

Councilmember White said, "Well, even if they're not annexed into the City of Charleston yet, and they're intending to be annexed in, I think we should still make the requirement that we see a site plan. If we're taking properties into the City of Charleston that we don't know what impact the intent is of those properties, and then we rezone them, and those properties have been subsequently entitled to build substantial density, then it becomes a problem we have to deal with. So, it seems to me, if we were mindful to know a little bit more on the front end, before we take steps for rezoning, that we could make better decisions as to how we progress forward with zonings and annexations. Again, I just don't know if there is a reason we can't do it but, it seems to me that, it would make more sense if we did do it."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "I'm going to ask Legal and/or Planning both to respond."

Mr. Morgan said, "Mr. White, the main reason is that all of these districts allow so many different types of uses, so when somebody is zoned MU, they could tell us if they're working on one particular type of use, but once they are zoned to that category, all of that whole range of uses that's allowed in MU or GB or LB is allowed. So, as a part of a rezoning application, we can't require a site plan. Now, if it's a Planned Unit Development, that is very site specific and that has the exact uses in it, but a standard rezoning doesn't other than, per se, a single-family neighborhood or something like that."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "So, Counsel, would you like to add anything?"

Ms. Cantwell said, "I was just going to follow up that we don't have any authority, under State law, to condition zoning, so you couldn't say, 'I'm going to give you GB, so long as you build this.' Once you get GB, you've got GB. Christopher is correct, and the way we get certainty as to what is going to be built is by way of a PUD, or in larger developments, and I don't want to get into that, but it may be possible to do it through a development agreement. Just through a general rezoning request to a vanilla zoning category, if it's approved, even if they showed you they were going to build it, we couldn't make them build it."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Alright. Going back to E-12 where we took the third reading, we didn't record who made the motion and who seconded."

Councilmember Waring said, "I made the motion."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "So, Councilmember Waring made the motion."

Councilmember Moody said, "I'll second it."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Councilmember Moody is the second. We've got that straight."

The Clerk said, "Yes."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "So, Councilmember White, that is a very good point. One way you could handle it is to give some minimalist zoning, almost like conservation, and whether they

would still want to come into the City or not, knowing that they would have to rezone it later, that could be an approach. We've got to give them some kind of zoning. If we could give some kind of zoning that had very little development authority, and ask them to come back to us when they've got a real plan, then you could handle it that way."

Councilmember White said, "As we sit here, and we go through this process this evening, I'm just reminded that oftentimes we are operating off of a limited amount of information, and it's not because the Planning staff is choosing not to give it to us but, subsequently, they don't have it. Therefore, we're trying to dictate how properties across our City are developed over time but, some of the things that we do with rezonings and providing entitlements to property, without any inclination as to what could happen on those properties, it just seems a little shortsighted. So, I don't know what the answer is. It sounds like there's some legal or some State laws that dictate how we can and can't do things. So, if there's a way that, administratively, we can maybe put some things in place that, at least, give us some anecdotal information about what's going to happen on a property potentially and, I get it, Mr. Morgan. We designate a property GB, that's a pretty fair broad category, but I think the property owners have a general sense of what they want to do. I think if they can, at least, give us some general sense, it helps to have a little bit more knowledge in how we're going to develop properties in our City."

Councilmember Moody said, "Mr. Mayor."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Moody.

Councilmember Moody said, "Yes, I wanted to talk about what Councilmember White is talking about. In two instances, it was kind of interesting to me when I first saw that property on Ashley Hall Plantation, where they wanted the cluster housing. If that guy had come up and said, 'I want to come into the City, be annexed into the City, and I want Single-Family', then that thing would have flown right through this Council. Then, he could have said, 'I'm now going to build the cluster housing', which would have caused a problem. The same thing basically happened over on James Island, where we had that theater, where the theater went dark. He was General Business, or the zoning was General Business and in General Business, you're allowed to have some element of Residential. Did we want that kind of stuff? Whoever the developer was wanted to make it all Residential, all apartments. So, it seems to me, kind of following up on yours, that some of those kinds of requests need to come back. If you wanted Single-Family, it's got to be kind of a typical Single-Family lot, however we define that. Then, if they want an exception to do the cluster or, yes, if they've got it as a General Business, and we want some element of Residential, maybe we ought to define 5 percent, 10 percent, or something like that. If you want more Residential, and that's the appropriate place for it, you've got to get another exemption, so I agree with you. We're leaving ourselves open here to a lot of unknowns and, just like these items here that we deferred, those people have property rights and we've got to acknowledge that. Unless we restrict it in some cases, we don't have a lot of choice in what we do, so we've got to be careful."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Alright. So, we're going to move on to the next item which is approval of our City Council minutes from January 23, 2018."

Councilmember Mitchell said, "So moved."

Councilmember Gregorie said, "Second."

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

No one asked to speak.

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Gregorie, City Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2018 City Council meeting.

Councilmember Gregorie was excused from the meeting at 6:56 p.m.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "So, next is our Citizens Participation Period, which is the last opportunity tonight for the public to address Council. Before we get started, I have the sense, maybe, that a number of folks are here tonight to speak on the proposed Johns Island moratorium. I wanted to share with you, in advance, that Councilmember Wagner intends to make a motion to defer the matter, and it's likely that it will get deferred, hence, no action will be taken on it tonight. So, the reason I point that out is, I believe, there will be robust discussion on this matter later tonight when it comes before Council, but I just wanted to let you know that so, even though we only have a 30-minute Citizens Participation Period, that there will be plenty of opportunity for you to communicate with City Council by e-mail, by telephone, however, and continue to let us know your feelings on this matter. That being said, we're going to begin our Citizens Participation Period. We have the sign-up sheet, and we normally keep it to 30 minutes. We've got a big crowd here, we have about 60 people signed up. If we did the math, that would be only 30 seconds apiece, so I'm going to ask Council to bear with us and give 45 seconds to everyone, at least to be able to get your thought out somewhat, and we'll take 45 minutes for Citizens Participation rather than 30, if that's okay with Council."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Moody.

Councilmember Moody said, "I would ask that, also, maybe, if somebody else says exactly what they want to say, that they give up their time and say, 'I just agree with that'."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "So, try not to be repetitive if you can and, if you want to, I again ask you not to applaud or shout-out. If the speaker would like to ask the crowd how many people agree with their point of view either by raising your hand or standing, I would ask you to do that. It's more respectful and, when you start, please give us your name and address."

The Clerk said, "30 seconds?"

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "45 seconds. You're on."

1. Phil Dustan, Johns Island, stated that he began studying water because he was interested in how the land interacted with it, but now he studied water because he was afraid his home was going to disappear because the City had violated its own Johns Island Plan that he had worked on. He referred to a map that showed the various new developments and they had discovered a new basin on Johns Island. It was a river like the Wando or the Ashley River, just a little smaller. In that basin, they were allowing developments that were destroying the ecology of Johns Island. He said this needed to be stopped and they needed to have a moratorium.
2. Debbie Vanadia-Mims, Johns Island, stated that she agreed with Mr. Dustan. She thought they were shorting themselves by not allowing him the time he needed. They were ruining the ecology of Johns Island and they were allowing them to suffer flooding. She said the moratorium should be passed with the idea

to figure out a way to stop the damage that had already been completed and fix what had been ruined.

