

The City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina convened for an Action Review on Monday, March 9, 2026, at 5:08 p.m. in Room 267 of the Charlotte Mecklenburg Government Center with Mayor Vi Lyles presiding. Council members present were Danté Anderson, J.D. Mazuera Arias, Ed Driggs, Malcolm Graham, Renee Johnson, Lawana Mayfield, Joi Mayo, James Mitchell, and Kimberly Owens.

ABSENT: Councilmember Victoria Watlington

ABSENT UNTIL NOTED: Councilmember Dimple Ajmera

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Mayor Lyles said thank you everyone. I appreciate the little bit of time that you come and spend with us. Really, really understand that's really good. So, I want to call our call to order. We'll start with our introductions.

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ACTION REVIEW

ITEM NO. 1: MAYOR AND COUNCIL CONSENT ITEM QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Marie Harris, Budget Director said good evening, Mayor and Council. I've gotten a chance to speak with many of you, and also please do note that Item No. 53 from your Consent Agenda has been pulled from the agenda as it's a condemnation that's been settled. So, that's coming off your agenda. Any other questions, I'd be happy to have them now please.

Councilmember Mayfield said I'm going to be asking Marie to review a couple of items for me. One of them is going to be Item No. 30, Item No. 43, and Item No. 45. Those I would like for comment and/or separate vote.

Mayor Lyles said alright. Do we start with Item No. 30 Ms. Mayfield?

Ms. Mayfield said yes ma'am, thank you.

Mayor Lyles said alright, thank you.

Ms. Mayfield said the question that I had asked for Marie was the breakdown for Item No. 30, Community Health Worker Services. I wanted a breakdown of the \$657,259 for five employees and basically why is the City paying for these employees through Atrium. So, I wanted to get a better understanding of that.

Ms. Harris said thank you Madam Mayfield. The money is a current agreement we have and it's adding one more worker. It's not just for salaries, it's also for training and other services they do to upfit the people to do the services. This is part of the wraparound services we're targeting in the Corridors of Opportunity to help people.

Ms. Mayfield said so, for Council consideration as we move forward, we have a number of partners and we have a number of financial partners that also provide services. Again, when I'm thinking of what does a partnership look like for a community health worker, basically we're paying for these staff and all of their benefits and services.

Councilmember Ajmera arrived at 5:12 p.m.

As one of our largest healthcare providers in the area, it seems like this would be something that would have a greater financial commitment on their end versus our end, when we think of the but/for of any other project or contract that comes before us. So, I do have concerns as far as what does this real partnership look like with Atrium Health. What we're talking about in this is the partnership supports household stability, addresses social determinants of health and promotes economic mobility through

collaborative partnerships with Life Project, OurBridge, West Boulevard Neighborhood Coalition, United Way of Central Carolinas and Atrium. Then we go into the fact that these are Atrium Health workers. We have a number of partners out in the community that I want to make sure when the time comes, and if we need to look at additional financial support, that we have a very equitable conversation, when one of our largest hospitals in the nation we're looking at to cover the full cost for five additional staff, at a cost of almost \$700,000 of our tax dollars. So, I do have a concern about this and how this potential partnership moves forward, but I did want to acknowledge that, but I will support my colleague's decision on it. At this point Mayor, we're just commenting on the items, we're not actually moving, because I'm not going to move to vote for it, but I want to make sure you're giving me the ability to ask all the questions at one time. Thank you, Madam Mayor. So, thank you Marie, that was my question for 30. Are you ready for the next one?

Ms. Harris said yes ma'am, thank you. For 43? Yes ma'am.

Ms. Mayfield said so the next one for me was 43 and that's the Airport Federal Inspection Station Facility and Concourse D Renovations. This is a request tonight to approve contract amendment number seven of a \$1,150,192. The question that I ask is if we have an idea, what is the total for this package as we're on amendment number seven? Trying to get an understanding of when we're submitting the potential bid request, are we identifying the full scope of the project? We know we're going to need design phase, we know there are several phases that we need. Are we presenting the full scope of the project in order to identify potential bids that we know have the ability to do the full scope? Because amendment number one was \$438,570, amendment number two was \$496,136, amendment number three was \$137,005. That was for rescoping the package. Amendment number four was over a million dollars for CA (Construction Administration) services for package number two. Amendment number five was \$246,260 for design. Amendment number six was \$66,000, that was needed for additional CA services for mechanical, electrical, and plumbing, and now we're amendment number seven that's over a million dollars. So, I'm wondering when we're sending out these proposals are we giving the full scope of what we anticipate to be needed because right now, we're looking at \$7,880,441 for this one project based on these seven amendments with the anticipation that additional amendments will be coming forward. Ms. Harris was able to get some information.

Ms. Harris said yes ma'am, thank you. To your first question, it's estimated to be around, when all the amendments and design work is completed, around \$12 million and this is part of a phased project. To your point, yes, they give the overview of the entire project upfront, but then it's let in phases and this is for multiple reasons because some things aren't found out until you do one phase. Also, you're not locked in if you don't proceed. You have a lot of stop points because it's contract by contract.

Ms. Mayfield said for clarification Ms. Harris, that also means that since it's in the phases, if the particular company identified was not able to complete the part of the project that's been identified for the next phase, that's saying that we may have an opportunity to renegotiate?

Ms. Harris said correct. You're not locked in, it's phase by phase.

Ms. Mayfield said so, again, we're on amendment number seven on this. Manager Jones, I think it would be helpful for this and future Councils to have a better idea of the full scope, because as these amendments have come through, we've gone through a number of different Council members during that time. When you look at the totality of this, it is a bit concerning to me from when we initially approve a contract and what we have in that language is part B of authorizing the City Manager to amend a contract consistent with the purpose for which the contract and this amendment were approved. It would be great if some of these amendments actually included a decrease versus an increase for additional work. I do have a concern with this one. I will not be voting in support of this amendment, but I do think we have an opportunity moving forward to have a lot more clarity on what is the totality, and/or if the other bids that were not

chosen that may have come in a little higher actually encompassed more of the scope. Are we looking at lowest and best, or are, which I have shared before and I've shared with our attorney, are we looking at most responsive and responsible? Because there is a difference in the language. The last one Ms. Harris?

Ms. Harris said yes, thank you. You said 45?

Ms. Mayfield said yes.

Ms. Harris said 45, yes ma'am.

Ms. Mayfield said so, this one is the investment of our custodial and trustee services. Full Council has all the questions I sent. I wanted to get an idea of which of the banks submitted the bids, not just say that this bank is the most responsible, but I also think we have an opportunity, if we are looking at banking partners, to see what type of partners are they in our community, our local community. We have a number of needs. We have quite a few banks here. Some banks have shown up to help with addressing the needs in the community. Some, to be perfectly honest, have not. I thought it would be helpful for colleagues to also have this information that we had a total of four responses. We had US Bank, Bank Ozark, Truist, and UMB Bank that did submit a proposal to this, but I would like to say that at least one of those is already a strong partner in our community, but I was happy to learn that US Bank has also been a very strong partner in our community. Marie, you have some [INAUDIBLE] some detail?

Ms. Harris said thank you, yes. They consider Charlotte one of their hub areas and they currently employ 1,410 Charlotte employees and they've also contributed in partnership with us and made a commitment towards our rail-trail bridge.

Ms. Mayfield said so, I do appreciate that. I just think we have an opportunity when we're looking at financial institutions or other institutions that will hold government dollars, that we identify partners that are also giving back to the community versus just be a proposal that comes through from anyone. It's an open bid process, but I would like to think that we do give some consideration to those who are showing up and supporting in our community. Thank you, Madam Mayor. Thank you, Ms. Harris.

Ms. Harris said thank you.

Councilmember Johnson said I just wanted to lift up agenda Item No. 31 and Ms. Harris, I'm sorry I didn't reach out to you in advance. I just wanted to go on record that this is an improvement project in District Four, improving the mobility and connectivity near the McCullough Drive light rail station. It looks like we're exceeding our MBE (Minority Business Enterprise) goal.

Ms. Harris said yes ma'am.

Ms. Johnson said so, I'm looking forward to supporting this project. Thank you.

Mayor Lyles said thank you. Any other comments?

Ms. Mayfield said so since it is only one, because I know we like to do a motion for the full number, the one item that I would like to pull for a separate vote is Item No. 43.

ITEM NO. 2: CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 30 THROUGH 54 MAY BE CONSIDERED IN ONE MOTION EXCEPT FOR THOSE ITEMS REMOVED BY A COUNCIL MEMBER. ITEMS ARE REMOVED BY NOTIFYING THE CITY CLERK.

Motion was made by Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Ajmera, and carried unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda as presented with the exception of Item No. 43, which was pulled for a separate vote, and Item No. 53, which was settled.

The following items were approved:

Item No. 30: Community Health Worker Services

(A) Approve a contract in an amount up to \$657,259 with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Hospital Authority dba Atrium Health to provide Community Health Worker services for a term of one year, and (B) Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to negotiate, amend, extend, and renew the contract for up to one, one-year term, consistent with the purpose for which the contract was approved.

Item No. 31: McCullough Drive Extension

Approve a contract in the amount of \$7,068,212.53 to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder Mountaineer Contractors, Inc. for the McCullough Drive Extension project.

Summary of Bids

Mountaineer Contractors, Inc.	\$7,068,212.53
Eagle Wood, Inc.	\$7,898,957.77
Sealand Contractors	\$7,920,000.00
Blythe Construction, Inc.	\$8,311,464.85
Zoladz Construction Co., Inc.	\$8,385,280.64
Blythe Development	\$8,729,394.82
NJR Group, Inc.	\$9,519,966.10
United of Carolinas, Inc.	\$9,591,881.20

Item No. 32: Monroe Road Streetscape

Approve a contract in the amount of \$6,077,941.32 to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder Efficient Developments, LLC for the Monroe Road Streetscape project.

Summary of Bids

Efficient Developments, LLC	\$6,077,941.32
Sealand Contractors Corp.	\$7,130,000.00
United of Carolinas, Inc.	\$7,224,148.80
Blythe Development	\$7,457,563.80

Item No. 33: Specialty Truck Body Repair and Maintenance Services

(A) Approve contracts for specialty truck body repair and maintenance services for a term of three years with the following: BSI Operations LLC dba Baucom Service Inc., Jet-Vac Equipment Company, LLC, Joe Johnson Equipment LLC, and (B) Authorize the City Manager to renew the contracts for up to one, two-year term with possible price adjustments and to amend the contracts consistent with the purpose for which the contracts were approved.

Item No. 34: Structural Engineering and Parking Deck Inspection Services

(A) Approve service contracts for structural engineering and parking deck inspection services for a term of three years with the following: Carolina Transportation Engineers & Associates (SBE), LaBella Associates, NV5, SKA Consulting Engineers, Inc., and (B) Authorize the City Manager to renew the contracts for one, two-year term with possible price adjustments and to amend the contracts consistent with the purpose for which the contracts were approved.

Item No. 35: Vehicle Telematics Services

(A) Approve the purchase of vehicle telematics services from a cooperative contract, (B) Approve a contract with Blue Arrow Technologies for the purchase of vehicle telematics services for a term of three years under Sourcewell #102924-GEO, and (C) Authorize

the City Manager to extend the contract for additional terms as long as the cooperative contract is in effect, at prices and terms that are the same or more favorable than those offered under the cooperative contact.

Item No. 36: Franklin Water Treatment Plant Clearwell Improvements Contract Amendments

(A) Approve contract amendment #2 for \$3,209,308.41 to the contract with Sanders Utility Construction Co., Inc. for the Franklin Water Treatment Plant Clearwell Improvements Project, and (B) Approve contract amendment #1 for \$588,670 to the contract with Hazen and Sawyer for engineering services.

Item No. 37: Storm Drainage Improvement Project – 2831 Flintridge Drive

(A) Approve a contract in the amount of \$2,079,248.70 to the lowest responsive bidder United of Carolinas, Inc. for the 2831 Flintridge Drive Storm Drainage Improvement Project, and (B) Authorize the City Manager to amend the contract consistent with the purpose for which the contract was approved.

Summary of Bids

United of Carolinas, Inc.	\$2,079,248.70
OnSite Development, LLC	\$2,112,465.30
Mountaineer Contractors, Inc.	\$2,283,480.38
Zoladz Construction Co., Inc.	\$2,298,274.00
Sealand Contractors Corp.	\$2,345,000.00
Eagle Wood, Inc.	\$2,902,987.45
Sanders Utility Construction Co., Inc.	\$3,519,311.40
GS Construction Services, Inc.	\$3,563,070.50

Item No. 38: Storm Water Repair and Improvement Projects

(A) Approve a contract in the amount of \$759,301.96 to the lowest responsive bidder Hux Contracting LLC (SBE) for the Storm Water Repair and Improvement FY2026-F Projects, and (B) Authorize the City Manager to amend the contract consistent with the purpose for which the contract was approved.

Summary of Bids

Hux Contracting LLC	\$ 759,301.96
JM Custom Construction, LLC	\$ 828,782.52
OnSite Development, LLC	\$ 861,088.00
United of Carolinas, Inc.	\$1,086,593.00
GS Construction Services, Inc.	\$1,861,600.00

Item No. 39: CATS On-Call Rail Maintenance of Way Services

(A) Approve a contract amendment for \$2,250,000 to the contract with RJ Corman Railroad Services LLC for on-call maintenance of way rail services, and (B) Authorize the City Manager to further amend the contract consistent with the purpose for which the contract and this amendment were approved.

Item No. 40: CATS Parking Deck Repair Services

(A) Reject the low bid submitted by Freyssinet, Inc. for CATS parking deck repair services, and (B) Approve a contract in the amount of \$889,700 to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder Strickland Waterproofing Company, Inc. for CATS parking deck repair services.

Summary of Bids

Freyssinet, Inc.*	\$ 589,348.50
Strickland Waterproofing Company, Inc.	\$ 889,700.00
Suncoast Restoration & Waterproofing	\$ 999,756.95
Stone Restoration of America	\$1,110,562.75

*Found to be non-responsive due to a bid bond not accompanying submission.

Item No. 41: Airport American Express Sidecar Lounge Lease

(A) Approve a lease with American Express Travel Related Services Company, Inc. at the Airport for a term of five years, and (B) Authorize the City Manager to renew the lease for one, five-year term consistent with the purpose for which the lease was approved.

Item No. 42: Airport Facility Lease Amendment – 5800 Tunnel Road

(A) Approve a lease amendment with American Airlines, Inc. for additional office and warehouse space, and (B) Authorize the City Manager to amend and extend the lease for up to two, one-year terms consistent with the purpose for which the lease was approved.

Item No. 44: Financial Auditing Services

(A) Authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute a contract with Cherry Bekaert, LLP for financial auditing services for a term of three years, and (B) Authorize the City Manager to renew the contract for up to one, two-year term with possible price adjustments and to amend the contract consistent with the purpose for which the contract was approved.

Item No. 45: Investment Custodian and Trustee Services

(A) Approve a contract with U.S Bank for investment custodian and trustee services for a term of three years, and (B) Authorize the City Manager to renew the contract for up to one, additional two-year term with possible price adjustments and to amend the contract consistent with the purpose for which the contract was approved.

Item No. 46: Set a Public Hearing on the Faires Farm Silos Historic Landmark Designation

Adopt a resolution setting a public hearing for April 27, 2026, to consider historic landmark designation for the property known as the “Faires Farm Silos” (parcel identification number 051-293-17).

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 56, at Page(s) 272-273.

Item No. 47: Resolution of Intent to Abandon a Portion of Alleyway off Wadsworth Place

(A) Adopt a Resolution of Intent to abandon a portion of alleyway off Wadsworth Place, and (B) Set a public hearing for April 27, 2026.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 56, at Page(s) 274.

