

CITY COUNCIL VIRTUAL MEETING

Regular Meeting

May 26, 2020

The ninety-seventh meeting of the City Council of Charleston was held this date convening at 5:00 p.m. over video conference call.

A notice of this meeting and an agenda was made available on the City's website on May 21, 2020 and appeared in The Post and Courier May 25, 2020 and are made available on the City's website.

PRESENT (13)

The Honorable John J. Tecklenburg, Mayor

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

Mayor Tecklenburg called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

The Clerk called the roll.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "So, if anyone would like to join, Councilmember Appel will lead us in an invocation or a moment of silence and then the Pledge of Allegiance. The flag is still right behind me over here."

Councilmember Appel opened the meeting with an invocation.

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

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you, and I hope everyone had a happy Memorial Day. I know things are very different this year. We normally have a community band concert at Marion Square on Memorial Day, joined by the Columbia community band. It's been running for a number of years, and in fact, Mayor Steve Benjamin from Columbia had agreed to meet me this year for the concert. This was before COVID-19. We're going to do that next year, but we did have a very small gathering at White Point Gardens yesterday with some buglers who played Taps, and we gave memory to those men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom and for our country. So, the real meaning of Memorial Day was noted in the City of Charleston, and I know across the country. So, without further ado, we're going to move to the section for public hearings. We haven't actually been doing this since we've been meeting virtually. So, this is a first time, and what I'd like to ask is Christopher Morgan to present each item. Then, I'll ask either Jennifer or Vanessa to share if any citizens sent us any comments of any kind on each item

as we go, and then we'll take each matter up. So, number one, can I turn it over to you, Mr. Morgan?"

Christopher Morgan said, "Alright. Thank you, Mr. Mayor and members of Council. Can you hear me okay?"

Several Councilmembers said, "Yes."

Mr. Morgan said, "I'm going to go to a screen share to show you the documents that we normally see in these types of situations. So, this is 220 Nassau Street. It's adjacent to Meeting Street Manor and Cooper River Court on the Peninsula. This is a property that would be purchased by the Humanities Foundation for affordable housing. They are requesting a rezoning from DR-2 to our Mixed-Use Workforce Housing (MU-1/WH). It went to Planning Commission in February, and it received an 8 to 0 recommendation for approval. I will show you a few slides of the property. It is in an area that is more of a neighborhood recommendation called Urban in our Century V City Plan, but our staff feels there are extenuating circumstances with the re-use of the school to justify this rezoning. Here is an image of the property, and I'm sure you all are very familiar with these buildings, so I'll just zip through these quickly. There is actually a metric of the building. There is a street view of the building. Here are some of the street surrounding views of the buildings, and that's the cafeteria addition to the rear of the building. This is from the northwest corner, and, again, this is a rezoning that would enable affordable housing to be built on the site. Staff has been very much in favor, and of course, the Planning Commission has recommended approval. I will end the screen share here for your comments."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Alright. So, Vanessa or Jennifer, are we aware of any public comments that have been made on this matter?"

The Assistant Clerk said, "This is Jennifer. There is one citizen who would like to speak. Her name is Tracy Doran, and Tracy McKee if you could help me unmute her."

Tracy McKee, Chief Innovation Officer, said, "She should be unmuted now."

The Assistant Clerk said, "Okay."

Tracy Doran said, "Am I unmuted? Can you hear me?"

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Welcome, and thank you for your leadership project. You've got the floor."

Ms. Doran said, "Thank you, Mayor Tecklenburg and Councilmembers. I am here to answer any questions and if there was any comment from the public to address any concerns that come up. I certainly don't have anything other to say than we appreciate your support, and we look forward to getting started on this property. Thank you so much."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Well, I would say, Tracy, that we are the ones who are thanking you for the leadership you've shown in pulling all of the parties together, including us, to make this a reality to convert this property to affordable housing. I think it's wonderful for our City."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Mitchell.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "It's your district."

Councilmember Mitchell said, "Yes, this is the district I represent, Mr. Mayor. That school, as you know, was sitting idle for a long time. I spoke to Tracy about it and also let her know that we were trying to obtain it, but it didn't go through with what we wanted to do with it. So, she gave me some information on the plan for the buildings. I agree with it, and I think it's going to be a very good attraction for that particular area once it's completed. It will bring more people into that area, insofar as affordable housing in that area for seniors and others. So, I'll make a motion that we approve that, and I would also ask that someone get in touch with Ms. Gamble, who is the neighborhood President for the Eastside, to inform her if this was approved, and this is going forward for affordable housing for seniors and others."

Councilmember Shahid said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Sure."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilwoman Jackson.

Ms. Doran said, "Yes."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Tracy, would you like to respond?"

Ms. Doran said, "Yes. I just wanted to say that we have met with Ms. Gamble and the leadership of the Neighborhood Association. We were scheduled to be at a neighborhood meeting, but then COVID-19 happened. So, we will circle back up with her and make sure that we get on the agenda as soon as they have a meeting."

Councilmember Mitchell said, "Right. Just call and inform her that it was approved, and my recommendation is that we approve it, so I'll take everything that's coming."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Great. Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilwoman Jackson followed by Councilmember Waring.

Councilwoman Jackson said, "Thank you, Mr. Mayor. It's really great to have you online with us, Ms. Doran. Unless I was missing it, I don't think during Mr. Morgan's presentation, he used the school name, the Archer School, and I think that probably is what a lot of the community citizens know this property by that longstanding name as the public school. The Board of Directors for the Charleston Redevelopment Corporation was trying their best to form some sort of public/private partnership out of this enterprise. There was a lot of history shared by people who came out to the, I think, it was either the Planning Commission or the DRB. I can't remember which of the Commission meetings I sat and listened to for comment about the plans that were going forward at that point in time, but it was clear to me, as a newcomer to Charleston, that that building in particular and the memories that it had for the people that grew up here and had it as part of their history bank for their own families, that we really needed to save that building. So, the fact that, and I did affordable housing for 15 years in D.C. areas as some of you know, and we always talked about it as the lasagna to finding the way to make a deal like that work. So, I feel like reading in the paper today, all of the different sources that come into the deal and make this work, it truly is probably the most finely layered lasagna that I've heard anybody accomplish since I've been here in the last five or six years. So, thank you very much, and I really hope each one of those pieces come together."

Ms. Doran said, "Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Waring.

Councilmember Waring said, "Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Ms. Doran, can you, well, number one, thank you for taking on this challenge because it's something we all needed. Can you tell us the number of units that you envision having there, and I have a second?"

Ms. Doran said, "Right now, we're projecting to have 88 apartments there."

Councilmember Waring said, "Okay. That's great."

