

CITY COUNCIL VIRTUAL MEETING

Regular Meeting

June 9, 2020

The ninety-eighth meeting of the City Council of Charleston was held this date convening at 5:11 p.m. over video conference call (Zoom).

A notice of this meeting and an agenda were made available on the City's website June 4, 2020 and appeared in the Post and Courier on June 8, 2020.

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 5:11 p.m.

The Clerk called the roll.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "If you all would like to join us, I'd like to call on Councilwoman Jackson to lead us in an invocation."

Councilwoman Jackson opened the meeting with an invocation.

Councilwoman Jackson then led City Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "I will say this about Zoom meetings, they have many advantages, but we don't do quite as well saying the Pledge in unison as we do when we get together in person for whatever reason."

There was laughter.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "So, you all, I do have one proclamation I'd like to share with you this evening, and for the public who may be online, that this week is Homeownership Month. So, here is a little proclamation."

Mayor Tecklenburg read the proclamation.

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Mayor Tecklenburg said, "I would just add to that that I was present today with our Community Development Director, Geona Shaw Johnson, and other staff, along with Reverend Joe Darby in Councilmember Sakran's District. We did the ribbon cutting on what we call two Katrina Cottages, small cottages, very nicely done just off of Nunan Street. They're beautiful homes. They're set up for homeownership, so it's a repeat of what we just did a couple of weeks ago with four new units over on Hanover Street. They had a listing with me then that I don't have right now, of all of the different housing that we are working on, including 65 units with Grace Homes and 70 units with 573 Meeting Street at the One80 Place partnership with the Humanities Foundation to put units at Archer School. So, lots of affordable housing opportunities are happening right now. I want to thank Geona Shaw Johnson and our Housing Department for that. So, anyway, it's Home Ownership Month nationwide and here in the City of Charleston."

Geona Shaw Johnson said, "Mayor."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Geona Shaw Johnson.

Mrs. Shaw Johnson said, "I just wanted to mention that we've had great success with our banking communities supporting us. I just wanted to give kudos and applaud our banking partners who actually make those loans available to our first time homebuyers to purchase under our programs. Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Terrific. Excellent."

Councilmember Griffin said, "Mr. Mayor."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Griffin.

Councilmember Griffin said, "I just want to let you know I've been on the call. I just couldn't turn my video on."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Yes, sir. Yes, I had remarked that I thought you were with us."

Councilmember Griffin said, "Yes, sir. I just wanted to make sure that you knew I was here. Thank you."

Councilmember Waring said, "Mr. Mayor."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Waring.

Councilmember Waring said, "Can Mrs. Shaw Johnson expand? Who are some of those banking partners? It would be good to know."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "That's a good idea."

Mrs. Shaw Johnson said, "Councilmember, just give me a second to pull those, and I'll be glad to share it with you. Three, in particular, who have been pivotal for us over the last several weeks or the last several years, I will find those here momentarily and come back with that information."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Alright. We'll get a report back from you in a little bit. We have no public hearing matters tonight, so we'll move on to approval of City Council minutes."

Councilmember Mitchell said, "Move for approval of one and two under Minutes."

Councilmember Griffin said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Are there any additions, deletions, or improvements?"

No one asked to speak.

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Griffin, City Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2020, and May 26, 2020, City Council meetings.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Next, already, is our Citizens Participation Period, and we had a few people sign up to speak. We're going to see if we can allow them to share their comments with us and any other e-mails or phone messages we've gotten. So, Vanessa or Jennifer, who is going to help us with that?"

The Clerk said, "I'm going to do it. I can start with the two people who chose to leave messages. The first person is Jenna Wolf, who lives at 12 Morton Avenue. She says, 'As a resident of District #7, I would like to voice my support for the addition of Decision 11, Special Commission on Equity, Inclusion, and Racial Conciliation.'"

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Oh, good."

The Clerk continued, "The second one comes from Evelyn Avery. 'We need the Mayor to get involved in stopping Dominion Energy from cutting down trees all over the Peninsula. I think it's horrible how much damage they have done, and they should bury wires underground. Thank you.' Those are the two who just left comments. Then, we have three people who signed up to speak. So, is there a time limit, Mayor, before I start calling their names?"

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Well, since there is just three, I would say let's ask for two minutes with a little grace period."

The Clerk said, "Okay. So, the first person is Destiny Ball."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Alright. Let's see if we can get her on the meeting here."

Tracy McKee said, "Hi, you all. This is Tracy. I do not see her phone number on the call. So, we can go to the next one. Vanessa, I found Michael Better. So, he is ready to speak, as well."

The Clerk said, "Okay. You want to try Michael?"

Ms. McKee said, "Sure."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "This is Michael Better, who I met in the last week and yesterday, and very appropriately he has a motto, 'Better said--', what is it Michael?"

Michael Better said, "It's 'Better said than sorry.'"

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "'Better said than sorry.'"

The Clerk said, "Okay."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Go ahead, Michael."

Mr. Better said, "Hi, you guys. My name is Michael Better, once again. I just had a question in regards to if there was an idea on what we would be doing about potential racial injustice as it relates to small businesses or such, like Mom and Pop shops and clubs and night clubs downtown Charleston, particularly on King Street. About two years ago in 2018, Club Deco was one of those that was under significant scrutiny for racial injustice by not allowing those of African American or Black descent in their club just based upon race. It was brought up in the Post and Courier and Live 5 News. So, I know we wanted to, of course, take a notion to identify racial injustice from a law enforcement standpoint to the community, but I also wanted to look into and to identify any ideas or direction as it relates to shops, clubs, restaurants, and so forth with downtown pretty much the heart of Charleston."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "So, Michael, you might not be aware, but this Citizens Participation Period is not normally so much of a question and answer period. It's more for us just to hear from you. I will let you know, and I think you do, that we will be forming a Commission this evening on equity and racial conciliation. I think that group would be more than happy, Councilmember Gregorie, correct me if I'm wrong, to take your suggestion and add that to the things they would consider. I know they're planning on having a Sub-Committee on small businesses and minority businesses. It's very appropriate that that group will take up that question, but again, this period is intended for us more so just to hear from you. If you have any ideas or suggestions that you could give us, that would be most helpful."

Mr. Better said, "Most certainly then. Yes, one of the things is to actually allow this to reach a media platform and the idea of us having these City Council meetings. I would say that if it were possible, there's actually a function that's going to be coming up Saturday in regards to those that still wanted to protest and rally in honor of George Floyd, the Emanuel 9, Walter Scott, and so forth. I would hope that if at all possible, we could get some media attention out to give precedence to these City Council meetings. I know just speaking with you yesterday, Mr. Mayor, there are a lot of those who are part of the community that were completely unaware that they even had the ability to speak during these functions. I was just wondering if there was any type of way that we could present some type of media platform to get the word out a little bit better or not."

The Clerk said, "Mayor, we're at three minutes now, and I did allow for the minute or so that you spoke with Mr. Better."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Great. I think we could help with that Michael, and we'll rely on you to help us get the word out, as well."

Mr. Better said, "Awesome."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Terrific. So, thank you, Michael, for those comments. Next, we have someone else."

The Clerk said, "Okay. So, I have Givionne Jordan. It's a 'G'."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "G, are you out there?"

Mr. Jordan said, "How y'all doing?"

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We're doing great. Thank you."

Mr. Jordan said, "Okay. I just wanted to talk maybe a little bit like Michael Better, because basically what I did was I went to Walmart, I went to the mall, and I just went around just seeing who knows about the City Council meeting and who knows what's actually going on. I see that there is a big disconnect between communication with the system right now and the people, and if we are not efficiently communicating, how are we ever going to make this world better? So, the reason I'm asking you all is what can we all do together, so we can actually communicate more effectively with the people and with the people in the system like the Sheriff, like the Chief, like the Mayor, and stuff like that in their own counties and everything, too?"

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Well, thank you, G, and again, this period is more to hear you and listen from you. I appreciate that question about how we communicate with the public at large, particularly with this new younger generation that wants to get involved, but I'm going to put it back to you like I did to Michael. Do you have any suggestions for us in order to do a better job?"

Mr. Jordan said, "I think we need to create a database. We need to create a database where it's easy and very efficient, so that everybody can do it, maybe like an app or something like that to where everybody will be included and these decisions, and these Council meetings and stuff like that because if no one knows about it, how can they ever participate in it?"

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Well, I can't disagree with you. It's sometimes challenging to get the word out about things. We don't spend money to advertise our meetings, but we do put it in the newspaper. We do, by the way, have a City of Charleston app that you can download on your phone, and it does include notices about all of our meetings. So, I guess we just need to figure out making that connection with people who are interested enough to follow us because we do social media. We do a lot with the media, but it's always a challenge to meet and engage with folks. I'll agree."

Mr. Jordan said, "Yes, it is. Basically, just how can we do better in terms of communicating with them and making it easier so they can now come on board and stuff like that because that's a real problem, too. I agree with you."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We're going to try to do better. Are there any other comments you would like to make to Council tonight, G?"

The Clerk said, "We're at three minutes."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Right."

Mr. Jordan said, "Just the last thing is we just have to do better with growing ourselves internally, just learning to respect, love, understanding, and communicate with each other. Only then can we create a more efficient community and a more efficient system, but everything,

especially if the foundation is broken and the people in the foundation are broken, then the system is obviously going to be broken because we're working it."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you. Well received. Thank you, G. I appreciate it very much."

Mr. Jordan said, "You're welcome."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "So, Vanessa, did we have anyone else?"

The Clerk said, "Well, we had one other person that I called earlier, and that was Destiny Ball. So, is Destiny Ball available?"

Ms. McKee said, "No. The number provided is not on the call."

The Clerk said, "Okay. So, that would be it right now, Mayor."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Okay. Great. So, that's the end of our Citizens Participation Period. Thank you all for being a part of it. Next up is our Petitions and Communications. First, we have a couple of appointments to the Resiliency and Sustainability Advisory Committee."

Councilmember Griffin said, "Move for approval."

Councilmember Shealy said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "All in favor, please say aye."

The Clerk said, "Okay. Who moved for approval of the minutes?"

Councilmember Griffin said, "Me."

The Clerk said, "Okay. Thank you. Councilmember Griffin. Is there a second?"