Item No. 48: Resolution of Intent to Abandon a Portion of Opened Right-of-Way Adjacent to Raleigh Street

(A) Adopt a Resolution of Intent to abandon a portion of opened right-of-way adjacent to Raleigh Street, and (B) Set a public hearing for April 27, 2026.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 56, at Page(s) 275.

Item No. 49: Resolution of Intent to Abandon a Portion of Right-of-Way off Hoyt Hinson Road

(A) Adopt a Resolution of Intent to abandon a portion of right-of-way off Hoyt Hinson Road, and (B) Set a public hearing for April 27, 2026.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 56, at Page(s) 276.

Item No. 50: Resolution of Intent to Abandon a Portion of Right-of-Way off Wake Drive

(A) Adopt a Resolution of Intent to abandon a portion of right-of-way off Wake Drive, and (B) Set a public hearing for April 27, 2026.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 56, at Page(s) 277.

PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS

Item No. 51: Property Transactions – Arrowood Road and Forest Point Boulevard, Parcel # 1

Resolution of Condemnation of 321 sq. ft. (0.007 ac.) in sidewalk utility easement and 305 sq. ft. (0.007 ac.) in temporary construction easement at 7900 Forest Point Boulevard from YK Forest Point LLC for \$3,550 for Arrowood Road and Forest Point Boulevard.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 56, at Page(s) 278.

Item No. 52: Property Transactions – Arrowood Road Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon at Granite Point Drive, Parcel # 4

Resolution of Condemnation of 286 sq. ft. (0.007 ac.) in permanent utility easement, 42 sq. ft. (0.001 ac.) in permanent shelter easement, 29 sq. ft. (0.001 ac.) in sidewalk utility easement, and 708 sq. ft. (0.016 ac.) in temporary construction easement at 8930 Mont Carmel Lane from TRC Arrowood, LLC for \$1,850 for Arrowood Road Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon at Granite Point Drive.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 56, at Page(s) 279.

Item No. 54: Property Transactions – CATS ADA Bus Stop Improvements Group 1, Parcel # 15

Resolution of Condemnation of 376 sq. ft. (0.009 ac.) permanent shelter easement and 647 sq. ft. (0.015 ac.) in temporary construction easement at 2910 Mt. Holly Huntersville Road from Bascom's Corner, LLC for \$6,525 for CATS ADA Bus Stop Improvements Group 1.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 56, at Page(s) 280.

ITEM NO. 43: AIRPORT FEDERAL INSPECTION STATION FACILITY AND CONCOURSE D RENOVATIONS DESIGN CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Motion was made by Councilmember Driggs, and seconded by Councilmember Owens to (A) Approve contract amendment #7 for \$1,150,192 to the contract with RS&H Architects-Engineers-Planners, Inc. for the Federal Inspection Station Facility and Concourse D Renovations project, and (B) Authorize the City Manager to amend the contract consistent with the purpose for which the contract and this amendment were approved.

Councilmember Mayfield said just reiterating the comments that I made with the concerns I have Mayor.

Councilmember Mitchell said so, Mayor if I may, just to follow up. I think Councilmember Mayfield brings up an important point. I think Marie and Council, one that is a little disheartening is when we offered the contract to the lowest responsible bidder and to see now this is on our seventh adjustment, we've added almost \$12 million. That is a big difference in price.

Marie Harris, Budget Director said yes sir, and that's part of the approach. They broke it up in phases. So, they didn't put out the whole design at once. They talked about what they were trying to achieve, but they did it on purpose to break it up.

Mr. Mitchell said okay.

Ms. Harris said they knew they were going to be coming back to you as the phases progressed is what I'm trying to say.

Mr. Mitchell said so, let me make sure I'm following Marie. So, all the bidders, when they turn in their first bid, they were aware that it was going to be a phased approach?

Ms. Harris said they were aware, yes sir.

Mr. Mitchell said okay. Thank you.

Ms. Harris said thank you.

Councilmember Driggs said I was just going to say, I think the concern has to do with whether these are cost overruns or standard normal course of business type, and it sounds like this was more or less the intended procedure.

Ms. Harris said yes sir.

Mr. Driggs said so, this isn't a shock in terms of how much the whole project is costing.

Ms. Harris said correct.

Mr. Driggs said alright, thank you.

Mr. Mitchell said to Councilmember Driggs' point, so what's the total cost right now of this project?

Ms. Harris said so, this is just the design phase. There's multiple contracts around this project and they estimate that the total design portion will end up being \$12 million with all the phases.

Mr. Mitchell said a total of \$12 million?

Ms. Harris said yes, for the design portion, yes.

Mr. Mitchell said even with [INAUDIBLE] design portion? Okay.

Ms. Mayfield said just design.

Mr. Mitchell said thank you.

Councilmember Ajmera said to follow up on Councilmember Mitchell's questions around breaking it up. So, I know one of the recommendations from small businesses, especially minority and women-owned businesses is that when you break up contracts, it gives small businesses an opportunity. Was that the intent behind breaking it up in multiple phases?

Ms. Harris said no ma'am because this is a design service contract. So, it wasn't like you're thinking, like if we have hauling or something that you don't get one vendor, you can break up different pieces, but the same vendor needs to do the full design.

Ms. Ajmera said got it. That's all I have. Thank you.

Councilmember Johnson said just a follow up question. Thank you for clarity. So, with these amendments, would this still be the lowest bidder?

Ms. Harris said so, it's a design. They didn't bid. They only bid on the first and this is a service contract. So, it's not the same.

Ms. Johnson said would the total still be lower than any other submission?

Ms. Harris said Jack Christine would like to clarify.

Ms. Johnson said okay.

Jack Christine, Chief Infrastructure Officer said good evening everyone. Jack Christine, Chief Infrastructure Officer for the airport. For a point of clarity, this is a design contract. So, even at the very beginning of this contract, the selection was based solely on qualifications. The project has always been approached as a phased project because of where we're working on this particular project in an active area. So, we always anticipated that this was going to have multiple contract amendments. We anticipate that the total project cost for the whole thing, construction included, is about \$300 million. So, this is \$7 million of design fee as of today with this approval, and we anticipate that the total design for the whole project is about \$12 million. So, just to kind of clear up the difference between bid. These are not bids. These are all negotiated fees based on procurement requirements.

Ms. Mayfield said so again, for clarification, our leadership at the airport submitted a proposal and you had an idea of everything that you needed done, but what was originally presented to Council was just part one of a phase and that is what the bid went out for. What I am asking, Manager Jones, is that what could have happened was the totality of what was going to be expected in that bid so that whatever proposals we received encompassed all of what we knew was going to happen. He just said he knew this was going to be done in phases. So, dependent on those phases, that initial approval of \$4,330,965, I would think when that was approved back in 2020, we were thinking that was going to be a good bit of the work. We know that one or two amendments may come in, but what I just heard is that staff knew that there was going to be multiple phases. They also knew that this was going to be an extremely potentially expensive endeavor. What I'm asking is if we put out a proposal, but that bid proposal was only a segment of the totality of what we knew would need to be done, did we actually put out a fair proposal so that whoever put their bid in, they know exactly what was being bid on? Because the bid was only for one part to this, versus multiple pieces of it, we very well could have identified a more economical way to move through this without multiple amendments. Because again, we are already on amendment number seven, which has this at a new value of almost \$8 million with the anticipation of additional amendments coming just for the design, not even getting into the construction. With this design phase, all additional work in this amendment will be performed by this architectural firm. So, it's not like with these amendments, it's creating opportunities for other businesses in our community. So, this is a company that submitted an initial bid with the anticipation that all this additional work was also going to be completed and that that total dollar amount is going to be a very different amount than the amount that Council was presented in 2020. The Council that looked at this in 2020 is not the full Council that's sitting here March 2026.

Marcus Jones, City Manager said thank you Councilmember Mayfield. Jack, I think it would be helpful if you could explain what all the bidders were, information that was provided for them, the expectations on the front end and how I believe the playing field was very even then. Can you explain the process?

Mr. Christine said yes sir, absolutely. So, in this project, just like all the other ones that we would do from a design perspective, we would solicit for firms based solely on qualifications for work that is similar, not on the exact scope of what we are doing. That scope and that fee is developed in coordination with the firm that's selected just purely on their qualifications. So, in this particular case, because of the differences that we were working through in the FIS (Federal Inspection Services) area, that's our international arrivals hall. So, we can't just do that project as a one and done because we have to keep it running every day. So, we've broken this project down based on selecting RS&H to do this work in its design totality with subcontractors that are helping them do certain aspects of the project in order to facilitate the incremental work that we're doing in that space. We do this with other projects as well. This one is large because of the space that we're renovating and the way that we have to coordinate not just with the airlines that are operating there, but also customs and border protection and they have their own rules and their own ways of wanting the space to be built out. So, we have to coordinate all of that with them and it isn't something that just gets done in one shot, it happens over a series of different phases in the project. Does that help clear it up?

Ms. Mayfield said I appreciate the clarification. It still does not connect to when I say it would be helpful for us to get the totality or closer to what would be completion of a project like this, versus amendment three was needed for rescope and package, and additional CA services for fire alarm improvements. We knew that there were going to need to be improvements to the fire alarm system because we're doing a complete redesign to make it more accessible and up to date. Amendment five needed for design and CA services for replacement of five existing concourse D elevators. We knew that ahead of time, so that should've been a part of that initial scope versus these additional amendments. Now, for you to do the work, I understand. For you to come back and get more money to do each piece of work that you were expected to do or design for in the beginning is where I have a challenge. It's not the fact that we have multiple amendments, it's the fact that you're asking for more money for you to do the job that you thought, that you should have already had conceptualized that this is the work that I'm going to need to get done. So, I should not see an additional bill when it comes time for you to do the work because you already knew this was the work that you were going to do. If that makes sense.

Mr. Christine said absolutely understand. Yes, we can provide that clarity.

Ms. Mayfield said thank you.

Mr. Christine said absolutely.

Councilmember Mazuera Arias said this is more so for my own education purposes. When it comes to these airport projects, what is the average timeline that it takes for the design phase to be completed?

Mr. Christine said so, in a normal project, I normally say anywhere between 18 to 24 months. In this particular project, because we were doing it in pieces, this has been a long-term program. We started in 2020. We will finish the design portion of this within the next 12 to 14 months. That'll get us into the last phase of construction, which is the biggest piece of the work, and that physical construction will take us probably about three and a half years because we have to build it while we're still using it every day. So, it's a very slow construction process.

Mr. Arias said so, what would the estimated completion date be? What year?

Mr. Christine said 2029.

Mr. Arias said 2029. I know you mentioned some bits and pieces before, but what are the factors that are at play that's making this process go so long? What was the decision behind phasing it out?

Mr. Christine said so, we had to work very closely with customs and border protection and the carriers that use that space, which is predominantly American Airlines because they're an international operation, to phase the work. So, we've got elements of the project that are strictly mechanical, electrical, plumbing, vertical circulation. So, replacing the elevators and escalators. We can only take those down one at a time because we have to have access from the boarding level or deplaning level down into FIS. Now this last piece that we're getting ready to do the engineering for will be for the physical space of relocating the primary inspection area, the secondary inspection area and all bag claim. Bag claim hasn't been touched in that part of the facility since we opened it up in 2002.

Mr. Arias said thank you.

Mr. Christine said yes.

Councilmember Anderson said so, Mayor, we haven't voted on Item No. 43 yet?

Mayor Lyles said no, we have not.

Ms. Anderson said are we just taking comments [INAUDIBLE]?

Ms. Harris said so, just to clarify, we voted on all of them except this one.

Ms. Anderson said okay. [INAUDIBLE].

Mayor Lyles said there was a motion and a second.

Ms. Anderson said I got you. Thank you.

Mayor Lyles said alright, any other comments on 43? Hearing none, are you ready to move forward?

The vote was taken on the motion and recorded as follows:

YEAS: Councilmembers Ajmera, Anderson, Mazuera Arias, Driggs, Graham, Mayo, Mitchell, and Owens

NAYS: Councilmembers Johnson and Mayfield

Mayor Lyles said alright, I believe that concludes our Consent Agenda today. So, Marie, thank you as always. So, now we're going to turn it over to our City Manager to have introduce our action preview.

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ITEM NO. 3: ACTION PREVIEW OVERVIEW

Marcus Jones, City Manager said so thank you Mayor, members of Council. As a little bit of a refresher, we use this meeting to preview items that have come out of Committee that will be on a future Business agenda. So, we have four items today to make sure the entire Council has an opportunity to see what came out of the Committees. We have the Community Area Plans, the Bojangles Entertainment Complex, a Solid Waste Services Ordinance revisions and our NOAH (Naturally Occurring Affordable Housing) funding recommendation. So, Mayor in each instance we'll have the Committee Chair introduce what came out of the Committee, and if there needs to be further discussion, staff is available with any presentation that came out of the Committee. So, the first one would be the Community Area Plans.

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ITEM NO. 4: ACTION PREVIEW ITEMS

Councilmember Driggs said so colleagues, you may recall that we voted in November 2025, to vote on the remaining seven Community Area Plans. We adopted seven of them and we agreed that we would vote on the other seven by March 2026. So, that deadline from that Council action is approaching, and therefore we're going to hear a wrap up tonight. We did receive a short presentation in Committee on Thursday, but it was somewhat foreshortened by the fact that the other topic went on quite a long time. So, I will just express my personal opinion. I hope that we can get these done now. I don't think we'll ever reach a point where there are no issues remaining. We will need to continue to work on those, and we will be able to continue to work on those, but the situation that we're in right now, where seven of these Plans are in effect, and those areas have the benefit of the protections provided by these Plans and the other seven areas don't. It's a bad situation for the areas that don't have a Plan and it's also a bad situation to have that unequal treatment in the City. You've seen in our zoning meetings the actual staff presentation differs for the areas that have a Plan than the ones that don't. So, with that, I would like to hand it over to Ms. Holmes.

Monica Holmes, Planning Director said good evening Mayor and Council. Monica Holmes, Planning Director. I appreciate y'all's time tonight and I'll walk through really

where we've been and where we're going with the Area Plans. We've been very busy over the past several months. So, this evening, you can see we're reaching the tail end of our presentations. We've spent a lot of time talking to you about what are in the Community Area Plans, what they mean. You've seen, as Councilmember Driggs mentioned, you've seen some of them in action, and we're here tonight just to talk through what we've been up to over the past several months and what our proposed changes look like and what we've heard from the community. So, as you all know, the Community Area Plans are our third level of planning. We have the umbrella document, the 2040 Plan that was adopted in 2021, we have our Strategic and Action Plans like the Strategic Energy Action Plan, the Strategic Mobility Plan and then we have our 14 Community Area Plans which provide the next layer of specificity. Following those, we'll start to roll out our specific plans and those include things like our transit station areas, areas that are having specific environmental impacts, some of our Corridors work. So, that's even the next layer of detail. Tonight, as you know, we're focused on that third layer, the Community Area Plans. So, on November 24, 2025, City Council adopted seven Community Area Plans. Those are the ones shown in gray. The blue ones were the seven deferred. The action taken was that we would have more engagement here for more residents and get some more feedback on the seven deferred plans. So, that's exactly what we've done. We started in December 2025. We formed a new leadership core team that brought together new voices into the process. We formed some strategic partnerships, we brought on a community engagement consultant and expert. We went back through all the comments we had heard previously and broke them into key themes, what are we hearing. We took a look at our messaging so that we could make sure our messaging was clear and that the community could understand it and then we planned our touch points.

