

CITY COUNCIL VIRTUAL MEETING

Regular Meeting

May 11, 2021

The one-hundred and nineteenth meeting of the City Council of Charleston was held this date convening at 5:04 p.m. over video conference call (Zoom).

A notice of this meeting and an agenda were made available on the City's website May 6, 2021 and appeared in the Post and Courier on May 10, 2021.

PRESENT (11)

The Honorable John J. Tecklenburg, Mayor

Councilmember Delcioppo	District 1	Councilmember Waring	District 7
Councilmember Shealy	District 2	Councilmember Seekings	District 8
Councilmember Sakran	District 3 (<i>absent</i>)	Councilmember Shahid	District 9
Councilmember Mitchell	District 4	Councilmember Griffin	District 10
Councilmember Brady	District 5	Councilmember Appel	District 11
Councilmember Gregorie	District 6 (<i>absent</i>)	Councilmember Jackson	District 12

Mayor Tecklenburg called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

The Clerk called the roll.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Both Councilmembers Sakran and Gregorie expressed their regret they would not be able to join us this evening, and I do want to commend Councilmember Brady. He gets an award for attendance in the furthest location. In fact, he chaired a Committee meeting this afternoon, and he is in Hawaii. Poor fellow."

Councilmember Brady said, "I am."

Councilmember Shahid said, "You look exhausted, Councilmember Brady."

Councilmember Brady said, "Thank you. It is 11:05 a.m. local time here."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "So, the wonders of Zoom and electronics. We're glad you could be with us. If you would like to join us, Councilmember Griffin is going to lead us in an invocation."

Councilmember Griffin said, "Thank you, all."

Councilmember Griffin opened the meeting with an [invocation](#).

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you, Councilmember. Appreciate that very much. Now, if you would join me, if you can kind of see over my shoulder in the distance our American Flag, and we'll recite the Pledge of Allegiance."

Mayor Tecklenburg then led City Council in the [Pledge of Allegiance](#).

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Well, you can visit a Zoom meeting from Hawaii, but I still think the hardest thing is to recite the Pledge in unison. It doesn't seem to come off in unison. We still have to work on that you all. Okay. We have a few presentations and recognitions this evening. The first up is a [proclamation](#) recognizing that this is National Police Week. So, if I may share this proclamation with you, and then I'll call on Chief Reynolds and anyone else he would like to recognize from our Police Department."

Mayor Tecklenburg read the proclamation.

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Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Chief Reynolds, are you with us? Thank you for your service and that of all of the fine men and women of your department. Chief."

Chief Luther Reynolds said, "Thank you, Mayor. Thank you, Council, for taking the time I think appropriately so to remember our fallen heroes. It's not the way that they died, but the way that they lived their lives. I think it's important in this time of division and difficulty to talk a little bit about, I tell you, I recruit, I hire, I swear in our new officers and often times when I do that, they're surrounded by their family, their spouses, their siblings, and significant others, and I tell them, you know, sometimes people say right now, 'Why would you join law enforcement at such a difficult time?,' and I tell them what I really believe, and that is there's never been a more important time to be a part of law enforcement, a more important opportunity to make a difference, and to have an impact. I don't think it's ever been more timely, more relevant, and more able to have a positive impact in serving in our communities, but I also tell them that it's difficult now, probably more difficult and more challenging than ever. Our hiring is going great, our retention is going well, and we've got to continue to work and to make sure that we continue that process. But, I'll tell you what is a key ingredient is that the men and women who are out there in harm's way, every day, right now, as we speak, know that they have our support, know that we care about them, that we're going to equip them, that we're going to train them, that we're going to lead them, and that we're going to support them as they really do difficult work. A part of that is what we do this week every year, and that is to remember our heroes who lost their lives in the service of our City, our State, and our Country. We lost 22 officers, and I think that we're going to find through history, genealogy, and other things, there has been more than 22, but I just want to thank you for recognizing our families of our fallen heroes. We tell them, and I've been to too many funerals, I hope I never go to another Police Officer's funeral, but I've been to so many of them, and it is never easy. In fact, it gets harder, every one I go to, but we tell their families we will never forget. We tell them that we care about them, and we tell them that their sacrifice made a difference. So, thank you so much tonight for recognizing all of our fallen heroes and, specifically, their families, their children, and their loved ones who are still alive today and appreciate that we would spend a little bit of time to recognize their sacrifice and how important they are to us."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you, Chief. Appreciate it."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Shahid.

Councilmember Shahid said, "Yes, sir, Mr. Mayor, and I just want to echo the proclamation that we just presented, and I thank Chief Reynolds and his Command staff and all of the men and women, and just remind everybody that we saw the bravery of our Charleston

Police Department this past weekend when a particular officer went into harm's way, disregarding his own safety, to come to the aid of other folks down on King Street in the early hours on Sunday. That's the type of caliber of men and women that we have in our Police Department. If I could just give a huge thank you to all of them, particularly to that Sergeant who was out there and placed himself in harm's way. Thank you for your service, all of you, and we will remember those fallen men and women who died while service to our City."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Absolutely. Thank you. Alright. Thank you, Chief. Thank you to all of our men and women of CPD who are online with us, and we'll have our Memorial Service, I believe, tomorrow. If it's raining, it will be over at Police Headquarters. If not, we'll be over at Brittlebank Park.

So, next, we have a [proclamation](#) about the fact that this month is also Mental Health Awareness Month, and I would like to call upon Councilwoman Delcioppo after I make this proclamation. This was made at her request."

Mayor Tecklenburg read the proclamation.

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Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilwoman Delcioppo.

Councilwoman Delcioppo said, "Thank you, Mayor. I want to start by saying this. If you are suffering, you're doing your best, you're not broken, you don't need to be fixed, you're not a failure, and it's not your fault. If you are caring for someone who is suffering, and you feel overwhelmed or unsure, you're doing your best, you are not broken, you do not need to be fixed, you're not a failure, and it's not your fault. When we hear these statistics, I hope what landed was just how pervasive mental health conditions are. It's not a stigma, and it's not a taboo. We don't expect you to just get over it and, as elected leaders, we are called upon to ensure public safety. We must make mental health a priority and have open, honest, and sometimes difficult dialogue about how it factors into our society's well-being. We are called upon to protect all citizens, regardless of their ability to protect themselves. If we're going to talk about health in all policies, narrowing the life expectancy gap, diminishing homelessness, and truly being supportive of our first responders' initiatives, we, on this Council have discussed, it is imperative that mental health is central to these conversations in how we craft policy. I am so proud of our Police Department for the measures they are taking to decriminalize mental health conditions. In fact, just yesterday, Team 5 Officers saved a woman's life because she felt she had no other options than to end hers. They deescalated the situation and brought the woman to receive the appropriate care and attention she rightfully deserves. Every single one of our lives is precious and worthwhile, and our mental health is the seed from which all other aspects of our health grow. What a privilege it is for me to serve on the Board of NAMI, the National Alliance on Mental Illness, for the Charleston area, and I thank you, Mayor and Council, for taking time this evening to acknowledge the significance of mental health, and I know NAMI's Executive Director, Rob, is here with us, and has a few words to share, as well."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Great."

Robert Aitcheson, Director of National Alliance on Mental Health, said, "Thank you, ladies and gentlemen, Marie, Mr. Mayor, ladies and gentlemen of the Council. First I would like to take this opportunity to thank Councilwoman Delcioppo for her contributions to getting this proclamation made, you, Mr. Mayor, and the entire Council. It takes dedicated public servants,

such as yourselves, to really increase awareness about mental health, its importance, and places to find treatment for those who are suffering from a mental health condition. Ms. Delcioppo is a wonderful example of a public servant who is increasing awareness of mental health issues, and we could not be more grateful to have her on our Board. Thank you, Marie. NAMI Charleston Area provides programs for individuals with mental health conditions, their family members, their friends, and others who provide care and support for them. Our focus is on being a resource for our community and as an advocate for mental health treatment and awareness. We believe that everyone who is impacted by mental illness should have access to the care they need. Most of all, we believe that recovery from mental illness is possible and, more than ever, we need to spread that message. Those of us living with mental illness in our families, friends, and loved ones are everywhere silently suffering in some cases. This proclamation is a wonderful recognition by you, our elected officials, that we care about the mental health of all of our citizens. We need your help, and you will be seeing me probably too often, but tonight is a great start, and I look forward to working with you all.”

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “Thank you so much for those words, sharing, and increasing awareness in our community. Councilwoman Delcioppo, you mentioned a remarkable assist to save a life by our Charleston Police Department, and many of you also saw the incident that occurred on Upper King Street a few weeks ago where over a two-day period our officers deescalated a situation with a gentleman who was experiencing a mental health challenge and, you know, rather than a really bad outcome, we had a really good outcome of de-escalation and helping him get the assistance he needed and the attention he needed. So, this couldn’t come together at a better time to highlight National Police Week and the great work that they are doing in our community regarding sensitivity and the training they’ve had on these issues. So, thank you for that.

We’ve got one more [proclamation](#) this evening, and I believe that William Garvey is with us. William is with the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary because in just a week or so, it will be National Safe Boating Week. So, I will share a proclamation and then call on William to make a few remarks.”

Mayor Tecklenburg read the proclamation.

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Mayor Tecklenburg said, “Our partnership with the Coast Guard is on many levels. William Garvey is with the Coast Guard Auxiliary. William, are you out there?”

William Garvey, Coast Guard Auxiliary, said, “I am, indeed, Mr. Mayor. Thank you very much. Can you hear me?”

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “Yes, sir. Thank you for being with us.”

Mr. Garvey said, “Well, thank you for this and to the members of the City Council, as well. One of the central missions of the Coast Guard Auxiliary is to keep people safe as they enjoy recreational boating. Unfortunately, as you mentioned, nationally, we lose hundreds of the boating public each year, most of them from drowning, and most of those are not wearing life vests, which can be a very positive fashion statement. You’re quite right, Mr. Mayor. This year, because of the pandemic, it appears that there will be many new boaters, their family members, and friends, who will be taking to the water for the first time, and many of them are likely to be unfamiliar with the rules of the roads, as you would have mentioned, and the appropriate safety

equipment that they should be carrying. So, your proclamation helps bring attention to those important concerns and, hopefully, will encourage all of the members of the boating public to learn more and to be prepared for the unexpected. That's a terrible way to end a boating day. So, thank you, all, and I hope everyone enjoys a happy and safe boating season. Thank you, Mr. Mayor and Councilmembers."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you, William, and I guess on a sad note, but since it's a personal experience, I'll share with you all. One of those 600 folks last year was a personal friend of mine who lost his life on Lake Murray as a result of another boat driver who was badly intoxicated, a DUI on the water, and took this man's life. It's so sad. I mean, we talk about it when it happens on the highways, but it happens on the waterways, as well. It's wrong, and I hope everyone will not only have fun on the water, but be responsible on the water because you could take someone's life. Anyway, I sadly wanted to share that. Thank you, again, William, for being with us and all of the work you all do to keep our boaters safe. We certainly are blessed with access to the water here in this coastal area.

