

The City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina convened for a Business Meeting on Monday, April 11, 2025, at 5:38 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Charlotte Mecklenburg Government Center with Mayor Vi Lyles presiding. Council members present were Dimple Ajmera, Danté Anderson, Ed Driggs, Malcolm Graham, Renee Johnson, Lawana Mayfield, Marjorie Molina, and Victoria Watlington.

ABSENT: Councilmember James Mitchell

ABSENT UNTIL NOTED: Councilmember Tiawana Brown and Edwin Peacock III

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Mayor Lyles said the first meeting since our break, so welcome back to everyone, really glad to see everyone. So, I want to call the August 11, 2025, meeting of the Charlotte City Council to order. I just want to do a little bit of reminder before we get started today. I want to remind Council, as well as our public people that are watching us, that we're going to do our meeting a little differently today. We're going to forgo the Action Review that we usually have upstairs for the next two meetings of the Council, and we will use this time, at the end of this time that we've been together, to try to figure out if this is something that we want to do long term or in another way. So, my understanding is that we're going to forgo the Action Review, as I said, for two meetings, and we're going to use that time for Mayor and Council topics. This time can be used by any Council member to address any item or issue that they would like, and I'd like to try and keep that time under an hour, that was some of the feedback that we got, and plan for each Council member to speak around three minutes. I think we should give this a try for the next two meetings, and we'll revisit it September 2, 2025, and determine if further changes for the framework structure of our meetings may be needed. If it works, we'll keep it, and if not, we'll try something new. So, now let's start with introductions of the City Council members.

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INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

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

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

Mayor Lyles said is there any consent item for a separate vote?

Councilmember Mayfield said so, one, Mayor, I would like to thank Marie for responding to all my questions, but I would like to pull out Item No. 31 to speak to it.

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ITEM NO. 31: INTERPRETATION, TRANSLATION, AND TRANSCRIPTION SERVICES

Councilmember Mayfield said so again, Item No. 31, Interpretation, Translation, and Transcription Services. For this particular item, what is being asked of Council is to authorize the City Manager to negotiate with a number of different businesses. So, I asked Marie what languages are being represented through these services, outside of Spanish, also in regards to our sign language and diversity. I was pleasantly surprised that what Marie shared with me is, in addition to Spanish, these contracts will provide the City with access to Interpretation, Translation, and Transcription Services associated with the American Sign Language, German, Russian, Arabic, Haitian Creole, Somali, Cambodian, Korean, Thai, Telugu, Chinese/Mandarin, Hindi, Ukrainian, Filipino, Laotian, French (African), Nepali, and Vietnamese. I don't think that a lot of our

community know just how diverse our sign language, and also, when we have community events, community, you're able to reach out and request for staff to come out that is representing one of these multiple nationalities, because we are part of the African diaspora. I just thought it was really powerful to know that we have multiple cultures that are represented through our interpretation and translation.

Councilmember Brown arrived at 5:45 p.m.

Motion was made by Councilmember Molina, seconded by Councilmember Driggs, and carried unanimously to (A) Authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute contracts for interpretation, translation, and transcription services for a term of three years with the following: Ad Astra, Inc., - Choice Translating Inc., Daniel Shamebo Sabore, Fox Translation Services, Idea Language Services, LLC, InterpreCourt, LLC, Language Global Solution, LLC, Language Line Services, Inc., Language Resources Center, Inc. (MBE), Propio-Is, 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.

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ITEM NO. 2: CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 25 THROUGH 39 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 Mayfield, seconded by Councilmember Driggs, and carried unanimously to approve the consent agenda as presented with the exception of Item No. 31 which was pulled for a separate vote.

The following items were approved:

Item No. 25: Alarm Registration and Management Services

(A) Approve contract extension #3 to the contract with Superior, LLC for Alarm Registration and Management Services for a term of one year, and (B) Authorize the City Manager to amend the contract consistent with the purpose for which the contract and this extension were approved.

Item No. 26: Cleaning and Custodial Supplies and Equipment

(A) Approve the purchase of cleaning and custodial supplies and equipment from a cooperative contract, (B) Approve a unit price contract with HD Supply Facilities Maintenance LT for the purchase of cleaning and custodial supplies and equipment for a term of two years under OMNIA contract #25-JH-011, and (C) Authorize the City Manager to renew 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 under the cooperative contract.

Item No. 27: Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus

(A) Approve the purchase of self-contained breathing apparatus from a cooperative contract, (B) Approve a contract with Rhinehart Fire Services for the purchase of self-contained breathing apparatus and associated breathing support equipment for a term of one year under North Carolina Sheriffs Association contract #26-03-0521, and (C) Authorize the City Manager to extend the contract for additional terms for as long as the cooperative contract is in effect at prices and terms that are the same as or more favorable than those offered under the cooperative contract.

Item No. 28: Snow and Ice Removal Services for City-Maintained Streets

(A) Approve a unit price contract with Blythe Development, LLC for snow and ice removal 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. 29: Thermoplastic Pavement Striping and Line Removal Services

(A) Approve contracts for thermoplastic pavement striping and line removal services for a term of one year to the following: - Ram Pavement Services, Inc. (SBE), - Striping Concepts, LLC (SBE), - TRP Construction Group, LLC, and (B) Authorize the City Manager to renew the contracts for up to four, one-year terms with possible price adjustments and to amend the contract consistent with the purpose for which the contract was approved.

Item No. 30: Aerial Mapping Services

(A) Approve contracts for aerial mapping services for a term of three years with the following: Avioimage Mapping Services, Inc. (SBE), GPI Geospatial, 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. 32: Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Professional Services

(A) Approve a unit price contract with CHA Consulting, Inc. for sanitary sewer rehabilitation professional services for a term of one year, and (B) Authorize the City Manager to renew the contract for up to three, one-year terms with possible price adjustments and to amend the contract consistent with the purpose for which the contract was approved.