Ms. Doran said, "Yes, some in the old structure and some in some new construction on two sides of the property."

Councilmember Waring said, "Okay. That's just wonderful. The second question is, were you able to get some funding or participation from the LDC? Mr. Mayor, maybe our team, did we get some of the funds that you worked out with the SCDOT to get, hopefully, transferred over to a project like this? Was that part of it? So, I cut you off, Ms. Doran. Could you answer the part about the LDC?"

Ms. Doran said, "Yes, we were able to work with the LDC, and we just closed last Friday on a \$600,000 bridge and pre-development loan that will be paid off when we close the construction loan later this year or early next. So, that will help us fill the gap to close the property. The City has pledged \$4,000,000. We hope to close the property, we're projecting the first to second week in June, and then the money from LDC will bridge the gap, pay closing costs, and then help Humanities with the pre-development money that we've already been putting up. It helps us replenish that. So, we were very excited, and they were very good to work with. We're very appreciative that LDC stepped up and did that."

Councilmember Waring said, "Thank you for sharing that because this collaboration of what's needed to be put together to create affordable housing and particularly any units of affordable housing on the Peninsula, one of the highest real estate markets in the country, it's just wonderful that the synergies came together to put this together, Mr. Mayor."

Ms. Doran said, "I'd also like to add that the City of Charleston Housing Authority has agreed to issue the bonds for the property because the State Housing Authority had shut their window due to COVID-19. We had some timeframes we had to meet, and we had a board meeting. Don had a board meeting last week, and they voted to move forward to provide the inducement letter for the bonds and to issue the bonds. So, that was also a huge step and another collaboration. I truly believe it takes a village, and in this case, the village has stepped up. That's what it's going to take to have this development come together."

Councilmember Waring said, "Well, thanks for being on the call and sharing those extra attributes about how this transaction came together, or it would have just gone through, ultimately, as automatic. This one isn't automatic, and we learn from each one. Hopefully, it goes to the next. Thank you, Mr. Mayor."

Ms. Doran said, "Thank you."

Councilmember Waring said, "And Ms. Doran."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "I would like to answer your other question about the \$1,000,000 from SCDOT. We have made that commitment of \$4,000,000, but \$1,000,000 of those \$4,000,000 will be from, well, I'll take that back. We're getting reimbursed \$1,000,000 from SCDOT, based upon the contribution we made to Grace Homes, but since we've already expended that cash, once we get the \$1,000,000 reimbursement back, we'll be able to use those funds to be part of a \$4,000,000 commitment to Tracy."

Councilmember Waring said, "Thank you for that, Mr. Mayor. Those were the mitigation funds years ago that some of the new Councilmembers may not be familiar with. You did a heavy lift to get that back. Thank you, Mr. Mayor and Ms. Doran."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you. Are there any further questions or comments?"

No one else asked to speak.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "This is for second reading actually."

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

2020-062 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON BY CHANGING THE ZONE MAP, WHICH IS A PART THEREOF, SO THAT 220 NASSAU STREET (PENINSULA) (0.89 ACRE) (TMS #459-05-01-067) (COUNCIL DISTRICT 4), BE REZONED FROM DIVERSE RESIDENTIAL (DR-2) CLASSIFICATION TO MIXED-USE/WORKFORCE HOUSING (MU-1/WH) CLASSIFICATION. THE PROPERTY IS OWNED BY CHARLESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Tracy, thank you again very much. You and the Humanities Foundation organization are wonderful to have taken this on and put all of these complex pieces of the puzzle together to make this happen. God bless you."

Ms. Doran said, "Thank you very much for bringing it to Council."

Councilmember Mitchell said, "Mr. Mayor."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Mitchell.

Councilmember Mitchell said, "I'd like to also thank Tracy. We spoke about it a couple of times on this same issue, and I'd like to thank her very much for taking this on. It's on the Eastside, where it's really needed for housing. So, I'm glad that she is taking this on. It's going to be a beautiful attraction to that community and having affordable housing there with the other things we are doing with the Housing Authority building the units and the Martin Park pool that's being

renovated, and the South Carolina State University, the complex that they're doing there with the community center. So, that will be an attraction that people will be able to use or utilize all of those things right in that particular area. So, that will upgrade that particular area a whole lot, and I just want to thank her for taking that on."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thanks for noting all of those things are coming together right there in the neighborhood. It's really terrific. Back to you, Mr. Morgan, number two."

Mr. Morgan said, "Okay, Mr. Mayor. This is on Ashley River Road. It does not have a designated address yet. It's immediately adjacent to I-526. Councilmember Shealy alerted us to some potential issues with this property in reference to the widening of I-526. So, I'm sure he may give some background on that, but I will just go ahead and give the background of this coming forward to you in case there are people who are attending the meeting today and would like to be heard on the public hearing. So, this is a request to go from SR-1 to Limited Business. It was heard by our Planning Commission in February, and they recommended for approval. It is along Ashley River Road just north of an apartment complex and an older laundromat facility. It is, I believe, closed down. It's directly across from the intersection of Ashley Hall Plantation Road, which is here. I don't know if you all can see that cursor or not, and it is on the south side immediately of I-526. In our Comprehensive Plan, it is in a Suburban designation, which would seem to say the existing should be maintained. Here is an aerial image of the property, and you see how the property backs up to I-526. It is showing as a potential property that SCDOT would like to acquire in reference to that widening. Here is a little bit different view of the same property. So, staff had recommended for the rezoning. Planning Commission had recommended for it, but again, we did not have that most recent information that the DOT has this as a potential acquisition, and Mr. Shealy may want to fill some more details in on that."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Alright. Well, Mr. Shealy, do you want to go ahead and share that with us?"

Councilmember Shealy said, "Yes, I can. Jennifer, do you know if Ms. Smith is on the line? I didn't want to take her public comment time if she happens to, the owner of the property."

The Assistant Clerk said, "I have not received any requests from her to speak."

Councilmember Shealy said, "Okay. Alright. Well, I knew because I had seen the plans of the I-526 West Project, the widening of I-526, that there may be an issue with this property. So, I e-mailed back and forth with Joy Riley with the SCDOT, and she was showing that parcel as a total acquisition from the current plans. That acquisition was going to start in 2022. She said if there is development going on there, she can actually pursue an advance acquisition with this owner, so they can make plans to take that money and possibly redevelop in another place. So, my recommendation right now would be that we defer this so that Ms. Smith can get this. I looked back through County records. She is somebody that lives here locally according to County records, and I think in Councilmember Griffin's district. So, we certainly want to help her any way we can, but I think our best thing is to defer this for right now and see if we can get her in touch with the SCDOT or Joy Riley in particular. So, I would like to move that we defer, and I think Councilmember Griffin seconded."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Alright. Well, let me ask first whether there was anyone else from the public who had indicated they wanted to be heard on this matter?"