So, next we have one public hearing up tonight. This is our City of Charleston [Climate Action Plan](#). So much work has gone into this over the last six months, really over the last year and years, and it's been so ably led by many community members who have pitched in and helped make this a reality, but the number one person is Katie McKain, our staff member who oversaw this effort for the last year. Katie, thank you for just an incredible job, getting us this far. Now, I know you risk shouting out those specific folks when a big group has helped, and if you look at the Action Plan, Katie has listed in there literally hundreds of individuals and organizations that have helped with this effort. But, I just want to shout out to a few special community members who have helped in this effort. One is Stewart Weinberg, and Stewart has been like the master volunteer. He went to conferences on his own and on our behalf to learn, to teach us, and to engage us. Stewart, you have been remarkable. Danielle Richardson is with us this evening, and likewise, Danielle, thank you for all of your efforts. Edgar Sada, I saw you on page number two. You're out there on the Zoom call. Thank you for your efforts. Christine von Kolnitz, who serves on our Resiliency Committee, and has been a remarkable leader of the Sierra Club and the efforts to bring this plan forward. Omar Mohammad, thank you for your efforts, as well. So, many, many individuals helped, but I wanted to shout out to them, in particular, and then also thank the City Councilmembers who have been involved on the various Task Forces, Councilmembers Seekings, Brady, Delcioppo, Appel, and Jackson. You have all been a part of this effort over the last six months. So, there were 31 different working group meetings in total and seven Councilmembers who were a part of that process. So, Katie, I guess, maybe, if you have any remarks, I welcome you to share them. Otherwise, Madam Clerk, we will open the public hearing and hear from anyone from the public who has signed up to speak. Katie, did you want to make any remarks beforehand?"

Katie McKain said, "Yes, Mayor. I had a quick [presentation](#) to share, if that's alright."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Great. Terrific."

Ms. McKain said, "Welcome, everyone. Thanks so much, Mayor Tecklenburg, and good evening, members of Council. Tonight, I'll talk to you a little bit about the Climate Action Plan, which is a five-year strategic framework to reduce carbon pollution and increase our quality of life. The plan reflects the latest science, it aligns with industry standards, both national and international, it's synergistic with other City plans, and it really emphasizes the importance of ongoing and equitable community engagement. So, we are all familiar with the localized impacts from climate change, such as flooding from sea level rise, from high tides, from rain bombs, and

even extreme events. I won't go into this in too much detail, but this really brings to the point why we needed to make a plan to address the impacts of climate change, which is ultimately addressing mitigation. So, we embarked on the process of creating our Climate Action Plan last summer when we performed a greenhouse gas inventory, and this report just gives us a snapshot of our emissions from both City government operations and also emissions from the entire Charleston City community as a whole. Then, in the fall, we used that data, and we embarked on this process by starting with community engagement, and we had our first survey and public meeting where we engaged over 500 people who provided some great input to inform the plan. Then, in the winter, the community engagement ramped up even more. We were really lucky to have over 150 people volunteer to serve on Working Groups. There were six new Committees that were created, and those groups ultimately crafted the content for the Climate Action Plan, so I can't thank them enough. Then, in March, we went back to the community with the draft action items and strategies, and we asked for more community input via a survey in another public meeting. Then, in April we presented the plan to the Resilience and Sustainability Advisory Committee, and they unanimously supported recommending it to City Council, and that brings us here tonight.

So, there were eight different Committees that were part of this process. So, thank you so much for everyone that was part of it. We had residents, businesses, we had designers, developers, elected officials, technical experts, and City staff were involved too, so it was a real team effort. When we started the process, we looked at these five bullets as to what a successful Climate Action Plan looked like, and I confidently say that I think we have checked off all of these bullets. So, we wanted to make sure the plan included ideas and support from a diverse group of community members. We wanted to make sure we focused on climate mitigation because we have a flooding and sea level rise strategy and also a vulnerability assessment that focuses on adaptation. We wanted to be sure we focused on actions the City can control or heavily influence. We wanted to make sure we're prioritizing it on what our local goals and what our needs are, and last, but certainly not least, we wanted to make sure this Action Plan was centered on equity to ensure that the benefits and the challenges of climate action are shared amongst everyone. So, all of the Subcommittees, and especially the Task Forces, reviewed all of the action items with that equity lens, and that really helped to promote equity throughout the process. We also collaborated with the new Equity, Inclusion, and Racial Conciliation Committee, and we served on each other's Task Force and Committees, so that was really helpful, too. So, it was a really important part of the process. Our vision is really just to reduce pollution in a very equitable way that will not only improve the health but also the quality of life of Charleston now and also in the future. We must think of those future generations and what we will leave them.

So, in the plan there are 12 strategies and 51 action items, as I'm sure you've all seen. I won't go through any of these individually, but if you have any questions, feel free to let me know. You can see the majority of the action items are in that transportation sector.

I'd just like to briefly touch on the co-benefits. So, any time you're talking climate action, it is very common to have so many additional benefits that can also be perks to the Charleston region. So, for example, benefits of reducing costs or improving mobility or improving safety or preserving our historic and cultural assets are all co-benefits, and these were all looked at as the actions were studied. Just to give you an example, when we plant more trees, we're not only protecting our air quality and our water quality, but we're enhancing our climate adaptation because those trees absorb a whole lot of stormwater. We are also raising awareness to the community about the value of planting trees and the low cost it is to do that, and we're also beautifying our City. So, every action in this plan has at least two or more additional benefits for

Charlestonians, which is really neat to see. Finally, I'll just wrap up saying I know there were a few things that were really important to Council especially, and I wanted to make sure I shared that these were captured in the plan with everyone. So, of course, we talked about equity considerations, we also highlighted the co-benefits, we included potential partners in the plan, we prioritized the action items based on a rigorous assessment criteria the Task Force developed, we also identified the approximate costs for each item. Many are low or no costs at all, and we identified some potential funding opportunities we could pursue and, of course, we identified community engagement opportunities. As we all know, this is so important because it will take the whole community. It takes a village, right, to take meaningful climate action. The City can't do this alone. We really need everyone to do their part. So, with that, if there are any questions, I am available to answer them."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "So, next, we'll go to our public comment section, and then we'll come back to Council for any comments and questions. I did note that a goodly number of folks signed up to make remarks. So, I know it's kind of short, but if you can keep your comments to just a minute, that would be great. As we go through this, if you hear your idea or comment has already been expressed by someone else, you might just say ditto or keep a new idea coming to us. So, Madam Clerk."

The Clerk said, "First is Stewart Weinberg."

1. Stewart Weinberg thanked the Mayor and reminded him that on February 15, 2016 he had breakfast with the Mayor and his wife, and they talked about how they could possibly create a Climate Plan for the City of Charleston. He thanked the Mayor and Katie McKain for getting to this point. It had been a real privilege for him to meet with so many members of the community who brought to each of their meetings experience and expertise, and they had worked together with members of the City Council to create the plan. As people read it, they would look at all of the assessment criteria that was part of them making a decision on what the priorities would be that they would present to Council. It was a plan created by the people of Charleston for the entire population of Charleston and he hoped that the City would adopt the plan. He had three grandchildren, and he knew some people out there also had grandchildren, and they wanted to preserve Charleston for them.
2. Libby Smith said she thought most of them had heard of the Lorax, who speaks for the trees because everyone, everyone, everyone needs trees. She wanted to speak for the marshes, the wetlands, and the forests in the area because everyone, everyone, everyone needed the marshes, wetlands, and forests. These were carbon sinks, they had two functions, and they tended not to be on top of people's minds about climate change. They actually pulled carbon out of the air, so it wasn't there to contribute to climate change. Then, the carbon was stored underground for centuries at a time. They actually stored five times more carbon than tropical forests. They were absolutely critical. When these habitats were damaged or destroyed, not only did they lose their ability to pull out of the air, but the carbon that was stored got released to the atmosphere and contributed significantly to greenhouse gases in the atmosphere. Going forward, Council would have to face many decisions having to do with the marshes, wetlands, etcetera, and she hoped they would preserve them.

3. David Quick said he thought a lot of times people needed to step back and think about what had transpired in their lifetime. He was 57 years old and had seen the global population go from 3.2 billion people to 7.8 billion people. Carbon more than doubled. Everyone had a responsibility to make the planet livable, and the plan was their local responsibility. He was a Mt. Pleasant resident, and he was honored that he was part of the group of people to design the plan. He hoped part of the side benefits of it was to be a role model for the Greater Charleston area. He hoped that Charleston would be a leader who would inspire other municipalities, like Mt. Pleasant and the island communities, to adopt similar plans. He hoped Council would cherish the work that had been put into it and pass the Climate Action Plan.
4. Belvin Olasov said he saw the climate crisis as a call to action to do the best they could in the situation they were in, especially when they had the reach of a large regional municipality. He was heartened that the City had taken these steps, and he thought it would be impactful and both inspiring to the people of the City and to various municipalities and the rest of South Carolina. There was a lot of ability here and a great blueprint with the Climate Action Plan to do the most they could in Charleston. He applauded Council for the effort and urged Council to pass it.
5. Steve Dudash, Regional Director at Thomas & Hutton, said he was honored to be a part of the Committee, and he thought it was a wonderful thing. He was a landscape architect, and he cared about eco-systems. He thought the City itself was an eco-system, and they were at a point of self-determination on how to protect the wonderful assets, as well as grow and become better in the arena of social justice and equitable places. He had been listening to the Urban Land Institute's spring meeting, an organization of about 45,000 people. The discussions were exactly what they had been talking about with Katie, and she had done a fantastic job of pulling it all together. The desired outcomes and goal settings they had done were really important. He thought that 'action' was the key word to take to move it forward and to start the process on how they measured benefits and what happened if they did nothing, as well. He would like Council to consider to approve it.
6. Omar Mohammed thanked the Mayor, Council, and Katie for their leadership in the development of the Climate Action Plan. He said in a changing world increasingly impacted by climate-related hazards, increasing air pollution, extreme heat, sea level rise, and climate displacement highlighted the importance of adapting and mitigating impacts, particularly for environmental justice communities who contributed the least to climate impact, but were disproportionately impacted by climate reality. He asked the City to adopt and support the local Climate Action Plan. The plan helped to move to just and equitable solutions to the climate crisis. He dittoed other comments in that it was a model for other communities to follow, and he was excited on seeing how they could use this particular model to advance a similar action plan in the City of North Charleston.
7. Dr. Merrie Koester wanted to lift up the work of Katie McKain and all of the people who centered this problem, as the Mayor called it, an existential problem that affected everyone. It did seem that they had arrived at a threshold in the climate change story in Charleston. The Dutch Dialogues brought in by Council, and the

Mayor got them to think about why their natural world was so important and how they had to learn to live with water. She thought those echoes from those leaders echoed the teachings of eco-theologian James Thomas Nash, and he wrote that, 'Real love does not do desperate things, and it does not commit the irrevocable.' She thought this plan had all sorts of opportunities for them to look at ways in which they could work together to solve these problems that did not further destroy the environment and that supported equity and inclusion and honored the collaborative story they had begun with the Dutch Dialogues. She was happy to be participating in this action.