Item No. 33: Water Meter and Automated Meter Reading Replacement

(A) Approve a contract with Badger Meter, Inc. to provide, install, implement, and maintain advanced metering infrastructure for a term of 20 years, (B) Authorize the City Manager to purchase such additional software licenses, services, hardware, maintenance, and support as required to maintain the advanced metering infrastructure system for as long as the city uses the system, (C) Approve a contract with Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. for water meter and automated meter reading system implementation program management services for a term of eight years, and (D) Authorize the City Manager to amend the contracts consistent with the purpose for which the contracts were approved.

Item No. 34: Dobson Storm Drainage Improvement Project

(A) Approve a contract in the amount of \$4,897,476.21 to the lowest responsive bidder Efficient Developments, LLC for the 832 Dobson 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

Efficient Developments, LLC	\$4,897,476.21
United of Carolinas, Inc.	\$5,481,188.90
OnSite Development, LLC	\$5,717,815.40
Sealand Contractors Corp.	\$5,945,000.00
Blythe Development, LLC	\$6,058,178.55
Zoladz Construction Co., Inc.	\$7,787,467.60

Item No. 35: Airport Fourth Parallel Runway Taxiway and Navigational Aid Construction

Approve a contract in the amount of \$84,160,852.27 to the lowest responsive bidder Hi-Way Paving, Inc. and ES Wagner Company, LLC, a Joint Venture, for the Fourth Parallel Runway Taxiway and Navigational Aid construction project.

Summary of Bids

Hi-Way Paving, Inc. and ES Wagner Company, LLC, a Joint Venture	\$84,160,852.27
Zachry Corporation	\$93,601,116.28
Ames Construction	\$97,068,200.00

Item No. 36: South Ramp Expansion Program Design Services

(A) Approve a contract in the amount of \$23,061,603 with AECOM Technical Services of North Carolina, Inc. for design services for the South Ramp Expansion Program, and (B) Authorize the City Manager to amend the contract consistent with the purpose for which the contract was approved.

Item No. 37: Resolution of Intent to Abandon a Portion of 31st Street

(A) Adopt a Resolution of Intent to abandon a portion of 31st Street, and (B) Set a public hearing for September 22, 2025.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 55, at Page(s) 721.

Item No. 38: Resolution of Intent to Abandon a Portion of Alleyway off Hovis Road

(A) Adopt a Resolution of Intent to abandon a portion of alleyway off Hovis Road, and (B) Set a public hearing for September 22, 2025.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 55, at Page(s) 722.

PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS

Item No. 39: Property Transactions – Severn-Tyndale Avenue Storm Drainage Improvement Project, Parcel # 2

Resolution of Condemnation for 2,650 square feet (0.061 acres) Storm Drainage Easement and 1,155 square feet (0.027 acres) Temporary Construction Easement at 4035 Chandworth Road from Miranda Marie Sooter and Joseph Aaron Sooter for \$84,975 for Severn-Tyndale Ave Storm Drainage Improvement Project, Parcel # 2.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 55, at Page(s) 723.

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PUBLIC HEARINGS

ITEM NO. 3: PUBLIC HEARING FOR ASSETMARK FINANCIAL HOLDINGS BUSINESS INVESTMENT GRANT

Mayor Lyles declared the hearing open.

There being no speakers, either for or against, a motion was made by Councilmember Mayfield, seconded by Councilmember Molina, and carried unanimously to (A) Close the public hearing, and (B) Approve the City's Business Investment Grant to AssetMark Financial Holdings for a total not to exceed amount of \$87,575 over five years.

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ITEM NO. 4: PUBLIC HEARING FOR AVL USA INC. BUSINESS INVESTMENT GRANT

Mayor Lyles declared the hearing open.

There being no speakers, either for or against, a motion was made by Councilmember Driggs, seconded by Councilmember Ajmera, and carried unanimously to (A) Close the public hearing, and (B) Approve the City's Business Investment Grant to AVL USA Inc. for a total not to exceed amount of \$655,157 over five years.

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ITEM NO. 5: PUBLIC HEARING FOR CITIGROUP BUSINESS INVESTMENT GRANT

Mayor Lyles declared the hearing open.

There being no speakers, either for or against, a motion was made by Councilmember Molina, seconded by Councilmember Mayfield, and carried unanimously to (A) Close the public hearing, and (B) Approve the city's Business Investment Grant to Citigroup for a total not to exceed amount of \$261,857 over seven years.

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ITEM NO. 6: PUBLIC HEARING FOR HSP US, LLC BUSINESS INVESTMENT GRANT

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) Approve the City's Business Investment Grant to HSP US, LLC for a total not to exceed amount of \$377,162 over five years.

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ITEM NO. 7: PUBLIC HEARING AND DECISION ON A RESOLUTION TO CLOSE PORTIONS OF RIGHT-OF-WAY ADJACENT TO PEARL PARK WAY

Mayor Lyles declared the hearing open.

There being no speakers, either for or against, a motion was made by Councilmember Anderson, seconded by Councilmember Molina, and carried unanimously to (A) Close the public hearing, and (B) Adopt a resolution and close portions of right-of-way adjacent to Pearl Park Way, formerly Baxter Street.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 55, at Page(s) 705-709.

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ITEM NO. 8: PUBLIC HEARING AND DECISION ON QTR PHASE ONE AREA VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION

Mayor Lyles declared the hearing open.