3. John Hope, stated that Johns Island was very important to him and everyone else. A lot of people had expressed concerns. He wanted to read a statement that summed it up, that was sent to the Mayor some time ago and there was no response. It was from a young lady who was ten at the time and her home had flooded. She was worried about all the things that had been expressed including soggy floors and sheetrock. This was the legacy that would be left if these things were not addressed with a good plan.
4. Mark Goldberg, stated that his family had started an annexation three years previous in the City. They had had Planning Commission approval for over a year for the project. They had worked with Staff, had approvals every way. It was personal to them because were from Charleston and had needs in their families. Through all that, they had worked in good faith with the City to get the approvals. They also dealt with traffic like everyone else.
5. Glenda Miller, Johns Island, stated that the City's idea of a moratorium was like putting a Band-Aid on it. The number one issue facing Johns Island was flooding and it was a threat to the safety of everyone who lived and worked there. The more they allowed developers to build and fill in wetlands, the less area the water had to go. She asked what the City could go in 6 months that it hadn't done on the Peninsula over many years.
6. Jeanne Williams, Johns Island, stated that she wished them well on the West Ashley Plan. They had a comprehensive plan in 2007 and it had been shelved. The quality of life had been diminished and they sat in traffic for 45 minutes that used to take 5 minutes. They were cramming as many lots on the properties as possible. They were a rural area and weren't meant for that. She was hoping they extended the rural growth boundary beyond the expiration date and they were begging for a moratorium.
7. Thomas Traher stated that he lived on Brownswood Road and put up with the traffic. He also had a piece of property involved in the moratorium. Council decided on the density area. Developers had come in and people had sold their property to some developers. It was like inviting someone into their home and them being arrested for trespassing. The moratorium was not fair and people had invested a lot of money.
8. Mohammed Idris stated that a question had come up as to if he contributed to the well-being of Charleston. He gave the City the solution to all its problems. There was an article from the Post & Courier from 27 years ago saluting the Chief. He also introduced the man who saved the world. That man was Mohammed and he told the Mayor that 'freedom was marginal and the space must be shared'.
9. Joe Boykin, Johns Island, stated that Johns Island was a rural community. It was nothing more than a network of farms and it was never designed to handle the developments going in right now. He thought it was common sense that they couldn't have the development without the construction and to continue to allow more development without taking care of the roads was irresponsible. They

should give consideration to the moratorium. It wasn't a solution, but it would allow them to re-visit a comprehensive plan.

10. Mary Bull, Johns Island, asked people to stand if they would like more information about Dr. Dustan's presentation. She recommended that they defer this and take into consideration doing on Johns Island what they had spent so much time and research doing for West Ashley.
11. Rich Thomas, Johns Island, stated that there was a serious effort to address the issues on Johns Island, very similar to what they had done in West Ashley. He had heard talk about West Ashley, James Island and the Peninsula and wondered where Johns Island was. They would like to see the same thing for Johns Island. A lot had already been approved and would be exempted by the proposed Ordinance. He wanted a deferral of the Ordinance until they could put something in place that addressed the issues they had seen that needed to be looked at comprehensively.
12. Christina White wanted to reiterate what had been said. She did have property on Johns Island and had seen things change over the years. She had seen development come in that would be elevated which flooded the neighboring properties. This affected their health and well-being. They also didn't have anything implemented for safety in the event of another Hugo. They were grid-locked on Johns Island.
13. Nancy Bright, Johns Island, stated that served as the Chair for the Johns Island Community Association. They had put together a petition that had almost 1,700 signatures saying the moratorium should be passed. They asked for two years. They had a 2007 Johns Island Community Plan that was great. The one problem with the plan was that the moratorium would allow the City to tie funding to it. She urged them to allow the City staff to have the time to identify the funding, so that the recommendations could get executed.
14. Beatrice Bernier, stated she was a member of Groundswell as well as a resident who like many of the homeowners of property loss in downtown, Church Creek, and Shadowmoss due to flooding. She stated the City was looking at elevation of the properties and the costs were in the thousands and the expectation was that the homeowner would pay and shell out \$200,000. She said people don't have this kind of money and they would like to make sure that the City supported these homeowners and asked that the City find a way to deal with the flooding.
15. Adam Moore said he was there to talk about James Island and development going on by his house. It was being developed on a legume. He had records that showed the 1972 survey showing that it was a legume and an aerial photo from 1975 showing it being a body of water. They had elevated it to be the highest point in the area. Secondly, they appeared to be breaking old land restrictions that dated back to 1970 that said they could only build single-family detached homes. The plans showed single-family attached dwellings.
16. Jason Crowley, Coastal Conservation League, stated that he wanted to speak to them about the Moratorium. If they didn't have a plan in place, they were just pressing the pause button and letting the bulldozing continue. They needed the same intention in the Plan West Ashley process for James Island and Johns

Island. The amount of time and energy that the City had put towards West Ashley should go towards James Island as well.

17. Steve Harvey, 542 Huger St., stated that they should be careful on how they impacted the future residents. They were in the beginning of the interest rates rising in the environment and they should consider what that means to folks that they were putting off being able to move into their homes. There were a lot of subdivisions that were approved and buyers that were looking to buy those lots and when they were delayed, it affected their costs. That was just one example of Johns Island residents whose interests weren't being spoken to.
18. Marc Knapp stated that he missed Mayor Riley's leadership. He was concerned about two Fire Stations they couldn't make because they were down 54 personnel. He was told that the reason they didn't have engineers was because Human Resources was a catastrophe. They weren't paying the firemen what they needed to be paid. The next problem was the CAP program. As a contractor, he was supposed to go into the system to schedule and it didn't work.
19. Catherine Moore, 1059 Quail Dr., stated that she knew they had multiple things to look at in terms of planning for the area. She wanted to highlight that there were two ways off of Johns Island and there were three ways off of James Island.
20. H. Brown Hamrick, Johns Island, stated that he didn't think 5% of the residents of Johns Island were residents of the City. He wondered how many people there were protesting paying taxes to the City. He felt like there was already a traffic problem and that needed to be addressed. It didn't take a moratorium to address that. He opposed the moratorium.
21. Lisa Vandiver, 3818 Belvedere Rd., stated she was the Preservation Chair at Johns Island Community Association. She wanted to provide their support for the moratorium and wanted to say that it was irresponsible to continue developing on the Island as they were. They had traffic and flooding problems and it was a hazard to their safety on the Island. People were coming in and digging ditches even deeper where there were no shoulders. Whenever it rained or flooded, they couldn't get off the Island by way of 17 and Main because it wasn't accessible. She wanted them to take a pause on development to find a way to implement the plan.
22. George Reavis, 1815 Produce Lane, stated that they were currently in the planning process of a 33-unit development that they already had the conceptual plan for. He agreed with a lot of what had been said on both sides, however, they needed to be fair. If they were going to implement a moratorium, they should stop people at the development starting line, not after developers had spent money working with the City towards their goals. Stopping them right now was like tripping someone at the finish line and treating a 33 unit development like a mega development was not fair. They shouldn't be punished for working with the City closely on the traffic congestion problems.
23. Fred Palm, Edisto Island, stated that the Comprehensive Plan for the County did not require consideration of the height of the water. That plan gave rise to this condition. The County Council would be voting that year on a new

Comprehensive Plan and it was necessary that the height of the water, present and future, be incorporated, so that as they developed it would be tied together.

24. Mark Brandenburg, Johns Island, stated that he would encourage them to go ahead and pass the moratorium now. They had just passed an extension of the moratorium in Church Creek after Ms. Cabiness stated they had a plan that needed to be reduced to Ordinances. They did it after Councilmember Griffin stated they needed that Plan so they could properly prepare for and address the problems in Church Creek, which were the same problems they had on Johns Island with traffic and drainage. They had an opportunity to prevent what happened in Church Creek happening on Johns Island. The moratorium wouldn't stop the single family homes going in on River Road or apartments on Maybank Hwy., but they could prevent more from being planned by passing the moratorium.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you, sir. So, in all fairness, did anyone sign up on the sheet that didn't get their name called or that we missed somehow?"

The Clerk said, "I think there is one lady, Delores Payne."

Delores Payne said, "I thought I was signing up that I came tonight."

There was laughter.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Please come to the microphone if you want to address Council. If there is anybody else that signed up, please just queue up and we'll wrap up. Yes, ma'am."

25. Harriette Bauknight stated she was new on Johns Island, but was South Carolinian from birth. She appreciated what they were doing in the State. When they were looking at development, they needed to solve traffic, flooding, and excessive building issues, but they must remember that the umbrella over all the issues was the beauty of Johns Island. If they put all of the cookie-cutter houses side by side with no vegetation and run-off into the neighbor's property, how were they going to maintain what was lovely about Johns Island?
26. Delores Payne, Johns Island, stated that they mattered and they would appreciate if the City would work with and listen to them. They weren't there for fun, but because they feared the decisions made future plans hazardous if they kept going. They were begging them to do the right thing and work with them because it would matter down the road.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you very much. Alright. So, that's the end of our Citizens Participation Period, thank you all for being with us tonight and for sharing your thoughts and expressions. You were on the list too?"