8. Betsy LaForce, Coastal Conservation League, said she and several of her colleagues served on Subcommittees for the plan, and they extended their sincere appreciation to Katie McKain for her expert leadership on this work. They applauded the City for taking the initiative to act on climate beyond the work happening already to address local climate impacts from flooding and sea level rise. She had the honor of serving on the Waste Subcommittee. Actions called out in the Waste Plan were achievable and if implemented, could lead to significant cost savings along with reductions from methane emissions, which was critical considering methane gas was about 28 times more powerful than carbon dioxide at warming the earth. Keeping food and organic waste out of landfills was a low hanging fruit solution to the methane problem, especially considering the resources that existed in the community, like the Industrial Compost Facility at Bees Ferry just waiting to be utilized to its full potential and performing a garbage can audit and using that data to evaluate and re-structure the way trash collection took place to incentivize recycling and composting. This was a necessary first step that would make the other actions possible.
9. Renee Orth echoed the applause to Katie McKain for all of the hard work she put into this plan. The plan was a great start, and she said it must be passed by Council, but it couldn't be thought of as the whole plan. She said unfortunately it had a big, blank button in that it didn't consider the consumption based emissions meaning all of the greenhouse gas emissions derived from the food they ate, the cars they drove, obviously, the car usage within the City was counted, but the actual production of the car wasn't counted. Some figures estimated that for some North American cities, the consumption based emissions were about three times the sector based emissions, which were counted in the greenhouse gas inventory. Anybody who knew her knew she was passionate about food justice and keeping people away, particularly, from red meat, which was not something the Climate Action Plan addressed head on the way she thought it ought to. She supported the plan 100 percent, and it was only a step in the right direction.
10. Danielle Richardson thanked the Mayor for recognizing her earlier and thanked Katie McKain as she did a wonderful job leading their current Task Force. She would like for Council to approve their plan because it was wonderful. She served on the Education Committee, was an Eastside resident, and their youth and their citizens had been moving forward with learning about climate change. They had a wonderful Earth Day event that included the children from the Eastside, and they learned about climate, recycling, gardening, and different things like that. They had wonderful trees planted on the Eastside, and it would be wonderful to continue having that education and that conversation with their community all over Charleston.

11. Doug Hatler said he was an Isle of Palms resident, and it was an honor and a privilege to participate as a member of the Carbon Sinks Subcommittee. He acknowledges Katie McKain and the wonderful work she did as well as all of the others who participated. He was an environmental scientist, an engineer, and a business executive, and he had spent 35 years balancing economic development, human health, and environmental stewardship. He supported the Climate Action Plan, and he thought it was an evolutionary plan, which aligned well with where the direction of Charleston needed to go for the future. He hoped Council would approve it, but not only approve it, he hoped that the City and all of the stakeholders remained committed to its execution fully, funding it with the resources it needed, and all of the things that went along with not just approving a plan, but putting it into place. He encouraged the City to work with surrounding communities, like the Isle of Palms, because they were all fellow travelers with the City on climate change mitigation and adaptation.
12. Susan Lyons spoke as a member of the Education Subcommittee of the Climate Action Plan and also as a member of the 3x3 Advisory Committee on Flooding. The proposed Climate Action Plan was a thorough and remarkable piece of work that would distinguish Charleston as a forerunning municipality in the daunting effort to cope with climate change. It was a blueprint that guided them all. If they wanted to protect Charleston from flooding, adoption of the plan was a critical step, and if they wanted to respond to the challenges of global warming, adopting the plan meant that Charleston was committed to doing its part.
13. Lia Colabello said Councilmember Brady was visiting the island where she was born and raised, a State that was also experiencing the impacts of climate change. The work of her team at Planet Purpose Solutions, a woman-led South Carolina benefit corporation based in West Ashley included launching sustainability initiatives for companies across the U.S. and Europe. Much of their work focused on measuring, reducing, and offsetting corporate greenhouse gas emissions. They had helped several brands achieve climate neutral certification, and their operations were also certified climate neutral. Their business was thrilled to see the leadership by the citizens of the City of Charleston and a special nod to the knowledge, skills, and community engagement talents of Katie McKain in developing the Climate Action Plan that puts forward innovative strategies to reduce the carbon footprints of both our City government operations and the community. She knew the task that the Climate Action Plan represented was daunting, but her business, in particular, knew what epic leadership looked like, especially in regards to designing and implementing a climate action strategy. The citizens of the City of Charleston possessed the fortitude needed to put the plan in play. She highly encouraged the City of Charleston to adopt the plan and support its execution.
14. Christine von Kolnitz said she was a member of the Resilience and Sustainability Committee, as well as the Chair of the local Sierra Club representing over 1,000 members in the City of Charleston and the region. She thanked Katie McKain for her excellent leadership in creating the plan. She did a fabulous job. She also thanked the Mayor and Council who came to meetings, participated, and really added so much to the plan and made it better. She said it was a science-based, equity-focused plan, and they couldn't have a better plan. She urged Council to

vote to adopt and implement the plan, and also there were thousands of members in the local community who would like to volunteer to help implement the plan.

15. Chris Carnevale echoed all of the praise for Katie for leading the community engagement portion of developing the plan. He was on two Subcommittees relative to buildings and transportation, and he was very impressed by how many people were invited into the process and how thoroughly all of their ideas were solicited and followed up with. Katie very methodically and patiently made sure that all of the Committee members who had ideas had the opportunity to put them forth and discuss each and every action item that was suggested. Every action item was voted on, the number of criteria to rank them in terms of importance and effectiveness. He thanked Katie and thanked Council for considering the plan as Charleston was clearly on the frontlines of climate change.
16. Alec Cooley said he was a member of the Waste Subcommittee and was also involved in helping with that component of the plan. He echoed many of the things that others had said. He added the observation that what the City was facing now with all of the work, the billions of dollars they were having to invest in drainage and into potentially building a wall around the City was a direct result of past decisions made and didn't take the threat seriously when they had information. What the plan represented to him was the opportunity for their generation to take that first step in making sure they didn't leave a similar or worse paradigm for future generations. He wholeheartedly endorsed the plan and encouraged Council to adopt it.
17. Katie Zimmerman, Executive Director of Charleston Moves, said she was a resident of the City of Charleston, and she was really supportive of the complete streets elements of the plan. She said one of the really great things about the plan, especially when it came to the transportation elements, was keeping in mind that transportation emissions had now become the number one source of climate changing emissions in South Carolina. The fact that Charleston County was the most dangerous place in the State to walk or ride a bicycle, and that included walking to or from bus stops, it was so important that they were getting a handle on these safety elements that also had the added benefit of reducing their impact on the climate and eco-system.
18. Ray Huff echoed the extraordinary work that Katie McKain did in pulling the process together, but also to the Mayor and Council for taking the lead with regard to the City. He was an architect and also the Director of the Clemson Architecture Center in Charleston, and he supported the effort of the Climate Action Plan. He applauded the City for taking the next step towards an integrative approach to contend with global climate change. As a coastal city, Charleston was inarguably at a crossroads. While the City couldn't alone ward the challenges of global climate change, it must do everything possible to prepare the community and the region to buy time as there was simply too much at stake. He hoped Council would advance this matter.
19. Skyelynn Landry applauded the inclusion of several initiatives related to composting in the Climate Action Plan. She said composting, in many ways, was

more important than recycling. She echoed Betsy LaForce's comments about composting potential in Charleston. Landfills with rotting food were the third largest producer of methane gas from human activity in the United States. She had compiled some facts about composting, many of which could be found in online resources from the Institute for Local Self-Reliance, which was a great national organization she got to connect with last year at the U.S. Composting Council's National Composting Conference in North Charleston. She was able to volunteer all week having just transitioning out of her staff role at the College of Charleston's Office of Sustainability. She said adding compost to soil improved not only the soil quality in many ways and vastly increased the amount of beneficial microbes in the soil, but also protected against erosion, drought, and desertification, as well as reducing the need for use of chemical fertilizers. Improving the health of soil with organic matter also cleaned stormwater by capturing and breaking down anywhere from 60 to 95 percent of pollutants, as well as retaining more water and helping to mitigate incidents of runoff and flooding. According to another statistic that could be readily found, published by the NRVC, every one percent of organic matter added to soil could help absorb an additional 25,000 gallons of water per acre. She urged Council to vote yes on the initiative.

20. Jonatan Guerrero Ramirez said Katie did a great job and urged Council to vote yes on the plan for the future of their kids and the City. Charleston could not continue to be the greatest City in the world if it was under water so they had to do their part. They had to take the first step to do what they had to do to protect the City. He asked every Councilmember to vote yes on the plan.
21. Monica Russo-Dunphy said she was enthusiastically in support of a Climate Action Plan for Charleston. She was a Charleston resident who lived in a low lying area which was prone to frequent tidal flooding, and she had a serious community concern about detrimental flooding, property destruction, and property value decline. She thought this was a great first step to get them headed in the right direction. Additionally, being community-based, her company just committed to reducing their carbon footprint through an environmental social governance assessment. Charleston businesses were really starting to step up and tackle the issue. She thought it was the right time for them to do that, as well.
22. Kelly Thorvalson said she represented the South Carolina Aquarium and applauded Katie McKain for her leadership on this effort. It was really an impressive process. The plan took into account not only the reduction of greenhouse gases, but it was steeped in equity and feasibility. Charleston was on the frontline when it came to feeling the effects of climate change. She personally had to shift her travel every month because of sudden day flooding that came with king tides and coupled with increased rain and storms, increased development, and the loss of green infrastructure, the problems seem insurmountable, but they weren't. By reducing the City's greenhouse gas emissions, it would greatly increase resiliency of the community, natural ecosystems, and climate risk. They would be healthier doing it because one of the greatest benefits of the Climate Plan was that air and water quality would greatly improve, which was a win-win. Adopting a thoughtful, executable Climate Action Plan would inspire others to do the same, and they encouraged Council to pass it.

23. Leslie Skardon said she served on the Education Subcommittee and wanted to commend the Council, the Mayor, and the City for taking this on. It was no secret the City was on the forefront of climate change and sea level rise, but with great challenges came great opportunities for innovation and for Charleston to continue to be a leader and set an example to not only the rest of the State, but across the south, the east coast, and the nation. One of the biggest challenges they faced in getting folks involved was that this seemed too big of an issue to tackle. So, instead of taking action, they shut down individually. The plan gave citizens manageable actions they could take to create a difference and help tackle this issue.
24. Cashion Drolet with Historic Charleston Foundation said HCF was proud to have served on the Building Subcommittee of the taskforce. They believed the plan dovetailed with much of the resiliency work on which they had been collaborating on with the City, including underscoring much of the Dutch Dialogues final report. The draft plan also embraced historic preservation and viewed it as a means to achieving climate resiliency. After all, the greenest, most sustainable building was the one that was already there. The plan also recommended design standards for renewable energy, which was something BAR was working on in regards to guidelines on solar panels.
25. Edgar Sada said he was part of the taskforce and had served on all five subcommittees. The plan not only aimed at having a more sustainable and equitable community 20, 50, and 100 years from now, but it also addressed concerns that were being faced today. Climate change was at the front step for many people in the community, even on sunny days. The City had a chance to serve as a model for other municipalities around the Country. It was every government's responsibility to take action, heed the call, and ensure a sustainable and equitable future for all. If any Councilmembers had any doubts, they should ask themselves if it was for the good of the community. He believed the answer was yes.
26. Bryan Cordell said his nonprofit had served on the Building Subcommittee, where they helped come up with strategies to make Charleston's stock of buildings, including residential, commercial, industrial, and government, more energy efficient. They were proud to support the recommendations and priorities in the report and intended to provide people and resources to help implement this plan. The report demonstrated that Charleston could lead on the environment as well as be committed to efforts that would benefit people in the future. The plan was grounded in identifying cost effective, high impact, equitable, and universally supported strategies that were actually feasible.
27. Emma Abrams, on behalf of James Islands Charter High School's Environment Sustainability Club, said that as a life-long resident of Charleston, she had seen the first hand impacts of climate change on their coastal community. The young people of South Carolina were tired of seeing the daily impacts of climate change and then often seeing elected officials drag their feet. That inaction had dangerous impacts, as the Southeast was experiencing brain drain and out-migration of young, educated, and often disillusioned individuals. Today, they had the opportunity to protect their community and give hope to young people. The

Climate Action Plan represented a bold move away from inaction and working towards a better future for younger generations. She was often ashamed of the Lowcountry's inaction on the crisis, but if the Climate Action Plan was passed today, she would be proud to be a South Carolinian and Charlestonian.