There being no speakers, either for or against, a motion was made by Councilmember Mayfield, and seconded by Councilmember Driggs to (A) Close the public hearing, and (B) Adopt Annexation Ordinance 997-X with an effective date of August 11, 2025, to extend the corporate limits to include this property and assign it to the adjacent City Council District 2.

Councilmember Peacock said I just have one question, Madam Mayor. What does QTR stand for?

Holly Cramer, Planning, Design & Development said there isn't a significant hidden meaning behind QTR. We ask the petitioners to choose a unique identifier for their annexation area name for recordation purposes. I can get a followup from the petitioner for you.

Mr. Peacock said it's okay, I thought it was a City term. I didn't know.

Ms. Cramer said no, no, no. It's probably just a term that's an abbreviation for their subdivision.

Mr. Peacock said very good, thank you. No further questions, Madam Mayor.

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

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 68, at Page(s) 726-729.

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ITEM NO. 9: PUBLIC HEARING AND DECISION ON SUNSET MEADOWS AREA VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION

Mayor Lyles declared the hearing open.

There being no speakers, either for or against, a motion was made by Councilmember Mayfield, seconded by Councilmember Anderson, and carried unanimously to (A) Close the public hearing, and (B) Adopt Annexation Ordinance 998-X with an effective date of August 11, 2025, to extend the corporate limits to include this property and assign it to the adjacent City Council District 4.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 68, at Page(s) 730-740.

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ITEM NO. 10: PUBLIC HEARING AND DECISION ON THE RETREAT AT TILLEY MANOR VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION

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 Annexation Ordinance 999-X with an effective date of August 11, 2025, to extend the corporate limits to include this property and assign it to the adjacent City Council District 7.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 68, at Page(s) 741-744.

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POLICY

ITEM NO. 11: CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

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

Marcus Jones, City Manager said absolutely, Mayor and members of Council. I'd like to formally introduce you to our newest Deputy City Manager, Donny Hamilton, Jr. Donny. Today is Donny's first day, he went through orientation, and he is going to help

us manage the transition of CATS (Charlotte Area Transit System) to the Transit Authority with the passage of the legislation. He'll work with the other deputies, CATS, C-DOT (Charlotte Department of Transportation), HR (Human Resources), IT (Information Technology), and other departments. This transition is going to take a heavy, heavy lift, and having someone like Donny on the team is extremely important. So, Donny is a nationally recognized expert in transportation finance. He has extensive experience leading complex infrastructure projects. He has 20 years of experience working with roadway, rail, and public transit industries. His expertise in transportation, combined with his passion for building resilient people-centered cities, makes him an ideal fit as we navigate this transformational period. I'm confident in his leadership, and I believe he's going to fit very nicely into the organization. So, welcome home, Donny.

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BUSINESS

ITEM NO. 12: MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL INSTALLATION AT SOUTH TRYON STREET AND TYVOLA CENTRE DRIVE

Motion was made by Councilmember Driggs, seconded by Councilmember Mayfield, and carried unanimously to (A) Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a Municipal Agreement with the North Carolina Department of Transportation in the amount of \$91,000, and (B) Adopt Budget Ordinance 1000-X appropriating \$91,000 from the North Carolina Department of Transportation to the General Capital Projects Fund.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 68, at Page(s) 745.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 55, at Page(s) 710.

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ITEM NO. 13: GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS

Motion was made by Councilmember Driggs, seconded by Councilmember Mayfield, and carried unanimously to (A) Introduce a Bond Order authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Refunding Bonds not to exceed \$201,510,000, (B) Adopt a resolution making certain statements of fact concerning the proposed bond issuance and setting public hearing for August 25, 2025, and (C) Authorize City officials to take necessary actions to complete the financing, including making application to Local Government Commission.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 55, at Page(s) 711-714.

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ITEM NO. 14: METROPOLITAN PLANNING PROGRAM GRANT MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT

Motion was made by Councilmember Molina, seconded by Councilmember Mayfield, and carried unanimously to (A) Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute a Municipal Agreement with North Carolina Department of Transportation to support transit planning activities for the Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization, (B) Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to execute Interlocal Agreements with Iredell County Area Transportation System, Union County Transportation System, and Mecklenburg Transportation System to support transit planning activities for the Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization, and (C) Adopt a resolution authorizing the

City Manager, or his designee, to execute Interlocal Agreements with Centralina Regional Council, Union County, and the Town of Cornelius to support transportation planning projects.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 55, at Page(s) 715-717.

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**ITEM NO. 15: VOLUNTARY AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT PROGRAM
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

Motion was made by Councilmember Ajmera, and seconded by Councilmember Driggs to adopt a resolution to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with Mecklenburg County regarding the establishment of a Voluntary Agricultural District Program within the City of Charlotte and the City's Extraterritorial Jurisdiction.

Councilmember Molina said I've just got a quick piece of clarification. There was a lot of information sent home in the packets this weekend about this. Can we just get a little bit more information around what this is and why, just for a better understanding. I mean, I read a lot of it, but I just want to understand, I guess, where does this fit into the greater plan. I love that it's involved with sustainability, but maybe you can give more information around that.

Monica Holmes, Interim Planning Director said sure. Monica Holmes. I'm the Interim Planning Director for the City of Charlotte, and I have with me.

Erin Stanforth, Sustainability & Resiliency Manager said Erin Stanforth, Sustainable [INAUDIBLE] for Mecklenburg County.

Ms. Holmes said and Erin can give a brief overview of the purpose of the program, and I can answer any questions specifically about the City and our role with it.

Ms. Stanforth said so, essentially, this is a program that's operating in 93 other counties within the state of North Carolina. It gives farmers the opportunity for recognition around their agricultural achievements in the county, while also not having the sort of tax obligations to them.