The Assistant Clerk said, "We have not received any requests for this item."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Okay. Are there any other comments, suggestions, or questions from Council?"

No one else asked to speak.

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

An ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Charleston by changing the Zone Map, which is a part thereof, so that Ashley River Road (West Ashley) (1.53 acres) (TMS #354-12-00-004) (Council District 2), be rezoned from Single-Family Residential (SR-1) classification to Limited Business (LB) classification. The property is owned by Laura M. Smith. (DEFERRED)

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you very much for catching that, Councilmember Shealy, and trying to get them together. That makes a lot of sense. So, back to you, Mr. Morgan, number three."

Mr. Morgan said, "Okay. This is on James Island at 1970 Delaney Drive. It's a request to rezone from SR-1 Single-Family Residential to Single-Family Residential SR-4, which allows for a smaller lot size. It was heard at the Planning Commission in February, and they recommended 8 to 0 in favor of it. You can see the property is to the east of Riverland Drive. Here this is Delaney Drive, which is a dirt road essentially in this area, and there are a number of different houses here. I'll show you the images of it. This does show in our Comprehensive Plan as what we call our Suburban Edge, so it is recommended for a little bit lower density in that area. This is a plat of the property. Again, Delaney Drive to the south. There is currently a structure on the property that would be demolished, and a new residence would be created on the site. This is an image of how the new residence would be created with a two-story frame duplex on the property, and here is an aerial image of the existing structure. Another aerial image of the existing structure, a street view of the subject property, and then we have some adjacent properties in the area that are nearby. You see some of the newer structures that have been built in the area are similar to what the applicant is interested in doing on the property. Again, here is a newer structure down the street that's similar to what the applicant wants to do on the property, and then those are some other areas of Delaney Drive down the street. So, it's a little bit of an unusual situation, but the overall character of the area is unusual here. Given the mix of house sizes and heights over here, we felt that this was an appropriate request. The Planning Commission did too and recommended approval, as well."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Did we have any public comment on this one, Jennifer?"

The Assistant Clerk said, "We have not received any requests."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Okay. Are there any questions or comments from Council?"

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilwoman Jackson.

Councilwoman Jackson said, "Yes, Mr. Mayor. I will move for approval, but I would like to just ask a clarifying question, and maybe Councilmember Gregorie knows. I thought the little hand drawing that you showed us, Mr. Morgan, of the footprint that they are hoping to build, planning to build. Isn't that a Lot #2 next to it? Are they trying to subdivide the lot?"

Mr. Morgan said, "Yes, ma'am. They would be subdivided, and by virtue of this rezoning they could go with a smaller sized lot. So, that's how they would have the ability to subdivide that lot."

Councilwoman Jackson said, "They're trying to get two building lots out of what is now one large one?"

Mr. Morgan said, "Yes, ma'am. They would go from a 9,000 square foot minimum to a 4,000 square foot minimum with the rezoning."

Councilwoman Jackson said, "But then the 4,000 could be a duplex?"

Mr. Morgan said, "I believe that they were talking about building two different single families in the area. I'm not sure if the applicants are attending tonight or not, but that was my understanding, is that there were to be two buildings similar to what you saw down the street built on this property, too, and that's why they needed the SR-4 zoning."

Councilmember Gregorie said, "This is the Richardson property?"

Mr. Morgan said, "Yes, sir."

Councilmember Gregorie said, "Yes, two structures."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "What was that, Councilmember Gregorie?"

Councilmember Gregorie said, "Yes, they want to put two structures on it. That's why there is the two-lot separation."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "I'm just curious. Is the applicant, the owner of the property that's going to, so to speak, keep it in the family or is this some other development process?"

Mr. Morgan said, "It was my understanding that it's staying in the family."

Councilmember Gregorie said, "Yes, the Richardson's own the property. It's staying in the family."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Great. Terrific. Alright. Are there any other questions or comments?"

No one else asked to speak.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We have a motion on the floor."

The Clerk said, "We don't have a second."

Councilmember Mitchell said, "Second."

The Clerk said, "Okay. Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Councilwoman Jackson made the motion, right?"

The Clerk said, "She made the motion. Correct."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Now we have a second from Councilmember Mitchell."

On a motion of Councilwoman Jackson, one (1) bill (Item E-3) received second reading. It passed second reading on motion by Councilmember Mitchell and third reading on motion of Councilmember Waring. On further motion of Councilmember Mitchell, the rules were suspended, and the bill was immediately ratified as:

2020 – 063 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON BY CHANGING THE ZONE MAP, WHICH IS A PART THEREOF, SO THAT 1970 DELANEY DRIVE (JAMES ISLAND) (0.303 ACRE) (TMS #340-00-00-099) (COUNCIL DISTRICT 6), BE REZONED FROM SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (SR-1) CLASSIFICATION TO SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (SR-4) CLASSIFICATION. THE PROPERTY IS OWNED BY JESSE J. RICHARDSON III.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you very much. Back to you, Mr. Morgan."

Mr. Morgan said, "Okay. This is an Ordinance Amendment on Daniel Island. It's an amendment to the Daniel Island Master Plan to allow for daycare facilities in the Daniel Island General Office Zone District. It was heard by Planning Commission in February, and they recommended approval, and the text of the amendment is here. It's a fairly simple and straightforward amendment. Staff felt that allowing for daycare in a General Office zone made a lot of sense, and obviously, the Planning Commission did as well. Both staff and Planning Commission recommend approval."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Alright. Thank you. Jennifer, did we have any requests for comments here?"

The Assistant Clerk said, "We did not receive any requests."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Okay. Are there any questions or comments from Council?"

No one asked to speak.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Councilwoman Delcioppo, I presume you're fully aware of this one and supportive?"

Councilwoman Delcioppo said, "Yes, I support it."

Councilmember Griffin said, "Move for approval."

Councilmember Mitchell said, "Second."

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

No one asked to speak.

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

An ordinance to amend Chapter 54 of the Code of the City of Charleston (Zoning Ordinance) by amending Section 54-263, and the Daniel Island Master Plan zoning text, to make day care facilities a permitted use within the Daniel Island General Office Zone District.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We'll move on then to number five. Back to Mr. Morgan."

Mr. Morgan said, "This is an amendment to the Accommodations Overlay. This is a minor text amendment, but it could have larger implications. Mr. Lindsey was going to speak a little bit on this, and I believe he's at the meeting. Jacob, are you unmuted?"