28. Sully Sullivan said that if you had been down East Bay Street, they talked about saving the wetlands, yet there were new developments being built in the wetlands. They had put a plastic ban in place, yet one still saw plastic. He was tired of doing trash cleanups. They said they wanted liberation and equity for all, yet he didn't see anyone in Rosemont, Silver Hill, or Garden Hill talking about this plan. They talked about wanting to build an entire seawall around the City. He wanted to be progressive and forward thinking. If they could build up an entire beach on Folly, Isle of Palms, and Sullivan's, why not build a beach around the City instead of a wall? They wanted to talk about mental health. That's what his wife did for a living. They should stop taking away the parks. They wanted to build the Lowline. That was amazing, but there were parks under there right now that existed, and the lights didn't work. He encouraged them to be progressive with what already existed. People needed access to the City, not just white people and not just tourists.
29. Marcus McDonald, CHS BLM, urged all City Councilmembers to vote for the Plan. He wanted to lift up what people were saying about equity and the reason they needed to be intentional about it. The social equity lens of the report could be found on page 10. The reason they had to be so intentional with it was because of Charleston's history of ignoring the black community. There was a reason the flooding had become so bad in those areas. People had been asked for this as long as they had lived in Charleston, and they had been ignored.
30. Marlo Shedlock with Adopt a Highway Charleston was honored to serve on the Waste Subcommittee. As someone who spent her free time pulling trash out of storm drains, marshes, and picking up roadways, she especially applauded the lifestyle and zero waste portion of the plan. The slogan she liked to tell her volunteers was "no wetlands, no seafood." Whether they enjoyed eating a crab sandwich or looking at the dolphins, they needed to pass the plan.
31. Darcy Everett said she believed the plan was a positive step forward for Charleston in beginning to mitigate the negative impacts of a changing climate. She was the Climate Manager at the College of Charleston and felt that the plan closely aligned with her work and provided a roadmap for them to develop similar action items for climate mitigation and adaptation. She applauded the City for taking this step forward and bringing together a broad range of stakeholders during the creation of the plan.
32. Kendra Stewart, Director at the Riley Center for Livable Communities, congratulated Katie, Mark, and the rest of the taskforce for all the work they did in creating the Climate Action Plan with a process that was highly inclusive and equitable, involving significant public engagement and expert advice, which had led to broad and inclusive community support. The plan was a real opportunity for the City to be a leader. They were a little behind the curve when it came to passing efforts to curb environmental impact, such as the plastic bag ban, but the passage of this plan would allow Charleston to serve as a model regionally,

Statewide, and nationally. Major anchor employers in the area, such as the College of Charleston, MUSC, and Boeing were all working to reduce their environmental impact, particularly in regard to greenhouse gas emissions. It was critical that the City do the same. She encouraged Council to adopt the Climate Action Plan for implementation.

33. Annie Doran said she was so proud of the plan. It looked at things from so many angles. So much work had gone into it, and she knew it hadn't been easy. She acknowledged that implementing it would not be easy. She challenged Council to ask themselves and others if they had a community of experts putting in their time and 10,000 hours just to look into what needs to happen, and would they be willing to risk the quality of life for the future of the City. She said it was important to trust the experts and that she fully supported the plan.

The Clerk said, "We also received 20 comments in support of the Climate Action Plan to achieve short and long-term, science based, emission reduction goals and protect the City's coastal communities. Those were all the comments that we had."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Great. Well, thank you, all of you, who participated and those wonderful comments. I think it's a unanimous acclamation that Katie McKain did a fabulous job pulling all this together. Now, the matter comes to City Council."

Councilmember Shealy said, "Move for approval."

Councilwoman Jackson said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "So moved and a second. Any discussion?"

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilwoman Jackson.

Councilwoman Jackson said, "Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I know we're always conscious of time, but I really can't pass up an opportunity to speak to Katie McKain, in particular, and to all the members for the amazing committee work that was done to produce this. I want to give two shout-outs to District 12 residents who have taught me everything I know about the climate and the challenges we have in the area, Stewart Weinberg and Libby Smith. I feel like I've just learned at their knee ever since I moved here. When I was considering filing to campaign for office, I went to introduce myself to Libby, and I heard all about the wonderful 2007 Green Plan. Then, the sad part about that was it had been received, but never adopted. I think we have a chance to do the do-over here, regretful that it's however many years later. My grandson is going on four years old, so I join Stewart and Libby and all the grandparents and all the parents of young children on this meeting to say we have got to do something. I look forward to voting yes to adopt the plan and work it. Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Great. Thank you. Anyone else? I just want to make a brief comment. Thank you, Katie, and all the folks that have been involved in this. It's been mentioned that Charleston has kind of been on the front line of dealing with the impacts of climate change. This is a real step, meaningful step, for us to deal with the root causes of that dilemma that we've been dealing with. Sometimes, when you develop a plan and pass a plan, and it's 50 pages long, it can get kind of lost. I want to point out one page, not only to our Council, but to our citizens, and challenge our citizens, if you do nothing else, take a look at this one page that says 'take climate action today, Charleston.' It's a simple list of things that we can

all do personally and in our homes to make a difference in addressing climate change on our planet. It's that old saying of thinking globally, but acting locally. Here on this one page are some great suggestions. All our citizens could be involved and be part of the solution in making a difference. I just offer that challenge to everyone. Of course, this has my whole hearted support."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Waring.

Councilmember Waring said, "Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I think one reason we're speechless is because we had such great comments from everyone that participated on this. They said it all. They said it the best way. I do want to thank Katie for all her work. She brought an enthusiasm to this that made it exciting. We all appreciated that. Obviously, I'm going to vote in support of this. Charleston should lead. I mean, we're a seaport town by the sea. We should lead on this. Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Absolutely. Any other comments or questions?"

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Appel.

Councilmember Appel said, "Mayor, I'll make this real quick. I remember 2009, 2010 when the Green Plan was up before Council and, of course, I wasn't on Council back then, but I was following along. I remember it just being a very controversial, divisive thing on Council. I'm expecting a unanimous vote of approval here tonight, if not something very close. I just think that speaks a lot about the consciousness of this area and really of our society. I think there's a realization that this is real, and there's stuff we need to do about it. Thanks to everybody who's been involved, and I just think this is a great step in the process. Thanks."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Great. Anyone else?"

No one asked to speak.

On a motion of Councilmember Shealy, seconded by Councilwoman Jackson, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the Climate Action Plan.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Please let the record show this was a unanimous approval this time by Council. Thank you, all, for your involvement. Next up on our agenda is [approval of our City Council meeting minutes](#)."

Councilmember Mitchell said, "So moved."

Councilmember Shealy said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Any additions, corrections, or deletions?"

No one asked to speak.

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Shealy, City Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2021 Special City Council meeting and the April 27, 2021 Regular City Council meeting.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Next up, I think most of our participants tonight have already spoken on this matter, but it's now [Citizens' Participation Period](#). Madam Clerk?"

The Clerk said, "Yes. Would you like to set a time limit? We have, I believe, two people who signed up. We had another two people who signed up who I think also spoke during the public hearing, so I wasn't sure if they wanted to speak again. So, we've got four."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Okay, let's say two minutes."

The Clerk said, "Tony Daniell, if you're on the line, if you could press *6. Tony Daniell."

1. Tony Daniell said he was calling from Boone Hall, which was founded by John Boone in 1682, who was banished by the Lord Proprietors, as he was also banished, but he knew why John Boone was banished. He didn't know what he had done wrong. He had asked that they follow George Washington's rules of behavior, just like they had asked him to act in a certain decorum. He also had asked them to define the difference between a barricade and a closed road. He also wanted to know why their signs were different from the ones on Inverness which, for over 60 years, was part of the Harborview School access point. He told Ms. McKain she could come see climate change from the illegally parked cars that were killing the bushes and trees beside his highway. He added that he had empathy for the Charleston Police and that he had been to his share of funerals, as well. He said he respected City Council's opinion, but asked that he be treated the same as everyone else. The black and white signs did not work, he had taken at least 40 pictures of his driveway being blocked, and he wanted the same signs as the other side of the neighborhood. He wanted to have a breakfast meeting with the Mayor, so that he could meet his father.
2. Miguel Torres said he wanted to lodge a formal complaint against Councilmember Appel for the meeting on April 27 when he basically mocked him in a public forum by waving his hand in the air and degrading him. It could be viewed on the YouTube recording of the City Council meeting at the 1:28:52 mark. It was very unprofessional. He had many years in the military, 21 years of active duty, a lot of funerals also, a lot of professional men and woman, and he had yet to see such a disgusting manner of being treated. He had sent a letter to the Mayor, but had not received a response. That kind of behavior was rude and could not be condoned. It seemed like the City had moved forward, but they had not made any progress. He wanted a formal apology from Councilmember Appel. Also, his driveway was blocked every day. Councilmember Appel had said in writing that he was the one who had stopped the legal signs from being put up. He didn't know where a City Councilmember got the power to create an unsafe condition or break the law.

The Clerk said, "Renee Orth and, Ms. Orth, I didn't know if you wanted to speak at Citizens' Participation, as well. Renee Orth."

No one asked to speak.

The Clerk continued, "Skyelynn Landry."

No one asked to speak.

The Clerk continued, "That was all we have for citizens' participation. We did receive some comments. We had one person that submitted five separate comments referencing City Council minutes from 1976 where there was a unanimous vote that it was unlawful to close or barricade roads. One person said the City owed his father, a long-time resident of Charleston, a duty of care. One person referenced Section 28-25 and provided an example of a barricade in a City publication. One person requested City Council to provide a written definition of a barricaded road from either City, State Code, or a legal dictionary. Those were all the comments we received."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Great. Thank you, Madam Clerk. We appreciate that. Let me let Council know that for some reason I'm not getting everyone on the one screen, so I may not see you if you're raising your hand. So, please speak up if you need to be recognized, or Madam Clerk, if you see someone, let me know. Next is our [Petitions and Communications](#). It's a Resolution to proceed with the November 2021 elections using the current district maps. Susan Herdina, are you going to present this?"

Ms. Herdina said, "Yes, Mayor. So, we are requesting this Resolution so that it is clear that the November elections will go forward as planned. Also, we are proposing that, while I know City Council is of the mind to adopt an ordinance after the district maps are approved and drawn, to require special elections only in the districts where there is no representation or multiple representation. We are requesting that City Council authorize the Legal Department to continue to research these issues, and we can advise Council appropriately after the maps are drawn and approved by Council."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Alright."

Councilmember Griffin said, "So moved."

Councilwoman Jackson said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Any discussion?"

The Clerk said, "I think Councilwoman Delcioppo had her hand up earlier."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilwoman Delcioppo.

Councilwoman Delcioppo said, "I did. I apologize. I thought I shot my hand up early enough, but I think I missed it. I actually wanted to make a motion to amend or to add to the agenda under section I. So, I don't know if we want to go ahead and proceed with I-1 and come to me with what I would like to add under this section?"

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Could I come back to you on that since we have a motion on the floor?"

Councilwoman Delcioppo said, "Sure."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Okay. Absolutely. Any other comments or questions on I-1?"

Councilmember Shahid said, "Mr. Mayor?"

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Shahid.

Councilmember Shahid said, "I have a question for Susan. Susan, as I read the fourth 'whereas' clause in here, that does not restrict the options that are available, that's just one of the options that are available? Is that how I'm reading this?"