Councilmember Shealy said, "Second."

The Clerk said, "Okay."

On a motion of Councilmember Griffin, seconded by Councilmember Shealy, City Council voted unanimously to appoint Doug James with the Home Builders Association and Scott Barhight with the Metro Chamber of Commerce to the Resiliency and Sustainability Advisory Committee.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Just to let you know, Doug James is not just a home builder and recommended by the Home Builders Association, he also happens to be the husband of Carolee Williams and worked very closely with the Sustainability Committee. So, by association, he knows a lot about this topic, and he will be a great member of this Committee, along with the fact that Doug's mother, Linda James, used to work for the City in my old department. She was a Department Secretary in the Department of Economic Development, and she is really a lovely, lovely lady. Also, Scott Barhight is a new representative from the Metro Chamber of Commerce.

So, next our Update on the City's response to COVID-19. First, we'll get a quick update, a situational update, from Shannon Scaff, and then also from Tracy McKee about where the numbers are now going and our recommendation for continuing opening up. Shannon."

Ms. McKee said, "Mayor, this is Tracy. Shannon and I decided to be really efficient, and I would do a quick brief for Shannon, but he is standing by in case there are questions for him."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Okay. Great."

Ms. McKee said, "I think Councilmember Waring had a question."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Waring.

Councilmember Waring said, "Yes, Mr. Mayor, I see under Petitions and Communications before moving forward, I see 1.b. Scott Barhight."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Correct."

Councilmember Waring said, "Did we vote on him?"

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We did. I thought we took both of them together."

Councilmember Waring said, "Okay. I'm sorry. I thought we just did one. That's alright. That's good."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "I could be wrong. Did you interpret it that way, Vanessa, when we voted?"

Councilmember Griffin said, "That was my motion."

The Clerk said, "On the minutes?"

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "No, on the appointment that we were taking both of them together on Mr. James and Mr. Barhight."

The Clerk said, "Okay."

Councilmember Shahid said, "Item I, Madam Clerk."

The Clerk said, "Item I. Okay. Let me see what I wrote. Yes."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Yes."

Councilmember Waring said, "Okay. Great."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Both approved. Thank you. Back to Tracy."

Ms. McKee said, "Good evening, everyone. I am giving Shannon's report because I guess the good news is that there is not a whole lot to report, so I'll keep it pretty brief. Just along the weather front, Thursday through Saturday, we could see some unsettled weather. There could be some isolated showers and maybe some heavy downpours today or tomorrow, so just be

aware of that. Thursday, possibly into Friday, a combination of heavy rain and gusty winds could bring down some trees and power lines, so that's something to just be aware of.

As far as keeping order in the City, things seem to be running very normal. Environmental Services, they are business as usual with no route delays. Livability, since Monday, June 1st, walking, motorized, and carriage tours, were monitored for social distancing and sanitizing recommendations. Most were found in compliance. They investigated 78 code enforcement complaints, one social distancing report for parks, bars, and restaurants. So, Livability is keeping on top of all of that. Police and Fire continue to have no reported issues with personnel lacking PPE during calls for service. Employee work stats seems to be very stable. Just one note from me, I guess, is you know about a month ago we were at about 15 percent of folks working from home or working remotely. We are now at about five percent. So, most of our staff have returned to kind of normal working conditions. We're also tracking sick leave, and that is very stable, which is good. We don't want to see that uptick because that could have some COVID implications, but that seems to be stable right around three to four percent. Citizen Concerns, the Service Desk, they're back to typical resident issues and requests at this time. The Call Center is still averaging around 300 calls per week, in addition to e-mail requests. Hotels in the Charleston area, there are currently 52 hotels open in the City of Charleston and an additional 72 in the surrounding Charleston area. I see Shannon is actually in the waiting room and coming in now in case anyone has any specific questions for Shannon."

No one asked to speak.

Ms. McKee said, "So, hearing none, I'm going to go ahead and share my screen. Nobody panic. Just because I'm sharing my screen in PowerPoint does not mean I'm going to talk a long time. I'm just a very visual person, so having the PowerPoint is how I tend to remember things. So, really quickly, where are we opening the City? So, looking quickly at the numbers, this is current as of just a couple of hours ago and through June 8th. These are the new cases in the City of Charleston's zip codes. So, you can see we have seen a little bit of an uptick in the daily new cases. This chart is the active cases versus the cumulative. For quite a while, we were seeing the number for the active cases going down and actually remaining very stable, but you can see that we are seeing an increase in them. So, really quickly, here is where we are with some of the primary metrics that we are tracking. You can see that one that is in yellow is our trend in new cases. So, it looks at a seven-day growth rate because, as you saw from one of the previous charts, the daily change in numbers is very volatile, so we try to balance that and smooth that out by looking at a seven-day average, and this was all worked on with the team at MUSC. So, what we determined was kind of that number, or that percentage, that puts us into a red category is five. So, you can see we're at 4.27 for the average, and if you look down at the bottom graph below you can see the last couple of days that I have circled there, we're actually over that five. So, that's something definitely to keep our eyes on. Just really quickly, if you all haven't checked recently, this is still the June 3rd update from MUSC. I believe they are updating these every Wednesday. So, at the Tricounty level, which is what MUSC is looking at, we've got two of their indicators in yellow and one in red. All of the rest of theirs are actually in green, but I thought it was important to see some of the ones that were in yellow and red.

So, I just kind of wanted to show this. I thought this was a little bit interesting. This shows the doubling rate, which I've been calculating over the course of the pandemic. The lower the number is on this graph, the faster COVID is being transmitted in our community. So, you can see we started out where we were doubling our number of cases every two to three days early on, and we got really good where it was actually 230 days it was taking us to actually double our case numbers. In the last week, that's gone down to 15 days for our doubling rate. If this trend

continues, we could see it double in just another two weeks of where we are. I also put just some other little tidbits in there, for example, our Stay at Home Order, in where that was on this timeline for the South Carolina Stay at Home Order came into play you can kind of see this big trend on the increase. Then, this shaded area is where we saw our social mobility start to climb back and come into 50 percent of the baseline again.

So, people were really starting to move around again in that timeframe. So, what does that really mean in summary? Our total numbers still remain low for when we look at those on a per capita basis. However, it's the trend that has become a little bit worrisome. Our internal Task Force, as well as the folks at MUSC on the epidemiology project, which we've been looking to for guidance, thought it was a good idea to maintain Phase II and watch the numbers for another week. The Mayor was supportive and agreed with that. We're going to remain in Phase II for at least another week and see how the numbers look over the following week, and I think it's important to know that the Task Force really talked about that there were services that could suffer by not moving into the next phase. We addressed those and made sure that we could open those in a way that it was really in line with our current phase, as well. So, with that I'm happy to take any questions anyone might have."

Councilmember Brady said, "Mr. Mayor."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Brady.

Councilmember Brady said, "Yes, I just had a quick question for Tracy, and I'm not sure if you have the answer. We could ask MUSC. With the uptick in cases, are we thinking that, given the kind of large gatherings with the protests over the last ten days or so, as well as it's kind of coming two weeks after Memorial Day as well, people would be getting together in their neighborhoods and maybe expanding their social circles a little more? Is there any indication from the health experts that this is just a temporary uptick due to those circumstances, or is there something else that we should be monitoring or concerned about?"

Ms. McKee said, "Yes, that's a good question, and I'll do my best with the caveat that I am not an epidemiologist. So, I'm pretty good with data, but epidemiology is not my area of expertise. Certainly, that was something that we talked about on the call last week with MUSC. The thinking is that the uptick that we see now was kind of from Memorial Day weekend when things started to really open up. I had mentioned before, just because people are moving around doesn't necessarily mean there's going to be a big uptick, right? So, if people are adhering to the social distancing and wearing their masks, we can do this responsibly, positively, and keep everyone safe. So, we did talk a little bit about some of the activities that are going on recently, and so many folks gathering that we weren't really necessarily prepared for, but that team indicated to me that they weren't really all that concerned about having another uptick. Again, we're all kind of guessing, as well. We didn't get into the whys because we were more focused on the trends and talking about those, but they indicated they weren't necessarily as concerned about those specific incidences themselves."

Councilmember Brady said, "Okay. Great. Thank you."

Ms. McKee said, "Sure."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Shealy.

Councilmember Shealy said, "Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Tracy, good report. Thank you very much. You happened to mention last week in our Health and Wellness Committee meeting that there was a concern for 29407. I've seen the uptick on the website also for 29414 since then. I was just wondering what the concerns are there? Is 29407 still something we're focusing on?"

Ms. McKee said, "Yes. So, great question. I did notice the outer West Ashley pretty much as soon as we had that Wellness meeting, almost the next day, 29414 jumped up, as well. We did talk about that last week on the MUSC call too. They have not given me any information. We have not heard anything specific if there was a spreader event somewhere in West Ashley that's causing that. So, I think right now, it's just a matter of keeping an eye on the numbers for those zip codes."

Councilmember Shealy said, "Okay. Thank you."

Ms. McKee said, "Sure."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilwoman Jackson.

Councilwoman Jackson said, "Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Thank you, Tracy. It's amazing. You say you're not good at the sciences, but you obviously grasp the content and really make it understandable. I was just curious. You talked about in staying in Phase II that you all were conscious of some of the services that might be less than robust, or how we wouldn't normally be delivered. Could you give us an example of what kinds of services you're looking at, just to make sure we don't drop any balls?"

Ms. McKee said, "Yes, absolutely. I think everybody knows that as we entered into Phase II, we were concerned about the Permit Center and people that were unable to submit digitally, we had a way for them to do that. The Permit Center is open on a very limited basis now, and that seems to be going really well. So, the things that we talked about recently, number one was the Municipal Court which is also dictated by the State as well, so we knew that we had to figure out a way to open that in a safe way. The second one was residential parking permits because they have a timeframe that they operate on and a deadline, so we're concerned that having too much of a backlog of those could cause more complications down the road. So, we came up with a really great, I believe safe, process for those to happen in person for people who need that. But, like everything else right now, we're encouraging everyone to do as much online and digitally as they can."

Councilwoman Jackson said, "I've heard the Permit Center is definitely an object of people's concern if they have progress they're trying to make with their own property. So, could you just say, just for the public who are on the call, that the Permit Center is now operating, you said on a limited basis, but is it by appointment or do people walk in and then wait? Do you know?"