Jacob Lindsey said, "Thank you, Mr. Morgan, and thank you, Mayor and members of Council. This is an item that you all have seen before, and it is a minor text amendment to a recent Accommodations Update that closes the loophole regarding the definition of Full-Service Hotels. This is something that was pointed out to us by a number of applicants that we passed our most recent updates, that the language around Full-Service Hotels could be construed in different ways. This solves that problem by clearly defining Full-Service Hotel, and it says that there will be no more than eight of them on the Peninsula. They are defined as having more than 150 sleeping units. So, it's a fairly simple amendment that closes a loophole regarding the Accommodations Overlay, and I'll leave it at that. I can answer questions as necessary."

Councilmember Shahid said, "Move for approval."

Councilwoman Jackson said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We have a motion to approve and a second. Jennifer, were there any requests for comment?"

The Assistant Clerk said, "We did not receive any."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Okay. Thank you. Is there any further discussion?"

No one asked to speak.

On a motion of Councilmember Shahid, one (1) bill (Item E-5) received second reading. It passed second reading on motion by Councilwoman Jackson and third reading on motion of Councilmember Mitchell. On further motion of Councilmember Shahid, the rules were suspended, and the bill was immediately ratified as:

2020 – 064 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 54 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON (ZONING ORDINANCE) BY AMENDING SECTION 54-220 ACCOMMODATIONS OVERLAY FOR CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS. (AS AMENDED)

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "For our last public hearing matter, number six, Mr. Morgan."

Mr. Morgan said, "This is an amendment to the text related to our Design Review Board. It, again, also went to our Planning Commission. This was back in October of 2019, and was

recommended for approval by a vote of 6 to 0. I'm going to pull up the ordinance here, and Mr. Lindsey is going to give a little bit of the background on this, as well."

Mr. Lindsey said, "Okay. Thank you, Mr. Morgan. So, this is an item which gives, in parts to the Design Review Board, some of the same advantages that we've created at the Board of Architectural Review a number of years ago. First and foremost, it goes ahead and creates a series of two positions that are alternates in case there is a problem with the quorum. This is something that has been very successful. It also caps the number of agenda items, so the meetings don't run until late, late, late into the wee hours. It also makes the meetings proceed much more smoothly. Then, last, but I think most importantly, it prioritizes affordable housing so that affordable housing items always land on the agenda, and they are moved to the front of the line. So, this is an overall update that mirrors exactly what we did at the Board of Architectural Review and, overall, improves our processing of affordable housing, making the meetings more manageable and orderly. So, with that, I will take questions."

Councilmember Shahid said, "Move for approval."

Councilmember Mitchell said, "Second."

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

The Clerk said, "Okay. So, was that Councilmember Shahid and Councilmember Mitchell?"

Councilmember Mitchell said, "Yes."

The Clerk said, "Okay. Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Again, for the record, I'll ask if we had any public requests for comment?"

The Assistant Clerk said, "No requests."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Okay. Thank you, Jennifer. Is there any further discussion or questions from Council?"

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Waring.

Councilmember Waring said, "Mr. Mayor, I just want to thank our staff for digging through an arduous process and making our zoning process a lot more efficient as it pertains to affordable housing. It's been a really good concentrated effort on their part. I know that the whole department is engaged in that, but I just want to give them, I guess, a good 'atta-boy.' They've done a really good job. So, thank you very much for what you all are doing, Mr. Lindsey, Mr. Morgan, and others."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Great. I appreciate that comment. Are there any others?"

No one else asked to speak.

On a motion of Councilmember Shahid, one (1) bill (Item E-6) received second reading. It passed second reading on motion by Councilmember Mitchell and third reading on motion of

Councilmember Mitchell. On further motion of Councilmember Shahid, the rules were suspended, and the bill was immediately ratified as:

2020 – 065 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 54 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON (ZONING ORDINANCE) BY AMENDING APPLICABLE SECTIONS RELATED TO THE DESIGN REVIEW BOARD IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH BOARD MEMBER ALTERNATES, PRIORITIZE PLACEMENT OF AFFORDABLE/WORKFORCE HOUSING PROJECTS ON AGENDAS, AND LIMIT THE NUMBER OF AGENDA ITEMS.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "So, next up is approval of City Council minutes from May 12th."

Councilmember Mitchell said, "Move for approval."

Councilmember Brady said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We have a motion to approve. Are there any deletions, additions, or corrections?"

The Assistant Clerk said, "Those actually need to be deferred."

The Clerk said, "Correct."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Run that by me again."

The Clerk said, "Those need to be deferred. We're still working on them."

Councilmember Mitchell said, "Alright. Deferred."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "From May 12th?"

The Clerk said, "Pardon."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "You're still working on May 12th minutes?"

The Clerk said, "Yes. We're going to disseminate them probably later this week, but they're not ready to be approved today."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Gotcha. Alright. Well, we'll just skip right over that and go to Citizens Participation Period. Could I ask you or Jennifer to give us a report on that?"

The Clerk said, "Well, I have two items. I'm not sure exactly how many Tracy may have, but I will read the two that I have. The first is coming from Cynthia Nolan at 492 Cessna Avenue. This is really the West Ashley Revitalization Commission meeting that she is speaking in reference to, regarding the development of an area between Sam Rittenberg and Old Towne Road. 'Drainage should be contained within the property. Landscaping on the ground and landscaping on the rooftops should contain all rainwater and other water runoff, so the storm drains do not need to be taken care of from this runoff', and she says thank you.

The second one is Fred Palm of Edisto Island. 'Should we or should we not go out to a restaurant where the staff does not wear a mask? The whole reason we stayed home was to

stay out of the virus transfer boxes, Council Chamber, eating places, nursing homes, offices, classrooms, churches, airplanes, etcetera. COVID-19 is airborne, in addition to surface transfer. Now that we are implementing return strategies, removal of the virus from the air conditioned spaces need attention and testing, circulation protocols, and standards for the percentage of fresh air its pressures and well-enclosed spaces need a testing focus on air transmission, not just surfaces. With DHEC inspections and too many flowers bloom variations of COVID-19 unwritten and unposted safety protocols that are being put in place in our outdoor places. If we go airborne, the mask question is trite. If we eat outdoors, it is a material consideration and should be worn', and then he ends with, 'SUPPORTING RESEARCH.' That's all I have, Mayor."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Okay. Jennifer, did you have any other comments or requests from the public?"

The Assistant Clerk said, "We did not receive any."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Right. Terrific, and we appreciate those comments. I'll just say on the West Ashley Revitalization Plan for the Sumar Street property that right now, I bet there is hardly a square foot on there, Councilmember Waring, that isn't paved over. So, all of the suggested plans included some water feature and some green areas and a little park area, so there is no question in my mind that it will be much better an improvement to water retention and handling than what has been on the site for the last number of decades. So, it should be an improvement. So, that's good.