Patrick Arnold said, "Josh and I didn't make it on the list this evening. Do you mind if we take a moment to speak?"

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "You were late?"

Mr. Arnold said, "Well, there wasn't a list when I arrived."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Alright, 45 seconds each."

The Clerk said, "Time."

27. Patrick Arnold, Executive Director of Charleston Homebuilder's Association, stated that he, on behalf of their members was urging them to oppose the Johns Island moratorium. It would have a devastating effect on builders, would artificially inflate home prices in the region. It would violate the private property rights of residents in the early stages of building their homes. Traffic on the Island was major concern, but the County was already in the second phase of a three part plan to improve the traffic by adding an in-bound lane on Maybank Hwy and two alternate roads to River Road.
28. Josh Dicks, Charleston Trident Association of REALTORS, stated that they opposed the Johns Island moratorium. The ripple effect on their residents would be felt everywhere and a stop gap of 6 months was not a solution to a bigger problem that they faced.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "True. Thank you very much. Okay, that's the end of our Public Participation Period. Now, we're going to move on to Petitions and Communications. Councilmember Waring had made a request that we give a quick update on grant information about assisting citizens lifting their homes and FEMA. So, we had, just to let you all know, a couple of wonderful public meetings last week, one West Ashley and one downtown, where we had representatives from FEMA and the South Carolina Emergency Management Division, and they shared a lot of great information. I went there and learned a thing or two myself. I'm going to ask Laura Cabiness to give us a little recap on what they presented, for Councilmember Waring's request."

Ms. Cabiness said, "So, as the Mayor said, we did have two meetings. They went from about an hour and a half to two hours. We had a pretty good turnout. We had one at the Bees Ferry Recreation Center in West Ashley, and then we had another one that evening downtown at the Charleston Museum. We had representatives from the Department of Natural Resources and the South Carolina Emergency Management Division. They are the experts. They help us process grant applications, so they provided information to people that were interested in some of these mitigation projects. We talked about three types of mitigation. There are hazard mitigation grant applications, which are associated when a disaster is presented. We also talked about flood mitigation assistance grants and pre-disaster mitigation of grants. The hazard mitigation grants are one-time offerings after the disaster, as I said previously. The FMA grants are annual allocations from Congress that are a national competition, and typically it's been about \$90 million a year. We also, when we have those meetings, ask everybody to sign in. If we've got sign-in information, we're going to be able to send an e-mail out to the folks that are interested that think that they might qualify. There is a qualification process for the different grants, but we are here to help our citizens apply for these grants, if they have an eligible property."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Alright. Do we have any questions from Council?"

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Griffin.

Councilmember Griffin said, "I went to the West Ashley one along with Kevin (Councilmember Shealy) and Carol (Councilwoman Jackson), and they were great. There was a lot of good information. What I was hoping, and what I got a lot of calls about, is that we need

to do another one of those in the evening time in West Ashley, to give the people who are working a chance to attend the meeting. If the meeting is at 3:00 in the afternoon, and we only had a couple days' notice to inform the people, even though it was well attended, I can promise you there are hundreds of other people that would have liked to attend. I also ask that we put that slide show up on our City website. I know they talked about putting it on State agency websites, but just to give people an idea so that they can look through that slide show. There were a lot of slides, and we obviously had to move very quickly. There was a lot of good contact information on those slides that people would like to reach out to, but if we can get another one of those meetings in the evening time, I'm willing to help find a place. I want to be able to inform everybody that we can do that in the evening time in West Ashley."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Okay. Of course, it would be dependent on those folks coming from Columbia, but we'll ask them, and in the meantime, that's an excellent suggestion. We'll get the slides and other information out that they left us."

Councilmember Seekings said, "The irony of those FEMA meetings is one of the people that didn't participate was the Federal representative of FEMA. Because of a potential government shutdown, they couldn't get travel authorization to come to Charleston. That's a true story. So, it would be good to have another meeting. I know that Councilmember Waring has been interested in this. I'm sure my fellow Councilmembers have been, too. The downtown meeting was very well attended, and it was in the evening. Interestingly, just so you all know, 190 Tradd Street was on the BAR's agenda this week to be raised, and it was unanimously approved for that property to be raised. So, there is a collective consciousness about this, and that's an expensive project. We know that but, between the design preservationists, the BAR, and then the people who were there looking at all of the different grant monies, we seem to be moving in the right direction. So, we're not there yet, but we're heading in the right direction, and hopefully, next time we won't have a government shutdown so we can get FEMA here."

Ms. Cabiness said, "I would add that they did provide information, per the insurance expert at FEMA, and if we need to get folks in touch with those individuals, we're happy to help facilitate that. There are a lot of individuals that are flood victims with very specific stories related to their issues. If you know of somebody that needs to get in touch with us, Mark Wilbert, myself, and staff are trying to meet those needs and trying to meet with people to see what we can do to help them."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Griffin.

Councilmember Griffin said, "Laura, my other question is, I've been getting a lot of calls and e-mails from the people that have already been bought out. Do we have an updated timeline yet for what the next steps are? I know that the process got kind of pushed back. Can you give us an update so that I can relay it forward?"

Ms. Cabiness said, "So, at the next Council meeting, I'm bringing the contract to you for the administrative management of the grant. After that period, as soon as we get that contract signed and we get that notice to proceed, we'll be reaching out to those individuals that were included in the approved grants with the process and explaining to them what is going to take place. Our grant funding is coming to us from FEMA. It was a stage grant funding. So, that means they're going to give it to us in increments between now, or when we start buying properties, until the end of August or until whenever we finish all of these closings. Just so you know, I think the consultants think that, while the grant funding is over a nine-month period, we're anticipating it may take a little longer than that to actually get everybody bought out because of the process that we have to go through, and there may be appeals and other things."

So, perhaps, overall, a 12- to 18-month process to get everybody done. We've also been communicating with certain individuals and telling them if you're ready, we're going to make an effort to accommodate those that want to get done fast and are ready to go."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Moody.

Councilmember Moody said, "Yes, I just wanted to share something that happened to me kind of out of the blue. I got a letter from FEMA saying that they were going to raise my flood insurance because I didn't have an elevation on record with them, so I was going to be considered at the highest level. I thought I was already at the highest level living right on the water. I called an engineer, and they came to my house. It took them a couple of days to do an elevation, and next thing I know I got two-thirds of my premium back. So, if you haven't had an elevation done on your specific property, you need to consider doing that, because they put you wherever you are, and if you don't know exactly how high your house is, then you ought to have that done. I just share that from my own experience."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "That was good advice. If you have flood insurance, you should have an elevation certificate on your home. Absolutely. Alright. Is there anyone else?"

No one asked to speak.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "So, we're going to move on to our Committee Reports. These won't take long. First up is Traffic and Transportation, Councilmember Seekings."

Councilmember Seekings, Chair of the Committee on Traffic and Transportation, said, "Thank you, Mr. Mayor. The Committee on Traffic and Transportation met this afternoon at 3:30 p.m. We took up two Applications for Original Certificate of Public Convenience, both of which were approved unanimously. We had a report from Mr. Benjamin, which was an update on the many things that are going on around the City of Charleston, in terms of mobility and transportation. He also updated us, Mayor, on your trip to Washington, D.C., and specifically, talked about the TIGER Grant provisions for the bridge across the Ashley River for the bike/pedestrian bridge and for the Lowcountry Rapid Transit. It seems like we're trending in the right direction. Lastly, and I think importantly, for the people who came here tonight from Johns Island, we had an update on the Charleston Transportation Plan, which is a Regional Transportation Plan, that is being done currently in the County. As you know, on Johns Island what we heard from you tonight is you have two things, you have a water problem and a transportation problem. We're acutely aware of that. Every single member sitting at this desk knows that, and there are no quick fixes for transportation and mobility, but we are making some progress. I think you will see a lot of things for Johns Island that will be helpful, but it's just not going to happen overnight. So, it was a good, I thought, end to the public participation part of the Regional Transportation Plan, and from that there will be recommendations made for specific City projects that we're going to prioritize.