Ms. Herdina said, "That is correct. Basically, what this Resolution does is notifies the public, with your approval, that the November elections are going forward, that the map will be redrawn once we have the census information available, the maps will be approved, and that Council, we understand, is, like I said, of the mind to look at a specific option, which can be voted on by ordinance at that time. Other options may also be presented at that time."

Councilmember Shahid said, "Thank you, Susan, for that clarification."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Alright. Anyone else?"

No one asked to speak.

On a motion of Councilmember Griffin, seconded by Councilwoman Jackson, City Council voted unanimously to approve a Resolution to proceed with the November 2021 election using current district maps and to instruct Legal staff to continue to research and advise Council on all legal options once the new maps have been drawn and adopted.

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilwoman Delcioppo.

Councilwoman Delcioppo said, "Thank you. I would like us to add under Section I, amend the agenda to add for consideration, continuation of 30 days of the Mayor's ability to call a curfew in coordination with the Police Chief."

Councilmember Mitchell said, "Second."

Councilmember Shahid said, "I second that, Mayor. I think we have 10 days left on that curfew, and I think we need to add that extra 30 days."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Alright. This is just to add it to the agenda at this point. Susan, did you want to add a comment?"

Ms. Herdina said, "Yes, Mayor. If we're adding it to the agenda, we do need a motion seconded with a two-thirds vote approving adding it to the agenda. Then, if we're going to go ahead and vote on the Emergency Ordinance, which would be amending the one that's in effect now, we would also need a two-thirds vote. For both the motion and the substantive decision, we need a finding of an exigent or emergency circumstance."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Understood. We'll see if we've got the necessary majority of two-thirds, and maybe Councilwoman Delcioppo or someone seconding the motion could..."

Councilmember Mitchell said, "It's already been seconded."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "...could state that exigent, if that's the right word, circumstance."

Councilwoman Delcioppo said, “Just so I don’t have to say ‘exigent.’ I think in light of some things still happening around the nation, in our own communities, residents and businesses would like a continuation of this option at the Mayor’s and Chief’s disposal. Again, it’s a last resort. It’s not something they’re just going to do for the sake of doing. It’s a last resort in order for the public’s safety, to allow it to continue a bit longer while we continue to see how some things in the media play out...”

Councilmember Mitchell said, “I second.”

Councilwoman Delcioppo said, “Not that there’s any immediate threat here, but just as things are ongoing.”

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “I think that satisfies the requirement. Wouldn’t you agree, Susan? Let’s vote to add it to the agenda.”

On a motion of Councilwoman Delcioppo, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, City Council voted unanimously to amend to add the following Emergency Ordinance to the agenda:

An Emergency Ordinance extending for thirty (30) days the Emergency Ordinance authorizing Mayor in consultation with Police Chief to implement curfew when necessary to protect public health and safety, and to limit ingress and egress in City of Charleston.

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilwoman Jackson, City Council voted unanimously to ratify the following Emergency Ordinance:

2021 – 060 - AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE EXTENDING FOR THIRTY (30) DAYS THE EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR IN CONSULTATION WITH POLICE CHIEF TO IMPLEMENT CURFEW WHEN NECESSARY TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY, AND TO LIMIT INGRESS AND EGRESS IN CITY OF CHARLESTON.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “So, next up is our [update on the City’s response](#) to COVID-19. I’m going to call on Tracy McKee to give us a quick update. She’ll share with you, but as many of you do read the numbers every day, Charleston County had a total of 12 new cases yesterday and only 10 today. I think that’s the lowest number we’ve had in a long, long time. So, we’re really coming out of this. Tracy, take it away.”

Ms. McKee said, “Thank you, Mayor, and good evening, everyone. I’ll try to keep this brief tonight. We continue to see our cases go on a downward trend here in the City of Charleston, which is great. We’ve actually seen almost a 40% decrease just over the last two weeks. So, we’ve been on this really steady downward trend. We haven’t seen a 7-day average this low since early June of last year, just before the big surge and the summer. As you might imagine, all of our operational indicators are green and have been green, so what that means is, for internal operations, we are moving to our final phase of COVID phases, which is Phase IV. That simply means we are going to be transitioning to normal operations while adhering to the mask and social distancing guidance that’s put forth by DHEC and the CDC. We’ll continue to adhere to those, but we’ll be monitoring that guidance very closely and making adjustments for internal operations.

Hospitalizations are remaining low. MUSC is actually reporting a very low census of their COVID-19 patients. That’s a really good indicator that vaccines are working, number one,

because so many of our older people have been vaccinated, and that's preventing, they believe, hospitalizations. It's keeping hospitalizations down, as well. A couple of tidbits from the team over at MUSC, I want to thank Dr. Hirschhorn and Dr. Sweat for providing us with some information, a little update on variants. I gave a brief update on variants last month. MUSC has continued to sequence positive tests around the State. You can see from this chart, if we look at April of 2021, a significant increase still in the presence of variants. Basically, what this chart is showing us, about 85% are from variants of concern or variants of interest. They were a little bit lower last time I reported this, and actually approximately 60% are from the UK variant, which is actually shown to be 50% more transmissible and has a potential to have an increase in severity of disease. So, greater impact to those who get it.

So, if you haven't been vaccinated yet, hopefully this will get you thinking about it. Vaccination really is our way out. If we look at cases over the last couple of weeks in the Tri-County area, we can see that those with no immunity are, and that's from either being vaccinated or from having prior infection, 157 times more likely to get COVID and become sick from COVID than those that have some sort of immunity from vaccination or from having a prior infection. Again, looking at this two-week trend, some really interesting things that they shared with me today, if we look at the two-week trend in South Carolina, Counties with less than 40% vaccination rates actually continue to have a positive increase in their growth rate. So, 40% is what they're finding, at least in the data currently, a threshold is kind of important. Those with at least 40%, their growth rate is actually negative 17%, and those are statistically significant. Then, of course, natural immunity does play into that, as well. The takeaway here is really that high vaccination was the most protective in community transmission. So, we need to continue to push and encourage folks to get vaccinated.

Distribution has kind of been fairly steady. This is reported from the CDC about what we were getting in the State of South Carolina regarding vaccines. If you are still looking to get a vaccine, the best place to find a location to do that is to go to the SCDHEC vax locator, and they have the most current providers that are accepting vaccine appointments. Most people have probably seen that Pfizer is now open to those 12 and older. That has started today. Children 12-15 have started to become vaccinated today, and that is two doses. Moderna is available to anyone 18 and older, as well as the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, which is a one dose and also available to those 18 and older.

How are we doing as a Country? I kind of highlighted, I think, the takeaways from this shot is we're at 46% of at least one dose in the US and almost 35% that are fully vaccinated. South Carolina, we're at 43% with at least one dose and 35% fully vaccinated. Lastly, City employee cases, we currently have one active case. We've had 283 cumulative cases since the beginning of the pandemic, and we are trending right along with South Carolina with 43% of our staff fully vaccinated. I'm happy to try to answer any questions anyone might have."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you, Tracy. Does anybody have any questions for Tracy? Again, for some reason, I'm not seeing everybody on one screen, so just speak up if you have a question or want to be recognized. Did Shannon Scaff have anything for us this evening? I know they've continued to promote the vaccinations. We still have the vaccination station open over at 180 Lockwood in the former DMV that MUSC is operating. It's open every day. They now take folks without appointments. It's best to have an appointment, but you don't need one. Just keep spreading the word. You saw those statistics from Tracy. It really makes a difference in terms of transmission and health to be vaccinated, so we strongly encourage folks to do that. Susan, if you would pick back up and lead us through these [Emergency Ordinances](#) that we have before us."

Ms. Herdina said, "Yes, sir. Item I-3 is an extension of the emergency ordinance suspending the off-street parking requirements in certain areas of King Street. The emergency ordinance would continue this until July 10th. We think this is an important step in the recovery effort of the business district. So, we are recommending that this emergency ordinance be approved. Again, the Planning Department is working with Legal to propose a permanent ordinance along these lines and would expect to have it to you hopefully before this ordinance would expire. So, that's Item I-3, Mayor."

Councilmember Shahid said, "So moved."

Councilwoman Delcioppo said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "A motion to pass and a second. Any questions?"

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Griffin.

Councilmember Griffin said, "Susan, there was recently an Executive Order, an hour or two ago, by Governor McMaster. Do you know how that impacts any of our Emergency Orders?"

Ms. Herdina said, "Well, I do think it would impact our mask ordinance and some other restrictions, but the timing of the Executive Order and this meeting is perfect because, actually, the next item I'm going to talk about details how we are basically eliminating or allowing the mask ordinance to expire. So, my reading of his Executive Order and, again, it just came out, but it looks like it is primarily focused on mask ordinances that we might have had in effect, as well as deals with vaccination passports. But, I did not read anything in it that would seem to impact this emergency ordinance or a few others that we're going to talk about in a second. The State of Emergency is continuing in South Carolina, so I do think we have the authority to continue to implement certain emergency ordinances."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you for clarifying that. Any other questions on this ordinance for the parking relief?"

No one else asked to speak.

On a motion of Councilmember Shahid, seconded by Councilwoman Delcioppo, City Council voted unanimously to ratify the following Emergency Ordinance:

2021 – 061 - AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO EXTEND EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 2021-007, ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF CHARLESTON ON JANUARY 26, 2021, AS EXTENDED BY EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 2021-032, ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF CHARLESTON ON MARCH 23, 2021, WHICH AMENDED CHAPTER 54 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON (ZONING ORDINANCE) TO CREATE A SPECIAL PARKING DISTRICT OVERLAY ZONE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELIMINATING MINIMUM OFF-STREET PARKING REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO CERTAIN USES WITHIN THE DISTRICT AND WHICH CHANGED THE ZONE MAP, WHICH IS A PART THEREOF, SO THAT PROPERTIES DESIGNATED AS CHARLESTON COUNTY TMS NOS. 457-04-02-007 TO 012, 457-04-02-014 TO 033, 457-04-02-035 TO 041, 457-04-02-081, 457-04-02-111, 457-04-02-113 TO 134, 457-04-02-157 TO 172, 457-04-02-175 TO 182, 457-04-02-184 TO 191, 457-04-02-193 TO

194, 457-04-04-009 TO 023, 457-04-04-039, 457-04-04-041 TO 047, 457-04-04-092, 457-04-04-094 TO 105, 457-04-04-107 TO 111, 457-04-04-117, 457-04-04-129 TO 130, 457-04-04-150 TO 154, 457-04-04-157 TO 160, 457-04-04-163, 457-04-04-167 TO 201, 457-04-04-258 TO 269, 457-04-04-271 TO 277, 457-04-04-307 TO 320, 457-04-04-322, 457-08-01-039 TO 044, 457-08-01-046, 457-08-01-048 TO 064, 457-08-01-072, 457-08-01-078, 457-08-01-080, 457-08-01-088 TO 090, 457-08-01-095 TO 117, 457-08-01-125 TO 127, 457-08-01-141 TO 156, 457-08-01-163, 457-08-02-020 TO 026, 457-08-02-032 TO 038, 457-08-02-135, 457-08-02-159 TO 161, 457-08-04-003, 457-08-04-015 TO 017, 457-08-04-019, 457-08-04-0191, 457-08-04-020 TO 032, 457-08-04-035 TO 040, 457-08-04-042, 457-08-04-088, 457-08-04-091, 457-08-04-131, 457-08-04-133 TO 134, 457-08-04-137 TO 143, 457-08-04-148 TO 149, 457-08-04-154 TO 156, 457-08-04-184 TO 188, 457-12-02-009 TO 010, 457-12-02-041, 457-12-02-046 TO 049 AND 457-12-04-015 WERE INCLUDED WITHIN THE SPECIAL PARKING DISTRICT OVERLAY ZONE.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Back to you, Susan."