Alright. So, next we'll go to Petitions and Communications. First up is the appointment of Tracy Andres as a Tourism Enforcement Officer. We need your approval on that."

Councilmember Shahid said, "So moved."

Councilmember Mitchell said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Is there any discussion?"

No one asked to speak.

On a motion of Councilmember Shahid, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, City Council voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Tracy Andres as a Tourism Enforcement Officer.

---INSERT APPOINTMENT MEMO---

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Next is our brief update as we always meet. I want to give an update on what is going on with the COVID-19 and the Coronavirus. Shannon Scaff couldn't be with us this evening. Mark Wilbert is going to give us a report on that, Mark."

Mark Wilbert said, "Thank you, Mr. Mayor, and good evening, members of Council. Just very quickly, one note before I get started. We do have some significant weather moving into the area. A low pressure system off of Florida is headed up towards Georgia and South Carolina, so we should expect some heavy rain over the next 24 hours or so. Currently, nothing like that was forecasted last week, but just be advised that we are looking for some rain.

As far as COVID-19 updates in South Carolina, as of today, we have 10,416 cases with 446 confirmed deaths. In Charleston County, we've got a total of 568 cases with 11 confirmed deaths, 233 of those cases have occurred within the City of Charleston. In Berkeley County, there are 219 reported cases with 15 confirmed deaths. Garbage and collection routes remain caught up, and Public Service continues to run the routinely scheduled routes. Police reported that over the Memorial Day weekend, they responded to four calls for large gatherings with no issues with overcrowding in bars or restaurants. City Fire responded to three possible COVID-19 cases over the Memorial Day weekend, and the hotels, there were 49 hotels open in the City of Charleston. As an important note, this morning or let me just back up a minute, over the weekend, as you know, on Friday many of our tourist attractions opened up, and we got a briefing this morning from Mr. Dan Riccio. There were no issues over the weekend. The carriages were running. Buses were very, very, very limited, walking tours the same, water taxis and the boat tours were working. No issues there. So, all of those groups had submitted plans to our Task Force that were reviewed, as well as working with the CBD, so that last weekend seemed to work pretty good for the first weekend back.

This morning we started with a call from Tracy McKee, who had been working with MUSC, going over the metrics. We convened our Task Force, pulled out our guidance, looked at our matrix, and made a recommendation to the Mayor that he approved to move to Phase 2. So, we have moved to Phase 2 based on the data and the metrics. So, with that, the Permit Center, this morning, was open for visitors, although I will say they've done a remarkable job of setting up a welcome area down there. If anybody gets a chance to stop by and see it, it's very structured. They've put a lot of thought into it working with our Safety Department. So, I feel very good about the work that's going on in the Permit Center. By Saturday we are hoping that the remaining City facilities for tourism will be open. They've all submitted plans that our Task Force reviewed this morning, so we should have all of the City tourism facilities open by Saturday morning, with the plans approved by our Task Force as we continue to work through the matrix of reviewing plans, trying to establish consistency, and making sure that we're doing things as safely as we can, using data to move us forward. That completes my report, unless you have any questions."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Are there any questions for Mr. Wilbert?"

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Shealy.

Councilmember Shealy said, "Thank you, Mayor Tecklenburg. I know you mentioned the heavy rain tonight, and this may be a question for Mr. Kronsberg, but I just wanted to check. I think high tide is about midnight tonight, and that's when a lot of that rain may be coming in. Do we have things prepared for Lake Dotterer and the gates open the right way and everything, I guess?"

Mr. Wilbert said, "Actually, that would be a question for Mr. Kronsberg, but the heavy rain is forecasted to start at 4:00 a.m. and run through 10:00 a.m. Now, hopefully, that's what it holds up to because our low tide is scheduled at 6:08 a.m., and that's supposed to be a 1.6 tide. So, if that holds, it will be great, but those are only forecasts."

Councilmember Shealy said, "Okay."

Mr. Wilbert said, "Great question, though. I love those questions."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "I might note, the last week we didn't have much of a forecast of that heavy rain that we got."

Mr. Wilbert said, "We didn't have much advance notice actually."

Jason Kronsberg said, "We'll keep an eye on it in the morning and make sure that the gates are all set appropriately though. Thanks."

Councilmember Shealy said, "Alright. Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Great. Well, rest assured that we're going to continue to monitor the numbers closely, but frankly, I've been a bit concerned seeing the Statewide numbers coming in every day. Five out of the last six days, we've been over 200 new cases Statewide. That's brought the Statewide average up to over 200 cases a day, which is higher than it's been in the last month or so. So, I know Dr. Cole advised us, you know you open back up, you're going to get some cases. We've got to continue to monitor it, measure it, and make sure it doesn't get out of hand. Our numbers, locally, were so low that even a small reading, a small number of new cases, makes our percentages look off so to speak. When you don't have many cases, you don't have much of anywhere to go but up, unfortunately. But, it was fortunate to be in that position you all. I'm glad our cases were low, but even then eight or ten cases within the City limits makes our percentages go up. So, we're going to continue to monitor that closely as we've already shared with you. If that trend continues, of course, we'll have to bring it up with you immediately. Are there any further questions or comments? Hearing none, we'll go on to our Council Committee reports. First up is our Committee on Public Safety, Councilmember Shahid."

Councilmember Shahid said, "Thank you, Mr. Mayor, Madam Clerk, and members of Council. The Public Safety Committee met to interview several candidates for a Municipal Judicial position. We met over three days, and we presented a report to the Mayor. I will tell you that the number of candidates was of the highest quality of folks that we received, and it was a very diverse group of men, women, and minority applicants. So, we're very pleased with our opportunity to do that. I may have overworked my Committee, but I do appreciate Councilmembers Seekings, Shealy, and Sakran for their hard work and participation in this process."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Well, thank you for that. I've already scheduled my own interviews with your all's recommendations, and I will get back to you all soon with a final recommendation. Thank you so much. Next up is the Committee on Traffic and Transportation, Councilmember Seekings."