So, I'm going to talk specifically about those touch points tonight and what resulted from them. Then the last thing you see here is that updated staff analysis, which as Councilmember Driggs mentioned, you have seen that through the pass couple of months and you'll see that going forward. All of this with a goal of our March 23, 2026, Council decision. So, the action we took on November 24, 2025, was that we would bring this back to you for a vote no later than March 23, 2026. So, we're hitting the nail on the head with that one. So, what were our engagement opportunities? We had, for the entire month of February 2026 and part of January 2026, we had an online survey open that was based on two key themes, protecting our neighborhoods and managing neighborhood change and reducing environmental impacts. Those same themes were highlighted in our workshops. So, we had two in-person and two virtual workshops. Great participation with those. They were similar format. You could hear about any of the deferred plans and also the adopted plans in the workshop. We had 20 plus staff at those workshops representing all of our partner departments. So, Economic Development, Transportation, CATS (Charlotte Area Transit System) and Transit, Housing, Corridors of Opportunity, really great representation from a variety of staff to answer questions and provide feedback. We took a lot of comments in. We've also been ongoing attending neighborhood meetings in person, virtual, in evenings and I'll talk through a little bit about what those have looked like. Those really dive into specific issues. So, I want to say thank you to all of you who helped us get people to these meetings, helped us get people to take the surveys. I really believe it's because of y'all's extra push that we've heard from many new voices in the process, and we've been able to get some really good feedback.

So, this year, just some of the different ways that we were able to reach people and get them to come to participate in our survey and in our meetings. So, things like newsletters and phone calls, yard signs, Council members pushing it out, press releases, email blasts. Then on the right, are some of those neighborhood groups that we have specifically met with to take a deep dive into specific issues. So, neighborhood groups and also again, thank you, several town halls we participated in and feature Community Area Plans to be able to have all these additional conversations. So, this here is an image. I know several of y'all have seen this, but this an image from one of our in-person engagements. This is the one at West Charlotte. So, you can see Mayor Pro Tem representing his West Charlotte pride at the meeting. You can see this really shows how we were able to interact with people and get really into the maps, talk about

where they live, what their specific concerns were and then hear from them, their questions, to try to, as much as we could, get the information they wanted and if we couldn't answer it in real time, follow up with them following the meeting.

So, from our engagement we have many proposed changes that we feel like are good quality changes and revisions that really should be applied to all 14 Plans. So, we have new policies, which we have policies that fit into the categories of environmental impacts and neighborhood change, which was our focus when we looked at the themes and we actually added from our comments infrastructure, because we had a good number of additional comments that fit under the infrastructure bucket. So, I'll talk about each of the three of those. Then we have a category which is just additions and revisions that provide clarity to the document and then of course we have some map changes.

So, I first want to start by saying there were existing policies in the adopted Area Plans that speak to environmental impacts, neighborhood change and infrastructure. So, for the purposes of tonight, I'm just going to show you quickly some of the ones that were in the documents and will remain in the documents when they are adopted. So, things like avoiding housing near manufacturing, buffering industry with mixed-use, prioritizing areas for investment that have had historic impacts and environmental impacts and then separating with a green buffer. These policies are in the adopted Plans and are proposed to remain. These are our proposed changes, to add land use review along transit. So, if the transit station areas change, our land use will reflect that and we will do additional land use for any stations that shift. We added a policy about protecting tree canopy in areas that have less tree canopy. We did the reverse. So, Councilmember Mayfield asked us, so, in the adopted, it's avoid housing near manufacturing, but we also added avoid manufacturing near housing. So, we want that to go both ways. We want to analyze additional tools to mitigate the manufacturing impacts when we do have manufacturing, and then we want to have guidance for emerging land uses. So, things that we don't know about today that may exist tomorrow or things that have grown rapidly, we want to make sure we have guidance around those. So, the example I use most frequently are things like data centers. We want to have guidance around where should they go, what is appropriate, and how should we treat those new land uses.

So, that's the environmental impact. Now I'm going to talk a little bit about neighborhood change. So, these are in the adopted policies. It's one, we respect our existing neighborhood character. Two, we grow where infrastructure can support it, and you'll see this in the infrastructure one too. The way we talk about this, is growing in line with our policy map and where we already have the infrastructure in place. The last is that we rezone with a purpose. So, we take care with rezoning. So, these again are existing policies in the adopted Area Plans, and I'm getting ready to walk through the new policies that we are proposing to add. So, in the new policies, when we focused on the neighborhood change, we even got more specific. So, we heard loud and clear that people would like from us, and again we have the 2040 Plan where we need to have density in the appropriate place, but we want to consider where we would not have triplexes allowed everywhere. They would be focused on transportation corridors, areas that can receive growth, where there is infrastructure. We also want to pursue lowering the maximum height, especially in areas of character where houses are typically 20 to 30 feet maximum and right now, we're seeing new houses be built much taller. So, we want to pursue that. We also want to give neighborhoods the tool to opt in themselves to development limits within their neighborhood. So, if an entire block wants to say, "Hey, we're good with one story houses that are this big," then we have a tool that they can opt into that for themselves. Then last is that we create a quick path for residential infill that is in the same character as neighborhoods. So, I know you've heard about we've had lots of questions about how fast are we getting the ADU (Affordable Dwelling Units) pattern book done. We're also working on a pattern book for housing that matches the character. It's how quickly can we create a faster path for things that fit in to the neighborhood.

So, with infrastructure, we want to grow where infrastructure can support it. This is already in the adopted Plan, the seven that are adopted, and we already have the Strategic Mobility Investments, but what we're adding is that we want to strengthen the language that we link growth and infrastructure together. So, it's very clear that those two should come as a packaged deal, and we also on an every other year basis want to analyze what our traffic impact thresholds are and make sure they're calibrated to the right level so that we can go back and look and say, "Are we getting what we want? Is this the right level?" If we need to change them, we can bring that forward. So, quickly I'm just going to show you some of the other examples. The big ones are our policies, you've seen those. The minor additions and revisions, this is just an example. We added the Transit Corridor to all the maps. So, the hatching clearly shows this is where transit will go. We'll relook at these land uses if a new station is adopted. That's really important to those corridors that they understand what the transit impact might be for their community and that we're thinking about it in an iterative process. The last, this is an example of some of the map changes. So, you can see in the adopted map there's residential down here and just north of it was manufacturing. We're actually proposing to change where that dash is to all the lighter purple, which means less intense development would be adjacent to that neighborhood and more in line with the corridor and the type of development we're seeing on Graham Street.

So, as I wrap up, just a reminder of how the Plans impact you. You will use these Plans to guide your rezoning decisions. We'll use these Plans and you'll use these Plans for your future capital investments, and the community can use them for neighborhood-led projects and to help guide where their needs are.

So, when we talk specifically about rezoning, just a reminder and I believe you have seen this before and you are seeing it in the staff analysis, for the seven that do not have an adopted Area Plan right now, until these are adopted, all we can use for consistency is the map and the Comprehensive Plan goals. Once we have the other seven adopted, we'll be able to use all the policies just listed as well as all of the assessments, as a gauge, as to whether or not these are appropriate. So, it adds many more tools in our toolbox as we vet rezonings coming forward. So, this here just shows our timeline as we move forward. So, again, we've been doing the engagement, the proposed changes are up on our website. We were at TPD (Transportation, Planning and Development) last week, action review tonight, and Council decision on March 23, 2026. This is just what's coming up and what's to come. So, planning is iterative as Councilmember Driggs mentioned, I just want to make sure everybody knows we're always planning. So, we're moving straight into a five-year assessment on our Comprehensive Plan making sure that we are achieving the goals that we want to achieve. That we adopt it. We're working on that Transit Oriented Community Policy with that level two that I mentioned at the retreat and we'll dive straight into those specific plans covering these below. So, with that, I'm happy to open it up for questions.

Councilmember Johnson said I just want to say that this is an important presentation, and I think all four of these presentations, these wrap ups from the Committee are as important and deserve time for Council to ask questions. So, I just want to share my concern that we have these big items on an agenda with a half an hour to talk about them and still try to be on time for the public. So, if we could take a look at that on our formatting, how we're doing that so the Council is able to ask the questions that these policies deserve. As far as the Community Area Plan, I also think we should say for the record, because if it was presented that we were harming these seven neighborhoods, I think it's important. If you go back and take a look at the extra engagement and when you said new policy Ms. Holmes, did you mean new policy in response to this extended time?

Ms. Holmes said yes.

Ms. Johnson said okay. So, I think that that proves that this was needed, and also this level of transparency and this level of engagement is what we were asking for all along, even the simplifying the language. This should be a model that we start with instead of it being in response to Council having to push so hard and the division on Council, when

this was obviously the right thing to do. So, I also wanted to ask, there were some really big outcomes as well. Wasn't there an area in either District One or Two where you found, what is it, 18,000 acres or square footage of change. Can you give us some detail about that, Ms. Holmes?

Ms. Holmes said yes, that's one of the examples. So, we are going to hand out a packet that has all of those listed. It's 180 acres I believe is what you're mentioning in the North Inner geography. We basically just took another look specifically and worked with the community to identify some additional opportunities, making sure that we looked at who owns the property, what the property is currently used for, what the community needs are. So, we tried to be very thoughtful about map changes. So, that's how we got to that result, and we've done that with several neighborhoods. So, the example you gave is the 180 acres in North Inner. We did it with South Inner, we've done it with West. We've done it with many areas in the neighborhoods. That's typically what our neighborhood small meetings are about [INAUDIBLE].

Ms. Johnson said thank you. So, that's a huge, huge win for the community and that's just what we were asking for all along. So, for it to be presented as if we were harming these neighborhoods, which we did see on social media and different talking points from a community. We want it to be clear that we were right in pushing for and advocating for our community and these changes. If you could go to the engagement outcomes, just the new policies from this extension. So, I just want to say thank you for doing this. Thank you to our City Manager for listening. We needed this, as I think it's obvious, the proof is in the pudding, and if we can start all of our initiatives with these goals for this level of engagement, and responsiveness to the community. That's all I have. Thank you.

Councilmember Mazuera Arias said thanks Monica, thanks for the great presentation and thank you to your staff for attending the Eastway Sedgefield Neighborhood meeting. We had over 60 community members attend from all across District Five, and so this was definitely much needed and I appreciate all the staff for engaging with them. I also want to think that the Council that did vote to defer this, I wasn't part of that Council, but to Councilmember Johnson's point, it definitely looks like it was needed. I particularly enjoy the policy changes reflecting the maximum height because as we continue to grow more as a City, we're going to see more height density come to some adjacent single-family neighborhoods. One of the biggest concerns I hear from our residents is the height of these new developments, as well as for infrastructure, I believe it was in infrastructure, the traffic impact thresholds. I think that's so key. Again, I think I mentioned to Council before that we passed the Transit Referendum, the one percent sales tax, and we are trying to not only achieve our sustainability goals, but also become a City that isn't so reliant on cars and more reliant on different modes of transportation. As we continue to grow more as a City, we have to be very intentional where we place high density developments. So, this is what I call smart growth, smart development, where we take our time to really take a pause, reflect, and see where we can improve our policy to improve the quality of life, not only for the 150 plus folks that are moving to this region a day, but for the people that have been calling Charlotte home. So, I appreciate the intentionality, and I do look forward to seeing the updated maps. I did speak to the City Manager Alyson Craig earlier today, about how I want to make sure that we also not only see changes in policies, but we also see significant changes in the map because I think what I saw in the previous iterations, the previous deferment of that is that that weren't many changes in those maps. That's why the Council deferred them again. So, hopefully we see a little bit more substantial changes in the maps themselves attached with these changes we've seen in policy. Those are all my comments. Thank you and thank you for all your hard work.

Councilmember Mayfield said Ms. Holmes, thank you to you and your team although I received honestly quite a bit of pushback from some of my colleagues when I kept having a conversation about us slowing down because we did slow down. So, I do want to thank my colleagues, some who are not currently with us, but those that supported us pausing long enough to have more community conversation for the seven. Because of that, these new policies that are directly reflective of community's thoughts, comments

and concerns, we have something that I personally can now support because it's more robust versus the generalization that we had prior. I am very happy that we identified in that conversation, not only the lower maximum height, because we see the impact that that's having on neighborhoods and our traffic impact threshold, but also clarifying what can be built where. To say no residential near manufacturing and no manufacturing near residential, that will help us to avoid potentially what Silfab is going through right now being built near a school, and the impact that it's having on the students as well as the families. Data centers are very different today than what we identified in 2012 as a data center. So, to have that language in place, I think actually helps us to move forward and it helps those partners that want to build in our community have a better understanding of neighborhoods' voice and what neighborhoods would like to see. So, I appreciate, even though I know it was difficult, as staff was ready to move forward, I appreciate the fact that we slowed down to hear, and these new policies are a reflection of that. Thank you.

Mr. Driggs said so I want to be clear. It wasn't my intention to suggest harm. I was concerned about having two sets of rules operating in the City and that the people where there were adopted Plans, had more in the way of things they could point to in their engagement with staff to say, "Look, this is what the Plan says," and that wasn't yet in place. I absolutely acknowledge we have landed in a better place than we were, and Ms. Johnson I appreciate your engagement. I think it has led to a better outcome, and I look forward to getting these Plans adopted and operational and then continuing as we gain experience with them and discover things that maybe hadn't been talked about yet that we will make Text Amendments or it's a living document that we will continue to work on it. Thank you Ms. Holmes and staff. You guys have done an extraordinary job, and I think we are in a better place now than we would've been. So, appreciate it.

Ms. Holmes said thank you.

Councilmember Owens said so on behalf of District Six, I just would say obviously our Community Area Plan was adopted prior to my joining Council, but I applaud the decision making that was behind it. I also applaud the extension of some of the learnings that have come from this extended period of time. I like that those are going to be retroactively applied, so we will have the benefit of this additional learning and I appreciate your efforts. Thank you.

Councilmember Mitchell said thank you, thank you, thank you.

Councilmember Anderson said so, just a question. I'd heard some conversation around data centers. Is there language in the policy that specifically addresses data centers?

Ms. Holmes said no. So, remember this is policy, not regulation. So, anything we're adopting we would have to follow with regulation in accordance with what State law is. So, some of these, you know, we have some State laws around that could make it a little difficult. We want the policy in place though, so we follow it once we are able to. So, the guidance for emerging land uses is that data centers is one example of many. Vape shops might be another example of things that have emerged as a land use that we were unaware of in years prior. So, what the policy recommendation is, is that when a new land use emerges we, as staff, work with stakeholders in the community to understand what impact that land use has on the environment, on neighborhoods and that we, if need be, update our regulations to reflect that. So, if adopted, what this will do will set a framework so that when we see a new land use emerge, we take the next proactive step to build guidance around how we treat that new land use. So, right now I used data centers as an example because it's something people are very aware of and it's an emerging land use.

Ms. Anderson said okay. I'd just like for us to speak more about data centers on a go forward, because there's this tension here with data centers and yet, we are heavily reliant upon AI (artificial intelligence) and these super computers that we carry around in

our pockets that are super reliant on data and having data being proximate to where the work is being done, where those activities are being done. So, I would just love for us to have a broader conversation around data centers and the give and take.

Secondly, you mentioned vape shops and not for this evening's conversation, but I would also like for us to look at restricting, to the best of our ability given our local and state interaction, but to the extent that we could limit how close vape shops are opening close to schools, CMS (Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools) K12 schools. I think we should lean into that as far as we can. There's been some troubling situations throughout the City where vape shops are popping up around high schools and it's not producing a conducive environment for young people. So, as we talk about that later, I'd like for that to be top of mind as well.