Ms. McKee said, "Yes. So, it's not by appointment, and we do not, like the Permit Center before, there were a lot of permits you could get the same day. We are not offering that right now. So, it is solely for people who are unable to submit digitally, or they need some sort of assistance. People can come in, drop off their permits, or pick up plans and things like that. Right now, it's not by appointment, but they have a very well thought out process for making sure that people are well spaced. It's a great process. They're doing a really great job."

Councilwoman Jackson said, "That's great. I've heard that people are grateful on both ends of that spectrum. So, thank you. I appreciate it."

Ms. McKee said, "Good. Yes, they've done a fabulous job."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Tracy, I believe their hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. every day. Is that correct?"

Ms. McKee said, "I'm not a hundred percent sure. I thought it was 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m."

Councilwoman Jackson said, "That's right."

Ms. McKee said, "But, please, double check me."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Okay."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Gregorie.

Councilmember Gregorie said, "Yes, Tracy."

Ms. McKee said, "Yes, sir."

Councilmember Gregorie said, "Going back to zip codes, 29404 and 29407 where there appears to be an uptick, are we continuing to do the contact tracing after every single test that reveals that someone may have a positive?"

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Dr. Richardson says that DHEC is doing that for every case."

Councilmember Gregorie said, "Okay. Thank you, Mayor."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Yes, sir. We, as a City, are not doing it, but DHEC is. Even last Wednesday, Dr. Richardson assured us that they were doing that."

Councilmember Gregorie said, "As a follow up, Mayor, for Tracy. Tracy, do they have mobile testing units?"

Ms. McKee said, "I know that they were offering quite a bit of that. If Shannon is still on the call, he may have more information on the mobile testing piece than I do."

Councilmember Gregorie said, "The reason why I'm asking it is, I mean, it would be great for a mobile unit to go to our concentrations of low and moderate income people right onsite and do some testing, particularly in our public housing communities. That's why I keep bringing up if we have mobile testing, so that we can go right where the people are."

Ms. McKee said, "Yes, I do know that Charleston County had put into play that very thing, but I'm not sure of its current status."

Shannon Scaff said, "We had a limited number, Tracy, and I think there were like 12 to 15 different dates. I think we've run through those. Then, there was an additional, there have been

some other counties, Dorchester and Berkeley, that have also offered some, but I'm not sure that there is anything right now in our immediate area. I'm certainly happy to reach out to Mr. Jason Patten, our Risk Manager, with the County and find out what else can be done."

Councilmember Gregorie said, "Okay, because I definitely think we need to go directly into those concentrations."

Councilwoman Jackson said, "Yes, there were definitely some happening out on James Island over the last week. They took over one of the locations at the Terrace Theatre Shopping Center, and then also a mobile unit was at Chick-fil-a on Saturday and Sunday, I think. So, there is still that ability, but I don't know who authorizes it or who mans it."

Councilmember Gregorie said, "If I'm not mistaken, and correct me if I'm wrong, Shannon, the closest site to downtown was up at the Magistrate Court. We haven't had anything on the Peninsula proper. I know that the Medical University of South Carolina may be doing some."

Mr. Scaff said, "That is correct, sir."

Councilmember Gregorie said, "But we haven't had any, right? For me, that's a concern because many of the lower income people in our community don't have the means to necessarily go that far up into the neck area to get tested. So, I am still insisting that we really look into having some type of mobile unit to go into our areas where we know there's a concentration of very vulnerable people. Thank you."

Ms. McKee said, "Yes, Councilmember Gregorie, I think that's very valid, and we should definitely follow up with that. One of the metrics that we're looking at is the percent of positives of testing. That's been creeping up, which means that we haven't hit a threshold yet, but according to Johns Hopkins University, their Public Health Department, we really want to keep that number under 12 percent of positives because that means we're testing enough. So, that's a great point, and that has definitely been creeping up, as well."

Councilmember Gregorie said, "Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Waring.

Councilmember Waring said, "Yes, Mr. Mayor. Tracy, do you know if anyone has partnered with Franklin C. Fetter Family Health Clinic on that? It has multiple sites obviously downtown, as well as on Johns Island."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "The County did."

Councilmember Waring said, "They did. Okay, good."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "They have been a part of it."

Councilmember Gregorie said, "But, not the downtown site if I'm not mistaken."

Councilmember Waring said, "I don't know."

Councilmember Gregorie said, "I don't think the downtown site was."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "All of the mobile testing that the County has done at various locations including up on Morrison Drive is being conducted by Fetter, so they have a real partnership on this. I presume they could have their tests available at their clinics, as well. I'd be happy to double check that, but the mobile testing was done in conjunction with Fetter."

Councilmember Gregorie said, "Okay. Thank you, Mr. Mayor."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Shahid.

Councilmember Shahid said, "Thank you, Mr. Mayor. You know when we do these breakdowns by zip codes, is there any other demographic information that is more useful than just a zip code? For instance, do we have demographic information as to the highest concentration of citizens over the age of 65 in a particular location? I think that sort of goes hand-in-hand with what Councilmember Gregorie was asking earlier. Maybe not, but it seems to me that it would be a much more useful piece of information. I don't know if it exists or if we can tap into that and see how that demographic pairs with the rise or fall of people who have been affected by it."

Ms. McKee said, "Yes, we have not been getting that sort of demographic information from DHEC, but it's certainly something that I can ask. Obviously, we don't want the individual information, but maybe if they could aggregate it for us at the zip code level for our positive tests, that's certainly something that we can ask and see if it's something that they'll give us, of course, and if they have it."

Councilmember Shahid said, "Yes. I would just be interested to see how that pans out if there is any other useful information that you could use to respond to this a little bit better. Thanks, Tracy."

Ms. McKee said, "Yes. Absolutely."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Alright, any other COVID-19 related comments or questions? Before we move to Public Safety, I did want to follow up, Councilmember Waring, on your question. The banks that have been most helpful with our homeownership program, within the last few years at least, are Synovus Bank, TD Bank, and Pinnacle Financial Partners or Pinnacle Bank. So, shout out. Thank you, Synovus. Thank you, TD. Thank you, Pinnacle. You all have been helpful with our affordable housing homeownership program."

Councilmember Waring said, "Thank you, sir. Thank you, Mrs. Johnson. Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Gregorie.

Councilmember Gregorie said, "On that question, as we start our efforts to make some determinations regarding racial conciliation, inclusion, etc., where are we in terms of the homeownership rate for whites, African-Americans, etc., etc.?"

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "That's something you'd have to ask Ms. Johnson. I don't know that she's got that at her fingertips."

Councilmember Gregorie said, "I think she does. I know she does."

There was laughter.

Councilmember Gregorie said, "I think its 71 percent for whites, and 51 percent for African Americans. Correct me if I'm wrong."

Mrs. Shaw-Johnson said, "That's correct, Councilmember Gregorie."

Councilmember Gregorie said, "Okay, thank you very much. I just think that, as we move forward, we need to look at that trend because when I was the Director of Housing and Urban Development, we had the minority homeownership rate up at 62 percent."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Okay, thank you. Alright, so next we are going to get our update on Public Safety. Chief Reynolds, are you out there? There he is."

Chief Reynolds said, "Yes, sir. So, I'll just say that it's been a tough ten days. Needless to say, we've done a lot of up staffing. We've relied on our partners. I'll just give a shout out to some of them, and I apologize for anyone I might be missing. SLED, I just got off the phone with Chief Keel, probably about an hour ago. I've been in touch with him all week. North Charleston Police Department, Mt. Pleasant, Charleston County Sheriff's Office, and Al Cannon has given us a lot of resources, Berkeley County Sheriff's, DNR, Parole and probation, Goose Creek. Of course, Chief Keel helped us coordinate assets from the National Guard. I'll just briefly touch base on an issue, which I think I made clear, my stance on what happened with George Floyd in Minneapolis, and what happened with the death. I stated my personal and professional opinion of grave disdain for what occurred there. Before any of these protests ever occurred, before any of this, I think you may have seen some of the messaging I gave. I took a very strong stand about my anger, about what I would describe as completely deplorable, unprofessional behavior, which I would never tolerate in my 30 years as a Police Officer and then, I would personally demand justice for his family, for his City, for our nation, and for our profession, frankly."

I won't spend a lot of time on that, but I also talk a little bit about, I think I sent a message out to everyone. Again, this is prior to any of these protests that I sent to our entire organization about the duty to intervene. Not only was what happened wrong, but the fact that no one intervened to stop it in the first place, a supervisor, a peer, a colleague, someone else that was on the scene. We have in our Police Department, in the last year, initiated training called EPIC which stands for Ethical Policing Is Courageous. EPIC training is about a four hour block. We talk about the duty to intervene. We go over scenarios, challenge each other, and we're creating a culture where people will not be getting push back, or there will not be consequences if you speak up and speak out. In fact, we talk about how maybe you'll save someone's career, their family, a life, all of which could have occurred and should have occurred before there's a tragedy, and this death. I've talked a little bit about the audit. I think it's important to note, a lot of the demands from this movement, we are very closely aligned with. This movement is growing, and we heard from a couple of the leaders today, like Givionne Jordan, and others who are a very significant part of this movement.

Our new Director of Procedural Justice, Wendy Stiver, has begun to make a lot of relationships these past ten days. She's actually been asked to speak, I know, at least at one of the events. We are doing a lot on Twitter, and we're going to be heavily engaged in further conversation now. Frankly, if there was any lack of engagement before, there won't be now. I think so much positive will come out of this. I want to emphasize the importance of peaceful protests. It's the American way, and it's supported by the First Amendment, our Constitution. People have a right to be heard, and I think they need to be heard. There will be more protests. I just want to emphasize doing it safely, dealing responsibly, and dealing in coordination with us.

We're beginning to build some of those relationships to be able to help people be heard, be able to protest, to be able to do it peacefully. That way, their message can be heard that their movement can grow, they can get justice, they can get reform, and they can demand better outcomes from police, from government, etc. So, we're going to be a part of this with those people, with those groups, and helping their voices be heard. We had riots a week ago, Saturday. We acted with the information that we had, and there were lessons learned. We are still working hard to protect our City. There will be more conversations about what happened. We had some injuries. I'll call it a time where there was somewhat of an attack on the police. So, it's something that we have to pay very close attention to as we move forward.