Councilmember Seekings said, "Thank you, Mr. Mayor. The Committee on Traffic and Transportation met today at 1:45 p.m. The Chairman was late unbelievably. We had a great meeting. We had reports on the Folly Road at Formosa Drive/Yeamans Road SCDOT Signal Rebuild Update from the County. It's quite a project. We actually had Josh Johnson, our District #6 Administrator, on the call. He explained what it entailed, but it entailed installing and reprogramming lights at that intersection. It's a slow, steady process, but it looks like it's moving along. There will be a cost share that will fall back partially to the City, but that amount is currently unknown. We will keep monitoring it. I suspect we'll get reports along the way. I did note, I think I'm right, but Councilmember Appel, this sits in his district, sat in and listened to that. So, any questions I think that he has were probably answered by Mr. Johnson today. We also then had a very interesting report on the Meeting Street and King Street Road Safety Audit, and there is a lot going on in those Corridors. There is private enterprise looking at it, the SCDOT is looking at those Corridors, and there are two of six Corridors that are being looked at Citywide for safety improvements all around but particularly for bike/ped. What we heard today, and we will share the report when we get it from Stantec, is that there are some things that need to be done along

those Corridors. No surprise, which will include signal upgrades, some pedestrian changes, some pedestrian crossing changes, some re-stripping of turn lanes and the like, but more to come on that. No project currently. They were not, again, sure what the timing was on that. I'm sure Mr. Benjamin can fill in anything that I'm missing.

We then had a report from the Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee. As you all will remember, Councilmember Brady had the suggestion that we send the Bike/Ped Committee the task of reviewing open streets policy and anything that might be done as we wind on the backside of our shutdown to see if there are some streets or some areas of the City that might be appropriate for reconfiguration or reuse. That is a Committee that has got many members. Many of them are new. We had a meeting last week. Everybody was in attendance, and we agreed to meet one more time before we report back to the Traffic and Transportation Committee in June with any recommendations that we might have. The Committee was given its homework, and I suspect we will have some suggestions to report back to T&T and, ultimately, to Council if not at the first June meeting, at the second June meeting. So, it was a long, informational meeting. There is no action that is needed by this Council. Any of the reports that were given we will give you information to the extent you ask for it and then the presentation by Stantec on the King and Meeting Street Corridors. We also picked up on a suggestion that the Mayor had some few months ago that the DOT, they're doing pavings all over the City, but in particular, in the Meeting and King Street Corridor will come back and fix some of the voids that were left by utility openings and access points that are currently now very large potholes. We will attend to that as well. With that, I'm happy to answer any questions you all might have. I'm sure Mr. Benjamin will be happy to do so, as well. So, that concludes my report. Thank you, Mr. Mayor and fellow Councilmembers."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you. Are there any questions for Councilmember Seeking or Keith Benjamin?"

No one asked to speak.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Alright. Seeing none, we'll move on. Thank you so much. Committee on Public Works and Utilities, Councilmember Waring."

Councilmember Waring said, "Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Our Committee did meet today. The Acceptance and Dedications, as you see on the agenda, a(i) certainly passed unanimously, and I move the same for this Council."

Councilmember Shahid said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Alright. Is there any discussion on that? That's to accept a Quit Claim Deed for portions of Bender Street. Is there any discussion?"

No one asked to speak

On a motion of Councilmember Waring, seconded by Councilmember Shahid, City Council voted unanimously to approve Item a(i) of the Public Works and Utilities report as presented:

---INSERT PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES REPORT---

- (i) Dedication and Acceptance of Quit Claim Deeds from SCDOT for portions of Bender St.

Councilmember Waring said, "Items under Stormwater Management Department b(i), (ii), (iii), and (iv) also passed unanimously. So, I ask for a motion of approval on that."

Councilmember Shahid said, "Move for approval."

Councilmember Shealy said, "Second."

Councilmember Waring said, "If any of you all have any questions who are not on the Committee on any of the grants or anything, Mr. Fountain, you want to touch on any of those for members of Council who are not on the Public Works Committee?"

Matt Fountain said, "I can, Councilmember Waring. The first item, very briefly, was the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Grant we've mentioned a few times, which was the design and permitting of the acquisition properties in Church Creek to use as a stormwater beneficial use properties. That's \$125,000 of Federal, a City match of \$125,000 of funds from the Drainage Fund, and some In-Kind Service matching from the Nature Conservancy and Clemson Extension. We had also had an MOA related to the King/Huger Project for in-contract Utility Work with CWS.

This is basically working with CWS, where they reimburse us for work they needed to do with their waterline as part of our project to prevent issues with trying to coordinate two contractors and two projects simultaneously and to get some cost savings from both entities not having to resurface the road twice.

The third item was an Eminent Domain approval for temporary construction easements only. These were properties that revert back to the property owner for about five-foot wide strips, potentially, on that intersection improvement project, so we can dig down to access the pipes.

Then, the removal of the S Market Street, only the one block from State Street to East Bay Street. It's the only section remaining in the SCDOT system as we get ready to do the Market Street drainage and the streetscape improvement project."

Councilmember Waring said, "Okay. So, I moved for approval on that, and I think it was seconded by Councilmember Shahid."

The Clerk said, "Councilmember Shahid. It was."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We had a second. Are there any questions on only this matter?"

No one asked to speak.

On a motion of Councilmember Waring, seconded by Councilmember Shahid, City Council voted unanimously to approve Items b(i), (ii), (iii), and (iv) of the Public Works and Utilities report as presented:

---INSERT PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES REPORT---

- (i) Approval to accept the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) Grant for Renaturalizing the Church Creek Drainage Basin. The grant scope includes

- engineering design plans, the development of education and outreach opportunities, and complete permitting for properties acquired by the City in the Church Creek basin. The grant includes \$125,000 of Federal Funds, a City Match of \$125,000 from the Drainage Fund, and In-Kind Services Matches of \$7,050 from the Nature Conservancy and \$4,000 from Clemson Extension.
- (ji) Approval to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Commissioners of Public Works (doing business as Charleston Water Systems) for in-contract Utility Work for the Huger and King Street Intersection Drainage Improvements Project.
 - (iii) Approval of the authority to use Eminent Domain if necessary for the acquisition of temporary construction easements for the Huger and King Street Intersection Drainage Improvements Project.
 - (iv) Approval to request the South Carolina Department of Transportation remove S Market Street (S-214) from State Street to East Bay Street, be removed from the State Highway System and be turned over to the City to facilitate improvements to the Historic Charleston City Market.

Councilmember Waring said, "Mr. Mayor, there were two items that were added to the Public Works agenda that did not make it on there because the City Council agenda had already been completed. One was a discussion on Belle Terre, so I think I may need to add those to the agenda before I move forward on it. Those two items were a discussion on a private gate being on Belle Terre Subdivision. The second item that was added was a collaboration between the County, the St. Andrews Public Service District, and the City to create a park for an area in West Ashley that's kind of blighted. So, I move that those items be added to the City Council agenda."

Councilwoman Jackson said, "Second."

On a motion of Councilmember Waring, seconded by Councilwoman Jackson, City Council voted unanimously to add to the agenda a discussion on a private gate in Belle Terre Subdivision and a collaboration between the County, the St. Andrews Public Service District, and the City regarding the creation of a park.