Councilmember Ajmera said first, let me thank Councilmember Johnson for advocating for deferral. I think we deferred it twice to allow sufficient amount of time for the community engagement, especially in areas where we have seen heavy gentrification. So, thank you Monica to you and your entire team for the community engagement to really incorporate the feedback into the overall policy because what we were hearing from the communities, they were providing feedback, but it wasn't translating into the policy itself. So, it's good to see that this was a meaningful engagement and that their feedback did translate into the policy. I strongly appreciate you and your team for doing that. Also, I agree with Councilmember Anderson on data centers. I had brought this up at the retreat because we are seeing data centers now emerging. We already had one proposal that will probably come up in front of us for the Zoning hearing in District Five. As we are looking at data centers, I had talked about this at our budget meeting because data centers take an enormous amount of water to cool those massive computers and they use massive amounts of energy. So, there are certain policies that we can implement like other cities have done in terms of cooling measures or recycled water to ensure that we are not putting tremendous pressure on our natural resources, especially our water. I think it's good to hear that you guys are looking at it proactively within the legal tools that we have from the State. I like how you're framing the word as emerging versus just data centers because to Councilmember Anderson's point, obviously we have vape shops that are popping up. Also, I want you to keep in mind the game centers. They're called skilled games, but they have neon lights in the neighborhoods and they target some of the most vulnerable population and that really affects families. I have seen that in East Charlotte, West Charlotte. So, I think if you could look at some of this under this umbrella, that would help us from the policy, but also from the regulation perspective. That's all I have. Thank you.

Mayor Lyles said okay, thank you so much for that. Now, let's see, we're going to move to Bojangles.

Mr. Mitchell said Mayor, this is my great opportunity. The members of my Committee, would you please raise your hand? Councilmember LaWana Mayfield, Councilmember Danté Anderson, Councilmember JD and Councilmember Watlington is not available with us today. So, Council you heard this also at our Annual Strategy Session and I think at that particular time, we got our hands raised to say move forward. So, this is probably one of the easiest policy conversations we've ever had. I would like to thank Steve Bagwell who is here. Steve, can you please stand up to be recognized sir? Thank you sir for your leadership. So, while my DCM (District Council Member) who has to put up with me comes up to the podium, Ms. Craig, everyone should have a copy of the presentation. I don't have to say a lot because I think we know how important BOplex is to our community. We know it's very important to have a partner like the Charlotte Checkers who just signed a long-term lease there. This is an old facility dating back to the 1970s and 1950s and some of the parts even to the 1940s, and we have the expert, Kathleen Cishek. So, if there are any questions from Council members, please let me know. If not, I'm going to save Kathleen the time of going through the presentation. Are there any questions?

Ms. Anderson said no real questions here. I think we had a robust conversation about this initiative, and I think we all agreed that it is much needed in a facility that's 70 years old and brings so much tourism to the City of Charlotte. So, to me, Chair Mitchell, I feel like this is a no brainer. We need to move forward and invest in BOplex. What I will say just in closing is we had a presentation of a lot of different opportunities at the retreat from an economic development perspective. This withstanding, I think this one is definitely a go, but we had a list of projects that we were speaking about, and we have a finite amount of dollars. So, we need to have a robust conversation about on a go forward basis, what's really important and how we prioritize investing our money into some of the other economic development projects. So, with that, I will say no brainer. Totally support this and it makes sense given how important the BOplex and Bojangles Coliseum is to our community.

Mayor Lyles said alright. Thank you.

Mr. Mitchell said Mayor, I would let Council know we'll be voting on this March 23, 2026, and even though it's our Zoning meeting, this is very time sensitive. So, we're going to add that I think, City Manager, to the agenda for March 23, 2026, correct?

Mr. Jones said yes.

Mr. Mitchell said okay, thank you. Kathleen, you're good.

Mayor Lyles said thank you. Thank you guys. I really want to reward Councilmember Anderson for saying there's going to be things that we're going to have to really work through and do it well, so that everyone can have the ability to have, what we think as our City, to be able to have all of that. So, I want to say thank you for bringing that up. I know that sooner or later the budget will start to be formed, but we've got a lot of work to do and its' going to take a lot of time and effort. So, thank you. Start thinking about that now. Okay, so let's see. That takes us to solid waste services.

Ms. Mayfield said I do want to acknowledge our Committee. I'm lucky enough where I have all of our newly elected as well as Councilmember Johnson. So, I have Councilmember Mayo, Owens, as well as Councilmember JD. Our team is ready to present. They can pull it up, but I do want to just remind everyone, we did receive an update on our Solid Waste Services Ordinance modernization. This one's really just a language update. So, the Housing Committee actually back on February 5, 2026, our meeting did include a presentation. I believe Council has already seen a lot of this and trying to be respectful of time, this ordinance does not result in any service level changes, nor enhancements or reductions. This is really to conform to solid waste services' longstanding service delivery approach and to clarify our service eligibility for duplexes, triplexes, quadplexes as well as townhomes. The proposed amendments are an added reference to the residential developments which are subject to UDO (Unified Development Ordinance) approval. We revised the terminology such as large waste container eligible development and small waste container eligible development. We've clarified the disposal requirements for items such as sharp objects and pet waste as well as we have deemed accessory dwelling units as eligible for collective services. So, prior to us adding our ADUs, making sure that they will have service pick up and updated ordinance sections for reference. This item is actually planned to come to Council on our April 13, 2026 meeting. We're just getting this out ahead of time. We do have Director Jamison here if you have any questions since the slide never seemed to make its way up, that was pretty much the gist of it, if anyone has specific questions for Director Jamison.

Ms. Ajmera said thank you Committee for the work that you did and thank you for the presentation. I always appreciate how you all send us the materials, pre-read homework for the weekend. That helps us be more effective with our meetings. A couple of questions in terms of the proposal. So, some of these proposed ordinance changes, do they modify the eligibility threshold for City waste services?

Rodney Jamison, Director of Solid Waste Services said first of all good evening Mayor and Council. Rodney Jamison, Director of Solid Waste Services. No, no enhancements, no changes to the services that you receive.

Ms. Ajmera said that's all I have. Thank you.

Ms. Anderson said thank you for that clarification around impact or non-impact to service. I do recall, however, last year, City Manager, we were beginning to have the discussion around how our service could potentially be impacted this upcoming year, specifically around yard waste. I just wanted to ask is that still on the horizon? Are we still thinking about that for this year or have we moved past that?

Mr. Jamison said I'm hoping it is put to the side for this year.

Ms. Anderson said okay.

Mr. Jamison said that's something that we really wouldn't want to affect, but it was at one point. With the changes that we have in play right now with personal containers, which is in this ordinance update as well as paper bags, is helping us drastically.

Ms. Anderson said okay, great. I can tell you I've been by the solid waste office several times looking for some of those good paper bags for yard waste. They've been out for a year.

Mr. Jamison said I apologize.

Ms. Anderson said that's okay. That's quite alright. The last comment is just really a comment, I get, from time to time, questions, and I'm focusing on yard waste right now, but I get questions from constituents about, in particular, some of the elderly that are not able to secure their leaves and pick up the leaves and things of that nature. I'm wondering if we have some type of service or, potentially in the future, if we could stand up some type of service to help some of our elderly residents who are aging in place as it relates to leaf retrieval and things of that nature? Just something to think about.

Mr. Jamison said thank you.

Mayor Lyles said Rodney, a couple of weeks ago, I ran into our former Mayor. Many people probably don't know this story, but it was a big deal to get rollout containers. Everybody was like, "Oh no, it won't work. It won't ever work," and Richard said to me that he still has the trash can that you had painted number one on the side of and he still has that trash can. It took me back.

Mr. Jamison said thank you.

Mr. Jones said so, Mayor and members of Council, and Rodney, you're exceptional. Committed to exceptional service every day. I do want to take this time to say that maybe out of all of the services that we provide in the City, Solid Waste Services is exceptional. It is over the top and we do not recover all of the fees related to that, unlike water, waste water, stormwater. So, as we go forward and we have interesting budget discussions, one thing that we need to remember is that the Interlocal Agreement between the City and the County expires in 2028, and Shawn Heath just loves working on big projects. So, this is one that he's working on, but with that said, I think the recovery is what, 30 percent?

Mr. Jamison said 30 percent.

Mr. Jones said there's a lot of things that we can think about. I wish Dr. Watlington was here because some cities look at their waste stream as a revenue stream. So, let's just, as we start to think about this, how can we take something that has taken away some of our capacity around the property tax and maybe get it on the other side of the ledger, and we can do something different with renegotiating the Interlocal Agreement.

Ms. Ajmera said I just want to thank you Rodney for the great work that you do and for your leadership. What is the status on that facility that we were looking into to increase the safety for our employees? How is that project coming along?

Mr. Jamison said it's still under review, but we are working with the County right now to see if we can finalize some things.

Ms. Ajmera said so, is there a site that's been acquired yet?

Mr. Jamison said it's not.

Ms. Ajmera said no? Okay. So, it's still in discussion?

Mr. Jamison said yes.

Ms. Ajmera said thank you.

Mayor Lyles said alright. Any further questions? Comments? Alright, thank you very much.

Mr. Jamison said thank you.

Mayor Lyles said we really appreciate you.

Mr. Jamison said thank you.

Mayor Lyles said okay.

Ms. Mayfield said my last piece from Housing and Neighborhood Services Committee, we've had quite a few really good conversations and opportunities. I'm hoping this slide is available, because I want to introduce a presentation on the proposed investment and preserving naturally occurring affordable housing in District Three. We were able to receive this presentation, which is actually a bit unique. Historically, I am not a fan of us setting the precedent, yet I recognize this is not setting a new precedent. Yet, this discussion is focusing on the opportunity to preserve housing affordability in lower South End right along the Blue Line Corridor through our NOAH acquisition strategy. This is actually unique because the complex is only two years old. It's a new complex but a nonprofit has been able to acquire it and they maintain the property. So, as we know, preserving existing affordable housing is one of our most effective tools that the City has to protect residents from displacement and maintain diverse housing options as neighborhoods grow and change. My super hero, Warren Wooten is getting ready to make his way up if y'all have questions, but this proposal will support the acquisition and long-term affordability of a mixed income community at 1001 Tyvola, including units that are dedicated to serving Veterans exiting homelessness which is the piece I, and I believe the Committee were really excited about. The complex has a total of around 242 units, 100 will be dedicated for our Veterans. So, the recommendation before us reflects our City's broader affordable housing strategy and the priorities that were established through our Housing Trust Fund and the 2024 Housing Bond. With that, I will turn it over to my super star, Mr. Warren Wooten to walk us through the opportunity as well as the proposal investment, and to show you how this project actually aligns with our goals for housing stability and neighborhood opportunity.

Warren Wooten, HNS said thank you Ms. Mayfield. It's good to see you Council. I look forward to talking you through this project this evening. This is a NOAH-funded recommendation that came in under your revolving NOAH RFP (Request for Proposal). Staff has reviewed it and recommends the \$3.5 million in funding. So, we're going to talk you through this project and the recommendation. So, just as a reminder for the community, this is an activity that you have been participating in for a number of years now. NOAH acquisition is one of your broad range of strategies that you use to both build and preserve affordable housing in your community. This last bond round, you lifted it up as one of your priorities, setting aside \$14 million of your \$100 million bond

for housing preservation to include NOAH acquisition and rehabilitation activities. The RFP is a rolling RFP. The reason why this is rolling is that it allows your development partners to respond to unique opportunities when they come to market. So, we receive these and review them on a revolving basis. We received this one in January 2026, reviewed it, and now bringing it to you for action review.

Again, here's your \$100 million bond allocation. You'll see in the column to the left is your allocation amounts and then current balance that is in your allocation. So, looking at your entire Housing Trust Fund, you currently have \$44.2 million ready for allocation to new projects. So, like I mentioned, you've been doing this activity for a number of years. In March of 2019, you passed a NOAH policy. I wanted to bring that to your attention. You're typically looking for projects that are 15 years of age or older and consist of 50 units or more. So, these are larger NOAH acquisitions, typically older properties looking at preserving or lowering rents and also looking at areas that are of a high risk of losing these to conversion to a higher property. So, this allows you to take down these properties and preserve the affordability. We typically look for properties that only need light to moderate rehabilitation, and then require at least 15 years or more of affordability for these projects. What's up here in front of you is a map of your NOAH investments. You'll see in blue, that is all of the NOAH investments that you have made since the beginning of this activity. The items that are in the pink circles, those are acquisitions that you've made in your 2024 bond and then the green dot is this current proposed development.

So, here's this development. It is 1001 Tyvola NOAH acquisition. This is your action review. This is going to come before you in an April 2026 Council meeting for your consideration, and what we're looking at is a request for \$3.5 million of funding to preserve this project. So, this project is a little bit different than some of your NOAH acquisitions. In this project, the developer's already taken down. So, they actually already own this property. What they own it under is a short-term affordability period at 80 percent and below AMI (Area Median Income). What your funding will do if you choose to invest it in this project will actually extend that affordability from 10 years to 60 years. So, with your money, you're taking down another 50 years of affordability. Then you'll also notice down at the AMI chart, you're also moving some of the affordability down the affordability level. So, instead of all of the units being affordable at 80 percent, you're purchasing some additional affordable units both at the 80 percent level and at the 30 percent level, also at the 70 percent level. That's the new affordability you'll get with a longer affordability period. So, a little bit different than some of the NOAHs that you've seen, also with a new partner, Community Solutions International.

Community Solutions International, some of you might recognize the name of this organization because they're one of the leading national organizations that's working on ending and preventing homelessness. So, they are working across the country with an aim to achieve functional zero in all of their communities making homelessness rare, brief, and non-reoccurring. They are partnered with a real estate firm called BDP Impact. They are a national social impact real estate firm that partners to provide impact investments to bring these properties under control of this type of organization, nonprofit organizations that have these mission-oriented investments to preserve affordability. So, what's really special about this project is that they are focused here in Charlotte on Veterans' homelessness. So, this is a true mixed-income development where you will have some market rate units in this development right on your Blue Line, right in District Three, but also in that development you will have Veterans that are returning into stability and other folks that are using this as a location to achieve stability. So, in our Committee meeting when we talked about this project, one of the things that we talked about was creating these true mixed-income communities where you have folks who are just your working members of our community and then also these populations that are using this housing to return to stability. I think one of the things that one of our Council members talked about which is true about this development is the no poor door philosophy, meaning that throughout this development will be a mix of individuals living here. Some of them will be under special subsidy programs and some of them will just

be market rate renters, and you won't be able to tell by the unit that they're living in which they are.

So, some key considerations that your staff looked at when we were reviewing this. This does advance your NOAH objectives. It does have that below 80 percent AMI. It does also activate the deeper targeting including your 30 percent requirements, and it supports the vulnerable populations. When staff was out at site, they actually ran into one of our friends and colleagues who works at Veterans Bridge Home. They're one of the nonprofits that provides residential services. So, that's a type of organization that's actually involved in this project who are providing those types of residential overlays to provide a real stable community for our returning Veterans and other high-risk populations that are going to be using this property. Also, this property supports, again, your unsheltered response providing additional units that are accessible to our nonprofit partners that are working in that space of our housing continuum, and it also meets your transit and mobility access goals, being right at a Blue Line stop.

So, in addition to staff's recommendation for the \$3.5 million, there is also a required exception to your NOAH policy. So, as stated in your NOAH policy, your typical NOAH investments are 15 years of age or older. So, in a very novel sense, we're asking that you waive your policy so that you can allow for the purchase of a newer property into the portfolio. Has minimal rehabilitation needed, and so what the City's investment is doing, it's actually securing that longer term affordability and that deeper income targeting. It meets all of your other requirements for being a NOAH project, the correct affordability mix leverage the terms, the unit counts, all of those other things are there and conform to your NOAH policy.

So, looking at your NOAH buckets here, you had \$14 million. You made some previous investments of \$10.5 million leaving \$3.5 million and if you were to approve the funding for this project, this would be your first completed bucket of your 2024 Housing Trust Fund bond and that would be the balance, the \$40 million after approval of this project. So, this is an information only review of upcoming action and that action will be on your agenda April 13, 2026. That is the end of this presentation.