Ms. Molina said yes, that's not something that you would think about in our city, like protecting the farmers and stuff like that. I thought it was really neat. I read the memorandum, but like I said, for public consumption, to say that we're taking that step to join some of our rural partners here in the City of Charlotte and in our Extraterritorial Jurisdiction, I think it's a good move. So, I'm definitely willing to support it. It's just really making sure that, like I said, for public consumption, that information. We do have a lot of information, so if anybody has any questions they could reach out to us. So, thank you for your work, and I love the collaboration, it's really good.

Councilmember Ajmera said thank you Councilmember Molina for highlighting this. This is something that Nancy Carter and Barbara Bleiweis, they've been working on this for many years to preserve our farmland. As you know, as we are seeing development happening at such a high pace, we are seeing more and more farmland that is going away. As we are working towards really preserving our ecosystem, this will play an important role. I have had conversations with Barbara about this. They've been waiting on this for a long time. So, I'm glad to see this on the agenda, because this will help us work with the County, the Soil and Water Board, which Barbara is the Chair of, along with Nancy Carter and other board members, to help urban farmers. I did attend one of the events with Urban Farmers, and this issue had come up, where with growth, a lot of farmers are feeling pressure. So, I'm excited to see this, and hopefully we will see more

urban farming, at least preserving what we have, at the end of the day. That's all I have, thank you.

Councilmember Peacock said staff presentation indicates benefits. Any challenges by doing a Voluntary Agricultural District coordinates, and proceeding forward?

Ms. Stanforth said I will say it's a state program, and it does not supersede any sort of local zoning ordinances, just to make that really clear.

Ms. Holmes said I mean that's, hence, why we're here. We don't see any issues. It is one of the goals in the 2040 Plan to have healthy, safe, and active communities, and there are several goals around urban farming and agriculture. So, we see it as an opportunity to align, and why we're bringing to you is, we don't really see any particular drawbacks, or reason why we should not participate in the program.

Councilmember Driggs said just briefly, per all your conversations, all the other towns in Mecklenburg County have already approved this. What we're being asked to do is agree to a Memorandum of Understanding with the County to allow them to move ahead. I like the idea of having local produce available in the farmer's market. It's about one percent of the land area of Charlotte. So, I hope we can all get together around this one.

Ms. Stanforth said there is just one slight tweak to that statement. So, Mint Hill is the only one, aside from Charlotte, that has not approved this. We are on the agenda for this coming Thursday. So, we have MOUs (Memorandum of Understanding) from everybody else, less Charlotte and Mint Hill.

Mayor Lyles said thank you very much.

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

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 55, at Page(s) 718-720.

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NOMINATIONS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

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

Stephanie Kelly, City Clerk said Mayor, I have just received two ballots that I have not had an opportunity to tally, but I will share with you what nominations I do have that have more than six nominations.

Motion was made by Councilmember Mayfield and seconded by Councilmember Driggs to nominate residents to serve as specified.

Councilmember Johnson said if the clerk needs more time. Will more time allow you to have more results?

Ms. Kelly said yes.

Ms. Johnson said can we move the results to the end of the meeting, because it is pretty early for her?

Anthony Fox, Interim City Attorney said there's currently a motion on the floor.

Councilmember Mayfield said Mayor, can we make an amendment to the motion, since we are supposed to have them in by noon or earlier in the day? If someone wasn't able to get into it right now, we want to give the clerk enough time to calculate, because it very well could change one of the nominations.

Mayor Lyles said okay, Madam Clerk, you have some time to work through this, and we will try to include this. We have a motion on the floor, but we're just going to go back.

Councilmember Driggs said you can approve the people who got six votes.

Mayor Lyles said well, I know that the clerk has a process, and I want to make sure that she has the ability to maintain that process.

Ms. Johnson said right, and we want to make sure the record's correct. I mean, some people who have six might actually have more.

Mr. Fox said so, the maker of the motion is going to amend the motion to defer this item to later in this meeting.

Ms. Mayfield said I formally withdraw my motion.

Mr. Driggs said second.

Mayor Lyles said alright, and Mr. Driggs, okay, thank you. So, we'll come back at the end of the meeting.

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ITEM NO. 23: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL TOPICS

Mayor Lyles said next, in accordance with our previous discussions and your input having additional time for discussion, I'll now open the floor for Council topics. In order to ensure that all Council members have the opportunity to speak, I propose that we go around the dais one by one, and I would ask that each Council member confine their comments or questions to three minutes, especially since we will have a closed session following this meeting tonight. We'll use the Council's current rules of procedure to guide us. As I put in the memo, I believe the rules of procedure address many of the issues that have come up, including how to add items to the agenda. As a reminder, I'd like to ask the City Attorney to explain how Council members can request to put items on an agenda.

Anthony Fox, Interim City Attorney said good evening. The ability for Council to add items on the agenda is governed by Rule Four of your rules of procedure. That rule imposes the obligation for the preparation of the agenda on the City Manager, and the Mayor and the Manager can place any item on the agenda. The only caveat is that the Council shall receive a copy of that agenda, and the agenda will be made available for public inspection. That's under Rule Four A. Rule Four B deals with consideration of the agenda, and it provides that you as a Council should confine your discussion to only those items that are on your agenda. If there's an issue raised during the citizen forum, that item can be considered and discussed, but no action can be taken on that item at that meeting. Then, Rule Four C deals with items that are not on the agenda, and it simply provides that if a matter is not on the agenda, it may be discussed at the completion of the agenda. So, at the end of your meeting, you could bring forth and discuss items that are not on the agenda, but no formal action can be taken by an item that's not on your agenda, unless all of your Council members vote to add the matter to the agenda, and that's requires a unanimous vote. The next item is Four D, which deals with the placement of items on your agenda, and that simply provides that any member of the Council may request the City Manager to place an item on a future agenda, and that can be during the course of the meeting. If there's no objection, then the item is going to be included on a future agenda. If there is objection by any member of the Council, or by the Manager, then it must go to a vote, and at that point it requires a majority vote of at least six members of the Council to include the item on a future agenda, and that's what your rule provides.