I've talked about how proud I am of our officers, but one of the topics that we're focused on is wellness. Many of our officers have worked weeks without a day off. We've worked hard to get them some time off, at least a day off. Some have actually foregone taking a day to participate and make sure they worked hard to have success this past week. This is not something that is just local. It's national, and we need to make sure that we've worked hard to rest them, feed them, hydrate them, and tend to their injuries, not just physically, but emotionally. We're reaching out to our communities. We've done that, I think, a lot in Charleston, and now we have to do more and more. It's never enough. We want to work hard to stand among others, our King Street businesses, and get them back up on their feet. We were working hard throughout COVID-19, especially in the last couple of weeks. They've gone now, I think, 13 weeks with such a devastating impact with COVID-19, and then this happened. So, we have met with them. There are a lot of people that were just devastated by the broken windows, the assaults, the arsons. We're working hard to build those relationships. Following up on that, and I'll give you a little update on the investigations and also the East side and others that were impacted by this event throughout our community. We continue to up staff throughout this upcoming week. We continue to look at what events are coming up and communicating that out to others. We have had a lot of support from our legal team, everything from curfews and considerations, to Civil Rights, to constitutional issues, and criminal events that have occurred. We're very thankful for the support we've gotten. We've looked at things like equipment and training and continue to look at ways we can improve and areas that we need to be prepared as we move forward with this movement. I'll just say, it's been interesting with COVID. We had our third case just before all of this started. That employee actually never had any symptoms. He traveled elsewhere and knew that he was exposed to someone else who had it, got tested, and was quarantined, and is actually ready to go back to work and never had any symptoms.

For the criminal cases, we now have 24 suspects identified. Then, those that are wanted or have been arrested and are in custody, we have over 50 warrants. We met with the FBI and the ATF in the US Attorney's office yesterday and today. We are looking at, among other things, Federal adoptions of some of these cases, in particular the arson cases. We're working with Solicitor Wilson. She has one prosecutor from the solicitor's office, Prosecutor Osborne, who is assigned to all of these cases, so there is good communication. We continue to get good tips and good information. We're going to follow up on all of those things until we're done. I just want to thank the Mayor, Council, others in our community, that were so devastated by this. This has been very traumatic, very difficult for our City, very sad, deeply troubling. I've gotten a lot of support from everyone in City government, Livability, and just many others. I'm going to pass it off to my counterpart, and we can answer questions, but Dan Curia and his team were with us from the beginning. I've talked about the fact that they had a protocol in place. I think he's going to talk a little bit about some areas where we can improve things that he's working on. He had some injuries that his firefighters endured, but they stepped into the gap with us. They linked arms with us. We helped them put out fires, which is one of the most dangerous things in a riot environment. There were a lot of little fires, some that created damage, but I think it could have

been much, much worse without the Charleston Fire Department engaging and working closely with us. So, with that, that's my update. I'll let Dan kind of go, and then we can answer questions."

Chief Curia said, "Okay. Thanks, Chief Reynolds, and thanks to Council. So, my echo, a lot of what Chief Reynolds said. It was a collaborative effort between both departments. I know that a situation like we encountered on May 30 is very police centric, but our firefighters really stepped up to provide protection. So, one, I have to say thank you for the support that the Fire Department continually gets from the Mayor and Council. It is very much appreciated. We talked about an update on Public Safety conditions, which is what's on the agenda. I would say right now, the firefighters, the youngest assessment is that they are tired right now. Obviously, it's a long haul with COVID-19 and responding to those types of calls. Then, you add civil unrest on top of that. I don't mean in any way to diminish anything that's going on in the community, but you have to know that the firefighters are tired right now. Speaking specifically about what happened on May 30th, just to keep the specifics about the Fire Department's responses haven't been looked into. We've had plenty of things going on, between 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. just in the Downtown area. We had 41 calls for service, which is incredibly active. It's much more active than we typically find. That evening we had 13 fires. 13 is what we would classify as major fires in the downtown area. That's not vehicle fires, that's not dumpster fires, but that's structures that are on fire. That's incredibly elevated also. We did have four firefighters transported to the hospital that evening. All were due to tear gas exposure. Three have returned to duty. We still have one who is going back to the doctor tomorrow, but has not come back to work yet.

As Chief Reynolds said, I know the Police Department up staffed units. The Fire Department up staffed units not on Saturday night, but the subsequent days after that. We have a plan that we put in place, and I think that the blessing is that Chief John Tippett had the foresight to put something in place years ago. The downside is that it was largely untested. So, in an honest assessment that I can give you about the Fire Department's response is that a lot of things that were put on paper functioned the way we wanted them to function, but there were things that I don't think that we had thought through that we are now going back and debriefing with our team. An example of that would be the actual weight of the ballistic vest, then add on to that the weight of firefighting gear, and that was the environment that the firefighters were operating in that night. So, you had the anxiety of the situation, plus the equipment weight. The physical toll that it takes on our firefighters is something that we had not thought about before that. Now, we are going back to re-examine. We obviously had damage to equipment. One of the things, I know Chief Reynolds touched on, but I want to touch on it from the Fire Department's perspective also, is just the mental health aspect of our firefighters responding on that evening. We had firefighters who had been at Mother Emmanuel a few years ago. We had firefighters who had been present at the Super Sofa Store fire. We had firefighters who had been to all of those incidents. What we're finding right now is that the mental health of firefighters is a real concern of ours. We're working collaboratively with everyone in the City to make sure that if there's a care provider that's been established for any of those previous events, then we can go ahead and continue with that care provider given the current civil unrest situation. The firefighters would have that continuity of someone that they have already established a relationship with. That is something that we hadn't thought of before the civil unrest event that we're working through now.

I would say that another positive for the Fire Department is that we do have a pretty strong and robust relationship with the Police Department. A lot of the training that we had done jointly concerning the active shooter incidents, a lot of parallels can be drawn from what was going on with the civil unrest situation. So, we were able to draw on all of that. In a bad situation, there were some lessons for us to be learned, lessons that I wish didn't have to be learned, but we'll go

forwards, and we'll be better for it. I will turn it back over to Chief Reynolds, and if there are any questions for me, I will be happy to answer them."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Any questions for either Chiefs?"

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Griffin followed by Councilmember Shahid.

Councilmember Griffin said, "Yes, sir, and thank you, Mr. Mayor. I know that not a day has gone by that we all haven't thought about May 30th for the good, and then, unfortunately, the occurrences later that night. My question is, I know that we have had internal discussions about the procedure from Saturday night, about ten days ago. When can we expect for us to be able to ask some of those questions on what we have and what we've gotten from our constituents about the procedure, and are there any plans for an after action report to be done of our procedure, what went right, what went wrong? I understand that this is a situation that we've never dealt with before. I can understand that it is very hard to even fathom this happening in our City because, through the test of time, it's never happened before. We had to act swiftly, and we did it to the best of our abilities at the time. There's nothing wrong, also, with saying 'hey, now that we've gotten past it, we're looking back on our procedure, and we may have been able to do this better, or that better or if this were to ever happen again, we're going to be more prepared because of x, y, and z.'

There are a lot of rumors that have been spread around that I don't want to believe. I know I have tried, to the best of my ability, to defend our Police Department to the utmost degree and tell individuals that are upset about the outcome of Saturday that, in time, our City will answer their questions. I'm just wondering whether or not we've started putting that plan together of how we're going to go about that because I know me, personally, I have several questions that I would like answered, but I don't feel comfortable putting anyone on the spot today about that. I don't think it would be appropriate to do that anyway. But, Chief, I'm just wondering, both Chiefs really, what sort of discussion we've had about displaying that kind of procedure and going through what we think went right and what went wrong. Thank you."

Councilmember Shahid said, "Mr. Mayor, can I respond to Councilmember Griffin's inquiry?"

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Well, I would like Chief Reynolds to respond first. Yes, the after action report is planned, and all of those lessons learned will be documented. Chief, do you want to respond to that first? And then, I'll come to you, Councilmember Shahid."

Councilmember Shahid said, "Thank you."

Chief Reynolds said, "Yes, so, absolutely an after action will be done. Whenever you have a major event like this, that's a standard thing that has to occur. What I would just say for the time being is I appreciate your patience in respecting the position that we're in right now. There are all kinds of people who demanded the answers the day after and a week later. We're still in the midst of this. We still have the potential to have significant protests. I just talked to Chief Kiel about the idea of holding some of the National Guard assets back. We have a lot of opportunity right now to make sure that we get this right and protect our City. That's what I'm focused on right now. In the interim, I have some phenomenal attorneys. They're working with the City and with others to make sure that we have a chronology of everything we do. There is total transparency for me. I know we will go about this and get this right moving forward. The only way we can do that is to

acknowledge. That's been my philosophy since I've been here. Don't tell me everything is great. Let's figure out where we are, what went well, and what didn't go so well and make it even better. There are a lot of opportunities to learn from this from an equipment perspective, a training perspective, a command –and –control perspective, a communications perspective, and many, many other angles of this. So, yes, on all of your questions, and it will take time to get to that granular, more detailed level. There's a whole lot involved with this, which we'll have more time to talk about.”

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Shahid followed by Councilmember Mitchell.

Councilmember Shahid said, “Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Just to add on to what Chief Reynolds and Chief Curia have said responding to Councilman Griffin's direct question. Yes, we have a Public Safety Committee meeting scheduled for Thursday at 1:00 p.m., where we will be talking about how to proceed with what Chief Reynolds just mentioned. We will be talking about a variety of topics and issues on what happened, Saturday, the 30th. We'll start the process with the Committee in that regard. I just want to emphasize something that both Chiefs have talked about. I've been on the phone talking to them about it, expressing my concerns, and that is, the overall wellbeing of our men and women, our first responders. There's something that we need to take into consideration quickly and very seriously. I know it is on their priorities, in my conversations with them. They were in harm's way on that day. Both departments did a stellar job. We've got to take care of these men and women and address their needs. I know that they're working on that, but I wanted to emphasize that. There was a question, I think Councilmember Waring asked, way back at one of our Emergency meetings about the morale of these folks. It's something that we just can't take for granted. I appreciate that we have both of these gentlemen serving our departments and taking into consideration, among other things, this issue about the morale of our men and women in uniform.”