Ms. Mayfield said Mayor, I would just like to add when they mentioned BDH is already a part of this program, they have a space within the complex and their work is not just accessible for the 100, it will be accessible for all 242 residents that live there. When we looked at proximity, this is physically across the street, diagonal, not just from the Blue Line but Aldi grocery store is directly across the street. So, this is on a corner that has seen quite a bit of development in the lower South End area where we've seen quite a bit of displacement, but the complex itself has every amenity that you could think of in a new development. So, to have these additional financial opportunities, specifically for our Veterans, if we choose to move forward, this is a high-quality development that has almost everything including co-working spaces that will be available in some of the units.

Councilmember Mayo said thank you so much for this presentation. I was excited to chat with the developers and the petitioners on this project. I think it's a unique proposition for us, particularly as we know that the Blue Line has accelerated displacement, historically. So, for us to actually be able to add affordable housing and affordability along the Blue Line at a relatively new project is great, and the fact that it's also near really great paying jobs. I know I'm a big fan of Costco, I know you talked about that earlier Danté, but also Costco is right near by there that people could easily walk and is accessible. So, excited for this project. I think this is a unique opportunity for us and hope that Council will vote in favor of it. Thank you.

Ms. Owens said so, briefly Mayor because I'm sensitive to the passage of time. We've got a full agenda. I spoke at Committee about just the excitement that I had for this project. This is exactly the type of project that I hoped to one day do and to be able to do it so early in my tenure here, is really exciting and I've spoken before, my father was a Veteran. I did the point in time count and I met a couple of Veterans of different wars than the one my father was in, but still no less affected by coming back to a Country that

didn't always live up to its promises. So, particularly at a time when we're engaging in hostilities across the world, it's not lost on me that being able to offer not only housing but also these wraparound services that really can be a difference maker for the families of a Veteran and how they come back into a world that maybe differs a little bit from the one they experienced in a foreign war. So, I thank you for this opportunity, and again I'm just very excited to be behind it.

Mr. Driggs said I just want to say I think this is wonderfully responsive to a bunch of things. It actually preserves, so we're avoiding the destruction and preserving something. From an economic standpoint, at \$35,000 a door, given that there's no LIHTC (Low Income Housing Tax Credit), it's actually a very reasonable price. The only question I had, which we can get into some other time, but I just want to say if I look at the affordability distribution and I'm asking myself, "Were there different mixes possible? Or if we had had more money, could we have achieved more in the 60 percent range?" It strikes me that that's where we have biggest problem. So, are we constrained by the remaining balance in our Trust Fund, or was this the model that they proposed to us?

Mr. Wooten said so, I want to give credit where credit's due. Your Housing Trust Fund Manager, Mr. Englehart, did a lot of work with this developer to achieve this mix. I think that that's a great homework assignment of what could've we done if there was a larger amount of money to work with, but I will tell you that was a lot of negotiation that was done behind the scenes before this mix was arrived at in this length of time, but we can take that as a homework assignment to look at what else might be possible doing this kind of model going into the future.

Mr. Driggs said I just wondered, assuming we could find more money Mr. Manager, what more could we buy in terms of affordability in the context of this structure? Because I think it's a great structure, but it feels to me like there might be an opportunity on reasonable terms to achieve more affordability.

Mr. Wooten said sure, we'll have that conversation.

Mr. Driggs said thank you.

Mr. Mazuera Arias said I think this is the perfect example and thank you for the presentation. Thanks to my colleagues and Committee. Perfect demonstration of anti-displacement dollars at use, in particular, the events that we've seen in our City recently with mental health and homelessness and making sure that we are providing some sort of relief to individuals that are without a home. I think this is perfect, particularly such a targeted population like Veterans, as I mentioned during the Committee and I will be mentioning now. You know, the Federal government laid off thousands of people in the Veteran Affairs Department, and there were significant cuts from the Federal government that has really not allowed local governments to really support this. So, as my Committee colleague Councilmember Owens said, and as I've spoken to the Committee, this is one of those projects where it's like, "Great. We are on Council and we are changing lives, and we are improving the lives of residents, particularly those that need it the most." I also want to point out that this is a project that also has 20 units, 30 percent AMI which is incredible. We don't see a lot of those projects come through. We typically see 50 percent to 80 percent. So, we're really targeting our lowest earners in our society that really need help, then need a lift in our society. It's really impactful and inspiring and humbling that we get to do this work each and every single day. So, thank you Mayor. That's it for me.

Ms. Anderson said one, this is a very unique approach to a NOAH. I literally remember driving past these units when they were being built just a couple of years ago. So, it's a very interesting, unique approach to the usage of Naturally Occurring Affordable Housing. I think that the premise of what we're trying to do here is wonderful, but it's just an incredibly unique approach and I'm sort of taking a beat here to think about the application of this. Also, given the type of population that you've described that would be Veterans trying to get settled, etc., it is great to see that they're 20 units that are at 30 percent AMI, but I agree with Mr. Driggs. It would've been nice to see some of those 80

units come down the AMI percentage to make it more affordable for our Veterans that might not be able to attain an 80 percent AMI. You mentioned that a member of your team did a lot of work on massaging these numbers. Can you just say a little bit more about that split of like 20/40/40?

Mr. Wooten said sure. So, again we did a lot of work both asking for additional years of affordability and also moving some of these numbers down. So, not just accepting the longer affordability term, but also asking for some deeper subsidy, but I certainly take your question along with Mr. Driggs' question to go back and ask the question if there was additional dollars available would that change this proforma. What I can say, Councilmember Anderson, is that all of these projects do work in harmony with other forms of subsidy out in the community. So, just looking at this affordability mix isn't indicative of the affordability that'll actually be provided by the building. Half of the battle that our providers go through is just getting access to units that they can apply a voucher to. You probably wouldn't believe the calls that we get of people who have VASH (Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing) Vouchers which is the VA style voucher, or housing choice vouchers and other types of vouchers who just say, "Hey, we can't even find a unit for these to go into." So, part of the work that you're doing here is creating the affordability and preserving it, but you're also creating access for our nonprofit partners to have a place that when they do have a household that has a voucher, they just need a unit, this provides those units to the community. So, you're doing both here at the same time, but I have heard both you and Mr. Driggs. We need to call and have another conversation and just see if there's any additional affordability that's available inside of the deal.

Ms. Anderson said absolutely, absolutely. Just given the population and what we're trying to do, I'd like to see the affordability go down so that we have a higher percentage closer to the midpoint of the AMI.

Mr. Wooten said sure.

Ms. Ajmera said I agree with some of the comments that's been made by my colleagues. I see this proposal as it sort of aligns with the Housing First model because you're providing the dignity and respect to one of the most vulnerable populations so that they can take advantage of other opportunities, supportive services, especially mental health. Plus, this is actually a very good deal because we are only contributing five percent towards this and I know we are making an exception to the policy. So, my question is should we revise our policy because I would like to see more of this because Naturally Occurring Affordable Housing units is the best tool to preserve housing today. Not six months, not two years or three years from today, because this is the most effective way to help with the affordable housing crisis we are seeing. So, I would like to hear your feedback on policy revision that we need to potentially consider.

Mr. Wooten said yes, thank you for that question. This is a question that me and my colleagues have been having about this policy. It is several years old now, it's almost six years old so it might be time for staff to go back and review this policy. It's been a really good policy. It's preserved a lot of affordable housing in the community, but it might be time for us to review and make some recommendations that may bring it more in line with what's going on in the market right now.

Ms. Ajmera said absolutely. I think that would be important because I know this proposal came forward, but I wonder how many there might be that may not come forward because our policy says otherwise and because this is a relatively new construction, 2021 build, it doesn't need any major rehabs like we have seen in the past. So, this nonprofit BDP Impact, is this their first project here in the City?

Mr. Wooten said it is their first project here in the City, but they've done projects like this all over the United States.

Ms. Ajmera said got it. Well hopefully this will be a start to many more. That's all I have. Thank you.

Ms. Mayfield said so I want to make sure we don't put staff in a particular position, because we have not directed them. This is not setting a new precedent, which is something we had multiple conversations about, since I'm not a fan of setting a precedent. Yet, this does align with the discussion of us having a Committee discussion much like what Dr. Watlington, myself, and Councilmember Driggs were able to be a part of in 2024 where we identified recommendations for that \$100 million bucket, as was mentioned with this request of \$3.5 million. This is the first bucket that we actually now have zeroed out based on the alignment. This was also the first time that a strong proposal like this has come forward when you're looking at a 60-year affordability as well as identifying a target in our community, yet by us having the ability and with working with our attorney staff as well as our leadership with Housing and Neighborhood Services, we can identify the language so that there's space to have this type of discussion without losing our focus and goal. So, this isn't to try to create a new thing, but it is being flexible enough where when a great opportunity comes before us, because there is also going to be conversation of a potential development that's a little older than this, but still has a lot of the same goals in the area that is changing rapidly. It's a matter of us staying flexible enough, but I do not want us to be too quick to jump with changing language versus being nimble enough to address the needs as they are presented when it's a strong case. Mr. Wooten, team, thank you for everything and thank you for this proposal.

Mayor Lyles said this has probably been as productive as our retreat, this conversation and what's been going on. So, we go through the NOAH funding recommendation, the debt service process, the Community Area Plan, I mean, this is terrific work, and I think the kind of work that you all thought about over the time that we had our retreat and I am just very, very grateful that we're beginning to join together and make things happen. Now, I have to say I think next week we will have the information that we need to give people back on some of the things that we're doing and it's just timing. We'll just have to work on it. We don't want to make a mistake or anything like that, so we'll do it with caution and make sure that everybody has the opportunity to speak to it. So, I think now if you guys are ready, we're going to go downstairs for our Business Meeting.

The meeting was recessed at 6:55 p.m. to move to the Meeting Chamber for the regularly scheduled Business Meeting.

The City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina reconvened for a Business Meeting on Monday, March 9, 2026, at 7:04 p.m. in the Meeting Chamber of the Charlotte Mecklenburg Government Center with Mayor Vi Lyles presiding. Council members present were Dimple Ajmera, Danté Anderson, J.D. Mazuera Arias, Ed Driggs, Malcolm Graham, Renee Johnson, Lawana Mayfield, Joi Mayo, James Mitchell, and Kimberly Owens.

ABSENT: Councilmember Victoria Watlington

Mayor Lyles said good afternoon, everyone. Thank you for joining us today, whether you're here in person or if you're watching online. Let's have introductions so that you know who's in the building with you.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Councilmember Johnson gave the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by all.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

ITEM NO. 6: BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS MONTH

Councilmember Johnson said thank you Madam Mayor and thank you Council for our sixth annual recognition and awareness of Brain Injury Awareness Month. I am honored to bring these greetings and to present this proclamation and just to honor survivors that are in the audience and around our world. I also want to make sure that you all see what I've placed on the dais. This is from Hinds Feet Farms. It's an organization that supports brain injury survivors in our City and these masks are created by survivors, what it feels like to have a brain injury from their individual perspective. We also have the honor of having some of the masks on display outside the chamber. So, if you get a chance, take a look at those. Thank you, Mr. Jones, that we were able to accommodate that. Make sure you all read some of the stories and also there's some green and blue ribbons in honor as well. Lastly, tonight, make sure you check out our skyline. The City lights will be lit in blue and green in honor of Brain Injury Awareness. So, thank you to City staff and to the businesses that are supporting awareness tonight.

Ms. Johnson read the following proclamation:

WHEREAS, recent studies show that an estimated 80 million Americans having a history of a brain injury, approximately 31 percent of US (United States) adults live with an acquired brain injury; and

WHEREAS, acquired brain injury is considered a chronic condition and includes injury sustained from medical conditions such as stroke, meningitis, tumor, lack of oxygen, and includes TBI (traumatic brain injury) suffered from blunt force trauma, concussion; and

WHEREAS, approximately 50 percent of individuals who survive a moderate-to-severe brain injury are unemployed five years after their injury; and

WHEREAS, research shows that up to 90 percent of domestic violence survivors suffer physical injuries to their head; and

WHEREAS, research shows that up to 50 percent of unhoused individuals and up to 87 percent of incarcerated adults report history of a brain injury; and

WHEREAS, public awareness and understanding of these injuries, prevalence, prevention, and treatment will improve the recovery process and quality of life for these brave survivors:

NOW THEREFORE, we, Vi Alexander Lyles, Mayor of Charlotte and Mark Jerrell, Chair of the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners do hereby proclaim March 2026 as

"BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS MONTH"

in Charlotte and Mecklenburg County and commend its observance to all citizens.

I am presenting these proclamations to Dr. Kelli Uitenham of Brain Talk Foundation. It's a nonprofit organization designed to raise awareness about brain injury, and also to Tracey Suggs, Protect Your Skull, another organization that promotes awareness and resource advocacy. They also donate safety equipment to youth and college leagues. So, if both of those individuals can come down, I'd appreciate it, thank you.

Motion was made by Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Mayfield, and carried unanimously to suspend the City Council Awards and Recognition Policy that we adopted on March 23, 2017. The policy related to no remarks or presentation being made during the meeting by the honorees. Councilmember Johnson has invited

five outstanding citizens to speak on this topic. I'd like to make the motion so they will speak.

Mayor Lyles said we're really glad to have you in our program tonight, thank you.

Dr. Kelli Uitenham, 4044 Queensbridge Road said greetings. Good evening Mayor, members of City Council and members of our community. My name is Dr. Kelli Uitenham, I'm a medical speech language pathologist and certified brain injury specialist, the founder of Brain Talk Foundation and an assistant clinical professor at Northeastern University, our Charlotte campus. Thank you again for recognizing Brain Injury Awareness Month. Brain injuries are often referred to as invisible injuries and because of that, they can often be misinterpreted or diagnosed as something else, but there are all kinds of ailments and TBI to prison pipelines. Our youth can be misdiagnosed as having ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder) or having other behavioral issues when it actually could be a concussion. Multiple concussions to the head results in traumatic brain injury as well as suspected CTE (chronic traumatic encephalopathy). Unfortunately, CTE, which stands for chronic traumatic encephalopathy cannot be diagnosed until after death. We are seeing studies that there are individuals as young as 17 who have died from CTE and this cannot be determined until the brain can be examined, and there are multiple individuals who have died and been diagnosed with CTE, including a CMPD (Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department) officer in 2024 who died by suicide. His name was Brent Simpson. So, we'd like to acknowledge him today and the other first responders such as the fire fighters who are here. These are injuries we don't really think about, the repeated injuries to the head. Our police officers are at risk when they are apprehending suspects or doing their job, the same thing with fire fighters and other individuals who place their lives on the line for us every day. So, that's my time. Thank you so much for listening.

Asiya Williams, 1817 Crabapple Tree Lane said good evening Mayor, Council members, members of the Charlotte community. Thank you for recognizing brain injury awareness. Traumatic brain injury, often called the silent epidemic, affects millions of Americans each year. Nationwide, more than 2.8 million people experience traumatic brain injury annually resulting in emergency room visits, hospitalizations, or even death. In North Carolina alone tens of thousands of residents are treated for brain injuries every day, and many go on to experience long term challenges with memory, employment, mental health, and independence. Studies show that individuals living with traumatic brain injury are two to three times more likely to experience depression or substance misuse disorder, which highlights the strong connection between brain injury, addiction, and behavioral health services. For me, this issue is deeply personal. On November 13th of 2014, I experienced a late onset seizure while frying chicken. I fell, hit my head and suffered second and third degree burns over 30 percent of my body. Since then, I have continued to live with epilepsy and the reality that seizures can cause repeated head injury every day. After years of recovery, I was able to found two organizations here in the Charlotte community. Human Kind, a behavioral health provider, and Sassafras Tea Company, a nonprofit organization focused on recovery support and workforce development. These two organizations are partnered in purpose where we advocate for those who are unable to advocate for themselves. Through these organizations, we train peer support specialists. We also offer basic life support training, wraparound behavioral health services that individuals living with mental health conditions and challenges, addictions, and disabilities rebuild stability and return to their meaningful roles in their communities. Due to my own chronic illness and disability, I am no longer able to run these organizations the way I once did, but I continue to volunteer and advocate because I know firsthand what recovery support can mean. Thank you so very much.