Ms. Herdina said, "Yes, sir. So, Item I-4 and I-5 are somewhat related, and both deal with the question that Councilmember Griffin just raised. What we are proposing in the Resolution, I-4, is that we are going to basically ask that certain ordinances no longer be in effect. Those ordinances are listed in the fourth 'whereas' clause and consistent with the Governor's Order, as well as taking into account the information that Tracy has just discussed. Looking at the direction from the Governor that any Emergency Order should be narrowly tailored to the circumstances, we felt that it was important to recommend that the local State of Emergency be rescinded, the Emergency Ordinance 2021-041 relating to face coverings be rescinded, the Emergency Ordinance 2020-038 prohibiting price gouging related to COVID, and also Emergency Ordinance 2020-069 relating to decreasing the risk of exposure to COVID-19 in retail businesses be terminated. All of those Emergency Ordinances would be terminated effective tonight if this Resolution is approved.

However, we are also asking, and strongly encourage, the citizens and the tourists and businesses to continue to follow CDC and DHEC guidance on facial coverings, as well as social distance and other recommendations to reduce the transmission of COVID, as well as the variants that we understand from the medical community are here. We are also strongly encouraging people to consider vaccination. That is the Resolution, I-4, and then I-5 would be basically continuing several Emergency Ordinances for another 30 days. Those ordinances are listed on page six of the proposed Emergency Ordinance. Again, Item I-5, and what we are asking Council to renew tonight is the Emergency Ordinance suspending the requirements of the physical presence of Councilmembers at Council meetings, the Emergency Ordinance regarding temporary procedures for public hearings, the Emergency Ordinance on allowing affordable housing units to be approved by the administrative officer, and the Emergency Order requiring parade permits for 25 or more. These ordinances, we were asked to extend those by staff and others, and it's my understanding, and I guess the Mayor can clarify this, with regard to the physical presence of Councilmembers at Council meetings, the idea is over the summer we will have the hybrid meeting of Zoom plus in-person, but that before September we will have a permanent amendment to our rules of how we should move forward with Council meetings and Ways and Means Committee meetings."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "So, I think our intent on the meetings, my colleagues, is that, as we've discussed, we would meet in person from here on out for Ways and Means and

Council, but we wanted to keep this ordinance active in the event we want to make some changes to our Committee meetings, and then we still have our BAR and Planning Commission meetings being held virtually. We will be dialing that back in the near future to go back to in-person meetings, but we needed a little time still to work out the logistics of all that on some of those meetings and the technology. But, our own Ways and Means and City Council meetings would be in person. To the mask ordinance, we're, in essence, allowing the mask ordinance to expire. There will be no more requirements inside or outside or anywhere. However, we do ask our citizens to practice good public health and follow CDC guidelines and to recommend that they get vaccinated. However, it's all just on a recommendation basis. There are no requirements."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Shahid, followed by Councilmember Brady and Councilwoman Jackson.

Councilmember Shahid said, "Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I read the Governor's proclamation, and even if we were of a mind to extend that mask ordinance, it pretty much guts us from having that option of doing so. So, rescinding the mask ordinance requirement is just going to be in line with the Governor's directive, even if we wanted to do something otherwise. I would support the other suggestions that you have made and that Susan has proposed to us. That just makes sense. I would encourage our citizens to continue to practice good, safe distancing, and while indoors to wear a mask. If you haven't, I would certainly encourage all of our citizens to just get those numbers up on vaccinations that we have. It's impressive what we've got so far, but we'd still like to get that number a little bit higher. I think what we saw as to the higher numbers, over 40%, the higher numbers go down on people who are contracting the disease and fatality. So, let's keep on encouraging folks to participate in those protocols. Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Brady.

Councilmember Brady said, "Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I just had a quick question for Susan. By letting the mask mandate expire, that does not preclude a private business, for example, Councilmember Waring's favorite store, Costco, from implementing their own mask requirements? Is that correct?"

Ms. Herdina said, "That's correct. They're free to do what they would like to do."

Councilmember Brady said, "Okay. Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilwoman Jackson.

Councilwoman Jackson said, "That was my exact question, too, to clarify what can happen inside a retail establishment. I do think we should make that point, and I'm sure the King Street Business District and all of the people that follow our business service announcements will be trying to clarify that. So, we take the mystery away from our business owners."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Great. Any other comments or questions?"

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Shealy.

Councilmember Shealy said, "Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I'm just wondering how these ordinances effect capacity at ball games or at events, things like that? Where are we on there?"

Ms. Herdina said, "I think it depends. Oh, I'm sorry, Mayor, do you want to answer that?"

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "No. I was going to ask both you and Tracy if you wanted to weigh in on that."

Ms. Herdina said, "My thought on this, Councilmember Shealy, is that it depends on who owns the facility. For a long time now, the Governor has lifted restrictions on venues. Private venues are free to make their own decisions about what guidelines they are going to follow and enforce. If it's a City-owned facility, we have been following, and I see Tracy nodding her head, and she and Mark and others have been working on a committee for the last ten or eleven months on these questions, but if it's a City-owned facility, we've been asking the operators or the managers to follow our phased program. That is where we are right now. So, I don't know, Tracy or Mark, if you want to add anything to that?"

Ms. McKee said, "That's exactly right. We've tried to make sure that all special events that happen within the City or on City property, I should say, are handled all the same and fairly and take into account the most current CDC guidance. As everything COVID, it's been a little game of whack-a-mole following the guidance, but that's where we are. I don't know if Mark has any additional comments, or Dan. There's been a whole team of us that have been working together."

Mr. Wilbert said, "Tracy, I think you got it. We've been following our City ordinances and CDC guidance just to make it as safe as we can, but it's been consistent with every venue across the City owned by the City."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilwoman Jackson.

Councilwoman Jackson said, "Can we just ask a little more specifically then, what does that mean for the Riverdogs games?"

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Well, upon their recent request, we reevaluated it and allowed them to increase their capacity upon their request. Now that we've gone to Phase IV and the mask ordinance has been lifted, we welcome the Riverdogs to make another request to us with current guidelines and the lack of ordinances in place. We'll be happy to respond to them and adjust their capacity appropriately. Mark, you want to add anything?"

Mr. Wilbert said, "Mr. Mayor, I just want to add that they've already made that request, and my response to them was after the actions that Council took tonight, we would get back to them with the updated actions and reevaluate their request. So, they've already made it, and we'll get back to them after tonight."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Great. Alright. Any further questions or comments? Could we vote on I-4 and I-5 together?"

The Clerk said, "I was just getting ready to say we didn't have a motion on the floor, but I think—"

Councilmember Griffin said, "I'll move for approval."

Councilmember Shahid said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We have a motion to approve I-4 and I-5 together. Any further questions?"

No one else asked to speak.

On a motion of Councilmember Griffin, seconded by Councilmember Shahid, City Council voted unanimously to approve the below Resolution and ratify the following Emergency Ordinance:

RESOLUTION ON CONTINUING RESPONSE TO THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

2021 – 062 - EMERGENCY ORDINANCE EXTENDING CERTAIN EMERGENCY ORDINANCES RELATED TO COVID-19

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Dan Riccio popped up at the top of my screen, and I'm going to, once again, shout out to him and his staff. They had a big responsibility and effort over the last year enforcing our mask ordinance. Sometimes, as you know, it wasn't popular, and they took some challenges for it. I must say, at the end of the day, they helped save lives. I'm convinced of that, so I want to applaud them for their efforts. They were just carrying out our policy. I did have a little conversation at the Department Head meeting this morning, and I was expressing how happy I was that we were going to be able to let this ordinance expire, but Dan made a very convincing argument that he was happier than me and probably the happiest City employee to see the mask ordinance expire. Thank you, Dan."

Mr. Riccio said, "Yes, sir. Thank you very much. Thank you, Mayor, and all City Council, for the support. My team was awesome during this entire experience and dealing with the task that they had to deal with. So, I appreciate it. They know it. They know your support and they thank you, as well."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Great. Alright. So, next we'll move onto our [Council Committee Reports](#). First up is Public Works."

Councilmember Shahid said, "Mr. Mayor, I know this is not under Council Communications, but I just wonder if we need to get an update from our various departments as to, particularly our fleets, Police and Fire, on the impact of this Colonial Pipeline Cyber attack that has happened on our access to fuel. I know there's going to be an impact with that pipeline being shut down for awhile. Just wondering if we need to get an update from them sometime this week if there's an issue dealing with adequate fuel supply for our fleet."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Well I, of course, followed it a little bit in the news myself, but haven't heard of any local update as to the impact. But, if we find something out, we'll be glad to share it with Council. But, I'm sure it will be widely reported in the media, as well. So, if we could proceed with Committee on Public Works."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Waring.

Councilmember Waring said, "Thank you, Mr. Mayor. There was one amendment to an agreement to allow the Mayor more flexibility in negotiating that Councilmember Griffin spoke to during Ways and Means. It passed, as he said, unanimously at Public Works. The only item you see there, the Medical District Tunnel Extension at Ehrhardt, it's a big one, passed unanimously. I want to certainly give thanks to Governor McMaster, give special thanks to the Mayor for his

one-on-one approach with Governor McMaster, Dr. Cole, and his team of professionals over at the Medical University. Councilmember Seekings knows this, but for this extension, this flooding concern would have had to wait for the Calhoun West drainage project, which is probably, I don't know, a \$400 million drainage project. This allows thousands of workers to be taken out of flooding by virtue of Spring Fishburne, Septima Clark drainage projects. So, this is extremely cost-effective to do it this way. It's a big win for our region, so I, too, certainly thank all of them, obviously Mr. Fountain and our engineering team, as well. But, with that, I move for adoption of the report. Everything passed unanimously."

Councilmember Mitchell said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Any discussion?"

On the motion of Councilmember Waring, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, City Council voted unanimously to accept the Committee on Public Works and Utilities Report as presented:

a. Stormwater Management Department Updates:

- (i) Medical District Tunnel Extension at Ehrhardt St – Approval of a HUD CDBG MIT Grant Agreement to assist in mitigating flooding in the Charleston Medical District by extending the Spring/Fishburne deep tunnel system to Ehrhardt St. Award amount is \$9,964,190.00 with a City match of \$4,245,646.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Next is our [Committee on Traffic and Transportation](#). Councilmember Brady ran that committee this afternoon."

Councilmember Brady said, "That's right, and I want to thank Councilmember Seekings for letting me wield the proverbial gavel this afternoon."

Councilmember Seekings said, "Councilmember Brady, I just want to thank you for taking a call at 4:00 a.m. Hawaii time."

Councilmember Brady said, "We got an update on the Charleston County TST/CTC Project Updates, and I would defer to Director Benjamin if he wants to hit any of the highlights as it was a wealth of information that our partners at the County are doing in terms of transportation projects within the City."