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “Thank you.”

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Mitchell.

Councilmember Mitchell said, “A lot of people are asking questions. A lot of people are angry. There's a lot of anger out there pertaining to the Police Chief, the Mayor, and everyone else. It's a little different with me, like I tell people all the time. I have been involved in these things before, rioting, and things like that. Some of you have never been in that position before to see what can happen during a riot. The Police department was doing their job, and no one was prepared for what was going to happen that particular night. We did protests a long time ago for years and years, and never had this happen before. So, this was something spontaneous with some people getting in the midst of the peaceful march to cause this destruction. That's what happened and no one knows. We can sit down and talk about what we would have done or what we could have done. No one knows what they would have done in that position. You wouldn't know, I wouldn't know. I was deeply involved in it in New York years ago. People don't understand that, so it's the decision that they had to make at that particular time with what we had to work with. We didn't have enough. The officers out here did all that people think we could have done. We have a large City here, and we are spread out all over the place. So, people have to understand that they did the best they could. It just happens. I know there wasn't any bloodshed, but those people who started the destruction wanted that to happen. They wanted someone to get hurt or someone to get shot, so blood could be shed, so they could have something else to say about the police department, not about something else in the City of Charleston. That's why they came to the City of Charleston because the City of Charleston is in the middle. We are a

metropolitan City now, and they think nothing happens in the City of Charleston, so let's do it in the City of Charleston and make a bigger issue of what's happening in this area in the South. So, the Police Chief is doing the best he can. The Fire Chief is doing the best he can with what he had to work with. They want to come back and probably address us on other issues.

I have to applaud the Mayor and the Chiefs, and Councilmember Shahid for what we have done. We have even spoken with most of the businesses on King Street. A lot of you all didn't know that, but we did that. We let them voice their opinions, and our Police Chief got beat up in that meeting. When it was all over, and they aired what they wanted to, then they came back out and said, 'you're the best we have, and we're going to work with you.' This all happened right there on Sunday. We even walked the streets and went to every business on King Street that was open. We did these things to reach out to them and let them know that we are here, and we want them to move forward. The Police Chief was there. They met with the Police Chief, the Mayor, I was there, Councilman Shahid was there, and Councilman Seekings was there for a while. We worked with them and let them know that we sympathized with them. We know what's happening here, and you just opened back up, and now you're closed again. We know the problem that you're running into. You're hurting, but we are here to try to assist as much as we possibly can, and it won't happen again because we are going to have things in place. The Police Chief is going to be working on some things. The Fire Chief is going to be working on some things. If this ever happens again, we are going to have something in place to work with that. So, I just want to throw that out to all my colleagues and let them know that this wasn't an easy task. I was sorry when they were beating up on the Chief and the Mayor. I was sorry about it. But, we had to take those beatings as elected officials because everyone is looking at us. We have to take those beatings. Overall, when they came together, the business owners said, 'Okay, thank you. Now we have gotten it out, let's work together, and let's move on.' Not stand stagnant and stay here. Let's move on. We have to move on now. Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you, Councilmember."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilwoman Jackson.

Councilwoman Jackson said, "Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I would like to resonate with everything that has been said, and I've written my best to Chief Reynolds. Chief Curia, I would salute you in the same way. I just wanted to bring up something, maybe a little more practical, in terms of the communications that we're being asked to work on as a Council body. I had to stop counting today. I went out this afternoon. Just as I opened up my laptop tonight, I probably have 100 messages in my Council mailbox that are basically all the same, even if they don't have the same subject line. It's on the topic of needing to take money away from our current policing budget and use it for a broader set of services and goals that we would have as a City. I think that people who are writing these letters to us are obviously being inspired by some source because they are using the exact same words to communicate with us. It's very sincere. They are all local people, and I was hoping that maybe we can come up with a plan that someone would sit down and write a thoughtful response to this particular message. I would be happy to volunteer as a retiree, to cut and paste that thoughtful response to every one of the people who has taken the time to send us this kind of appeal. I know we could ignore it because we know what we're going to be doing, and we're going to be spending money in the right way to achieve the goals that we've been laying out the last year or two for our policing and the way that we want to prioritize training, equipping, and all of that. I do feel like these people, for the first time, are communicating with their Council, and I would like to see that they get some sort of thoughtful response. I am happy to be a part of that solution if we can come up with the right words to respond thoughtfully. Thanks."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Waring.

Councilmember Waring said, "Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I know I said it before, but I think it bears repeating. I think our Mayor, our Police Chief, our Fire Chief, and all of our first responders did a wonderful job. Compare our results to other cities around this nation who had to endure similar events in their cities. I would bet the City of New York, which probably has the largest police force in the Country, between them and Los Angeles, look at both of those City's' results. Compare those results to ours. Compare Chicago's results to ours. Compare Philadelphia's results to ours. Compare the City that is too busy to hate, which is Atlanta, results to our results. We had one day, frankly, of unrest, and to say there were lessons learned, was their knowledge at hand in advance. We did not have that knowledge in advance. I would challenge anyone who had that knowledge in advance to bring it forth. After the fact on hard calls is one of the easiest jobs. There's no doubt about that. Calling the plays after the game is over with, everyone looks smart. Now, I know that's hard for some people on this call, not our Council, not our Mayor, or our staff, but I know some business people are on this line, and not liking that. That is just a hard fact. Do you think the city of Minneapolis would like to have our results? Do you think the city of St. Paul would like to have our results? Our results are professional results. Those professional results showed, came forth, once information was known. Why didn't we have those same results Sunday? Because the knowledge of professionalism of a professional police force reaching out to allies that the Chief had already thanked. I think all of us owe these surrounding allies, the County's Police Department, City of North Charleston Police Department, Mt. Pleasant, Goose Creek, DNR, SLED. We owe them all. If I forget any, please, believe me I am not trying to leave out any of our allies. We owe all of them a bit of thanks because you know what, if the situation was in their city, we would have been right there with them. I was proud to see them with us on Sunday. That malcontent and criminal element that took advantage of a wonderful City didn't show up on Sunday. It wasn't because the people in place didn't respond appropriately. It was because of that response that they didn't show up on Sunday, didn't show up on Monday. Look at the results in these other cities. They had to endure days of this. Part of this, frankly, is after Mother Emanuel and after Walter Scott, we have come to believe that we don't riot, people in this City don't riot. We've come to find out, given certain gravity situations, we too are not immune to that.

Out of all bad comes some good. My grandfather taught us, out of all bad comes some good. Sometimes you may need a magnifying glass to find the good, but if you look for it, it's there. The good out of this is we know what to do going forward. The good out of this is the coordination that we thought we had with our Police Department and Fire Department, we actually have. Can you imagine if those fires had gotten started on King Street? Those buildings would have gone like dominos. You know what, it didn't happen because of training and preparation on the front end that prevented that from happening. To those who have all of the answers after the fact I will push back on it. They all have my numbers, be happy to give me a call. I talked to a lot of them. To try not to go forward together, I would say shame on anyone who doesn't want to go forward together because we saw the best of Charleston on Sunday morning. It wasn't a cry. We had a call to come up, and we thought it was going to be the Mayor and maybe 12 Councilmembers, and maybe a few of our friends and family. There were thousands of people that came out. I saw families out there with little children with dust pans. That's part of the good that came out of this. I saw where a line was established with the public if they get any advance information to share with our Police Department, share it with our Mayor, our Fire Department. We didn't have that. So, this is definitely a time to go forward. Our country, believe it or not, unfortunately, our country was founded in violence. Every time violence presents itself on a national level, unfortunately, I should say, fortunately, on the other side of it, we're improved.

There are going to be some improvements that are going to come out of this on the national front. The world responded to this. The Pope spoke about this. For anyone that says Charleston's results are less than, I beg to differ. I commend our Mayor, our Police Chief, and our Fire Chief. I would ask the Fire Chief, I did ask the Police Chief, I didn't ask the Fire Chief of our men and women's morale. Remember, they are Charlestonians, too. They don't want to see their City abused. So, we are going to be stronger going forward as a result. Mr. Mayor, I thank you for the time, but I would like to hear from the Fire Chief as to the morale of his men and women. Thank you."

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

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Chief Curia.

Chief Curia said, "Absolutely, Councilmember Waring and the rest of Council. Thanks for the question. Morale in the Fire Department, is good. I think if you look at the long game, it's good, but I think the reality of the situation is that firefighters largely enjoy the goodwill of the community. For a moment in time, on May 30th, the firefighters became part of the focal point of the anger. We're not used to that. We're not used to having bricks thrown at us. We're not used to having our equipment damaged. We're not used to having people tell us they wish we would die. Those things were occurring. I think the overall morale of the Fire Department remains good, positive, and upbeat. I think that the word I would use is 'bewilderment'. Our firefighters are really trying to come to terms with the fact that in certain circumstances, we are not everyone's hero. We will get past that. We will work on that. Like Chief Reynolds and I said before, the mental health of our firefighters is at the forefront of what we're doing right now. We will be okay. I certainly appreciate the question."

Councilmember Waring said, "Thank you, Chief."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Alright, well, thank you everyone for your comments and we may discuss this a little more when we get to the portion of our establishment of the commission. So, I'd like to keep moving along. We do have a matter on number four here, a request to withdraw given this is more related to COVID-19, but given the stance we've taken with businesses, I felt like this motion....what was that again?"

Councilmember Griffin said, "I'll make a motion that we withdraw this."

Councilmember Seekings said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Any discussion?"

No one asked to speak.

On a motion of Councilmember Griffin, seconded by Councilmember Seekings, City Council voted unanimously to withdraw Item I-4.

Amendment to add health and safety standards (previously proposed section 3) to Ordinance No. 2020 - 060 Emergency Ordinance to decrease the risk of exposure to COVID-19 in restaurants and to authorize the use of new or additional space for outdoor dining. (WITHDRAWN).

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you kindly. Next, we'll move to Committee Reports. First up is Committee on Public Works."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Waring.

Councilmember Waring said, "Thank you, Mr. Mayor. We had three Dedications and Acceptances of roadways into our City, and I'll move for approval of all three of them."