Mayor Lyles said thank you for sharing your story.

Tracey Suggs, 13012 Sagamore Hill Drive said good evening Mayor, Council members and members of the Charlotte community. My name is Tracey Suggs, co-founder of Protect Your Skull Health and Safety and I stand before you today representing Protect Your Skull Health and Safety as well as millions of brain injury

survivors, caregivers, physicians, therapists, and families whose lives are forever changed with brain trauma or because of brain trauma. We've heard here tonight, and this is something global, brain injuries do not discriminate. It can affect you and your family members at any time. At any moment, your life can be changed. At any moment, you can depend on somebody else to help you live your best life possible. They affect athletes, military service members, first responders, transportation and logistic workers, children in youth sports and seniors in our communities. Behind every statistic is a human being working to recover physically, mentally, and emotionally. For me, this awareness is deeply personal. As a former college football player, I sustained multiple concussions during my playing career. Some documented, some undocumented. Today, that experience fuels my commitment to raise awareness and support for those navigating the long road of recovery. Brain injury awareness is about more than science and statistics and support. We're talking about humanity and love and that walk to constantly and always be there for our neighbors. It is about love for humanity, because when someone suffers a brain injury, the journey is not theirs alone. Families become caregivers, physicians become partners in hope, and communities become part of the healing process. This proclamation reminds us that awareness must be compassionate, it must be about education, and it must be about that action so that those affected by brain injuries are supported and empowered to live meaningful lives, because when the game is over, when the work day ends, and when the lights fade, quality of life matters most. There is no one in this building right now that can say your quality of life of yourself, your children, your loved ones and your peers in the community do not mean everything, because when the game is over, it's over.

Mayor Lyles said thank you.

Mr. Suggs said so, what impact can you make now. So, thank you for recognizing Brain Injury Awareness Month and for standing with us.

Beth Callahan, 14635 Black Farms Road, Huntersville said I just want to commend the speakers that have said things already because they certainly have touched on many of the issues that we have faced. My name is Beth Callahan. I'm Executive Director of Hinds Feet Farm in Huntersville. We're a nonprofit that has been around for about 25 years in this County, due to their son, the family that started it, their son was injured at 16 of a severe traumatic brain injury. So, we've been serving this community for going on 26 years, and I've been in the field for decades and all these things that we hear, we now call it a chronic condition. We now how to differentiate between acquired brain injuries, such as Councilmember Johnson read in her proclamation. It is overdoses, it's strokes, other issues that cause people to have brain trauma, as well as the traumatic things that we think about, which are motor vehicle crashes, pedestrians hit by cars, etc., all the things that were mentioned. Again, the ongoing disabilities, people make a huge recovery. We can see that in many of these speakers already today, but the long-term devastating effects are unbelievable. We just appreciate you being here. Hinds Feet Farm started the unmasking project because we knew that survivors couldn't come. If I had tried to bring some of the survivors, it would've taken them a long time to get up here and you may not have understood what they were saying. So, the masks are a way for them to speak out, tell you that life does go on even though many of them, their lives have changed forever. So, we appreciate you, we appreciate you recognizing us and just thank you so much Councilmember Johnson for sticking in there with us and always making our voices be heard. Please take time to look at those masks.

Klarc Bryant, 2340 Kingsley Drive, SE, Concord said good evening. My name is Klarc [INAUDIBLE] Bryant and I am a traumatic brain injury survivor. Before my car wreck, I had a beautiful voice, I modeled, I completed two years of college. I knew who I was and where I was going, then in a single moment, everything changed. One car wreck, one impact, one day that split my life into two parts, before and after. When I woke up, I woke up to confusion. The crash didn't just injure my body, it erased my memory completely. Everything I had learned from birth to 20 years old was gone. I woke up not knowing how to do basic things. Not recognizing the people who I loved, who loved me, not knowing my favorite food, my hobbies, and my own story. I had to

realize how to walk, talk, read, and write. I had to relearn who my parents were. I had to relearn me. I spent 75 days in the hospital, lots of broken body parts. My mouth is still wired. I had a trach in my neck and feeding tube, but the hardest part wasn't just the physical injury. There are battles every single day. Battles with memory, emotions, and frustration. Moments when words don't come out right. Moments when my brain feels overloaded. Doctors say I will never drive again because I'm blind on the right side of both eyes. So, my parents take me where I need to go. That's not something most adults expect, but it's part of my reality and accepting that reality has been one of the hardest parts of my journey. There were emotional battles too. Grief for the life I thought I would have, loneliness when it felt like the world kept moving forward without me because I lost all my friends, but then we found a place that helped me see possibility again, Hinds Feet Farm, a day program, a community, a super support system. It's a place where I've met people who truly understand what living with a brain injury feels like. As I close, I want to leave you with something that carried me through my days. One car wreck changed my life. It took away memories. It changed my independence. It reshaped my future, but it did not take my voice, and it did not take my purpose. There is a difference between facts and faith. The facts said I would not make it, but faith said my story wasn't over, because the truth is, faith is what saved my life. Thank you.

Ms. Johnson said thank you Madam Mayor for that opportunity, thank you.

Mayor Lyles said no, thank you for providing us opportunity for us to listen and hear, and you are beautiful. So, just know it. So, before we move to the next step, I think I see scouts up there.

Unknown said Mayor and City Council members, this is Troop 79. I've been here before. I met you at [INAUDIBLE] Park. They're working on their citizen and community merit badge and [INAUDIBLE] City Council.

Mayor Lyles said well, thank you for bringing them.

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PUBLIC FORUM

Mayor Lyles said I'd like to thank all of you for joining us, and on behalf of the entire City Council, I want to ask you to do a couple of things. I ask that all speakers and audience members be civil and courteous in their use of language. I ask that you have our speakers be encouraged to address the Council and should refrain from responding to the audience members. Likewise, audience members should be courteous to each speaker and not yell out or interrupt someone. We want to ensure that everyone has a chance to be heard. So, since there are more than 10 speakers signed up today, each speaker will have two minutes to address the Council. So, I want to thank you. If you will just remind yourself of those thoughts and we can do that, we'll get through this pretty well.

Housing

Carson Cone, 606 NC Music Factory Boulevard said thank you. Good evening everyone. I would like to thank the brain injury speakers. My prayers go out to you all. Council, it was truly wonderful to hear you speak about the Affordable Housing Initiative moments ago in the previous meeting. I cannot help but have some doubt too, as it might not be enough as the Charlotte Post reported there are more than 2,400 unhoused in Mecklenburg County in June of 2025. I speak tonight about a proposal to make housing more affordable at apartments in Charlotte. I propose that the City create a rule, a regulation that would prevent apartment complexes which are within the City from being able to require of residents that those residents must pay for luxury amenities in addition to paying rent. Some examples of those amenities include cable tv packages, valet trash, group fitness training and social events to name a few currently being required. Councilmember Graham, you stated in a meeting last year that Charlotte had a poverty problem. My proposal would help with the steps that the City is

taking to face that problem. It would allow more people to go from sleeping in the elements and on the street, to sleeping in a place that they could call their own and feel safe in. What I wonder tonight is whether such a regulation would be legal for the City to pass?

Mayor Lyles said I think it would be best if we had our City attorney address those things, because I know that the people along this dais, I want you to know that deeply they understand how difficult this problem is, and what we need to be doing. We really work hard at it. Ms. Mayfield has always helped us in doing this, but I bet everyone on this Council has had some opportunity to talk about how can we help the unhoused. The issues that are having to be done, it's really tough sometimes to sit here because we, I don't want to explain too much about what happens when you're in a Council instead of in the legislature. So, what we need is help from Raleigh. We need Raleigh to help us develop these opportunities for everyone, but that's a very difficult thing to do, but I hope that you understand that that's what we want and that's what we will try to make happen. I want to make sure that you know that this Council cares deeply about it. So, if we can get a little bit more information for him. If you'll come over this way and you can see this young man right over there, then if you can talk with him a little bit about what we're trying to do, and I promise you, we are trying so hard.

Mr. Cone said thank you.

Animal Care and Control

Heather McCollough, 615 Belton Street said good evening. Thank you for the opportunity to speak here tonight. My name is Heather McCollough and I'm a resident of District One. In August 2024, I spoke at the City Council meeting and in closing, advocated for C-Meck to be made an independent City department and that you solidify a commitment to the adoption center project. You have fulfilled on both counts. Thank you for hearing us and taking action. It has been eight months since these changes and the benefits are already apparent. One of the biggest being the streamlining of the volunteer application and the onboarding process. Allow me to share a few recent stats that speak to the difference this is making. Approximately 225 people completed volunteer training in the last five months of 2025. Previously, that would've taken two years. The volunteer team grew from under 400 active volunteers at the start of 2025 to now over 600. We are averaging 160 volunteers per week, versus 80 just two years ago. We are tracking to onboard 40 to 50 volunteers per month in 2026. More hands to share the workload means more support for the animals, staff, and community which creates tangible life saving outcomes. While this is great progress, there are still staffing gaps. With more volunteers comes more coordination and management needs, plus we have a 90 percent plus save goal, which in order to meet requires a strong and sizeable foster community. On average we maintain 60 percent of our animals in foster care. We do not have space to house those animals at the shelter. It is vital that we have proper staffing to support our foster program. As for the new adoption center, I'm excited about the plans that are coming along. The space that is thoughtfully designed for best practices and animal sheltering and welcoming to perspective adopters will be a game changer. Thank you again for your support of C-Meck, support which in turn enables the shelter community to better serve the Charlotte community. Thank you for your time.

Economic Mobility

Darren Barreto, 4392 Foxfield Court said thank you Madam Mayor and Council members and community leaders. My name is Darren Barreto and I serve as the founding Executive Director of the Progress Exchange, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit working to expand pathways to college success for high school students throughout Charlotte. Here in Charlotte, we are fortunate to have a large student body that serves tens of thousands of students across diverse communities. The work being done everyday inside those classrooms matters deeply. At the same time we know that academic readiness does not stop when the school day ends. Across our community, there are many bright capable students with tremendous potential, yet some of these same students fall short on standardized college entrance exams like the SAT (Scholastic

Aptitude Test) and the ACT (American College Testing), not because they lack ability, but because they lack access to structured and affordable preparation. Only 40 percent of 11th graders on average score at least a 19 or better, and if you know anything about ACT scoring, 19 is not a great score. Only 40 percent of our children achieve that. When capable students are unable to access the resources that help them compete academically, we risk leaving a great deal of talent on the table. Through our programs that exchange works alongside families to reinforce what students are learning, while developing confidence and discipline, most importantly we strive to make this preparation accessible, by providing the support at little or no cost to the families we serve. I simply wanted to make you aware that we exist. We actively work to support Charlotte students, contributing to the broader ecosystem of educational support in the City, for economic mobility is not only about creating jobs, it's also about ensuring students are academically prepared to compete for those opportunities. This City's long term economic strength depends on the readiness of students sitting in classrooms today, and when we invest in the needed attention and support of our students today, we are ultimately investing in the talent and future of leadership of our communities. I welcome the opportunity to speak with anyone who is interested in hearing about the work that we do. Thank you for your time and your [INAUDIBLE].

Arts Funding

Terri White, 3500 Shamrock Drive said good evening and thank you for the opportunity to speak. For those who don't know me, my name is Terri White, President and CEO (Chief Executive Officer) of the Charlotte Museum of History, the City's oldest history museum, its newest Smithsonian affiliate and one of its most active cultural institutions. We are the Carolinas home for America 250 in part, thanks to this Council. So, I want to thank each of you for the support and encouragement you have shown the museum thus far. For those of you who have taken the time to meet with me, you know we have ambitious plans to grow, attract visitors, and eventually become less reliant on public support. However, today, we're an organization searching for lifeblood while our peers receive six and seven figure investments year over year. Our staff and facility are at its limits and next year, the same programs you praise us for, simply won't happen. Not because we don't want to do them, but because we will not be able to. Charlotte has asked us to show what we can do to prove we aren't the ivory tower relic of our past, and we have more than done that. We are now asking the City to show that our work truly matters. Charlotte deserves history organizations that reflect the scale and ambition of our growth, and that requires investment. For the fourth year, I am coming to you for equitable arts funding for Charlotte Museum of History that our peers receive. If you value the work that we do, and I send it to you every month, everything we do, the City must help us sustain them. Passion alone cannot pay the bills. As an aside, since for once I actually have some time, gold star for talking about historic preservation, as your only arts organization advocating for historic preservation as you were talking about in your last meeting for affordable housing. It made my heart smile, and I let my team know. So, thank you for your time. Please fund Charlotte Museum of History.

Vision Zero

Eric Zaverl, 1100 South Mind Street, Suite 208 said good evening Mayor, City Council. My name is Eric Zaverl and I'm here on behalf of Sustain Charlotte to speak in support of Vision Zero and the need to act with urgency. Vision Zero is a commitment to ensuring no one loses their life simply going to work, going to school, or just simply crossing the street. In the first two months of 2026, we've already lost 14 people. I'm here to remind you when you see those numbers, they're not just numbers, they're people. They were loved and now they're missed, and this year Sustain Charlotte is committed to reading the names of those people who were lost to traffic violence because we just cannot allow these deaths to become routine. So, tonight I want to speak the names of the lives that were taken in January 2026 and February 2026. Anthony Santos, 18. Comfort Antwi, 16. Amber McGee, 37. Michael Hamilton, 62. Lance Sotelo, 25. Bryan Ramirez, 24. Bernard Johnson, 65. Anthony Stewart, also 65. Eric Neigenfind, 37. Tavaris Crouch, 48. Sinclair Little, 35. Deanna Moore, 30. Marcus Carter, 49, and Reginald Stowe, 56. Let's take a moment just to recognize them. Many

of these deaths were preventable. We know what saves lives, slower speeds, safer street design, protected bike lanes and more enforcement including red light cameras. So, tonight I'm asking you to prioritize deploying new red-light cameras and also looking into crash investigations from C-DOT (Charlotte Department of Transportation) so we can learn to prevent these deaths in the future.

Mayor Lyles said thank you.

Mr. Zaverl said thank you.

Senior Safety

Linda Byers, 703 Parkside Terrace Lane said when people say peace and quality of life, what does that really mean to you? Good evening Mayor and City Council members. My name is Linda Byers, and I am a long-time resident of First Ward in District One. I am a Charlotte-Mecklenburg employee for 21 years and I've advocated for the City of Charlotte for over a decade. Tonight, I am here as the daughter of a senior homeowner who has lived on Parkside Terrace over 30 years. Unfortunately, what began as a parking concern has now expanded into an ongoing disruption of peace and quality of life issues for a senior resident. There have been repeated disturbances around my mother's home including noise, dog related nuisance concerns, trespassing, vandalism of private property, nails in her tires and neighbors intentionally linger in front of our house to intimidate. Some acts surprisingly are from children. In April 2024, the street transitioned into a City residents parking area following a petition that did not include our household. It's disproportionate. We have five cars and we have to pay for it, and for guest parking from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. After 5 p.m., it's open to the public, which has led to [INAUDIBLE] over parking, coupling with suicide of a grandson who shot himself in front of our home, the suicide of their father and my son who's over serving our Country right now in an international conflict. Although I appreciate the responses I have received, our household peace and quality concerns still exist. Thank you.

Mayor Lyles said Mr. Heath, would you address this for us so that we can continue to learn more about what's going on?