Councilmember Waring said, "Alright. Thank you, members of Council. The discussion on Belle Terre was an old one that we've had before where a temporary gate was put up, but it was really a permanent gate and, obviously, it's a public road. The public has the right to have access to it. We have police, fire, and trash, the sanitation people, going in there back and forth, having to navigate a gate to ingress and egress. The Mayor and Councilwoman Jackson are going to try to have a friendly talk across the table. They're going to report back to Public Works, which will come forward to you all whenever a decision is made on that.

The second item was an action item. Again, this is going to involve greenspace money for an area of West Ashley that has been blighted for a while. It is in the County, but it is literally surrounded by City residents and, again, as I said introducing it, it's going to be a collaboration between the County, the City, and the St. Andrews Public Service District. Mr. Mayor had great leadership on that one, good involvement on that, and I would ask you to address the issue a little bit further, if you will."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Well, thank you, and really County Councilmember Moody, thanks to his leadership, brought this to our attention. He has asked the City to participate in a Greenbelt application, which got turned down by the Greenbelt Committee on its first pass, but it's being re-submitted to them with our partnership if approved by Council. There is limited money

in the Greenbelt Fund for these donut holes that are near the City, but not in the City limits. So, like we did with the Town of James Island, not too long ago, when we acquired a property that's becoming a park, we would like to partner with the County and St. Andrews. Is it the Public Service District on this one?"

Councilmember Waring said, "I think so. Yes, sir."

Councilmember Griffin said, "Parks and Playgrounds."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Parks and Playgrounds."

Councilmember Waring said, "Parks and Playgrounds. Thanks, Councilmember."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Parks and Playgrounds. But, ultimately, there will be a fire station on a portion of the property that's run by the St. Andrews Public Service District. So, really they're both involved in one way or another. The result would be a Mixed-Use development because a portion of the property is being sold to a developer for a retail development, a fire station, a park, and probably a drainage feature will be added down the road. So, anyway, it was approved by Committee, and I recommended that we partner with them to the tune of \$250,000 of our future Greenbelt allocation. It was discussed and approved by the Committee, and I would like Council to approve that, as well."

Councilmember Waring said, "Okay. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. If you would allow, it's surrounded by Councilmember Shealy's District, and obviously, a hop, skip, and a jump from Councilmember Griffin's District. Do you gentlemen want to add some input? Councilmember Shealy."

Councilmember Shealy said, "Yes. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, certainly, it is a blighted area right now, but I can tell you it's one of those donut holes where it belongs to the St. Andrews PSD and the County, but we will get a huge benefit. We probably will benefit more, our constituents will benefit more, and use this park more than anybody because we are surrounded, like you said, by Councilmember Griffin's District and my district. I also think that it could play a role in some of the Church Creek. It's in the lower part of the Church Creek Basin, and we've got areas in that lower creek area that will sometimes flood in Battery Gaillard and Canterbury Woods, Ashford Place, Springfield, some of these areas. So, I think it's going to benefit us in a lot of different ways. I think it's a great move, and I appreciate the way we've worked with the County, the PSD, and the St. Andrews Parks and Playgrounds to make this happen. So, thank you."

Councilmember Waring said, "Okay. Councilmember Griffin."

Councilmember Griffin said, "You said it perfectly Councilmember Waring, that this is West Ashley revitalization. If we get all of the different governmental entities to the table together to work on projects, you can't ask anything more than that. So, I'm glad we're buying in. We're showing the Greenbelt Advisory Board that Charleston County, St. Andrews PSD, and St. Andrews Parks and Playgrounds that are going to be invested and be partners in this. This is going to be a great project. It's an eyesore. It's one of West Ashley's biggest eyesores, and it's going to do great, great things for our area. It's going to show them we care, and that's an important thing to do. So, thank you for your leadership, Mr. Mayor. We really need this West of the Ashley. This is going to be a big, big win for everybody that lives over in that area."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Okay."

Councilmember Waring said, "Alright. Mr. Mayor, as you did it at the Committee meeting, are you going to move for approval on this?"

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Yes."

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

Councilmember Shealy said, "Second."

Councilmember Waring said, "I was asking the Mayor to move for approval."

Councilmember Shahid said, "I'm the Chairman of the Revitalization Commission. I want to take credit for it, Councilmember Waring."

There was laughter.

Councilmember Waring said, "Well, this is a good one. Everybody is jumping in."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "He beat me to it. That's okay. Is there any further discussion or questions?"

No one else asked to speak.

On a motion of Councilmember Shahid, seconded by Councilmember Shealy, City Council voted unanimously to approve participation in the Greenbelt application with the County, the St. Andrews Public Service District to create a park in West Ashley.

Councilmember Waring said, "Thank you, Mr. Mayor."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "I think that's the end of the report. Next is our Committee on Ways and Means, Councilmember Gregorie."

Councilmember Gregorie said, "Move for approval, Mr. Mayor."

Councilmember Shahid said, "Second."

The Clerk said, "I just want to make sure that we know that it's also for the first reading to two ordinances."

Councilmember Mitchell said, "Correct."

The Clerk said, "Okay, just for the record."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Alright."

On a motion of Councilmember Gregorie, seconded by Councilmember Shahid, City Council voted unanimously to approve the Ways and Means report as presented:

---INSERT WAYS AND MEANS REPORT---

(Bids and Purchases

(Recreation: Approve the contract between the City of Charleston and the Charleston County School District in the amount of \$94,500 to purchase meals to be served during the summer for children who participate in the school free/reduced lunch program. Funding is provided through the SC Department of Education to the City of Charleston as the local sponsoring agency.

(Police Department: Approval of a temporary Intergovernmental Agreement with Charlotte Mecklenburg PD for L/E services in preparation for, during, and after the 2020 Republican National Convention. All expenses will be reimbursed to the City.

(Police Department: Approval of a MOU between the CPD, Clemson University, University of Cincinnati, and East Side Community Development Corporation. The MOU will take effect if the CPD is awarded the Community Based Crime Reduction Grant. If the potential grant is awarded, the City will receive \$1,000,000 over three years with no City match.

(Parks-Capital Projects: Approval of a grant application for Land and Water Fund-Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program funding for the renovation of West Ashley Bikeway between Wappoo Road and Wantoot Blvd. The scope of work includes design, permitting and construction of a 10-foot-wide asphalt path, improved pedestrian crossings, and associated site improvements. The grant is for \$700,000 in Federal funds to be matched by \$700,000 in City funds for a total request of \$1,400,000. Funding for the match is included in the project budget of \$1,286,000. Funding sources for this project are: 2015 General Fund Reserves (\$380,000), 2018 General Fund Reserves (\$806,000), and Hospitality Funds (\$100,000).