Councilmember Griffin said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Second. Any discussion?"

No one asked to speak.

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

a. Acceptances and Dedications:

- (i) **Village at Stiles Point Phase 1** - Acceptance and dedication of Shutes Folly Drive, Foliage Lane, Yellow Tower Terrace, Mackay Trail, and Farm Cottage Lane and appurtenant drainage easements. There are 50 lots.
 - Title to Real Estate
 - Affidavit for taxable or Exempt Transfers
 - Exclusive Stormwater Drainage Easement Agreement
 - Plat (attached as Exhibit A) to Exclusive Storm Water Drainage Easements

- (ii) **Hampton Mill (formerly known as Pine Long Lane Cluster Development)** - Acceptance and dedication of Pine Log Lane, Wilson Creek Lane, French Broad Avenue, Watauga River Road, Exodus Way and appurtenant drainage easements. There are 73 lots. Sidewalks have been bonded.
 - Title to Real Estate with Affidavit for Exempt Transfers
 - Exclusive Stormwater Drainage Easement
 - Plat L20 at Pages 0154-0156

- (iii) **Extension of Parkline Avenue (Daniel Island, Tract L-5)** - Acceptance and dedication of the extension of Parkline Avenue and appurtenant drainage easements.
 - Title to Real Estate with Affidavit for Exempt Transfers
 - Exclusive Stormwater Drainage Easement from Daniel Island Company, Inc
 - Exclusive Stormwater Drainage Easement from Daniel Island Self Storage, LLC
 - Plat recorded as Instrument No. 2020016816 in the ROD Office for Berkeley County, South Carolina

- (iv) Approval to notify SCDOT that the City intends to accept maintenance of 232 LF of concrete sidewalk on Romney Street (S-10-126) and Conroy Street (S-10-219)E along with curbing, handicap ramps 2 crosswalks and 4 street lights in conjunction with the project at 45 Romney Street.

Councilmember Waring said, "You see on your agenda item 4, approval to notify South Carolina Department of Transportation that the City intends to accept the maintenance of concrete sidewalks on Romney and Conroy Streets, I'll move for approval on that, as well."

Councilmember Shealy said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Any discussion?"

No one asked to speak.

On a motion of Councilmember Waring, seconded by Councilmember Shealy, City Council voted unanimously to approve Item K-1a (iv).

- (iv) Approval to notify SCDOT that the City intends to accept maintenance of 232 LF of concrete sidewalk on Romney Street (S-10-126) and Conroy Street (S-10-219)E along with curbing, handicap ramps 2 crosswalks and 4 street lights in conjunction with the project at 45 Romney Street.*

Councilmember Waring said, "Then, we have our update. I always ask Councilmembers to listen up on the Stormwater project updates. We have quite a few of them going on in all districts around the City. Mr. Fountain, are you on the line to update Council?"

Mr. Fountain said, "Yes, Councilmember Waring. Thank you."

Councilmember Waring said, "Thank you."

Mr. Fountain said, "I will try to run through these very briefly, as Councilmember Waring mentioned. We have a number of projects occurring with progress in the last month, starting with the Spring Fishburne Project, Phase Three, which is the deep tunnel work. The tunnels are complete. At this point, we've had our final walk through in the tunnel. The surface lids have been placed on all of the tunnel shafts, and we are basically performing final restoration work on the surface sites over the next couple of weeks. We do plan to reopen the King Street/US 17 ramp in the next two weeks or so. That will really mark a major milestone for this project even though, obviously, we still have two years left of work on the outfall occurring between the West Ashley bridges. That takes us into Phase Four, which is that outfall work. The sheet pile installation is now complete. Those are the large steel sheets that go in to brace the excavation, and we do have excavation work ongoing now in both the wet well and the outfall for where the box culverts will be installed.

Tying into that project, of course, the Ehrhardt tunnel extensions, the medical district extension. We have plans at 60 percent complete. That's another milestone for plan review, for design, and permanent plans. We've completed easement dedication documents, and they are currently being reviewed by our legal department, MUSC's legal department, for the medical district easements. We are in discussion with the Army Corps of Engineers on this project, looking

at some potential additional funding opportunities on the project as well, from money they potentially have available.

The Low Battery project is another major Capital project going on. The exterior wall is almost completely removed at this point. We're all the way down to the Coast Guard Station with the wall removal. The new walls and walkway platform installation is ongoing, with the new walls being installed basically at the end of where the old wall sits at the Coast Guard Station. The platform is being built up along the way behind that. If you have a chance to go by that project, you can really see what the system will look like at this point.

The King/Huger intersection drainage improvement project, that when we've received our DOT encroachment permits, we have our CWS coordination, the base Memorandum of Understanding signed, and we're kind of finalizing any adjustments that might need to be made to that as we lay out our design plans. We have two of our three temporary construction easements and have a plan to move forward with the final temporary construction easement. Plans and specs are just about ready for bidding, and we look to have that potentially on the street for advertisement by the end of the month or the street level collection work. The other component of that project, of course, is the preliminary work on the pump station, which is the second phase of the project. That preliminary design work is also complete, and we'll be moving forward to bring a design and permitting task for the selected approach for the pump station to Council for approval to move forward with that part of the project, as well.

Forest Acres, we have been working on finishing the design of phase 2a and 2b. We've been working on easements at the moment of phase 2b, and we've had a lot of good success with intent to do gratis dedications from some commercial property owners and St. Andrews Parks and Playgrounds in the area. This is going on in coordination with AT&T, who's working with the DOT for their encroachment permit on their relocation on Playground Road. They did actually get an additional update today from DOT on some additional structural engineering requirements, and it looks like they're starting to make progress again on that path, as well.

Central Park Drainage, this is the James Island Drainage Evaluation. The evaluation work is complete, and we're working right now with the County and the consulting firm that did the drainage evaluation to prepare our final document for release to the public on the improvement recommendations. We'll be able to discuss those with Council as well through moving forward with design and permitting of those. The Cooper Jackson Drainage evaluation, this is the area we typically refer to as the Cooper Bridge redevelopment zone, the Eastside drainage work. Our initial data collection in the compilation is nearly complete. We're scheduling the field work now for a survey to lay out the initial stormwater model, which will then basically inform us on our further survey needs and discussions with the community on what we're seeing for improvement needs and flooding needs and get their input from that. That's moving forward and should have some major milestones in the next few months on that project, as well. The Barberrry Woods project on Johns Island, the selection committee met, recommended two firms for interviews, has now finished those interviews, and made a recommendation for hiring WK Dixon and teaming with Habitats for that project. We're in the midst of contract negotiations with those firms for the design scope.

The Windermere Drainage Basin improvement project, that selection committee met yesterday and is working on completing the recommendations for starting contract negotiations with the firm on that project, as well. That brings us to the next RFQ we have pending, request for Qualifications, is the Church Creek Storage projects. Those were the two National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Grant projects. That RFQ is in preparation, and we're looking to advertise it

in the next week or so. The Broad and Lockwood sunny day flooding area, we've finished up our concept review of looking at minimizing that sunny day flooding that floods basically Broad Street as it transitions into Lockwood on the Peninsula. We do have a draft evaluation report submitted, and we are reviewing that right now at a City level to finalize and deliberate to Council some additional information on that project for consideration. Moving into smaller projects, the Arrow Wind at Emerald Forest project, the drain installation is complete. We've seen some significant reduction in road ponding, especially in the major travel way on that project.

Dunoon Drive, this project is substantially complete, as well. We actually got that in before the most recent kind of rain bomb storm. The residents reported they didn't really see any flooding and had significantly improved drainage during that event. So, I think that's going to be another good successful project. We're just finishing up some checklist items on that one. Lord Calvert, the project is also substantially complete. We see some drainage improvements already on that project, as well. We are finishing up with restoration work on the yard and right-of-way still over the next couple of weeks on that one. Williams Court, this was an arch collapse that was impacting drainage in Williams Court. We have completed our initial repair work of an installation of a manhole over the major failure. Of course, that repair on this one did allow us to camera the remainder of the line. We did find some additional failures that need to be prepared in order to make the drainage basically succeed all the way out to King Street. There's some concrete filling and some other issues with the lines. We're going to have a little more work to do on that project, but it looks like we will be able to wrap that up as well over the next couple of weeks. Sherwood Drainage improvements, the fence contractor has scheduled to start fence removals on Thursday, and the tree contractor will come in behind him and begin removing trees next week, pending weather from this week's events. We'll have about two more weeks of tree removal on that project, and then we'll come in with basic ditch digging and some pipe replacements. Then, we'll come back and replace the fencing.

Mueller Drive, which will be our next small project as we wrap up a few of the projects I just mentioned. We're currently evaluating some options with a couple of contractors for proceeding with the drainage improvement work on that project, and we've notified the residents about the upcoming work. Lochmore Terrace, this one, rather than a small project, is consideration for drainage easement abandonment. We've had conversations with all but one of the abutting property owners, and they have generally been supportive of the concept. We do want to continue to reach out to the remaining property owners. Councilman Griffin requested in the Committee that we have some additional input from the legal department on any potential concerns from that approach at the next Public Works and Utilities meeting, so we'll follow up with that. We did have two additional emergency brick arch repairs over the last month or so, which were both on St. Philip Street, one at Liberty, and one at George. They are in pretty close proximity to each other, probably related to each other in the failure. Both of those repairs are substantially complete. Just as a note of interest, we have been doing quite a bit of work trying to clean out systems and restore some of the flooding in the Colonial Lake/Ashley/Bull Streets a couple of other streets, Gadsden area, that flood heavily during the recent rain bombs after we thought we'd had some improvements to the system. We did find one of the challenges was actually on one of the main outfalls on Bull Street. We did find an entire log that had been wedged into the outfall pipe by one of the DOT roads. We were able to remove that, and we should actually see some really substantial drainage improvements at low tide following that. That was an interesting issue to locate along the lines of drainage obstructions, but this time in a good way. We are also coordinating with the Town of James Island to assist them in checking check valves on South Anderson on James Island, just north of Camp Road, where they're having some real issues with tidal back flow filling up available storage in the overland system in that area. That's also a mixed town and City jurisdiction. The Town's taken most of the financial burden for the project, and the

City is providing most of the coordination and expertise for installation and working with our contractors on project management. That's another good collaborative project there. Then, Councilmember Waring, if you want me to just jump straight into the Floodplain projects as well since that was a really relatively short update, I can do that."