What we're going to need from you all, particularly on Johns Island, is support to fund those projects from the County with your half-cent sales tax dollars. While we can do all of the planning we want in the world, when it comes to traffic, transportation, and mobility, most importantly, the roads that you so desperately want improved and added, we can't do it without that money, and the County holds onto that money so that is a very important thing for everyone here to know. We've spent a lot of time listening to you all tonight and we're with you. We all live in the City. We all have the same problems in every part of the City that you have, which is mobility, but we're held captive with our dollars at the County level. So, for all the activism that

you all had here tonight, go to the County and be heard if you want your money spent in this City on mobility. That's my report, Mr. Mayor."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "That was a good report but I'll also add to that, the other funding stream that pays for road improvements is the gas tax, and that's controlled by the State DOT. So, it is important to involve our State representatives, as well, because they help direct those funds, but let me share with you the reason why this Citywide joint County transportation planning effort has been so important. It's the first time that the City and the COG really, the Council of Governments, partnered and did our plan together, so that our priorities that we are setting in the Citywide Transportation Plan are recognized by the COG, and hence, by the State DOT as being priority projects, and that wasn't being done before. When we saw that presentation this afternoon, it included the entire length of Maybank Highway being a priority. It included the pitchforks, and it included the intersection of River Road, Main Road, and Chisolm Road. So, we were only allowed to put 13 projects on this list, and per capita, there were more on Johns Island than anywhere else for whatever that's worth. So, anyway, my point is that County funding and State funding are both important."

Councilmember Seekings said, "Mayor, I was reminded by the Clerk I need to move for adoption of the report because we had two Certificates of Convenience."

Councilmember Mitchell said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Move to adopt the report. We have a motion and a second over here. Is there any 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 Traffic and Transportation Report, as presented:

---INSERT COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION REPORT---

- a. Application for Original Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity:
 - Angel Transportation Services, LLC (Limo)
 - Charleston Signal Taxi, LLC (Taxi)
- b. Director's Update (Information Only)
- c. Charleston Transportation Plan Update (Information Only)

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Next, is our Committee on Ways and Means, Chairman White, please."

Councilmember White said, "I move for adoption of the report."

Councilmember Seekings said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Move to adopt the report. Is there any discussion?"

No one asked to speak.

On a motion of Councilmember White, 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

(Mayor's Office for Children Youth and Families: Approval to accept the \$20,000 award amount from Youth Volunteer Corps Headquarters to continue success and sustainability through increased youth volunteers, service projects and volunteer hours. No City match is required.

(Parks Department: Approval to submit the Keep America Beautiful 2018 Cigarette Litter Prevention Program Grant for the amount of \$10,000 for use in cigarette litter abatement efforts, education programming, and litter awareness campaigns in the City of Charleston. No City match is required.

(Parks-Construction: Approval of a grant application for 2018 Parks and Recreation Development (PARD) funding. This funding would be used to construct a new playground at Mall Playground at Hampstead Square. The scope of work includes the removal of existing play equipment and site preparation, purchase and installation of new playground equipment, purchase and installation of safety surfacing, and related site improvements. This grant provides 80% of the cost of a project, with the remaining 20% to be provided as matching funds. The grant funding available is \$26,187.15 (per capita distribution administered by Charleston County Park & Recreation Commission), requiring a \$5,237.43 match. Total project funding is \$31,424.58. Funding will be available by June, 2018. Applicants were notified on January 2, 2018 that the applications were due to CCPRC by January 11, 2018 in order to meet the Legislative Delegation agenda deadline. This is an after-the-fact request. There is no fiscal impact for this action. An approval of the grant application will only allow the Parks Department to submit the document to SCPRT. However, the fiscal impact will occur if the grant application is approved for award. Anticipated funding source for match is the 2018 Playground Equipment Maintenance funds in the Construction Division (523000-52435.)

(Parks-Capital Projects: Approval of a Professional Services Contract with Johnson, Mirmiran and Thompson in the amount of \$49,500 for engineering and preparation of construction documents for Phase I of the Ashley River Walk project. Phase I of this project consists of a pedestrian walkway connecting Brittlebank Park to Lockwood Drive utilizing the existing fixed pier at Brittlebank Park and the existing floating dock and The Bristol Marina. The Professional Services Contract will obligate \$49,500 of the \$300,000 project budget. The funding sources for this project is 2018 Hospitality Funds (\$300,000.)

(Parks-Facilities Maintenance: Approval of a Construction Contract with Wolff & Son Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$50,268 for the replacement of 14 wood poles at various recreation locations around the City due to pole top decay, bird hole or ground line decay. The Construction Contract will obligate \$50,268 of the \$85,000 allotted for the work from the Specialized Department Supplies line item in the Electrical Division and allow for the approval of PR176750.

(Public Service: Approval of Spring/Fishburne US17 Drainage & Transportation Improvements: Division III Federal Match (Phase 2) Change Order #9 in the amount of \$42,146 from Crowder Construction Co. on subject project for revisions to Vortex Box C, repairing SCDOT roadway lighting, removal of concrete and wood obstructions in the project site, removal/replacement of

existing roadway trees. Funding for this change order will be covered by the project contingency.

- (Public Service: Approval of Spring/Fishburne US17 Drainage & Transportation Improvements: Division III Federal Match (Phase 2) Change Order #10 in the amount of \$20,272 from Crowder Construction Co. on subject project for construction of concrete curb along Lockwood Drive overpasses to prevent erosion on newly-landscaped areas. Funding for this change order will be covered by the project contingency.
- (Public Service: Approval of Spring/Fishburne US17 Drainage & Transportation Improvements: Division III Federal Match (Phase 2) Change Order #11 in the amount of \$12,650 from Crowder Construction Co. on subject project for relocation/replacement of trees in close proximity to roadway. Funding for this change order will be covered by the project contingency.
- (Public Service: Approval of Spring/Fishburne US17 Drainage & Transportation Improvements: Division III Federal Match (Phase 2) Change Order #12 in the amount of \$11,995.17 from Crowder Construction Co. on subject project for fabrication and installation of signage and application of thermoplastic markings not in original contract. The project budget will increase by \$7,071.05. The approval of CO#12 will result in an increase of \$7,071.05 to the project budget from \$25,518,511.36 to \$25,525,582.41. Additional funds will come from the King Street TIF.
- (Public Service: Approval for Thomas & Hutton to conduct a preliminary drainage study of the Ashley Hall Manor drainage basin in the amount of \$10,500.
- (Public Service: Approval for Palmetto Gunitite to make miscellaneous repairs in the amount of \$57,528 of the posts and sea wall due to damage from Hurricane Irma.
- (Planning Preservation and Sustainability: Approval of a Strategic Alliance Memorandum between the City of Charleston and the United States Small Business Administration ("SBA") to work together to help start, maintain, and expand small businesses in the City of Charleston. The parties agree to develop and foster a mutual understanding and a working relationship to strengthen and expand small business development in the City. The City and SBA will negotiate and sign a separate agreement that defines the training and outreach activities contemplated by this Memorandum.
- (Budget, Finance and Revenue Collections: An ordinance providing for the issuance of \$7,500,000 Accommodations Tax Revenue Bonds of the City of Charleston, South Carolina, and other matters relating thereto.
- (Budget, Finance and Revenue Collections: Approval for Sanders Brothers Construction to assist the City in the preparation, response and recovery from Hurricane Irma by providing labor and equipment including: pumps and street cleaning equipment in the amount of \$73,985. The work is complete. All work was done prior to, during, and immediately after Hurricane Irma.
- (An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute on behalf of the City a Quit-Claim Deed to Timothy D. Weber and Tara-Lehua Weber pertaining to 56 South Street so as to release any reversionary interest of the City in 56 South Street.
- (An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute on behalf of the City a Quit-Claim Deed to the Gathering at Morris Square, individually and as assignee of Smith-Morris Company, LLC, or its assigns (the "Grantee"), pertaining to City owned properties on Cannon Street bearing Charleston County Tax Map Nos. 460-11-04-150 and 460-11-04-151 (the "Property"), with the delivery of the Deed being conditioned on Grantee simultaneously granting the City a Temporary Construction

Easement and an Exclusive Permanent Easement on, over and under the property.

(Consider the following annexation:

- 1430 Agatha Street (TMS# 351-07-00-071) 0.13 acre, West Ashley (District 7).
The property is owned by Victoria Johnson Life Estate.