Mayor Lyles said alright, thank you very much for that. Finally, I think that Mr. Fox has said, and I want to make the point, that something does not have to be on an agenda for

Council members to ask questions or to get additional information. Actually, any member can request information from the Manager, or have an opportunity to work with Alexis, to assist with those questions that they want to have and have that research. So, what we're trying to do is increase pathways for people to get more information and questions answered that are not a Council meeting agenda. I also asked the Manager to provide a written update on key topics that I believe everyone got in the packet. Council received those in your Thursday packet. This structure will provide the opportunity for Council additions to proceed without objections, while also allowing time for the body to weigh in on future agenda items. If a new item is added, it can be placed on a future strategy session agenda for a discussion. The intent of all of this is to be responsive to the Council's request and the Manager meeting efficiently and orderly. So, are there additional questions?

Councilmember Driggs said we used to have a rule that said that a request required more than four hours of staff time to accommodate, called for a vote. Are we going to still play by that rule?

Mayor Lyles said I think that that's one of the things that the Council will have to decide. I think that rule has been successful in many ways, but it really requires the commitment by the Council to say this is what we want to have done.

Mr. Fox said I don't think it's in your current rules of procedure. It may be in your policy of the Council and I have a copy of that.

Mayor Lyles said it was more of a policy. So, why don't we recognize that, and have that as something to discuss at the next meeting. Okay, we're having a research project here. We're going to check the rules and find out. Why don't we send something out tomorrow on that, and then we can decide whether or not you want to have that placed on an agenda or not. I do recall how it was done just because we wanted to make sure that the time spent was appropriate. So, I believe now it is time for us to actually begin our discussion.

Mr. Driggs said so, I just wanted to share with the Council that on August 6, 2025, the Board of County Commissioners had a meeting to consider the question of putting on the ballot, for November 2025, the one cent sales tax. I will note, for anybody who didn't see it, this place was absolutely packed. There was a lot of lively discussion. I think I can fairly report that the preponderance of the public comments were favorable, coming from a diversity of constituencies, including disabled people, business leaders, riders, and so on. There was certainly some dissent, and I think we're aware that some people have raised questions about some of the particulars of the plan, but in any case, the outcome was that the commissioners voted 8-1 to place the referendum on the ballot in November 2025, and I personally would just like to express my appreciation to the commissioners for their cooperation with us in the pursuit of these goals. We've worked together for a long time. Ms. Altman has been a leader on the transportation matters for them, and it was just a good moment for the County and the City. Thank you.

Councilmember Mayfield said I would like for consideration for the Manager to allow, through Housing and Neighborhood Services and Public Safety, for us to get an update. I think it will be helpful if we reach out to a couple of our partners, like DreamKey and a couple of others, so that we can get an idea of what the potential financial impacts would be under the current administration, specifically around subsidies. We have a number of projects that we have funded where we have members of our community that will receive \$1,000 or more in subsidy. We're already hearing that some of our nonprofit partners are having to shutter. So, what would the potential impact for that be, one, for that individual, because we don't want to be the one that causes an eviction on someone's record, but also for that building, if that building has a high percentage of individuals that are 30 percent and below, or receiving a substantial subsidy, and there's not a conversation regarding how do we plug that particular gap, what can happen to that building. We have a little over \$58 million left in Trust Fund dollars. I would like for full Council to have that presentation, so that we can have transparent conversation versus just approving more potential multi-family. Let's look at the potential financial

impact going into the next year or so if that were to happen. I think our partners would be the ones that's seeing the direct impact, whether a combination of our development partners and our nonprofit partners that provide that additional financial assistance would be helpful.

Mayor Lyles said Ms. Mayfield, one, I want to appreciate you. You've been on this issue. You've always had this kind of like, let's get ahead of what we need to do. I wonder if we should invite INLIVIAN to come over in that group as well, because that will be something that I think will be easier. You don't know what's going to happen, but I think that expertise would be very helpful.

Ms. Mayfield said and Madam Mayor, I think that would be helpful. We all did receive an email earlier this morning from Mr. Meachem that identified some funding, and budgets have not been approved that actually lets us know where we stand, but between the work they do, as well as DreamKey and another, I think it will be helpful for us to just, again, stay ahead of the conversation.

Mayor Lyles said yes, and for our developers that are doing this kind of work.

Ms. Mayfield said thank you.

Councilmember Watlington said so firstly, I wanted to say that I'm very glad to see some of these adjustments. I'm glad to see Council topics come back to the agenda. I know there's been a good bit of conversation back and forth about process improvements, and so I'm happy to see that it's starting to come to fruition. So, looking forward to continuing that process. I wanted to add to what Councilmember Mayfield was just talking about. I think in addition to what she's brought up, which I think she's spot on is, I've requested for Housing Staff to bring us back an update on the current state of housing, in terms of unit production and vacancy rate. I recall we had a conversation some years ago when we talked about whether or not we truly had a unit gap, or if it was just a unit at the wrong price point gap, for the needs of the community. I think that that will inform our focus areas, in terms of how we need to be working with our existing property owners to hopefully better utilize what's already in the market.