Councilmember Waring said, "Yes, Mr. Fountain."

Mr. Fountain said, "The main thing we wanted to get across on that one was that we are continuing our work on the CRS cycle visit, the goal of reaching class five this year for our flood protection level any rating system with FEMA. In FEMA, we did want to update Council as well, that FEMA had somewhat unexpectedly succeeded in promulgating a prerequisite for reaching what they call class eight. So, I am going to get into a lot of technical terms very quickly. But basically, if you have no insurance discount, you have done nothing to help with flooding in your community. FEMA calls you a class ten community. You can get a five percent discount by, again, enacting certain measures to protect your community from flooding and get to class nine. FEMA has now said that to go any better than a class nine you are actually required, you have a prerequisite, to have at least one foot of Freeboard on new construction, and substantial improvement, substantially damaged properties. The City of Charleston currently sits in class six, and we, of course, do have that one foot of Freeboard as a minimum. We actually have two feet on new construction. So, we are in accordance with that, but that was an interesting change this year. I think FEMA is really trying to reach out and say that there is a real need for that kind of margin of error, accommodation of future sea level rise of factor safety and their flood map. So, I think it's good to that the City is already in compliance with that and is obviously doing the right thing."

Councilmember Waring said, "Okay. Mr. Mayor, we had two other things in Council, just information only. We are going to add the item about tree cutting and Dominion on the next Public Works agenda for discussion from some who wrote articles in the paper most recently. Then, we have a small update on Belle Terre, and the gate there, the closed gate there, but the Mayor and Councilwoman Jackson have a follow-up meeting that sounds like it may be good fruit. So, with that, that is the extent of my report, Mr. Mayor."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you. Any questions?"

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Gregorie.

Councilmember Gregorie said, "Just a quick question for Mr. Fountain. Any assistance yet for Laurel Park? You know, Zeek and the ditch problem over there?"

Mr. Fountain said, "Yes, so that one is the Central Park Drainage Basin study. That one, we should have the report ready to discuss with the community probably by the end of the month. That will include recommended improvements that will benefit the Laurel Park community, as well."

Councilmember Gregorie said, "Okay, thank you."

Mr. Fountain said, "Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "And thank you, Mr. Fountain, for that report. As you all can tell by the length of it and the number of projects mentioned, really remarkable efforts are underway

by our Stormwater Department, their Engineers, their leadership, Matt, who's doing an amazing job. Thank you. So, next is our Committee on Ways and Means."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Gregorie.

Councilmember Griffin said, "Move for approval."

Councilmember Mitchell said, "Second. "

Councilmember Gregorie said, "No, no, not yet. I have to first acknowledge the recusals for Councilwoman Jackson, number one. Number two, the update on the purchase is not included in this vote until we have some further discussion on it."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Right."

Councilmember Gregorie said, "So, with the exclusion of the update, I move for approval."

Councilmember Shealy said, "Second."

Councilmember Shahid said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We will have the update in just a moment since that is not a part of what's being approved right now. Now, is there any discussion on what's been approved?"

No one asked to speak.

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

(Bids and Purchases

(Office of Cultural Affairs: Approval to accept an Emergency Relief Grant of \$3,126 from the SC Arts Commission, funded by the CARES Act, to offset lost revenues during the months March through June 2020. This is an after-the-fact approval as notification was received after the agenda meeting for May 26, and acceptance is due June 2, 2020. No City match required.

(Budget Finance and Revenue Collections: Approval for the submission of a grant application to the EDA in the amount of \$850,000 to set up a Revolving Loan fund to be administered by Charleston LDC. These funds will be loaned to Small Businesses. This application is due June 11, 2020. No City match required.

(Approval of Valet Parking Services Agreement with owner of Lodge Alley Inn for inclusion in City's automated valet parking system at Cumberland/Concord Parking Garage – for term of 5 years with automatic annual renewals subject to City's 90-day notice not to renew. (1 Cumberland Street; TMS: 458-09-02-068)

(Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding whereby the term of the City's leased space located in the MUSC Children's Hospital for police forensics is extended to May 31, 2021. (171 Ashley Avenue: TMS: 460-15-01-043). The property is owned by The Medical University Hospital Authority (MUHA).

(Approval to authorize the Mayor to execute, on behalf of the City, the Development Agreement for the development of 2321 Birdie Garrett Street by the Charleston Redevelopment Corporation (CRC). The CRC will contract 1 single family house for sale to an individual or family earning up to 80% of the

Area Median Income and will be subject to the Land Trust affordability covenants of 99 years. The Transfer Agreement conveying the property to the organization was approved by Council, November 12, 2019. (2321 Birdie Garrett Street; TMS: 464-01-00-109)**(Councilwoman Jackson recused herself and did not vote on this item.)**

(Approval to modify the Original Transfer Agreement with the Charleston Redevelopment Corporation re: 2321 Birdie Garrett Street to, among other things, (i) allow the City to waive redevelopment contingencies if the City so wishes, and (ii) allow the Developer to transfer and convey the Project to a land trust entity which is (or will be) organized under the laws of the State of South Carolina as a nonprofit corporation, and which entity shall be solely owned and controlled by Developer. The Original Transfer Agreement conveying the property to the organization was approved by Council on November 12, 2019. (2321 Birdie Garrett Street; TMS: 464-01-00-109)**(Councilwoman Jackson recused herself and did not vote on this item.)**

(Consider the following annexations:

- 16 Riverland Drive (TMS# 343-10-00-002) 0.26 acre, James Island (District 11). The property is owned by W. Coleman and Christina M. Lawrimore.
- 450 Riverland Drive (TMS# 343-10-00-019) 0.5 acre, James Island (District 11). The property is owned by Whitney and Alexander Pasquini.
- 334 Folly Road (TMS# 424-05-00-030) 0.40 acre, James Island (District 11). The property is owned by John Clair and Ellen S. Clair.

First reading was given to the following bills:

An ordinance to provide for the annexation of property known as 416 Riverland Drive (0.26 acre) (TMS# 343-10-00-002), 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 W. Coleman and Christina M. Lawrimore.

An ordinance to provide for the annexation of property known as 450 Riverland Drive (0.5 acre) (TMS# 343-10-00-019), 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 Whitney and Alexander Pasquini.

An ordinance to provide for the annexation of property known as 334 Folly Road (0.40 acre) (TMS# 424-05-00-030), 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 John Clair and Ellen S Clair.

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Waring.

Councilmember Waring said, "Thank you, Mr. Mayor. As far as that update, the discussion I had with the Mayor, Mrs. Shaw Johnson, and Chairman Shahid proved very positive. Some of the financial concerns that I had, there was some additional information by way of appraisals and certainly additional properties coming into the City that offset greatly some of the financial concerns that I had. So, I'm with the movement, and I'm ready to support this one right here. It was good information I didn't have that I now have that I don't have any trouble moving forward on this Affordable Housing development."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Again, we actually don't need Council approval. We had approved this purchase at a prior meeting. This was just an update. I appreciate the concerns raised. I had some of those same concerns myself just a couple of weeks ago. We were able to negotiate a better price to offset those concerns. In addition, as you all know, we are receiving at no charge, the real estate for the footprint of the northern pitchfork. Frankly, the purchase price is substantially below the appraised price of the property. So, all together as a package, it really is a good deal for the City, and it's a little different from what we normally do. We are going to move forward in a good fashion and be proud of being able to provide some homeownership at affordable prices in that part of the City in the future. Councilmember Shahid, did you have anything else to add?"

Councilmember Shahid said, "No, I just wanted to echo Councilmember Waring's comments and thank him for doing his own investigation on that issue. Affordable Housing, I know, is dear to all of us on Council, and so we are just being extremely prudent on how we spend that money. Thank you for bringing that up, Councilman Waring. I'm glad we're moving forward with this project. Thank you, Mr. Mayor, for your work on doing your homework on this, as well. So, thank you all very much."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "So no next up is bills for second reading. We have items 1, 2, and 3."

The Clerk said, "Correct."

Councilmember Griffin said, "Move for approval of those three items."

Councilmember Shealy said, "Second."

The Clerk said, "Who was the second?"

Councilmember Shealy said, "Kevin."

The Clerk said, "Okay, thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Is there any discussion?"

No one asked to speak.

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

2020-075 - 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.

2020-076 - 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.

2020-077 - 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 said, "Next, we have two items up for first reading."

Councilmember Griffin said, "Move for approval of both of those items."

The Clerk said, "Mayor, before we do that, we also have a couple of items that need to be withdrawn at the request of the applicant. Numbers 14 and 15."

Councilmember Griffin said, "I move that we withdraw 14 and 15."

Councilmember Mitchell said, "Second."

The Clerk said, "Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Withdraw 14 and 15 under second readings. Is there any discussion?"

No one asked to speak.

On a motion of Councilmember Griffin, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, City Council voted unanimously to withdraw items L-14 and L-15.

An ordinance to provide for the annexation of property known as 1389 River Road (10.94 acres) (TMS# 311-00-00-025), Johns Island, Charleston County, to the City of Charleston, shown within the area annexed upon a map attached hereto and make it part of District 5. The property is owned by Knapp A Partnership. (WITHDRAWN).

An ordinance to provide for the annexation of property known as 1381 River Road (1.28 acres) (TMS# 311-00-00-097), Johns Island, Charleston County, to the City of Charleston, shown within the area annexed upon a map attached hereto and make it part of District 5. The property is owned by Knapp A Partnership (WITHDRAWN).

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Let me respectfully ask that we take the two bills one at a time because we might have a little discussion on number one."

Councilmember Seekings said, "Can we just take up number two first, Mr. Mayor and get through that?"

Councilmember Brady said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "That will be fine. We have a motion to approve. I'll take that as a motion."

The Clerk said, "Councilmember Brady."

Councilmember Brady said, "Yes, second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "This was just to do a rezoning on Nats Court, also known as Grants Court."