(Executive Session: Discussion regarding potential contractual arrangements pertaining to properties located in the Cooper River Bridge Redevelopment District. Action may or may not be taken. **(No action taken.)**)

(Consider a Purchase and Sale Agreement for 101 Broad Street **(No action taken.)**)

First reading was given to the following bills:

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute on behalf of the City a Quit-Claim Deed to Timothy D. Weber and Tara-Lehua Weber pertaining to 56 South Street so as to release any reversionary interest of the City in 56 South Street.

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute on behalf of the City a Quit-Claim Deed to the Gathering at Morris Square, individually and as assignee of Smith-Morris Company, LLC, or its assigns (the "Grantee"), pertaining to City owned properties on Cannon Street bearing Charleston County Tax Map Nos. 460-11-04-150 and 460-11-04-151 (the "Property"), with the delivery of the Deed being conditioned on Grantee simultaneously granting the City a Temporary Construction Easement and an Exclusive Permanent Easement on, over and under the property.

An ordinance to provide for the annexation of property known as 1430 Agatha Street (0.13 acre) (TMS# 351-07-00-071), 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 7. The property is owned by Victoria Johnson Life Estate.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Both of the matters for third reading are deferred, so then we move to bills for second reading, and the first one is L-1."

Councilmember Moody said, "I move to do all three of them together, L-1, L-2, and L-3, and I'll make that motion."

Councilmember Shahid said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We've got three bills up for second reading, L-1, L-2, and L-3, a motion to approve all three. Is there any discussion?"

No one asked to speak.

On a motion of Councilmember Moody, three (3) bills (Items L-1, L-2, and L-3) received second reading. They passed second reading on motion by Councilmember Shahid and third reading on motion of Councilmember Mitchell. On further motion of Councilmember Waring, the rules were suspended, and the bills were immediately ratified as:

2018-012 AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY KNOWN AS 209 HICKORY STREET (0.12 ACRE) (TMS# 418-13-00-103), WEST ASHLEY, CHARLESTON COUNTY, TO THE CITY OF CHARLESTON, SHOWN WITHIN THE AREA ANNEXED UPON A MAP ATTACHED HERETO

AND MAKE IT PART OF DISTRICT 9. THE PROPERTY IS OWNED BY LUCIOUS MORRIS AND BRIDGET MORRIS.

2018-013 AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY KNOWN AS PROPERTY ON FOLLY ROAD AND GRIMBALL ROAD EXTENSION (APPROXIMATELY 10.0 ACRES) (TMS# 427-00-00-020, 039, 106, 110, 111), JAMES ISLAND, CHARLESTON COUNTY, TO THE CITY OF CHARLESTON, SHOWN WITHIN THE AREA ANNEXED UPON A MAP ATTACHED HERETO AND MAKE IT PART OF DISTRICT 6. THE PROPERTY IS OWNED BY THE ESTATE OF WILLIE MOULTRIE ET AL.

City Council rescinded the vote with respect to second and third reading of the following bill at the February 26, 2018 City Council meeting as the applicant did not want a final reading:

An ordinance to provide for the annexation of property known as property on Bees Ferry Road (approximately 17.13 acres) (a portion of TMS# 286-00-00-040), 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 Julia E Bradham, Margaret Bradham Thornton and John M. Bradham.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "So, now we're going to jump back to public hearing I think E-8, is it?"

The Clerk said, "E-8, that is correct."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "E-8, if you can give me just a second here. Just to explain to the public, when we ratify something, I have to sign it during the meeting, and then it's done. Alright. So, back to E-8 in the public hearings. That was the zoning on Folly Road and Grimball Road to Limited Business. We'll be giving this second reading."

The Clerk said, "Second reading and third."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Okay."

Councilmember Moody said, "Move for approval."

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

Councilmember Lewis said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We have a second, and does anybody have a question or a comment?"

Councilwoman Jackson said, "Yes."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilwoman Jackson.

Councilwoman Jackson said, "Yes, thank you, and Councilmember Gregorie had to leave. He apologized, but the two of us together share the Grimball Road part of James Island. This actual property has been consolidated among many of the heirs of the Moultrie Family. I think everyone in our jurisdiction is very happy that this property has now come together to be well-used by families who have long been residents of James Island. I think the question that I would just like to ask Mr. Morgan, to remind the public in particular, is because this property was

under consideration by the family during the time of the moratorium on James Island for the commercial development zoning, and then, as we went forward into developing the Folly Road Overlay District, that was the result of that moratorium, and it was several months ago. So, I would like Mr. Morgan to speak for the record about the differences that are now in place over Limited Business zoning that is now in effect because of the Folly Road Overlay, compared to what Limited Business would have allowed. Many of our citizens on James Island are following, especially Multi-Family or the larger developments, and I just wanted them to be assured that we now have the Folly Road Overlay. We will be watching the particulars about this development, as it will be the first to come forward through the process under the Folly Road Overlay District. So, if Mr. Morgan would just re-educate us.”

Mr. Morgan said, “Yes, ma’am. So, I think what you’re asking is, had we not adopted the Folly Road Overlay and had zoned this Limited Business, what would the density have been, and that would be 19.6 units an acre. So, it’s a substantial difference by virtue of having the Overlay adopted because basically it starts eight units an acre, but there is a bonus issue if you do Workforce Housing.”

Councilwoman Jackson said, “Also, speak to the density, please, about the height and some of the setbacks and all of that, that are now part of the Folly Road Overlay.”

Mr. Morgan said, “The setbacks would match what setbacks we have under Charleston County and the Town of James Island. I don’t have those off the top of my head. Density has always been the thing that’s on the top of my head, but I believe the heights were limited to two and a half stories and 40 feet.”

Councilwoman Jackson said, “Yes. So, again, on the record, I think this is a significant change to what would have been allowed under the same zoning, and I do think we are all going to be very interested in how it proceeds for development. Thank you.”

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

No one asked to speak.

On a motion of Councilmember Moody, one (1) bill (Item E-8) received second reading. It passed second reading on motion by Councilmember Lewis and third reading on motion of Councilmember Lewis. On further motion of Councilmember Mitchell, the rules were suspended, and the bill was immediately ratified as amended:

2018-014 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON BY CHANGING THE ZONE MAP, WHICH IS A PART THEREOF, SO THAT PROPERTY ON FOLLY ROAD AND GRIMBALL ROAD EXTENSION (JAMES ISLAND) (APPROXIMATELY 10.0 ACRES) (TMS #427-00-00-020, 039, 106, 110 AND 111) (COUNCIL DISTRICT 6), BE ZONED LIMITED BUSINESS (LB) CLASSIFICATION AND FOLLY ROAD (FR) OVERLAY ZONE CLASSIFICATION. THE PROPERTY IS OWNED BY WILLIE B. MOULTRIE TRUSTEE.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “E-9, we decided we’re going to wait, right?”

The Clerk said, “Yes.”

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “We just gave that second reading.”

The Clerk said, "We have to go back now to withdraw L-7."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Now L-7, on our bills up for second reading."

The Clerk said, "Councilmember White, made a motion to withdraw."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We have a motion to withdraw and it's been requested that it be withdrawn. I don't imagine there is any discussion."

The Clerk said, "We need a second. Is there a question?"

Councilwoman Jackson said, "Yes, E-9, didn't we defer the entire vote for the second reading, as well?"

Councilmember Moody said, "Did we vote for second reading, or did we defer the second and third reading?"

Councilmember Seekings said, "We deferred it."

The Clerk said, "That one was deferred."

Chairwoman Jackson said, "E-9?"

The Clerk said, "Everything was deferred because the lawyer wasn't here to present it."

Chairwoman Jackson said, "Yes."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "That's right, I may have misspoke. We did defer that. Correct. Sorry about that."

Chairwoman Jackson said, "No problem."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "So, now we're withdrawing number 7 under Section L, and it's been moved and seconded. Is there any discussion?"

The Clerk said, "Councilmember Mitchell was the second?"

Councilmember Mitchell said, "Yes, second."

The Clerk said, "Thank you."