The second thing that I wanted to bring up was in relation to what Councilmember Driggs brought up, as far as the transportation tax work. There have been a number of conversations that I know many of us have had with constituencies, and there are a couple of items that I know folks are hoping that we are able to get in front of and do some work around ahead of the November 2025 decision. Several of the items certainly are outside of our purview, but there were two that came to mind that I hope that we can get on our agenda to discuss and do some work around, the first one being a stronger set of language for the MOU between Mecklenburg County and our sales on orphan roads. We want to make sure that our folks in the ETJ (Extraterritorial Jurisdiction) feel comfortable that the work that we're going to do, that they're going to be invested in, in regards to that. Then the second piece is, as we talk about small business participation, there has been a very, very strong desire to understand what that plan looks like, especially as it relates to participation goals versus the Blue Line. I know we've been doing a ton of work with that. I see Monica here. I want to make sure that we're all aware of what that looks like, so that we can help communicate that plan. Thank you.

Councilmember Ajmera said I also agree with Councilmember Watlington on the request that she made around small businesses and our overall plan, but I have one specific request, and that is to help protect our urban nature. So, I'm sure many of you received an email about our current ordinance that discourages home and business owners from practicing land stewardship and pollinator conservation on their properties. So, I would like us to visit their ordinance. Winston Salem has this updated ordinance that allows exemption for naturalistic landscape, because we want to support pollinators, wildlife, sustainability, and that actually aligns with our overall SEAP (Strategic Energy Action Plan) goals. So, I would like us to visit that. There was an email request that we all received from our Wildlife Federation, and I have had a meeting with them earlier today, and this Federation and coalition is very committed to

helping us learn more about this, what other cities have done. I would like the City to look into this and see if we can update our ordinance to align with our sustainability goals. That's all I have. Thank you.

Councilmember Anderson said two points. One is, I just wanted to remind Council we celebrated Pride Month in June, but for the City of Charlotte, our Pride Month is this month, and we have our celebration coming up this weekend, and the entire Pride Festival will be in First Ward Park, which is in District One. I'm really happy and proud about our Pride celebration. We actually have the third largest Pride celebration in the United States. So, we'll have a ton of visitors who will be visiting the Queen City and eating in our restaurants, staying in our hotels, spending lots of money. So, I just wanted to underscore that and celebrate this weekend.

The second piece I wanted to just highlight is, Council did some really great work around the street vending pilot before we went on holiday, and I've been hearing really, really good feedback from the community around that. Small businesses and neighborhood residents are very happy that we took action. So, I want to thank the Committee for taking the action that they've taken, and the entire Council, for voting for that. NoDa is the location of the pilot over the next six months, as you all know, but outside of NoDa, in particular in Uptown and South End, we're having a very serious problem with street vendors, in particular food street vendors, that continue to have open flame and unregulated activities late in the evening, and there has been some correlation with those particular vendors late in the evening that are open when the bars close, that promote continuance of congregation Uptown and in South End, that could potentially lead to unsafe situations and criminal activity. So, I just wanted to highlight that for our CMPD (Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department) Officers, and Code Enforcement, and others. We really need to make sure that we're getting into Uptown and South End late at night to make sure that any vendors that are out there are out there legally, and that they are abiding by the food and beverage laws and making sure that they have a permit to do so. Thank you, Madam Mayor.

Councilmember Graham said I just wanted to express to the Council that amateur sports and entertainment continues to be a major economic driver for the City, and the Military Games, which is the second largest international games, will be played in Charlotte in 2027 and 2031. It's huge in terms of its impact, for not only the City, but as well as the County and the region. All the talk in reference to transportation is really about regionalism, and the Military Games certainly have an impact in the region and throughout the state of North Carolina. So, we look forward to hosting them. Marjorie and the good folks of District Five continue to move forward with Eastland Yards, and the Amateur Sports Complex is coming along great. We had an update at the Economic Development Committee last week, and we're really getting close to a groundbreaking over there sooner than later. Staff is dotting I's, crossing T's in terms of that. Football season is back, and that means a lot of activities in Uptown Charlotte, following the Carolina Panthers, and again, that's an [INAUDIBLE] for travel and tourism for sure. Then, a shameless plug. I'll be hosting my tournament, the Charlotte Amateur Tennis Championship, September 12, 2025, through September 14, 2025. We're expecting about 450 players to play at four sites throughout the City, Jeff Adams Tennis Center, Marion Diehl Tennis Center, Park Road Park, and Myers Park High School for Juniors, from 10 to 18, to amateur players in the City, LT-6 level, and for club pros. Again, we're expecting about 450 players to play in the tournament, so that's huge.

Then lastly, in changing the conversation significantly, crime and public safety continues to be a thorn in the side of many of the residents, notwithstanding the crime stats that we got that are really, really good, all moving in the right direction, but we're still dealing with the real problem of perception. It's really not perception, because three people were killed on three consecutive weekends in Uptown Charlotte. That's not perception, that's reality. We continue to struggle on Catherine Simmons, in reference to loitering and business ownership allowing the bad habits to continue. I think I have a meeting tomorrow with Attorney Fox and others to discuss that, and certainly the good work that Councilmember Anderson is doing on I-85 and Sugar Creek. I mean, those continue to be a thorn in our side, and some of it is perception, but others are real, and so we have

to find a way to be compassionate about what's happening in our community. Mr. Manager, if we don't measure crime stats in Corridors of Opportunities, then I think we are kind of not looking after the investment that we're making. Thank you.