(Parks-Capital Projects: Approval of FEMA-4241-DR-SC-0077 Huger St. Fire Station #8 Retrofit Fee Amendment #1 with Liollo Architecture in the amount of \$65,160 for additional design and permitting services related to stormwater management requirements, along with costs associated with a project delay and adoption of building code updates. These requirements were added as a result of the redevelopment standards adopted in late 2017. The grant application was initially submitted in 2016. Approval of Fee Amendment #1 will increase the Professional Services Contract by \$65,160 (from \$277,418 to \$342,578). Funding sources for this project are: FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant (\$255,232) and General Fund Reserves (\$140,237).

(Parks-Capital Projects: Approval of the CPD Forensic Services Building Professional Services Contract with ESP Associates, Inc. for \$80,684.83 to replace P157074 for inspection and testing services beyond the original scope and anticipated schedule, including SWPPP inspections and project duration exceeding the estimated schedule prior to receipt of construction bids. Attached is a memo explaining the need for extending the services and for going over the \$50,000 procurement threshold for professional services. Approval of the Professional Services Contract will obligate \$80,684.83 of the \$12,392,186 project budget. Funding sources for this project are: 2015 IPRB (\$7,392,186) and 2017 IPRB (\$5,000,000).

(Stormwater Management: Approval to accept the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) Grant for renaturalizing the Church Creek Drainage Basin. The grant will develop an engineering and design plan, test outreach and educational opportunities, and complete necessary permitting to restore natural floodplain function in the Church Creek Drainage Basin. Federal Funds - \$125,000, Local Match - \$136,550. Matching funds of \$125,000 are budgeted in the Stormwater Fund, in-kind match of \$500 from the City, \$7,050 in-kind match from

- The Nature Conservancy, and \$4,000 in-kind match from the Clemson Extension School. Total Match - \$136,550.
- (Stormwater Management: Approval to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with Charleston Water Systems for in-contract work on the Huger/King intersection drainage improvement project. Reimbursement will be provided by CPW for expenses incurred in the contract for water and sewer utility work. Funding for this project is available in the Cooper River Bridge TIF.
- (Fire Department: Approval to submit the 2020 Assistance to Firefighter Supplemental Grant for \$171,892 to reimburse and purchase PPE and decon equipment related to COVID. This includes \$46,000 in purchased equipment. There is a required 10% match of \$17,189.20, which has already been expended with PPE already purchased. This is an after-the-fact request.
- (Approval of the Parking Agreement between the City of Charleston and Madison Capital for the advanced lease payment and lease of parking in the future municipal parking lot known as the Trolley Barn lot.
- (Consider the following annexations:
- 230 Yates Avenue (TMS# 343-05-00-042) 0.24 acre, James Island (District 11). The property is owned by Elizabeth Lovett and David Stickel.
 - 1837 Bentgrass Court (TMS# 334-03-00-023) 0.61 acre, James Island (District 12). The property is owned by David W Dunn Trust.

First reading was given to the following bills:

An ordinance to provide for the annexation of property known as 230 Yates Avenue (0.24 acre) (TMS# 343-05-00-042), James Island, Charleston County, to the City of Charleston, shown within the area annexed upon a map attached hereto and make it part of District 11. The property is owned by Elizabeth Lovett and David Stickel.

An ordinance to provide for the annexation of property known as 1837 Bentgrass Court (0.61 acre) (TMS# 334-03-00-023), James Island, Charleston County, to the City of Charleston, shown within the area annexed upon a map attached hereto and make it part of District 12. The property is owned by David W Dunn Trust.

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Waring.

Councilmember Waring said, "Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I just have a question for Mr. Kronsberg. In this Ways and Means report, this funding to complete the West Ashley Bikeway all of the way from Wantoot to Wappoo, which is a great thing, and I thank everybody involved with that, believe me. This funding has been long awaited, and now it has arrived, but there was supposed to be a park where I won't say the entrance is at Wappoo and the bikeway. Mr. Kronsberg, is that part of this?"

Jason Kronsberg said, "So, that portion of the bikeway trailhead, if you will, is on Wappoo Road."

Councilmember Waring said, "Trailhead, you're right. That's it."

Mr. Kronsberg said, "In working with West Ashley United, we had come up with a concept. We were working through that plan and then the property owners over there, of the formal Market property, had come to the City about a couple of different ideas on how to re-route the bikeway

and use some City property essentially to re-orient their potential development. So, we did anticipate having some feature as a trailhead as part of the whole project, yes.”

Councilmember Waring said, “Yes. Okay. Alright. So, I guess my question was, is that part of this funding?”

Mr. Kronsberg said, “Yes, sir. We would attempt to create a nice trailhead at that point and time. Hopefully, we get the grant, and it would all be included.”

Councilmember Waring said, “Okay. Thank you, sir. Thank you, Mr. Mayor.”

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “So, that’s got a certain ring to it, doesn’t it?”

Councilmember Waring said, “Yes.”

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “I think our cousin Arthur would have a lot of fun with it. We’re going to approve that bikeway all the way from Wantoot to Wappoo.”

There was laughter.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “Alright. Bills up for second reading. We’ve got two of them.”

Councilmember Mitchell said, “Move for approval of one and two.”

Councilmember Shahid said, “Second.”

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “Is there any discussion?”

No one asked to speak.

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

2020 – 066 - AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS TO MEET THE LIABILITIES OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2019.

2020 – 067 - AN ORDINANCE TO RECOGNIZE THE USAGE OF ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO MEET ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS AUTHORIZED BY ORDINANCE 2020-066 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2019.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “So, we have our City Council Budget Workshop this Thursday at 3:00 p.m. Even though it’s, as we’ve discussed, this is a really critical time for us to be looking into our budget for this year for 2020 the impact of the Coronavirus on our revenue and expenses. So, even though we have a certain number of you all that are on the Committee, we certainly welcome everyone who is able to attend that virtually Thursday at 3:00 p.m. Then, we do also have an Emergency City Council meeting a little later in the afternoon at 5:30 p.m. As I mentioned to you, we will have two meetings this week, today’s meeting and Thursday’s Emergency meeting, and then we move into June. We’re just going to have the two Regular City Council meetings

and no more of the Emergency meetings unless, of course, something comes up that we need to call one. So, I just wanted to make sure everybody knew about those, and really that was it for the agenda this evening. Is there anything else for the good of the order?"

No one asked to speak.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Seeing and hearing none, we stand adjourned. We'll see you Thursday afternoon or early evening. Thanks."

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

Vanessa Turner Maybank
Clerk of Council