On a motion of Councilmember White, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, City Council voted unanimously to withdraw Item L-7:

An ordinance to provide for the annexation of property known as 251 Louise P. Gardner Street (0.10 acre) (TMS# 343-03-00-246), James Island, Charleston County, to the City of Charleston, shown within the area annexed upon a map attached hereto and make it part of District 11. The property is owned by Christopher DiMattia. (WITHDRAWN)

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Now, finally, bills up for first reading was the matter that brought many residents out this evening, the proposed moratorium on the issuance of development permits on the Residential-only on Johns Island. Councilmember Wagner, would you like to be heard?"

Councilmember Wagner said, "Yes, sir. What I'm going to say, I'm going to qualify after I say it, and I just ask for you to give me a couple of minutes of your time to listen. First, I'm going to ask this Council to defer the vote on the moratorium tonight. What that means to you is in two weeks we have another shot at it, buying two weeks of your time. Now, I'm going to explain why. I'm kind of curious how many people out there have actually read this because I'm going to read about six sentences to you, and that's your moratorium, folks. I don't know, based on a lot of the comments I've heard tonight, if you all had ever read any of it. Anyway, it says a 'temporary moratorium for a period of six months from the ratification of this Ordinance is to hereby impose on the issuance of development approvals and permits for developments or projects that include a residential component (one-family, two-family, and multi-family, either stand alone or mixed-use development) on Johns Island.' It sounds simple.

The purpose of the moratorium is to 'allow the City a discrete period of time to identify, cost-out and determine a funding strategy needed for transportation improvements on the Island that are capable of being implemented over a reasonable period of time, and that will enhance mobility to, from, and around the Island. Excepted from the provisions are residential development projects that have received final subdivision plat approval or Technical Review Committee site plan approval as of (February 13, 2018) tonight. Now, as I was talking to my cohorts here, which we've done an awful lot of this last four or five days, because this was actually in our package last Wednesday. We have not had a chance as a body to discuss it at all. Now, by saying that, I'm going to give you a couple of facts. Believe them or not, but I'll show them to you. Right now, there are 29 projects that have been approved on Johns Island. They date back to 1986, but they're still sitting out there. This was provided by the Mayor the other day. There are 4,800 units, basically, yes, 4,800 units that have been approved, and 1,531 have been completed. So, we have a whole slew of them out there guys. Some, what 2,300, 2213? I believe that's what my math says. I'm having trouble reading my writing because it's late, and I'm tired. However, now, you add to that 300 to 400 e-mails all against the moratorium, the fact that these guys are saying 'what is the end result, why are we doing this,' which is a really good question and not to find out things that have been on the agenda for years. We've known about most of our transportation projects for years, and what I've said is moratoriums as a whole are not that good because they affect a whole lot of people in a whole lot of different ways. There is nothing in what I just read you that says 'we're stopping all development, everybody has to pack up your tools and go home.' That's not what that says because two items are exempted. The first part of the process is TRC, Technical Review. The last is the final plat. Everything in between is in the pipeline, and it's going to put a lot of your friends and neighbors out of work, which you heard from several of those.

So, what this does is it gives us a couple weeks to get together and find out just what is it we are really trying to accomplish here. We know we have traffic problems, we know that you guys are sitting in traffic every day, we are working on certain transportation issues already, but there is not a thing in this moratorium that can give me the right to snap my fingers, and something happen next week or the week after, which is what I'm deferring it for. Now, today, very similar to what these guys around me told me over the weekend while we were on the phone, first thing this morning, I wake up to a letter and an e-mail from Jason Crowley. It says that, and you heard them say, by the way, they were against it too, it's signed by Johns Island Council, Concerned Citizens of Johns Island, Johns Island Task Force, Stono Point Homeowners Association, and the Coastal Conservation League. What they're saying is, 'Hey, why can't we look and maybe update the Johns Island Plan?' Three members of this Council have never been briefed on the Johns Island Plan. What can we do in two weeks? Hey, how about next Council meeting we get a briefing for the new guys and us old guys about the Johns Island Plan. People want to make changes to it, and people tonight have mentioned some

changes to it. Part of Mr. Crowley's memo 'was review existing plans, identify what has been implemented and what has not.' It's exactly what these guys were asking me all weekend. You don't just do it because you can. I want to look at Dr. Phil Dustan's stats because, guys, there's no need building a building if you've got six feet, and it's going to sink two feet in the next two years. There's no need to build it, and we need to catch up on some of our regulations to make sure that doesn't happen. The pitchforks are absolutely essential. By the way, one more piece of information, even if the moratorium passed, ratified, added on the back tonight, 800 units could be built this year. We are on average of building around 300 a year on Johns Island, but up to 800 to develop. These guys say, 'oh, my God, we've got a moratorium out here. We've got to hurry up before they take all of the rest of them.' Eight hundred could be built this year, totally legal, already passed, everybody's patted them on the back. So, before I get too badly criticized for asking for two additional weeks and a deferment from my colleagues here, I just thought I'd share a few facts with you as to why I'm asking for two additional weeks, or a deferment, until such time as Council decides if we're ready to go with it. So, with that, I'd like to make a motion to defer."

Councilmember Lewis said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We have a motion to defer, and we have a second. Well, I would like to make a few comments, if I may, because this moratorium did not come forward without some thought and without recognizing the need that's out there to create a Capital Improvement Plan for Johns Island. We all know Johns Island has grown. I will point out to you that in 2010, within the City limits, the census indicated there were 5,266 people. We estimate right now in 2018 that number has already grown to 9,542. So, that's a population growth in eight years of 81 percent, and that's a lot of growth. That compares, by the way, to the rest of the City to a 21 percent population growth, so we're growing all over the place, but more on Johns Island than anywhere else. So, we need a plan going forward, and we need the kind of focus and effort that a number of our speakers mentioned tonight. We've got a West Ashley Master Plan done. Let's turn that kind of attention and focus to Johns Island, and I believe that's exactly what we need to do. Now, luckily, also mentioned tonight by numerous of our citizens was a plan that was done ten years ago that really was pretty thoughtful and had a lot of good stuff in it, and we keep hearing about this plan. Well, I checked into the deep archives of the City, and believe it or not, I found a copy of the 2008 Johns Island Community Plan, right now, let me just finish getting the rest of the dust off of this thing. It's been on the shelf a little while, and this is a great starting point, folks. It really is a good plan but does it need a little bit of updating? Yes, sure it does. So, here is the other thing, and like we did with the West Ashley Revitalization Commission, we included participation from the County and the St. Andrews Public Service District because we realized that we're all in this together, and it's not all City. There is the County, particularly over there, that needs to be included. So, I'm going to propose to Council and to the public that we form a Johns Island Infrastructure Commission to review the plan and to include the local County Council representative, the Chair of Charleston County Council, Vic Rawl, our local City Council representative, Councilmember Wagner, myself, representatives from both the County and the City Planning Departments, representatives from both County, State, and City Traffic and Transportation Departments, representatives from the development community, and representatives from neighborhoods in the community associations that have been here tonight. I'm also going to throw in the Mayors of Rockville, or someone from Wadmalaw, someone from Seabrook, and someone from Kiawah, so that we have a really inclusive collaborative effort to talk about these things and come up with a plan. The other thing is to focus on funding. We kind of already have a plan, it needs to be modified and updated, but where are we going to get the money to build these connections that we know we need? It doesn't seem to be a high priority list on the County's part, but it's been

recommended highly by the City. So, maybe we need a new mechanism on Johns Island for future development to help pay for the needed improvements out there, and one avenue that we're going to propose to the development community is something known as a Municipal Improvement District whereby all of these future home sites that have already been approved could help pay for what we know needs to be done and what we will update as to what needs to be done. So, the purpose of the moratorium, really, was just for us to have a little breathing room, a little space, in order to really get this kind of more comprehensive effort going and collaborate, and we can go ahead and get started on it without a moratorium passing tonight. The next few weeks will give us a little more time to work on those ideas, get your ideas, and try to move this thing forward. So, with that being said, Councilmember Waring I see your hand up, as well as anyone who would like to speak."