Ms. Byers said thank you, and Mayor I just want to say thank you because I sent you an email and you sent some of my issues to animal control. They came out to the street and when they were patrolling the street for a little while, a lot of the stuff kind of died down a little bit, but then it picked back up. So, we're still going through a lot as of today.

Mayor Lyles said yes, thank you so much.

Ms. Byers said thank you.

Local 660 Firefighters

Jordan Hood, 141 Planters Drive, Statesville said good evening Mayor and members of City Council. My name is Jordan Hood and I'm the Vice President of the Local 660 of the Charlotte Firefighters Association. Thank you for the opportunity to allow me to speak tonight on behalf of our members regarding our priorities for the 2027 budget. Last week several members of our Local attended a City's budget retreat and listened carefully as you discussed the mobility, growth, and the vision for Charlotte's future. It was also very clear that each of you wants to position this City for the long-term success. Years ago when I came to Charlotte, I sat in front of the fire department command staff during my interview to become a firefighter with the City and I shared a similar goal. I told them that through hard work and dedication, I hoped to do my part in putting the Charlotte Fire Department on the map as well, but without the proper funding and support, that goal becomes harder to achieve. The firefighters standing beside me tonight are husbands, their wives, fathers, mothers and public servants. We never entered this profession expecting to become millionaires, but many of us, our members today, are struggling to make ends meet. We're seeing fire fighters leave for other fire

departments. Others are working as many hours as possible just to support their families, our training academy needs expansion, our burn building needs replacement, and many divisions are taking multiple responsibilities because we simply do not have enough personnel. As you review the studies and the comparative pay analysis during this budget process, we ask that you consider aligning firefighter pay and benefits with peer cities and provide a meaningful relief including five modified duty positions, because every time Charlotte grows, every new building and every new development, the demand is placed on your fire department. These requests are about supporting the health, the safety and the effectiveness of the men and women who protect the City. At the end of the day, the safety of Charlotte depends on the people, all of them when everyone else is running out.

Mayor Lyles said thank you very much.

Mr. Hood said thank you for your time and for your continued support for the Charlotte firefighters.

Steeleberry Acres

Stephanie Lasne, 7818 Douglas Drive said good evening City Council and Mayor Lyles. My name is Stephanie Lasne. I represent the Steeleberry Acres Neighborhood and the Steele Creek community. I'm here once again this evening to ask you to help me save Steeleberry Acres. The Steeleberry Acres neighborhood has had detrimental suffering because of Manufacturing and Logistics development in close proximity to us, where the former Steele Creek Presbyterian church and the former Vance property used to be located. We've lost many of our historic sites and our neighbors have been impacted heavily. We've had elderly neighbors that have been forced to leave their homes due to environmental concerns temporarily and people that have been forced to sell to the airport and have to move out of their forever homes. So, tonight I want to speak to you about some plans that are coming up. Charlotte Planning has introduced some policies to mitigate the impact of Manufacturing and Logistics next to residential homes. They've admitted that they've learned a lesson from what happened to us in Steeleberry Acres and they're writing policy into currently adopted Community Area Plans to mitigate these impacts, but yet we have proposed Community Area Plans such as the West Outer that are looking to be adopted on March 23, 2026 that outline these exact same things, right? We're looking at more Manufacturing and Logistics within a hundred feet of our neighborhood once again. We're asking you to defer your decision on March 23, 2026. The policies that are going to be added to the currently adopted Area Plans and the unadopted Area Plans, these two issues need to be separated. More work needs to be done on the unadopted Community Area Plans, specifically the West Outer. There is not much thought that's being given into this. There's a lot of controversy on how this land should be used, what that future looks like and it's going to be detrimental to the future our neighborhood if something isn't done. I'm asking for your voices tonight to represent us. It's time that the airport does not get their way in the name of manufacturing and development and that residents get heard. Thank you for supporting Steeleberry Acres.

Mayor Lyles said thank you. Ms. Craig, could you follow up with her? Okay, so thank you for that concern. Your voice is being heard.

Neighborhood Concerns

Shederick Mathews, 2737 Celia Avenue said good evening Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem Mitchell, Councilmember Graham and members of Council. My name is Shederick Mathews and I serve on the Board of the Concerned Citizens of Washington Heights. I'm here tonight to provide some clarity and also share a positive update about the work residents have been doing in Washington Heights over the past year. Washington Heights has two organizations that care deeply about the neighborhood. The historic Washington Heights Association, which has been around for many years and the Concerned Citizens of Washington Heights which was formed in 2023 to increase resident engagement and help address quality of life and public safety concerns. Over

the past year, our group has been working hard to organize residents and support the neighborhood. We've adopted multiple streets via the City's Adopt A Street Program include Booker, Tate, Dundeen, Celia and surrounding streets. We've hosted two community clean up events. We've organized a town hall with Councilmember Graham and former CMPD Metro Captain Stephen E. Iyevbele to address public safety concerns. We participated in the City's neighborhood's board retreat, held our first election last August 2025 and we now have more than 30 engaged residents actively participating in neighborhood efforts. Our goal is simple. We want Washington Heights to be a safe, engaged, and thriving neighborhood along the Beatties Ford Corridor. We appreciate the work the City, CMPD, and Council have already been doing, particularly around the Ritz, and public safety along the Corridor, including the public space coalition that has recently been stood up. Going forward, our organization would welcome the opportunity to serve as a direct partner with the City when it comes to neighborhood engagement and communication. Tonight, I would like to respectfully request the opportunity for a follow up meeting with Mayor Pro Tem Mitchell and Councilmember Graham, along with members of our board to discuss how we can continue working together to support Washington Heights' residents and strengthen community engagement. Thank you for your time and your continued support of our neighborhood.

Mayor Lyles said thank you very much.

Affordable Housing

Orlando Jacobs, 3010 Barrow Road said thank you all so much. Good evening Mayor Lyles and members of the Council. My name is Orlando Jacobs. I am here tonight because we are at a crossroad. You are considering a \$3.5 million investment for the 1001 Tyvola project. While I support preserving those units, we have to be honest. We're trying to put out a forest fire with a garden hose. While we fund isolated projects, the Unified Development Ordinance this Council passed has opened the floodgates for developers. Instead of missing middle housing we see an influx of luxury apartments and massive corporate-owned blocks that are out of reach for low-income neighbors. Corporate landlords now own roughly eight percent of single-family homes in Mecklenburg County, a 65 percent increase since 2019. These institutional investors outbid our families and then hike rents beyond what local salaries can ever support. Every time we asked for a rent-a-[INAUDIBLE], we are told your hands are tied by a 1987 state law. It is 2026. We know what this Council can do when it feels the pressure. Last year the Republican party tried to use the tragic killing of Irena Zarutka as a political weapon. They attacked this Democratic leadership and this mayor claiming soft on crime policies were to blame. The citizens of Charlotte stood firm. We saw through the attacks and we showed our support at the ballot box and we voted Mayor Lyles back into office. In return, you worked with state leaders to pass Irena's Law. You proved that when the stakes are high you can find the legislative energy to change the state level rules. We need that same level of support from you now. I am calling out the lack of [INAUDIBLE] public opposition from this Democratic body against these preemptive laws. It is not enough to say the 1987 ban exists. I understand that the legislation is what holds your hands, but at the same time, you have influence with the same people who are running for office on the legislative branch. We need to get affordable housing to get that law changed. People are on the streets, and so are animals. We can't even house animals. Thank you.

Mayor Lyles said I want to thank you all for the way you addressed us. It has been an honor to listen to you, and I hope that we will be able at some point to join together and say we were successful. Thank you very much.

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PUBLIC HEARING

ITEM NO. 8: PUBLIC HEARING AND DECISION FOR AN INSTALLMENT FINANCING CONTRACT FOR EQUIPMENT AND PUBLIC FACILITIES

Mayor Lyles declared the hearing open.

There being no speakers, either for or against, a motion was made by Councilmember Mitchell, and seconded by Councilmember Mayfield to (A) Conduct a public hearing on approval of an installment financing contract not to exceed \$120,000,000 for equipment acquisition and construction of and improvements to facilities, (B) Adopt a resolution authorizing and approving an installment financing contract for the proposed financing and calling for the execution and delivery of various documents necessary to complete an installment financing contract, and (C) Adopt Budget Ordinance 1100-X appropriating \$6,600,000 to the Municipal Debt Service Fund.

Motion was made by Councilmember Mitchell, and seconded by Councilmember Mazuera Arias to close the public hearing.

The vote was taken on both motions and recorded as unanimous.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 69, at Page(s) 226.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 56, at Page(s) 238-241.

ITEM NO. 9: PUBLIC HEARING AND DECISION ON A RESOLUTION TO CLOSE A PORTION OF ALLEYWAY OFF EAST WORTHINGTON AVENUE

Mayor Lyles declared the hearing open.

There being no speakers, either for or against, a motion was made by Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Driggs, and carried unanimously to (A) Close the public hearing, and (B) Adopt a resolution and close a portion of alleyway off East Worthington Avenue.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 56, at Page(s) 242-245.

ITEM NO. 10: PUBLIC HEARING AND DECISION ON A RESOLUTION TO CLOSE A PORTION OF ALLEYWAY OFF PIEDMONT STREET

Mayor Lyles declared the hearing open.

There being no speakers, either for or against, a motion was made by Councilmember Anderson, seconded by Councilmember Ajmera, and carried unanimously to (A) Close the public hearing, and (B) Adopt a resolution and close a portion of alleyway off Piedmont Street.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 56, at Page(s) 246-249.

ITEM NO. 11: PUBLIC HEARING AND DECISION ON A RESOLUTION TO CLOSE A PORTION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY ADJACENT TO 1519 CRYSTAL ROAD

Mayor Lyles declared the hearing open.

There being no speakers, either for or against, a motion was made by Councilmember Anderson, seconded by Councilmember Ajmera, and carried unanimously to (A) Close the public hearing, and (B) Adopt a resolution and close a portion of right-of-way adjacent to 1519 Crystal Road.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 56, at Page(s) 250-253.

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ITEM NO. 12: PUBLIC HEARING AND DECISION ON A RESOLUTION TO CLOSE A PORTION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY ADJACENT TO 5516 GORHAM DRIVE

Mayor Lyles declared the hearing open.

There being no speakers, either for or against, a motion was made by Councilmember Driggs, seconded by Councilmember Mayfield, and carried unanimously to (A) Close the public hearing, and (B) Adopt a resolution and close a portion of right-of-way adjacent to 5516 Gorham Drive.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 56, at Page(s) 254-257.

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ITEM NO. 13: PUBLIC HEARING AND DECISION ON A RESOLUTION TO CLOSE A PORTION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY OFF HARRIS OAKS BOULEVARD

Mayor Lyles declared the hearing open.

There being no speakers, either for or against, a motion as made by Councilmember Driggs, seconded by Councilmember Johnson, and carried unanimously to (A) Close the public hearing, and (B) Adopt a resolution and close a portion of right-of-way off Harris Oaks Boulevard.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 56, at Page(s) 258-262.

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ITEM NO. 14: PUBLIC HEARING AND DECISION ON SUMMERWELL MOUNTAIN ISLAND VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION

Mayor Lyles declared the hearing open.

Andrew Phelan, 2151 Hawkins Street, Suite 1125 said I don't really have much to say to you guys tonight. I just wanted to give you a little brief overview of the project and answer any questions that you may have. We've got a community consisting of 171 residences. It's 156 duplex townhomes and 15 single-family homes. Our permits are pending approval through the City of Charlotte, subject to this annexation this evening. It's an N1-A zoning. We are building it by-right. We'll be leaving the zoning in place and we've got will-serves from Duke Energy, Charlotte Water and all of our typical data providers. So, I'll be happy to answer any questions specific to his project tonight.

Motion was made by Councilmember Mitchell and seconded by Councilmember Driggs, to (A) Close the public hearing, and (B) Adopt Annexation Ordinance 1101-X with an effective date of March 9, 2026, to extend the corporate limits to include this property and assign it to the adjacent City Council District 2.

Councilmember Mayfield said so for clarification, what's in front of us tonight is for an annexation. What you just shared with us is a multi-family development that you're considering for this site that you're attempting to annex into the Charlotte limits today?

Mr. Phelan said yes ma'am, that's correct.

Ms. Mayfield said so, what I want us to consider is we just had our fire department speak with us with concern because every time we approve a new development, we're also taking into consideration as was just mentioned, what's before us tonight is the request of an annexation. It would be helpful for staff to give us a little bit more information regarding this annexation and what exactly would the impact be, not only just on resources. It is noted in here that there is a potential revenue that could be generated from this annexation. It would be helpful to know how staff identified that proposal or projection.

Holly Cramer, Planning, Design & Development said Holly Cramer, Planning. We do a fiscal impact analysis on every single annexation. This is based off of the proposal and the development within that site. So, based off the single-family units that they have proposed, we estimate revenue generated, but also cost incurred year on [INAUDIBLE]. Fire did respond to this request. They said this is within their four-minute travel time window, and they would be able to serve this annexation area effectively. They expressed no concerns over this site, and we also received polling responses from all other major municipal service providers and saw they also expressed no concerns over servicing this site. We do have general policy process improvements that we're working on as a larger project in annexation that I hope to come to you all soon on a TPD meeting to share where we are on those items, but as for this annexation, we have no concerns over serviceability or infrastructure needs.

Ms. Mayfield said final question for staff. Earlier today, we received our proposal for the additional seven areas under the Community Area Plan where we had some clarifications, especially after conversations in the Mountain Island Lake area. If this were to move forward, would this be under our new policies where we have clear goals that have been identified based on the community's input and looking at our tree canopy, our land use review, as well as guidance? Would it be under the new recommended policies or the current language that's out there?

Ms. Cramer said I apologize my computer just died so I can't look up what Area Plan geography this is in so I can follow up with you on that, but I will say that annexation isn't specifically referenced in the Area Plan documents. We do talk about it briefly in the Comprehensive Plan documents and how we try to use annexation to effectively plan for our future. Part of that is doing that fiscal analysis and trying to understand impact to resources. So, in terms of community input and community engagement, it's not the same as I would say with rezoning because with an annexation you're talking about a voluntary petition request where the property owners have come to us with a petition to annex, and we are just conducting a general analysis on our end to say whether or not we believe we could service the site and we come to you all to say whether or not you'd like to accept it within City limits. This is something that we could probably explore further during our policy and process updates that I'd like to present to you on soon at an upcoming TPD meeting.

Ms. Mayfield said so, with thinking about how we had the opportunity to be proactive. If we already know from the petitioner what the plan is for the area, and we know the first step of that is annexation, it seems like our next step would be to make sure that it aligns with our goals. I'm just trying to understand if it is under alignment under the

previous language or is it under alignment with what we have identified as additional language that we still have yet to vote on, but we will be voting on, just to be proactive.

Ms. Cramer said right, under the new policies that Director Holmes outlined earlier today.

Ms. Mayfield said thank you.

Ms. Cramer said yes, I can look at that further. A lot of those new policies in regards to community character or of course, meeting practical logistics, we can assess on a case-by-case basis, but I will say when it comes to annexation requests, we are not considering the question of entitlements as we are in the rezoning process where you are asking whether or not the development proposed or the requested entitlements are appropriate and justified. We are asking whether or not we can effectively service the site and whether or not it meets our annexation City policy. This is a by-right development proposal as the petitioner has stated here. So, they already have the entitlements in place, the neighborhood 1-A request and with our annexation City policy and guidelines, what we do is conduct the fiscal analysis just based off the estimated development within the site and the entitlements and what they allow up to. So, if we want to refine that further, that's something that we would do on a holistic level under the process and policy shifts that we're thinking of and that we'll present to you on here soon.

Ms. Mayfield said thank you Mayor.