Councilmember Molina said I just want to start with, recently we actually went and had a shindig to celebrate the Harrisburg Road Strategic Investment Area. First of all, I tell people a lot of times, it's in District Five, but it is the work of this Council working together for the greater good of, not only East Charlotte, but for our entire City, and but for the relationships that we have around this dais, we could not do that work. It is always we. So, for me, I value that so very much, and I can only show you in pictures, but I'd like to share with you and the public some of what we've accomplished on the East Side. The strategic investment areas, I know that you all are aware, we have 22 of them around the City. Then, what we discussed in June of 2024 was, what we would actually pass as, what would become the bonds that were approved by the voters in November of 2024, which were \$50 million total, you guys remember that. So, what we've done is, we've actually invested \$20 million of that particular allocation into the far east along Harrisburg Road. What that means for those community members, I just want to give some stats, because basically Harrisburg Road is kind of a highway corridor. It's a throughway, we all know that, because we live here, between Albermarle Road and 485, and it's pretty narrow. There are currently no sidewalks for most of the corridor, there's no lighting, but what it's going to mean for the 6,300 existing households that actually surround Harrisburg Road, it's going to mean 2.2 miles of new sidewalk, 919 planned housing units, three signal pedestrian crossings, four bus mobility hub improvements, 5.7 miles of streetlighting. That's significant, along what is now a very, very dark corridor. Four miles of traffic signal fiberoptics for that particular network, new traffic signals, and intersection upgrades along pedestrian upgrades, four of them along that corridor as well. This has nothing to do with the one cent sales tax. This is literally actions that we have taken as this Council in one of the two strategic investment areas that are piloted. I think the next one, Mr. Manager, is Arrowood Road. Am I wrong?

Marcus Jones, City Manager said that's right, it's somewhere in District Three.

Ms. Molina said it's in District Three, and so we're going to take all of our lessons learned from these two particular implementations, and we're going to carry that across all 22 strategic investment areas across our City. So, just lifting that up, with so much more of the work that we've done. I think we have a lot of things that we can be proud of across the City, and this is just one of many in District Five that we've been able to accomplish. So, that's all I have. Thank you, Madam Mayor.

Councilmember Johnson said thank you Councilmember Molina for saying that. You said we work as a team, and I know that our Districts are adjacent. I was in Old Stone Crossing yesterday, and I was at an address that was actually in District Five. So, we work very closely, so thank you for saying that. Another thing, Councilmember Graham mentioned the Military Games, and I want to congratulate Darrell Bonapart. He's a local resident. He reached out to me and told me about it, and I was able to connect him with the organizer. So, I hope that he's going to be a part of that, so that's exciting.

Ms. Molina said he called everybody. He called me too.

Ms. Johnson said he's a District Five resident, I think, but yes. Mr. Fox, you mentioned the citizen forum, and you said items from the citizen forum can be discussed, and I just wanted to lift that up and thank you for saying that, because that's one of the things that we're not currently doing. When citizens come down, and they come down with care and practice. They'll present to us, and currently we're not in the practice of interacting or asking questions. So, I think that that's something, since it is in the rule and we're making changes, to be more transparent and interactive. I think that this is a time that we might consider that, if Council members do have questions, I think that it makes the citizens feel more heard.

Lastly, I would like to talk about the procurement policies. I think that there's an opportunity to talk about procurement policies and future meetings, if there's an opportunity to send that to a committee. Mr. Jones, you mentioned before recently that there was an update, and the CBI (Charlotte Business INClusion) and Procurement Department were now, are they a standalone department, or can you give us an update?

Mr. Jones said yes. One of the, I guess, three moves we made in this budget was to merge Procurement with CBI. So, we are in the process of recruiting a director, and with the whole goal of being a bit more seamless between the two offices.

Ms. Johnson said right. So, I really think this is a great time to lift up our procurement policies. Recently, I learned that there was a minority contractor that was the lowest bidder, and when I did some research, I talked to Thomas Powers, one of our City Attorneys, and one of the statutes allows Council to negotiate with the lowest bidder if they're over budget. If they're over budget and we need to negotiate, there's a statute 143-129 that allows that. Then, there's another separate authority, 1987-151, that allows the City Manager to reject all bids without coming to Council. So, if we can get some information about that, Mr. Fox? I don't know if those are conflicting laws. When I asked Thomas about it, it was my understanding that one did not supersede the other. It sounded like there was a choice of when one was applied. So, I would like to take a look at that, anything from 1987, we know that that was part of the processes back then that might have led to displacements, and us being 50 out of 50. So, I think this is a fair time to take a look at our procurement policies and see if there's anything that can be done and improved. That's all I have, thank you.

Mr. Fox said alright.

Ms. Mayfield said Madam Mayor, quick question. So, now that we've instituted this, is this a time where we get to share with the Manager things that we would like him to look into and bring back and speak to the community for upcoming events, because years ago, we had something very similar. So, this was the time for both sharing what we would like to have addressed by the Manager and speaking to the community.

Mayor Lyles said I think that, of course, you have the options to do this, but what it was, was to have people address these comments, or the kinds of things that we're talking about. I think that the Manager still has meetings with every Council member, and I don't think that we were thinking that big, but it's up to you guys. Let's just put it on and see how it works.

Mr. Jones said I think, to Councilmember Mayfield's question, we saw that tonight. Some were questions, some were events, and I thought it went well.

Ms. Mayfield said so, I appreciate us having to do this, so I'm going to ask for forgiveness, because there was a piece that I forgot, and it ties in with my colleague. The other piece is for the community specifically. As you come down to enjoy Charlotte Pride, just want to highlight CATS, because CATS has instituted an all-day pass for only \$10. It's actually a two-day pass or a weekend pass for only \$10, so that you don't have to drive and try to figure out parking. You can use our light rail system and/or our bus system during Charlotte Pride weekend. So, I thought that was a really good opportunity, and just further commitment of CATS doing its part to move people around. Thank you.