Councilmember Waring said, "Thank you, Mayor. I think that's a wonderful idea, and I think those are ideas that have proven to be successful in other regions in our area. Years ago in West Ashley, they had a Highway 61 Commission. Many of you all may remember when we did not have Glenn McConnell, and traffic would back up from Shadowmoss bumper to bumper literally to the Ashley River Bridge. It's no secret how Glenn McConnell Boulevard got named after Glenn McConnell. He got the revenue for it. On Johns Island, you had the Betsy Kerrison effort. Remember before we had Betsy Kerrison Boulevard, there was a two-lane road going out there. Because of a lot of the organization on Johns Island, certainly with the County, Betsy Kerrison Boulevard was put in place. Right now, I don't know that we would know what to do without Betsy Kerrison. So, the experiences of what has proven successful for the West Ashley Revitalization Commission, that needs to be placed on Johns Island, and I commend you, Mayor, and Councilmember Wagner, for putting that process in place. One piece that I would maybe add to it would be to add somebody from the Johns Island Water Commission because they're integral on that Island, as well."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilwoman Jackson, followed by Councilmember Moody.

Councilwoman Jackson said, "Thank you. I, too, support your ideas, Mayor, and I appreciate that a lot of that input is coming from the community themselves. As everyone knows, I represent District #12 on James Island. It's the only district that's 100 percent on James Island. I'm sure Mr. Moody, I haven't talked to him about this, but I know Mr. Gregorie would support it, why don't we make this the 'Sea Island Study'? I think James Island would have a minor piece in it, but it would be very important. We need to study our neighborhood development and our infill residential districts. We have Rethink Folly Road as our Comprehensive Plan for the only commercial area that we really have. We've improved Harbor View and everyone has given input about that. So, really we would not be a big piece but the sea Islands are of a piece for the Charleston region, and I think we would be gravely amiss, and we would never see that moment come back again for only James Island. So, frankly, I ran and met people all through my campaign season that have felt the stings of being in a district like James Island has become, with the checkerboard of City, Town, and County residents and jurisdictions, and we also have our Public Service District. We all deserve the chance to come together and work with the City and County in one Comprehensive Plan. So, I would implore you to put the sea Islands in the name of your Comprehensive Study. Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Moody.

Councilmember Moody said, "Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I appreciate Councilmember Wagner's remarks. This is not new to him. He's been preaching this for a while. I've got to tell you, I'm going to vote to extend this thing and defer it for two weeks, but I'm going to vote not to have a moratorium after that and I'm going to tell you why. If we call Jacob Lindsey up here and Christopher Morgan, is this the first time you've seen this plan in ten years?"

Mr. Lindsey said, "No, it's not."

Councilmember Moody said, "When you all have been approving properties and development over there, you've never looked at this Johns Island Plan in ten years?"

Mr. Lindsey said, "We use the Johns Island Master Plan on a weekly basis."

Councilmember Moody said, "Absolutely. So, the dust is not on the plan, Mr. Mayor. Your staff has been working that plan every day. We went through this same process, and I can tell you right now, if we don't do it on West Ashley, shame on us. Mr. Wagner has been preaching a lot of this stuff, and so, I'm going to give him credit for that, but I'm not going to vote for a moratorium because of some knee-jerk reaction. Quite frankly, we know what the problem right now is on Johns Island, and that's traffic. That's that pitchfork that was studied and developed in 2009, I believe, and we haven't built any of it. Right now, we've got, I have talked with two developers on the south and the north of the pitchfork that said, 'Look, we've got millions of dollars tied up in this property, and we're willing to give the right-of-ways to the City or the County to build those pitchforks, and if you're going to put a moratorium on us, to heck with it. We're going to have to develop our property some other way, and it's not going to be available. Now, you can come in and condemn it if you want to, and that's fine, but you're going to have to pay market value. We aren't going to give it to you.' So, these moratoriums, these people that say 'we want a moratorium,' they don't want any development. I understand that, and they have the right to that opinion, but we've had this plan in place since 2007, I believe, or 2009."

Councilmember Waring said, "2007."

Councilmember Moody continued, "Yes. So, that's 12 years that this plan has been there, and I've seen letters flying back and forth from the County to the City. There's plenty of blame to go around, and I'll take my blame, as well. Maybe I haven't listened to Mr. Wagner as much as I should have, but I just don't believe in these moratoriums. These are bad for business. You don't understand the consequences of what we do and even that James Island moratorium on that development out there. If you remember, you couldn't have a development more than 1,500 square feet, and all of a sudden, we were having people that had plans to build restaurants and stuff that they wanted on James Island that were being excluded from doing it. So, these people have property rights, we've zoned that property out there, and they're adhering to the property rights. We've got 800 units that are on the books to be built right now, and we've only built about 300, so let's let this thing go forward. I applaud you for maybe looking at that plan again, but we don't need a moratorium to look at that plan. We need to quit pointing fingers, we need to get off of our behinds, and get that pitchfork built. We need to complete I-526. We've had a moratorium on I-526 for 25 years. So, you can't have it both ways. We've fought tooth and nail for that Urban Growth Boundary Line out there. If you came to this Council and wanted to move that, we'd have a fight. Everybody wouldn't want you to do it, so we set those things in motion so we've got the stuff there, and we've got to work the plan. Yes, things change. All of those plans change, but I'll support Mr. Wagner if he wants to find out in two weeks something, and I'll support that, but don't bother to send me an e-mail because I'm going to vote against a moratorium in the next two weeks."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Mitchell.

Councilmember Mitchell said, "Yes, I'm going to support Councilmember Wagner because I know the good job that he is doing out there. He goes to all of the meetings and he tries to listen to all of the constituents there. By Facebook, we speak all of the time, but insofar as Johns Island's concerns, and a lot of people can't tell me about Johns Island. My family goes back 500 years on Johns Island. I know the whole Island. I lived out there in the 1950s when I was small, when it was dirt roads. It changed, and really, the change came after Kiawah and Seabrook Islands came. That's when it started. I had a couple of little cousins that were killed on that road, as young kids, after the Seabrook and Kiawah Islands came along because the traffic was so bad. They weren't used to it. Farmers are all over Johns Island. My grandparents were farmers, and I have a cousin over there that still runs farms, like the Freeman Farms. The Freemans and the Capers were the two largest families on Johns Island and took up almost all of Johns Island. Then, on the other side of Johns Island, Main Road, is where my grandfather came from that side, and the Simmons were on that side. So, I know the whole Island, so to speak. The traffic has changed a whole lot. Johns Island has changed a whole lot. It's not the same Johns Island that I knew when I was growing up. It's not agricultural. It has changed a whole lot, so we have to make changes dealing with what's happening now today. When I go out there myself, I get lost sometimes. I say, 'Look at all of the development.' Gracious, but things have changed."

So, things change, and we as a City, we're out there now, but it was all County at one time. We have to look very seriously at the people living there and the changes that have been made. We have to look very seriously at the changes that have been made with all of the development that is happening out there. We have to look at the traffic out there. The traffic is terrible out there on Johns Island. The only time I go out there is to see my family or to go to my mother's grave and things like that, but it's terrible out there. The way people are driving out there is crazy, too. So, we as City Council, are going to look at it very seriously and try to do what we can. I was here in 2006 when we talked about it, and I spoke again at that time. That's when all of those things were approved in 2006 to try to get something done, and the process is just so slow that sometimes people don't see that it's moving. We have to try to pick it up a little bit and do whatever we can to appease everyone that's on Johns Island, for the people that were living there and the people that some of us met there. We can't forget about them also because they made Johns Island what Johns Island is today. There wouldn't have been a Johns Island, and we owned properties on Kiawah and Seabrook, too, my family did. So, I know about it, and these are the things we're going to look at very seriously. Don't forget about them."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilwoman Jackson.