A vote was taken on the motion and recorded as follows:

YEAS: Councilmembers Ajmera, Anderson, Driggs, Graham, Johnson, Mayo, Mitchell, and Owens

NAYS: Councilmembers Mazuera Arias and Mayfield

Mayor Lyles said thank you very much.

Mr. Phelan said thank you.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 69, at Page(s) 227-231.

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POLICY

ITEM NO. 15: CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mayor Lyles said City Manager, do you have any updates for the Council this evening?

Marcus Jones, City Manager said yes Mayor and members of Council. I have a brief update. I just wanted to thank you as a follow up to the Annual Strategy Meeting last week. Two days of significant, I believe, progress in terms of the staff and the Council, your thoughts, your perspectives. On March 19, 2026, in your packet, we are going to provide you what I would call some buckets, some responses for whether things should just come from us, should be referred to Committee or maybe a future policy item. Big shot out to the Mayor Pro Tem for helping navigate through all of this. We also wanted to share with the community the same video that we shared with you during the retreat, and these are just some of the highlights of the retreat.

Video plays 3:18:06-3:20:35.

That's the report Mayor and Council.

Mayor Lyles said well, thank you. I think that's a great report. We should do it more often.

BUSINESS

ITEM NO. 16: INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR CATS REGIONAL EXPRESS BUS SERVICE WITH THE CITY OF ROCK HILL

Motion was made by Councilmember Anderson, seconded by Councilmember Driggs, and carried unanimously to (A) Approve an interlocal agreement between the City of Charlotte and the City of Rock Hill to provide express bus service, (B) Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to negotiate and execute all documents necessary to complete the interlocal agreement, and (C) Authorize the City Manager to renew the agreement for up to four, one-year terms and to amend the agreement consistent with the purpose for which the agreement was approved.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 56, at Page(s) 263-264.

ITEM NO. 17: TRANSPORTATION DEMAND MANAGEMENT GRANT APPLICATION

Motion was made by Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Mayfield, and carried unanimously to adopt a resolution to apply for and accept a Transportation Demand Management Program grant in the amount of \$149,564 from the North Carolina Department of Transportation and provide the necessary assurances and required local match of \$149,564 for the Transportation Demand Management Program.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 56, at Page(s) 265-266.

ITEM NO. 18: CATS RED LINE DESIGN CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Motion was made by Councilmember Ajmera, and seconded by Councilmember Anderson, to (A) Approve a contract amendment in an amount not to exceed \$37,900,000 with HDR Engineering, Inc. for planning and design services related to the proposed Red Line, (B) Authorize the City Manager to amend the contract consistent with the purpose for which the contract was approved, and (C) Adopt Budget Ordinance 1102-X appropriating \$1,500,000 in fund balance in the CATS Debt Service Fund to the CATS Capital Projects Fund.

Councilmember Ajmera said I'll keep it brief. The Red Line has been talked about for years and this step helps us move closer to the reality of building the Red Line. So, kudos to the leadership team and especially Mr. Jones for bringing this vision to reality.

Councilmember Anderson said I just wanted to underscore this moment. It was a big moment in our community last year when we had a vote for the referendum and as we quite often say, the community supported the referendum, but there were some in opposition, but as we know, the Red Line is so critically important for the rest of the work to get done as 50 percent of it has to be completed before other projects can begin. So, this is actually a really, really good step and I'm happy to see it happen so

quickly after we voted for the referendum. We're just three months into the new year. So, I'm excited about this for the community and excited to advance our mobility plan.

Councilmember Driggs said so, I just want to note this is happening because of the Manager's gutsy move spending \$74 million to buy that property and gambling on the success of the referendum. I have to give him credit for brilliance because without that, none of the rest of it would've happened. So, I do appreciate that. I wanted to note though for the record, the last sentence says, "The payback requires that this be completed before any other project." Technically speaking, it says that 50 percent of this must be done before any other project will be completed, just to set the record straight, but I think this is an exciting development.

Mayor Lyles said thank you Ed for that.

Councilmember Mayfield said this is an example that I attempted to address earlier tonight. Action A, approve a contract amendment in the amount not to exceed \$37,900,000 for planning and design services. So, we know how to write the language. I would hope that we're not looking at amendment number seven as we had a project earlier where we were already up to seven and evidently it seemed like it was difficult to have the language that we have tonight that clearly says an amount not to exceed and clearly says that this is for planning and design. So, as long as we have that language as the phases are brought before us, we know on the front end and can always refer back to the original language as we are releasing, because community, if you don't know, we're not releasing this entire amount. As the phases and work is presented to us, we will be moving forward, but this language also identifies us adopting a budget ordinance appropriating \$1,500,000 and fund balance to the CATS Debt Service Fund to the CATS Capital Project Funds so that the community also understands we are being respectful of those that supported the one percent sales tax and we're not out here trying to spend money that we do not have yet.

Councilmember Johnson said I just wanted to get an update. When this was presented to us initially, I think there were three additional stops in District Four. So, I just want to confirm that that's still the case or do we have an update or any updated renderings or when will we receive that information?

Brent Cagle, Interim CATS CEO said good evening members of Council. I'm Brent Cagle, Interim CEO. Ms. Johnson, to your question. So, this will allow us to move forward with design up to 30 percent and enter into environmental. This is part of the process to make final decisions on all stop locations. That will be completed in a process called final ratification of the Locally Preferred Alternative or LPA, and before we can bring an LPA forward, we need to continue moving design forward.

Ms. Johnson said okay, so do you have an idea of when we would see the next step?

Mr. Cagle said I can get back to you with the timeline on that.

Ms. Johnson said okay.

Mr. Cagle said again, as we go through design, we evaluate final stop locations associated with the Red Line.

Ms. Johnson said okay. thank you. That's all I have.

The vote was taken on the motion and recorded as unanimous.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 69, at Page(s) 232.

ITEM NO. 19: INITIAL FINDINGS RESOLUTION ON 2026 GENERAL AIRPORT REVENUE BONDS AND CONSTRUCTION PERIOD FINANCING

Motion was made by Councilmember Driggs, seconded by Councilmember Graham, and carried unanimously to (A) Adopt an initial findings resolution and authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to make appropriate application to the Local Government Commission for issuance of General Airport Revenue Bonds not to exceed \$235,000,000 and construction period financing not to exceed \$175,000,000, and (B) Adopt a resolution setting a public hearing on April 27, 2026.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 56, at Page(s) 267-271.

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NOMINATIONS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Mayor Lyles explained the rules and procedures of the appointment process.

ITEM NO. 20: NOMINATIONS TO THE AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD

The following nominations were made for one appointment for a partial term beginning January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2026:

- Sindy Alexander, nominated by Councilmember Mazuera Arias.
- Warren Henderson, nominated by Councilmembers Ajmera, Anderson, Graham, Johnson, Mayfield, Mayo, Mitchell, and Owens.

Motion was made by Councilmember Driggs, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, and carried unanimously to appoint Warren Henderson by acclamation.

Mr. Henderson was appointed.

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ITEM NO. 21: NOMINATIONS TO THE BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The following nominations were made for one appointment for a partial term beginning upon appointment and ending December 13, 2026:

- Sary Chakra, nominated by Councilmembers Driggs and Owens.
- Shelby Williams, nominated by Councilmembers Ajmera, Anderson, Mazuera Arias, Graham, Mayfield, Mayo, and Mitchell.

Motion was made by Councilmember Driggs, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, and carried unanimously to appoint Shelby Williams by acclamation.

Ms. Williams was appointed.

There were no nominations made for one appointment for a partial term recommended by the Black Chamber of Commerce beginning upon appointment and ending April 28, 2027.

Nominations will be kept open until the next Business Meeting.

There were no nominations made for one appointment for a partial term recommended by the Certified SBE-Hispanic Contractors Association beginning upon appointment and ending April 28, 2026, and a three-year term beginning April 29, 2026, and ending April 28, 2029.

Nominations will be kept open until the next Business Meeting.

There were no nominations made for one appointment for a partial term recommended by the Charlotte Regional Business Alliance beginning upon appointment and ending April 28, 2026, and a three-year term beginning April 29, 2026, and ending April 28, 2029.

Nominations will be kept open until the next Business Meeting.

There were no nominations made for one appointment for a partial term recommended by the Metrolina Minority Contractors Association beginning upon appointment and ending April 28, 2026, and a three-year term beginning April 29, 2026, and ending April 28, 2029.

Nominations will be kept open until the next Business Meeting.

There were no nominations made for one appointment for a partial term recommended by the Metrolina Native American Association beginning upon appointment and ending April 28, 2026, and a three-year term beginning April 29, 2026, and ending April 28, 2029.

Nominations will be kept open until the next Business Meeting.

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ITEM NO. 22: NOMINATIONS TO THE CHARLOTTE BUSINESS INCLUSION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The following nomination was made for one appointment for an At-Large Representing Prime Construction Company category representative for a three-year term beginning May 1, 2026, and ending February 28, 2029:

- Gerald Carr, nominated by Councilmembers Ajmera, Anderson, Mazuera Arias, Driggs, Johnson, Mayfield, Mayo, Mitchell, and Owens.

Motion was made by Councilmember Driggs, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, and carried unanimously to appoint Gerald Carr by acclamation.

Mr. Carr was appointed.

There were no nominations made for one appointment for a three-year term recommended by the Carolinas Association of General Contractors beginning March 1, 2026, and ending February 28, 2029.

Nominations will be kept open until the next Business Meeting.

There were no nominations made for one appointment for a three-year term recommended by the Hispanic Contractors Association of the Carolinas beginning March 1, 2026, and ending February 28, 2029.

Nominations will be kept open until the next Business Meeting.

The following nomination was made for one appointment for a three-year term recommended by the Latin American Chamber of Commerce beginning March 1, 2026, and ending February 28, 2029:

- Erlan Martinez Castro, nominated by Councilmembers Ajmera, Anderson, Mazuera Arias, Driggs, Graham, Johnson, Mayfield, Mayo, Mitchell, and Owens.

Motion was made by Councilmember Driggs, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, and carried unanimously to appoint Erlan Martinez Castro by acclamation.

Mr. Martinez Castro was appointed.

There were no nominations made for one appointment for a three-year term recommended by the LGBT+ Chamber of Commerce beginning March 1, 2026, and ending February 28, 2029.

Nominations will be kept open until the next Business Meeting.

There were no nominations made for one appointment for a three-year term recommended by the Metrolina Native American Association beginning March 1, 2026, and ending February 28, 2029.

Nominations will be kept open until the next Business Meeting.

ITEM NO. 23: NOMINATIONS TO THE CHARLOTTE INTERNATIONAL CABINET

There were no nominations made for one appointment for a three-year term recommended by the Charlotte Regional Business Alliance beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2028.

Nominations will be kept open until the next Business Meeting.

ITEM NO. 21: NOMINATIONS TO THE CHARLOTTE MECKLENBURG PUBLIC ACCESS CORPORATION

The following nominations were made for one appointment for a partial term beginning upon appointment and ending June 30, 2028:

- Nimish Bhatt, nominated by Councilmembers Mazuera Arias and Mayfield.
- Dregan McClenney, nominated by Councilmembers Ajmera, Anderson, Driggs, Graham, Johnson, Mayo, Mitchell, and Owens.

Motion was made by Councilmember Driggs, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, and carried unanimously to appoint Dregan McClenney by acclamation.

Mr. McClenney was appointed.

ITEM NO. 25: NOMINATIONS TO THE CHARLOTTE WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The following nomination was made for one appointment for a three-year term Recommended by Gaston County beginning March 16, 2026, and ending March 15, 2029:

- Robert Stewart, nominated by Councilmembers Ajmera, Anderson, Mazuera Arias, Driggs, Graham, Johnson, Mayfield, Mayo, Mitchell, and Owens.

Motion was made by Councilmember Driggs, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, and carried unanimously to appoint Robert Stewart by acclamation.

Mr. Stewart was appointed.

ITEM NO. 26: NOMINATIONS TO THE COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The following nominations were made for three appointments for a partial term beginning upon appointment and ending June 30, 2028:

- Martina Ackridge, nominated by Councilmember Anderson.
- Edward Brathwaite, nominated by Councilmembers Ajmera, Anderson, Driggs, Graham, Mayfield, Mayo, Mitchell, and Owens.
- Patricia Campbell, nominated by Councilmembers Mazuera Arias and Mayfield.
- Terry Carmichael II, nominated by Councilmember Anderson.
- Nyugha Caspa, nominated by Councilmembers Ajmera, Mazuera Arias, Driggs, Johnson, Mayo, Mitchell, and Owens.
- Joelle Dugue, nominated by Councilmember Johnson.
- Latoya Green, nominated by Councilmembers Ajmera, Mazuera Arias, Driggs, Graham, Johnson, Mayfield, Mayo, Mitchell, and Owens.
- Alexis Hilling, nominated by Councilmember Graham.

Motion was made by Councilmember Driggs, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, and carried unanimously to appoint Edward Brathwaite, Nyugha Caspa, and Latoya Green by acclamation.

Mr. Brathwaite was appointed. Nyugha Caspa was appointed. Ms. Green was appointed.

ITEM NO. 27: NOMINATIONS TO THE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

The following nomination was made for one appointment for a Resident Owner of Plaza-Midwood for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2028:

- Shaun Atkinson, nominated by Councilmembers Ajmera, Anderson, Mazuera Arias, Driggs, Graham, Johnson, Mayfield, Mayo, Mitchell, and Owens.

Motion was made by Councilmember Driggs, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, and carried unanimously to appoint Shaun Atkinson by acclamation.

Mr. Atkinson was appointed.

ITEM NO. 28: NOMINATIONS TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD MATCHING GRANTS FUND

The following nomination was made for one appointment for a Business Representative for a two-year term beginning April 16, 2026, and ending April 15, 2028:

- Shelia Jones, nominated by Councilmembers Ajmera, Anderson, Mazuera Arias, Driggs, Graham, Johnson, Mayfield, Mayo, Mitchell, and Owens.

Motion was made by Councilmember Driggs, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, and carried unanimously to appoint Shelia Jones by acclamation.

Ms. Jones was appointed.

The following nominations were made for two appointments for a Neighborhood Representative for a two-year term beginning April 16, 2026, and ending April 15, 2028:

- Sharif Hannan, nominated by Councilmembers Ajmera, Anderson, Mazuera Arias, Graham, Johnson, Mayo, and Mitchell.
- Wanda Houston, nominated by Councilmember Mazuera Arias, Driggs, Graham, Johnson, Mayfield, Mitchell, and Owens.

Motion was made by Councilmember Driggs, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, and carried unanimously to appoint Sharif Hannan and Wanda Houston by acclamation.

Mr. Hannan was appointed. Ms. Houston was appointed.

ITEM NO. 29: NOMINATIONS TO THE PASSENGER VEHICLE FOR HIRE BOARD

There were no nominations for one appointment for a Company Operating Certificate Licensee category representative for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2028.

Nominations will be kept open until the next Business Meeting.

ITEM NO. 5: CLOSED SESSION (AS NECESSARY)

Motion was made by Councilmember Ajmera, seconded by Councilmember Anderson, and carried unanimously to go into closed session pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) to preserve the attorney client privilege in the matter of 2025 Biennial Consolidated Carbon Plan and Integrated Resource Plans of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, and Duke Energy Progress, LLC, before the North Carolina Utilities Commission, and the Calliste case (Calliste v. City of Charlotte; No. 3:21-cv-455 (4th Cir), and the Kelly case (Kelly v. City of Charlotte, et al., No. 3:24-cv-008 (W.D.N.C.)).

The meeting was recessed at 8:31 p.m. to move to CH-14 for a closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. at the conclusion of the closed session.


Stephanie C. Kelly, City Clerk MMC, NCCMC

Length of Meeting: 3 Hours, 14 Minutes
Minutes completed: March 30, 2026