Mr. Benjamin said, "Good evening, everyone. I'm happy to answer any questions as necessary. The County highlighted a number of the large-scale projects, including improvements along Maybank and Main and otherwise, but also some of the smaller projects. I don't say small because of their impact, but small because of difference in cost of projects as well that have to do with pedestrian safety, specific signalization improvements and otherwise. As you know, we have an every other month meeting with City, County, and SCDOT staff. We also get an updated list of those projects and where they stand every other week. So, the report and presentation they gave today, I'm happy to provide it to Councilmembers, as necessary, or speak more about many individual projects. As a reminder, we did submit our Transportation Sales Tax request list earlier this year. We are actually supposed to meet, Mayor, with you one-on-one later this week to present City Staff's recommendations for potential CTC projects to submit as those are due at the end of May, as well. I'm happy to take questions or concerns regarding that partnership."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Shahid.

Councilmember Shahid said, "Thank you. I was on the Zoom meeting, but my camera was acting up. So was my audio, so I couldn't chime in. I just wanted to thank Mr. Benjamin and the Committee for following through with these various projects. There are several of them that are in District 9, several that involve West Ashley. Keith, if we can get that report that Mr. Turner had submitted to us, it was an excellent breakdown of the status of several of those projects. I'd like to share that with my constituents, so they can see the collaboration that the City and the County are working on together and the status of several of those projects."

Mr. Benjamin said, "Yes, sir."

Councilmember Shahid said, "Thank you for your collaboration on that."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We'll send that around to everyone."

Councilmember Brady said, "Well, thank you. The next thing we considered was the Eastside Community Development Corporation Residential Parking District Expansion, which passed out of Committee unanimously. I'll be asking for Council's approval on that. We also received a traffic calming update, in terms of repairing speed bumps, as well as new speed bumps that are being installed. Mr. Somerville also informed us that new petitions are being turned in to be considered under the 2022 budget, as well. That was pretty much the rest of the meeting. I would ask Council's consideration to pass the Eastside Community Development Corporation Residential Parking District Expansion."

Councilwoman Jackson said, "Move for approval."

Councilmember Mitchell said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Any discussion or questions?"

No one asked to speak.

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

An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Charleston, South Carolina, Chapter 19, Section 19-277(9) to extend the boundaries of Eastside Neighborhood Residential Parking Permit Boundary to include additional portions of Grace Bridge, Lee, Jackson and Harris Streets within the Eastside Neighborhood Designated Residential Parking Permit District.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you. Councilmember Brady, aloha."

Councilmember Shahid said, "Aloha."

Councilmember Brady said, "Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Next is [Committee on Ways and Means](#)."

Councilmember Shahid said, "Move for approval."

Councilmember Mitchell said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Any discussion? Questions?"

No one asked to speak.

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

(Bids and Purchases

(Budget Finance and Revenue Collections: Year 2020 2nd Amendment to General Fund and Enterprise Expenditure Budget [Ordinance]

(Budget Finance and Revenue Collections: Year 2020 2nd Amendment to General Fund and Enterprise Revenue Budget [Ordinance]

(Budget Finance and Revenue Collections: An ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of Waterworks and Sewer System Refunding Revenue Bonds of the City of Charleston in one or more series in the aggregate principal amount of not exceeding \$160,000,000 and other matters relating thereto.

(Budget Finance and Revenue Collections: Approval of the Third Amendment to the contract with JLA to act as the City's representative during the design and construction of the Magnolia PUD. The scope of the services is to act as an approved reviewing consultant for the City of Charleston. As the reviewing consultant, JLA will assist with the review of construction documents, shop drawings and pay requests. They will also assist with the observation of construction to verify that it is satisfactory with project requirements. JLA will also attend construction site meetings. All final approvals will be made by the City. The amount needed is \$100,000. Fees will be paid from the Charleston Neck TIF.

(Police Department: Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Charleston Police Department and Homeland Security Investigations designating a CPD Officer(s) as a Custom Officer(s) excepted with authorization to investigate and enforce a full range of Federal offenses related to human trafficking.

(Police Department: Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Charleston Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) with access to National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN) data through the NIBIN Enforcement Support System (NESS).

(Police/Fire Department: Approval to submit the 2021 Port Security Grant in the amount of \$1,020,553 for a SAFE Boat Vessel and Digital X-ray systems to be used when dealing with explosive devices. The Fire Department is requesting updated technology for the Haz-Mat Response Unit, Trench Rescue equipment with trailer, and Marine Firefighter Training. The request is to budget a 25% cash match of \$255,139 for Budget year 2022.

(Housing and Community Development: Approval to request the Mayor and City Council approve \$120,000 additional funding to develop two affordable rental apartments at 191,193,195 Romney Street. The development will include two affordable and two market-rate rental homes. The affordable rental homes will be restricted to those earning at or below 60% of the Area Median Income. Council previously approved an allocation of \$40,000 in 29th Year HOME Investment Partnerships Program funding to P.A.S.T.O.R.S, Inc. for this development. The additional \$120,000 is necessary for construction of the two affordable apartments and would be funded from prior year HOME Investment Partnerships Program income funds.

- (Housing and Community Development: Request the Mayor and City Council approve \$120,000 additional funding to develop two affordable rental apartments at 60 Nassau Street. The affordable rental homes will be restricted to those earning at or below 60% of the Area Median Income. Council previously approved an allocation of \$40,000 in the 29th Year HOME Investment Partnerships Program funding to P.A.S.T.O.R.S, Inc. The additional \$120,000 is necessary for construction of this development. The property is a historic property and additional considerations had to be made in the construction of the apartments. Funding will be derived from HOME Investment Partnerships Program-Program Income.
- (Housing and Community Development: Approval to request the Mayor and City Council approve a Third Amendment to the City's Agreement with Terracon Consultants, Inc. The Amendment provides a \$60,000 increase in funding available to facilitate environmental reviews on the City's scheduled affordable housing developments and rehabilitation projects in 2021. Environmental reviews are required by HUD to facilitate action on each of the additional affordable housing developments and rehabilitation projects.
- (Housing and Community Development: Approval to request the Mayor and City Council approve submission of an application to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Healthy Homes Division for an Older Homes Modification Grant in the amount of approximately \$1,250,000 that will provide maintenance and modification services to persons 62 years of age and older, earning eighty (80%) percent and below the Area Median Income (AMI). The services will allow elderly persons who own their homes to secure modifications that will assist them with aging in place. The goal is to complete 150 homes over three (3) years; investing \$5,000 per home. Partners who will implement the modification services include Operation Home, Charleston Habitat for Humanity and the Sustainability Institute. No match is required.
- (Stormwater Management: Approval of a HUD CDBG MIT Grant Agreement for the Ehrhardt St. Shaft Project to assist in mitigating flooding in the Charleston Medical District by connecting a tunnel to President and Cannon St. tunnels. The award amount is \$9,964,190 with a City match of \$4,245,646 for a total funding of \$14,209,836. A City match of \$852,903 will come from previously leveraged design costs and the remaining \$3,392,743 will come from the Drainage Fund. **AS AMENDED**
- (Request approval authorizing the Mayor to execute on behalf of the City three Easements to Dominion in order to construct, maintain, operate, replace, and alter thereon and thereunder one or more lines for the transmission or distribution of electric energy, a line or lines of pipe to be buried to such depth so that it will not interfere with ordinary cultivation of said land, with valves, tieovers and appurtenant facilities, for the transportation of gas, oil petroleum products or any other liquids, gases or substances which can be transported through a pipe line. The property is owned by the City of Charleston. (TMS No. 457-07-04-034) (The SW Corner of Chisolm Street), (TMS No. 457-03-01-096) (The NW corner adjacent to Ashley Avenue), (TMS No. 352-10-00-001) (The SW Corner of 1350 Orange Grove Road).
- (Request authorization for the Mayor to execute any necessary documents and take any necessary action to accept, on behalf of the City of Charleston, a temporary construction easement over property owned by The Citadel Trust, Inc., for the renovations to Stoney Field. The property is owned by the Citadel Trust, Inc. (TMS No. 460-00-00-031) (Northwest corner of Hagood Avenue and Fishburne Street).
- (An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2019-128, adopted December 3, 2019, by authorizing the Mayor to execute, on behalf of the City of Charleston, that certain Fourth Amendment to Option to Lease by and among the City of Charleston, as landlord; and Flatiron Partners, LLC and Classic Development Company, LLC, as

tenants, under which the Ground Lease attached to the Option is revised to include language required by lender(s) for the development of the James Lewis, Jr. Apartment site.

(Request authorization for the Mayor to execute a Declaration of Easements and take any other necessary action to memorialize the existence of a new permanent 40' City of Charleston subsurface tunnel easement and a new permanent variable width drainage easement on property owned by the City, commonly known as Harmon Field. (201 President Street) (TMS No. 460-07-03-001).

(Request authorization for the City to take all necessary actions and execute all necessary documents to accept a drainage easement from St. James Church, James Island, S.C., over property designated as Charleston County TMS No. 425-01-00-032, as shown on pertinent plat. The property is owned by St. James Church, James Island, S.C. (Camp Road; TMS No. 425-01-00-032)

(Consider the following annexation:

-- 1453 S Edgewater Drive (0.47 acre) (TMS# 349-13-00-008), West Ashley, (District 11). The property is owned by Constantine D and Cherie A Liollo.

First reading to the following bills:

An ordinance to make additional appropriations to meet the liabilities of the City of Charleston for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2020.

An ordinance to recognize the usage of additional funds to meet additional appropriations authorized by Ordinance 2021-_____ for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2020.

An ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of Waterworks and Sewer System Refunding Revenue Bonds of the City of Charleston in one or more series in the aggregate principal amount of not exceeding \$160,000,000 and other matters relating thereto.

An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2019-128, adopted December 3, 2019, by authorizing the Mayor to execute, on behalf of the City of Charleston, that certain Fourth Amendment to Option to Lease by and among the City of Charleston, as Landlord; and Flatiron Partners, LLC and Classic Development Company, LLC, as Tenants, under which the Ground Lease attached to the option is revised to include language required by Lender(s) for the Development of the James Lewis, Jr. Apartment site.

An ordinance to provide for the annexation of property known as 1453 S Edgewater Drive (0.47 acre) (TMS# 349-13-00-008), 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 11. The property is owned by Constantine D and Cherie A Liollo.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Next up, bills up for [second reading](#). We have 10 items that I think are..."

Councilmember Shahid said, "Move for approval. Consolidate 1-10, Mr. Mayor."

Councilmember Mitchell said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Anybody want to break out any of those? It's okay to take 1-10 together? Any discussion or questions on 1-10?"

No one asked to speak.

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

- 2021 – 063 -** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ON BEHALF OF THE CITY A FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH HPH PROPERTIES, LP, DATED AUGUST 1, 2015, PERTAINING TO LANDS LOCATED IN THE WEST ASHLEY AREA OF THE CITY COMPRISING APPROXIMATELY 299 ACRES AND BEARING CHARLESTON COUNTY TMS NOS 301-00-00-033, 301-00-00-042, 301-00-00-043, 30100-00-054, 301-00-00-057, AND 301-00-00-114.

- 2021 – 064 -** AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON BY CHANGING THE ZONE MAP, WHICH IS A PART THEREOF, SO THAT SUBJECT PROPERTIES ON ST. PHILIP STREET, LINE STREET, KING STREET AND ACKERMANS COURT (PENINSULA) (APPROXIMATELY 0.83 ACRE) (TMS# 460-08-02-111, 114, 118 THROUGH 121 AND A PORTION OF TMS# 460-08-02-015, 109, 110, 112, 117 AND 122) (COUNCIL DISTRICT 4), BE REZONED FROM GENERAL BUSINESS (GB) CLASSIFICATION TO MIXEDUSE/WORKFORCE HOUSING (MU-1/WH) CLASSIFICATION. THE PROPERTIES ARE OWNED BY EVENING POST INDUSTRIES.