On a motion of Councilmember Seekings, seconded by Councilmember Brady, 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 changing the Zone Map, which is a part thereof, so that the real property designated as Nats Court, also known as Grants Court (Peninsula) (District 3), be zoned to DR-2F (Diverse Residential) classification.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Next or first, number one, we have an ordinance to establish a special, we're calling it a Commission rather than a committee on Equity, Inclusion, and Racial Conciliation. So, I'll entertain a motion."

Councilmember Mitchell said, "So moved."

Councilmember Brady said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "So, thank you Councilmembers, and I think you all have probably all read and seen the motion to form this Special Commission. Its purpose is to review City policies, practices, budget, and other matters that it determines to be appropriate to address racism and racial inequities and to make recommendations back to Council on ways to promote racial justice and racial equity in the City. It includes a number of specific areas, duties, and responsibilities that this Commission would pursue with staff, Amber Johnson, who is our Officer hired for this purpose, and also John Mitchell, in my office, in the Mayor's office. They would look to improve decision making that supports racial equity, access the City's current organization infrastructure, and recommend changes, recommend a method for measuring success and goals to be developed, review the goals of the apology that we passed two years ago, look at the Racial Bias Audit that was done by the Police Department, review and access City procurement and recruitment policies and recommend changes, review, and address historical markers, memorials, monuments, work with community partners such as Civil Rights organizations like the NAACP, business organizations like One Region Charleston, the local Chambers of Commerce Charleston, Regional Development Alliance, and Lowcountry Local First, and provide an action plan to City Council within 90 days. So, their work would really be cut out for them over the next 90 days. It does allow the appointment of subcommittees to focus on specific areas such as criminal justice, small business economic development. I indicated to you all prior that I would appoint Councilmembers Gregorie and Sakran to serve as co-chairs, and I would like to announce that I've asked, and they've agreed to serve, the other Councilmembers, Councilmembers Waring, Jackson, and Griffin. So, I will just open the floor if anyone would like to ask any questions or have any discussion."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Waring.

Councilmember Waring said, "Mr. Mayor, thank you for your confidence in me, but I would ask that we would also put Councilwoman Delcioppo on the Committee. We need a little more diversity, in particular gender diversity, I would think, on the Committee, if you would allow?"

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Well, we have a list of five City Councilmembers. If it's the pleasure of Council, and if Councilwoman Delcioppo's willing, we can amend it to include six (6) members. I would also mention that with those subcommittees, there is an opportunity for everyone to play a role in this, and I would expect every Councilmember to serve on at least one of the subcommittees, if not on the Commission itself."

Councilmember Waring said, "I would just think of the optics of that. When the picture is shown, you're going to have five men and one lady. Half of the talent in this country are certainly female. So, just a thought, Mr. Mayor. I think we need to move in that direction."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "I'm willing, but I'm putting someone on the spot here."

Councilmember Waring said, "Let's do this. Let's ask. I didn't ask Ms. Delcioppo. So, I guess we're in the sense of transparency. Mr. Mayor, if you recognize Ms. Delcioppo."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "I'm waiting to see if she wants to raise her hand."

Councilmember Gregorie said, "On the spot."

Councilwoman Delcioppo said, "I don't want to speak out of turn. Honestly, I'm extremely moved and very appreciative. I would be absolutely honored."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Okay. Terrific. I would respectfully ask Council to amend this ordinance to state there will be six City Councilmembers to serve on this Commission."

Councilwoman Jackson said, "I move to make the amendment."

Councilmember Gregorie said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We've got a second, so we will include that along with the passage of the ordinance. Any other questions, discussions, suggestions?"

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Appel.

Councilmember Appel said, "We can't go a meeting without me talking at least once."

Councilmember Shahid said, "We were almost there."

Councilmember Appel said, "We came so close. First, I just want to say I think this is a wonderful move by the City as we began to pivot out of the protest phase into the actual action and implementation phase. I'm fully anticipating a sweep of both symbolic and policy oriented reform. I would just make a recommendation, and this is probably covered under the language of the ordinance as written, to include a hard look at our zoning land use and architectural esthetic regulations because I can tell you, as someone who has practiced for about a decade in this area

and really got into the theory and history of zoning, zoning has its origins in overt racism. I'm not saying that the City of Charleston is racist, or our zoning ordinance is racist, but when people talk about institutional and structural racial disparities and things of that nature, I think that our zoning and land use policies deserve a very hard critical look. It has a direct connotation and connection with issues such as Affordable Housing, things of that nature. The United States Supreme Court decision that first adopted zoning and recognized zoning as a legal exercise of police power, referred to apartment dwellers as parasites. That's written in the Supreme Court Order decision. So, this was out of Ohio. It was an attempt to separate single families from multifamily use. That's where zoning comes from. I really encourage us to spend some time, energy, and effort looking into these issues here in the City. I would even volunteer to be on a subcommittee to do that very thing. Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Gregorie.

Councilmember Gregorie said, "The co-chairs had an extensive discussion today, and we didn't have the entire Committee, but we were sort of thinking about who fits where. Of course, there will be a committee dealing with Planning and Zoning, and one of the names that just came up for that committee was Councilman Appel. Of course, this is something that Councilman Waring has been talking about since he got on Council. So, that's not something that we are going to ignore, Councilman Appel. We've already had extensive discussion with regard to your role in that regard."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Great."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Sakran.

Councilmember Sakran said, "Thank you, Mayor. I just want to echo, not going to go long. As I look across at the Councilmembers, I've had the opportunity to really chat with everyone since I've started. Each of us really brings a unique perspective and really professionalism. So, when I look across, and I'm not speaking for Councilmember Gregorie, but I will speak for Councilmember Gregorie because we've already agreed, it's going to be a team effort. Each of us is going to have to provide that input, professionalism, and expertise that we all have. I just want to say that all of us will have to roll up our sleeves and get to work. That's it."

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

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Shahid.

Councilmember Shahid said, "As you all are deciding on subcommittees, and one of the items specifically mentioned in this ordinance is to review the Racial Bias Audit, you've got Councilman Sakran who is a member of the Public Safety Committee, but Councilmember Sakran and Gregorie, I was thinking I would sort of fit on there on a subcommittee part if that's going to be created as a subcommittee. I would like to work with you guys on that."

Councilmember Gregorie said, "If I could respond, Mr. Mayor."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Yes, sir."

Councilmember Gregorie said, "Also, looking at our current standing committees and where some of these issues may or may not fit, and of course, when we talk about criminal justice, there is a direct correlation to our Public Safety standing committee. So, there are things, and

again, this is just the two chairmen speaking. We have not really had the kind of dialogue yet, at least with all of the Councilmembers that are a part of the Committee. So, Chairman Sakran and I just didn't want to be premature with anything that we put out here in the atmosphere until we had the kind of discussions with the members as well as identifying the non-Councilmembers of the Commission, as well as identifying the specific subcommittees that would be appropriate for the Commission."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilwoman Jackson.

Councilwoman Jackson said, "Can you speak to how the other Commission members are going to be found and nominated."

Councilmember Gregorie said, "I think that's where the six of us now, along with the Mayor, of course, will come in and discuss who those people will be and who will bring the best to the table to make a change. We just don't want figure heads. We want people who have the ability to say that this is a low hanging fruit. This is something that we can do before the 90 days are up and have the authority and power to do that based upon the instructions that we've gotten from the Mayor for this Commission. So, we are going to be looking at the low-lying fruit. So who we put on those committees are going to have to be able to have the ability to make some of those things happen quickly without going through the entire 90 day period."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Okay, I'm getting a note here from our Legal Counsel that since we've increased the number of Commission members by one, she also recommends that we increase the number required by to get a quorum from six to seven. That's in section 5d. So, we have an amendment already in place to increase the membership to six Councilmembers, so a total of twelve. For a quorum, can I entertain a motion for a quorum requirement of seven members?"

Councilmember Mitchell said, "I move for approval for that."

Councilwoman Jackson said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Two amendments now to the ordinance."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Griffin.

Councilmember Griffin said, "Yes, sir. I just wanted to take a minute to say how appreciative and honored I am to serve on this Commission, and I will serve completely at the pleasure of our Chairmen, of you, and the Committee. I am ready and willing to roll up my sleeves and do whatever we need to do to make this a better City to live in. So, I am here for everybody, and I am very, very excited and honored to be a part of this."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Great. So, any other questions, amendments? So, to approve the ordinance as amended."

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

An ordinance establishing Special Committee on Equity, Inclusion and Racial Conciliation (AS AMENDED).

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "I would like to add when we all clear the sadness of what happened here in Charleston on May 30th, on Saturday, a week ago, and many lessons to be learned in the conduct of that night. I want to reiterate my thanks and appreciation for all of our first responders, fire, police, and other City employees who rose to the occasion during that weekend. Thank you. This whole national movement generated from a terrible murder, 'deplorable' as Chief Reynolds said, in Minneapolis. Today, Mr. George Floyd was finally laid to rest in Houston, Texas. I noted the quote from Governor Abbott, who's the Republican Governor of Texas in the paper this morning, that he said he felt that the arc of our nation would be moved by what happened with Mr. Floyd's death. It reminded me of another quote from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., where he says that the arc of the universe tends towards justice. The Governor's comment that this terrible death would lead to the arc of our country changing in a good way, it supports a bending of that arc of the universe, even as Dr. King highlighted. So, today on Mr. George Floyd's burial, Mayor Sylvester Turner asked Mayors from around the country to show honor to him. Tonight from 9:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. City Hall will be lit in the colors of crimson and gold, as requested by the Mayor of Houston. Those are the school colors of the high school where George was an upstanding football player. If you are out and about this evening, tonight, you might come by, take a look, and see City Hall lit up in crimson and gold. So, thank you all for your incredible willingness to accept this challenge that we have before us to make some meaningful change in our City and our Country, needed change. At the same time, we fully recognize in our City that what happened a week ago Saturday, with lessons learned, cannot be tolerated again. We cannot allow violence and civil unrest to rule the order of the day, but instead bend that arc to social and racial justice in our City altogether. Thanks again. Our next regular meeting will be in two weeks on June 23rd. Is there anything else to come before Council this evening?"

Councilmember Gregorie said, "Except for those who have been designated for the Commission, please prepare for a Zoom message for our first meeting."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Great. We stand adjourned. Thank you all. Have a great evening."

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Vanessa Turner Maybank

Clerk of Council