Councilwoman Jackson said, "Yes, sir. Thank you. I would just like to say, with all due respect to Mr. Moody, that I do think that the plan, as I understand it, which I have not looked at it, I need to be educated, I know it's a great place to begin. Again, I think James Island has the same or similar citizen understandings of things. I think has happened in the last 10 to 12 years since this plan has been worked on, is we have all become a community that is informed by the problems that our climate changes are bringing to us. We are now a community that is saying our number one priority is resilience planning, surviving the water and the climate change events that are here to stay. So, I think that, yes, transportation is still a major part of Johns Island needs and infrastructure but, frankly, we need the roads. Yes, I know people sit in traffic. That is the way that a successful economy ends up being over years of economic growth and

development, but more importantly, we need the roads because we're all in fear of the disasters that are going to be part of our planning lives for the rest of our born days. So, I think that is the new knowledge, that as leaders, and I personally don't want to be part of a community that has leaders that would ignore those new realities that we need to be educated about and incorporate into our plans as top priorities. So, I think for that reason, we need to make these plans, we need to make them as comprehensive as we possibly can, and we need to make them meaningful in that we're going to implement things that are going to protect our citizens for the future. Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "So, and I'll just add one more comment, and that is, yes, the plan has been used by our Planning Department, but the plan anticipated a goodly amount of infrastructure delivery that never got done. So, here the Planning Department has one side of it, which is all of these developments that were anticipated, but also on the other side were all of these roadway and infrastructure improvements, including the Mark Clark Extension, which we all, I think we all mostly support. I do, and so it didn't go hand in hand, and one got way out in front of the other, and that leads us to today. So, we'll argue the merits of the moratorium maybe on a different night, but part of the reason is to allow a little catch up here first."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Seekings.

Councilmember Seekings said, "Thank you, Mayor. Just very briefly, thank you all for coming tonight. We've been listening, as you can tell, and I think it's fair as you leave here tonight that you kind of know what we're thinking, so that when you're planning your next two weeks, two months, two years, and your life out on Johns Island, we're sort of all on the same page. Clearly, you all as a community have some needs like many of us in the City of Charleston. Flooding and transportation are at the top of our minds all over the City. We're also very acutely aware sitting up here of this whole idea of planning and implementation juxtaposed with something called a moratorium, and moratoriums, as we sit here looking at you, are not the most favorite way of going about planning our City. I will tell you I think it's unlikely, I can't predict the future two weeks or down the road, but I think it's unlikely we're going to see a moratorium as drafted right here for Johns Island in two weeks. It's possible, but I think it's unlikely. So, for you as a community, it's time to get together and think about this. Go back and look at that 2007 plan which I have right here, which you can get it lots of different ways. You can just print it offline. There's lots of good stuff in there, but the one thing the Mayor just said is absolutely true. There is a huge component of that plan, five pages of it, dedicated to transit and transportation and infrastructure and nothing, nothing has been done. We have the opportunity right now for the northern and southern pitchfork to go forward and happen. We need those to happen. If we have a moratorium, those will be in jeopardy. We don't want to put those in jeopardy. So, spend two weeks thinking hard about the priorities for Johns Island, and I wholeheartedly support the Mayor's idea of putting together a group for self-governance on Johns Island. Let us know what you all need and what you want, and some people want to stop everything. Your voice needs to be heard. Others, Mr. Revis and Mr. Goldberg, who have been out here talking are, to use a horrible football analogy, they've been moving the ball towards the goal line and they're first and goal, there's no defense on the field, and we stopped the game on them. That's a tough pill to swallow for them, too. So, we're going to have to figure all of this out and fit infrastructure needs, the reality of the future, the water coming, your needs as a community, but you're going to have to come together on this because just stopping everything for six months isn't going to change what's happened on the back end of it, and I think that will be the conversation.

I will just tell you this Councilmember got, like everybody else around this table, hundreds of e-mails today, which is not unusual. We get them all of the time, but the ones that we got today were far more thoughtful than in most instances. They were substantive e-mails, not just 'me too'. Everybody has an interesting perspective on this, and I will tell you in my e-mails the anti-moratorium e-mails far outweighed the pro-moratorium, just flat out that happened, and they weren't, again, just 'me too'. So, just to put that in the mix as you're thinking about it and as you're e-mailing us and, Councilmember Wagner, who is representing you. Well, believe me, he worked really hard this week on all of this. Let's see what the long-term plan is for the problems that have been created by a number of things, time, development, growth, and we're going to have to get with the County. The County has got to be part of this, got to be part of this. So, I showed you my hand. I think if you're planning on the moratorium as part of your planning that could be problematic. So, Mayor, let's get this put together, let's get it moving forward, and let's adjourn soon."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Yes, okay. We have a motion to defer and a second, is there any discussion?"

No one asked to speak.

On a motion of Councilmember Wagner, seconded by Councilmember Lewis, City Council voted unanimously to defer the following bill:

An ordinance to amend Chapter 54 of the Code of the City of Charleston (Zoning Ordinance) by adding to Article 9 thereof a new part 8 providing for a Temporary Moratorium on the issuance of development permits for Residential (Single Family and Multi-Family) Development on John's Island. (DEFERRED)

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "The next Regular Meeting of City Council is going to be Monday, so 13 days from now, not two weeks, and, Council, I also wanted to share with you."

Councilmember Moody said, "What about the moratorium?"

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Yes, sir. Give us one more minute, folks, we're going to close out in a second."

Councilmember Moody said, "When you said two weeks, I was thinking it was going to come back. We need to make it 13 days for this."

Councilmember Seekings said, "Right, until the next meeting."

Councilmember Wagner said, "Until the next meeting."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Until the next meeting. That was your motion, right?"

Councilmember Wagner said, "Until the next meeting."

Councilmember Mitchell said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "It wasn't specified until today."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Waring.

Councilmember Waring said, "Mr. Mayor, we have a miscellaneous question."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Yes, sir."

Councilmember Waring said, "I asked earlier during Ways and Means."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "I'm sorry, folks, we hadn't quite finished. So, it's fine to leave, but just be quiet until we get out of here, please."

Councilmember Waring said, "I still would like the information from inception on the Accommodations Sales Tax, both Municipal and State, as well as Hospitality Tax, how much was collected and how much was spent in West Ashley from inception to now, provided to every Councilmember for information at our next Council meeting. It would probably take about two hours to pull that together. This is why. There are about three pages in each budget. If you pull the Annual Budget going back from inception to now, you can find that. Pull the Hospitality Budget for each year. As a matter of fact, there is a graph in our current budget that tells that for Hospitality. We need that because the majority of Councilmembers around this table simply don't know that answer. How much have we collected and how much came West Ashley? Thank you. I just want that on the agenda."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Alright. Can we get that information?"

Amy Wharton said, "I can get budgets, but as far as expenditures go, I can only go back to 2002 because of our new financial software. So, can I go back to 2002?"

Councilmember Waring said, "Well, let me say this, we don't have the actual manual budget? We pass them out all of the time to Councilmembers."

Ms. Wharton said, "I know, but I'm saying expenditures, like what actual--"

Councilmember Waring said, "I don't want how the money was laid out. I want to know how much was collected total and how much was spent? It was an easy answer in the early years, how much was spent West Ashley, it's a zero. I can tell you when we first started spending money out of Hospitality in West Ashley is when we came--"

Councilmember Moody said, "What about this? She said to 2002. If she goes through expenditures before that, just how much we collected each year which you have."

Councilmember Waring said, "That would be great to get a total."

Ms. Wharton said, "Then I'll get the expenditures from 2003 on."

Councilmember Waring said, "It's all three categories. Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Alright. So, the other thing, Councilmembers, look at your calendars, a number of you are going to the National League of Cities meeting which runs through March 14th so that would exceed our March 13th, meeting so we're going to propose to move that meeting to Thursday, March 15th so check your calendars."

Councilmember Seekings said, "I definitely cannot be there that day, I already know, and I need to be at that meeting."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "He cannot be at that meeting, but I think we have four or five Councilmembers who are going to be in Washington on the 13th."

Councilmember Seekings said, "Can we do it that Wednesday, Mayor, instead?"

The Clerk said, "No, that's when they come back. That's the problem. It's the 10th through the 14th."

Councilmember Shahid said, "They could come back early."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "When are you getting back?"

Councilmember White said, "I'm out of town."

Councilmember Seekings said, "I'm not going. I'm just not here. I've got family plans."

Councilmember Lewis said, "We'll be back early."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Okay, no problem."

Councilmember Shealy said, "We can come back early."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Well, you all let Vanessa know what your availability is and we'll get back to you on a good day. Alright. Is there any more business to come before this Council tonight? If not, we are hereby adjourned. Thank you all very much."

There being no further business, City Council adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Vanessa Turner Maybank
Clerk of Council