- 2021 – 065 -** AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON BY CHANGING THE ZONE MAP, WHICH IS A PART THEREOF, SO THAT SUBJECT PROPERTIES ON ST. PHILIP STREET, LINE STREET, KING STREET AND ACKERMANS COURT (PENINSULA) (APPROXIMATELY 1.9 ACRE) (TMS# 460-08-02-011 THROUGH 013, 113 AND A PORTION OF TMS# 460-08-02-010, 015, 109, 110, 112 AND 117) (COUNCIL DISTRICT 4), BE REZONED GENERAL BUSINESS (GB) CLASSIFICATION TO MIXED-USE/WORKFORCE HOUSING (MU-2/WH) CLASSIFICATION. THE PROPERTIES ARE OWNED BY EVENING POST INDUSTRIES.

- 2021 – 066 -** AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON BY CHANGING THE ZONE MAP, WHICH IS A PART THEREOF, SO THAT 334 FOLLY ROAD (JAMES ISLAND) (APPROXIMATELY 0.49 ACRE) (TMS #424-05-00-028) (COUNCIL DISTRICT 11), BE REZONED FROM LIMITED BUSINESS (LB) CLASSIFICATION TO GENERAL BUSINESS (GB) CLASSIFICATION. THE PROPERTY IS OWNED BY REFUEL.

- 2021 – 067 -** AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON BY CHANGING THE ZONE MAP, WHICH IS A PART THEREOF, SO THAT 254 COMING STREET (PENINSULA) (APPROXIMATELY 0.03 ACRE) (TMS #460-08-02-062) (COUNCIL DISTRICT 3), BE REZONED FROM DIVERSE RESIDENTIAL (DR-2F) CLASSIFICATION TO COMMERCIAL

TRANSITIONAL (CT) CLASSIFICATION. THE PROPERTY IS OWNED BY FRANCIS J.IWANICKI AND CAROLINE VON ASTEN.

- 2021 – 068 -** AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON BY CHANGING THE ZONE MAP, WHICH IS A PART THEREOF, SO THAT 860 MORRISON DRIVE (PENINSULA) (APPROXIMATELY 1.76 ACRES) (TMS #459-02-00-002 AND 005) (COUNCIL DISTRICT 4), BE REZONED TO BE INCLUDED WITHIN THE ACCOMMODATIONS OVERLAY. THE PROPERTY IS OWNED BY JOHN RITTER.
- 2021 – 069 -** AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON BY CHANGING THE ZONE MAP, WHICH IS A PART THEREOF, SO THAT 30 AND 30C F STREET (PENINSULA) (APPROXIMATELY 0.16 ACRE) (TMS #463-16-03-049 AND 050) (COUNCIL DISTRICT 4), BE REZONED FROM DIVERSE RESIDENTIAL (DR-1) CLASSIFICATION TO DIVERSE RESIDENTIAL (DR-2F) CLASSIFICATION. THE PROPERTY IS OWNED BY ELP PROPERTIES.
- 2021 – 070 -** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2019-128, ADOPTED DECEMBER 3, 2019, BY AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON, ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO ENTER INTO THAT CERTAIN THIRD AMENDMENT TO OPTION TO LEASE BY AND AMONG THE CITY OF CHARLESTON, AS LANDLORD; AND FLATIRON PARTNERS, LLC, AND CLASSIC DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, LLC, AS TENANTS, UNDER WHICH THE TENANTS' OPTION TO ENTER INTO THE GROUND LEASE IS EXTENDED TO AUGUST 31, 2021. (AS AMENDED)
- 2021 – 071 -** AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY KNOWN AS 807 SAVAGE ROAD (0.193 ACRE) (TMS# 309-15-00-053), 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 ANDREW DUFRESNE AND GRACE DUFRESNE.
- 2021 – 072 -** AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY KNOWN AS CLEMENTS FERRY ROAD (0.15 ACRE) (TMS# 271-00-02-153), CAINHOY, BERKELEY COUNTY, TO THE CITY OF CHARLESTON, SHOWN WITHIN THE AREA ANNEXED UPON A MAP ATTACHED HERETO AND MAKE IT PART OF DISTRICT 1. THE PROPERTY IS OWNED BY SWEEWATER APTS SC PH II LLC.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "There were no bills up for first reading, and the only miscellaneous business is that our next meeting will be Tuesday, May 25th, and it will be at the James Island Recreation Center. Isn't that correct, Madam Clerk?"

The Clerk said, "Yes, sir."

Councilmember Waring said, "Mr. Mayor?"

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Waring.

Councilmember Waring said, "Thank you. At the last meeting when I started calling names and thanking people who worked very hard on that Code of Conduct ordinance, one very important part to that was Mr. McQueeney, and I forgot to give him due respect for what he did. I'm going to tell you, for the last two weeks, he didn't know this, but that's been weighing on my mind. I sent him an email, but I said, no, I need to do it publicly. I mean, he went above and beyond, the Legal team did, in reaching out to all Councilmembers, giving them an opportunity to participate. I don't mean during work hours, I mean after hours. You can see the sincerity in it, so I apologize for not giving him recognition. I certainly want to give him praises and salutations tonight for the good work that he did because it matters. Thank you so much, Mr. McQueeney."

Councilmember Mitchell said, "Mr. Mayor?"

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Mitchell.

Councilmember Mitchell said, "Yes, I want to make a correction on yesterday when we had the ribbon cutting for the James Lewis Complex. Some of you all missed it, but something great happened that particular day. On the agenda itself, there was a little mistake. I wanted to correct that mistake. In my haste, I was going so fast, I didn't look over it. You had Councilmember Robert Mitchell as the Mayor Pro Tem, and I'm not the Mayor Pro Tem. I'm going to make sure publically that Councilwoman Jackson is the Mayor Pro Tem. I'm going to let her know that was an oversight, and that this was supposed to come last year. They had this thing written out so far. That's why they made this mistake. I just wanted to let her know that was a mistake made, and that's my haste on that day. Everything was moving so smoothly, I just forgot about it."

Councilwoman Jackson said, "Thank you, Councilmember. I've seen your plaque in the shop window, so I would defer to you."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Brady.

Councilmember Brady said, "Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I just have a quick question. I'm already getting some texts. What is the official expiration date of the mask ordinance since we're letting it expire?"

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "I think it's effective immediately. Is that correct, Susan?"

Councilmember Mitchell said, "Correct."

Ms. Herdina said, "That's correct."

Councilmember Brady said, "Perfect. Thank you, guys."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Masks are no longer required in the City of Charleston. There may be cases, if you're not vaccinated, and you're around a bunch of people, the CDC recommends it, and we would recommend it, as well, but it's just a recommendation. Thanks for that conversation and those comments that allowed me, I hadn't had this problem in a while, to get all the bills signed while we were still in session. I got that accomplished. I did also want to share with our colleagues that weren't able to make it yesterday for the groundbreaking, what I thought was a wonderful tribute to Councilmember James Lewis and his 24 years of service and his advocacy, particularly for affordable housing in our City. He truly was a Councilmember that represented all the people of this City and just had a terrific record of service. I don't think it

could have been more fitting. I forget who first recommended we name the complex there in his honor, but it was a great idea and so appropriate. Councilmembers Mitchell, Waring, Jackson, and Gregorie all made lovely comments about Councilmember Lewis and his service. So, well deserved. So, if you weren't there, please shout out to him and give him another congratulations. Well deserved."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Shahid.

Councilmember Shahid said, "Yes, Mr. Mayor. I apologize. I completely left it off my calendar to be with you all yesterday, and I wanted to be there to recognize Councilmember Lewis. What you just said, that part of the discussions we started off with on Recreation Committee as to looking at things to give him that honor on other facilities, it was a collaborative effort from members of the Recreation Committee to look at this option for the affordable housing, which was more fitting, I think, for him than a recreation facility or a gymnasium or something along those lines. I'm just so very proud of James for the work that he has given to the community and to the City, and God bless him. This is very fitting. I will reach out to him, as well."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Please do."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Waring.

Councilmember Waring said, "Mr. Mayor, one last item on Recreation, and I was going to do this at the Recreation report, but I don't think we had one on this meeting. Those students at Clemson University and their professors and Mr. Huff, the director, did a wonderful dock and shelter over on what is known as the turtle pond over in Ardmore. I invite everybody to go and take a look at it. I'll bring pictures at the next meeting. I can't tell you the wonderful design that, basically, was put over what is a drainage collection pond. They used their resources, which it went over budget. They, obviously, used their design. They called on allies who came, for example, one of the top companies that installed piers, the docks, came and basically put in those piers at cost. As I said, it went over budget. This is something that's going to add to the quality of life for decades in what is now an underserved community. It's very, very much being revitalized. Also, if you go over at the West Oaks Forest Park by W.L. Stephens Pool, there was a bridge that, Mr. Mayor, we tussled with for about two years or so. After they put in a range of improvements on the bikeway, the pedestrian bridge was not installed. Well, it was installed, and please go over and take a look at that bridge. Again, the students at Clemson designed that. It's a wonderful cable looking bridge. It looks like something, Councilwoman Delcioppo, would probably be on Daniel Island, but it is off of the bikeway leading pedestrians to the W.L. Stephens Park. Again, the students at Clemson did that. I have to tell you, that dock over there that they put in would have had to be in probably six figures had we gone out and bid that, if not more. We have to find a way to give back so those students can do that again in other areas around the City or in the region. But, the gift that they gave, I would hope that some plaque would be erected to those students letting the people who will frequent there know who did this. It was volunteers that did it led by, again, the Director at Clemson Extension School of Architecture down there and their professors. It was a wonderful event when they came, frankly, to celebrate the work that they've done. So, I would hope that we find a way, they shouldn't shoulder the cost, which is a wonderful benefit to all of us. They need to be recognized in another way than I did today, so maybe at the next meeting Recreation Director, Mr. Kronsberg ,..."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Well, thank you for bringing that up. I've seen the little bridge near W.L. Stephens Pool, but I haven't seen the work at the turtle pond, yet. I knew they were going to do that. I see that Ray Huff's still got a Hollywood square here."

Councilmember Waring said, "Oh, he is?"

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "I don't know if he's listening or not. Ray, are you there?"

Councilmember Waring said, "I hope he is."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "He might have just left the computer on."

Councilmember Waring said, "See if we can get him on at the next meeting. I'm telling you, the assets that those things are to the community, it's absolutely wonderful."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We'll get them to come back."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilwoman Jackson.

Councilwoman Jackson said, "Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I know this is spontaneous, but while we're sort of doing that spontaneous thing with the time that we have available to us tonight, I was hoping that maybe we could ask Councilwoman Delcioppo to give a rendition of how she worked on the graveyard, the cemetery case in her district. I think it's amazing. The newspaper did a really good attempt at the story, but she was instrumental in all of the behind the scenes work that got DHEC to put a stop order on the developer that was about to go forward with legal permits. There was no question about that, but they were acting, in my opinion, on the letter of the law and not the spirit of the law. I think Councilwoman Delcioppo did amazing work in helping them appreciate the difference."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you, Councilwoman Jackson, for that recognition, and well-deserved, Councilwoman Delcioppo."

Councilwoman Delcioppo said, "Thank you. I was just doing my job. I appreciate that though. Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Excellent. Alright, anything else to come before us this evening?"

No one asked to speak.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Hearing none, we stand adjourned. Thank you, all. A very good meeting, and I will see you in person."

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 pm.

Jennifer B. Cook
Clerk of Council