Mayor Lyles said thank you. I would like to take this opportunity to follow up on Mr. Graham's comments about safety. Yesterday after church, I went to look at Catherine Simmons, as well as the Food Lion right across the street. It was really very difficult, because I think that this is so much more about mental health. There were two security guards outside the store keeping this person that obviously was having a mental health episode, and it was very, very difficult for anyone to come into that store or be a part of this. So, this is more than I can imagine right now. I know that there's also been a discussion with the TD Bank, all the way down to the people that we so hard put out all

of those opportunities for people to have ways that they want to do business. So, I had the opportunity to be with the Mackin girls who have the bridal shop, and basically, we really need to have a discussion about mental health, because of the things that are going on in that area. I would see it as, when we had the library, a lot of people went to the library, that's where their safe space was, and all of that, and we do not have those spaces now. I think it's becoming very difficult to integrate commerce with the idea of mental health, and the people that really need a lot more association with doctors and places to go.

So, at some point, I know that we're all working on what we need to have to be safe, but I think that we are limited in some of the resources that we need to have people that perhaps can't stay in their home, because they're not healthy or wealthy or have people to help them be in their homes. So, I really hope that as we continue this discussion that we don't always frame it as something that's really around guns or fighting and all of that, because I think sometimes it's just people don't have a place to go, and that is very, very difficult right now in this community. So, if we can start to think about how this works, or how do we bite off something. Even when we have the shelters that we have, that's not enough, because the shelters can't do all the mental health work that's being done. So, I know that the Manager is doing a lot of work around how do we get more ideas and access for people. I think that when we start having these conversations, broader, that we need to have a conversation that really addresses mental health and the ability for people to have a decent place to live.

Mr. Graham said I think you're absolutely right, that many of the District Reps have been talking about this for years, in terms of better collaboration between the County and the City on issues related to mental health and substance abuse. We're seeing it on I-85 and Sugar Creek. We're seeing it on Beatties Ford Road. We're seeing it on Wilkinson Boulevard. So, it's not an old topic. It's a continuing topic of we can't, as a community, get our hands around it. Add to it, where you have business owners that take advantage of these individuals by continuing to sell them four to five beer, liquor and wine and allow them to consume it on their property, and then you've got a mess. I think, again, notwithstanding the strides that we're making throughout the City crime wise, there's still these pockets that are on our corridors that, despite our CARES (Community Assistance Response and Engagement Support) Team, and others that are working collectively together, we have to crack down on business owners who are allowing this behavior to continue. We've been nice. We've been passive. We've been providing resources and services, but people are hurting, and we have to provide answers, and part of the answer is working with some of these business owners who are supporting our efforts, and then really having a hard conversation with those who aren't, who are taking advantage of these individuals.

Mr. Driggs said just to comment briefly, the difficulty here is often the fact that people with those illnesses don't want to be helped, and therefore, you end up in a somewhat coercive situation where you're trying to impose the treatment or whatever. Some people get put into a shelter and they leave again, and they're back under the bridge. So, I just want us not to underestimate the difficulty. I agree that we need to cooperate with the County. This is a DSS (Department of Social Services) and a City problem, and they certainly deserve our sympathy, but it gets hard when you go to them and they say leave me alone.

Mayor Lyles said Mr. Driggs, I do think that it's really not just the people under the bridge. Some of these folks actually have homes to live in. If you go there, it's not there at night, but the problem is that they can't be in their homes. Other people have to go to work and have to make sure, and they have to be very careful about this. So, I do agree that this is going to be one of the hardest things to do is to deal with people that have just difficulty, but I think we've got to figure out some ability to address this. So, I know that the Manager has been working towards this, so I don't know if you have anything to add.

Mr. Jones said sure. I just want to add one thing. I've been working with the County Manager, Michael Bryant. We're pulling our teams together. We're talking about

housing. We're talking about workforce development, economic development, small business. I've been here over eight years and we've never done this before. So, I think it's a great opportunity for us to look at all the tools in the toolbox and just be more collaborative.

Ms. Anderson said I just want to underscore this topic, because I think it is our biggest opportunity currently in the City, and if we are able to address it properly, it will have the biggest impact on quality of life within the City, and some of the other issues as it relates to crime. This mental health issue that we have is alive and well on Reagan and Sugar Creek. It's alive and well here Uptown. We have a wonderful play, Immediate Family, that is here at the Blumenthal, and I went to it the other night, and I watched people come out of this play, and begin to really be accosted by unhoused who were clearly having mental challenges. To watch them move from this theater, where they had this wonderful experience, and they're laughing and talking, and then to have this interaction and energy right there that began to get hostile. It happened to more than one party. I know, Mr. Manager, that the City of Charlotte can't fix every single thing, but we have to have a partnership. We have two fantastic hospital systems that are here that can help us with this issue, but we need street psychiatry. The CARES program, which we piloted Uptown, is a wonderful program. I can tell you those individuals in the CARES program, they are being administered out on Reagan Drive right now, in Sugar Creek, and they are up to here with all of the work that they have just for that one area. So, then if you multiple that by all the rest of the areas and neighborhoods, it's our biggest, biggest opportunity as a community to come together intergovernmentally with some of our private partners, to come up with a unique way to address this in a sustainable fashion. I know we're doing good things. The County Manager is agreeing for the non-congregate shelter, which will help some. We've done things, but when I talk about boulders, rocks and sand, and we've all kind of talked about that, this is one of the biggest boulders that we have in front of us as a community. As we go through this growth spurt that we're having, it's only going to be exacerbated. I just think this is our biggest opportunity, and I'll raise my hand to do, be on any committee or anything you need me to do for this, because District One is impacted by a lot of this, but this is a big deal for us.

Mayor Lyles said alright. I think that I probably opened a box that we probably could talk about for a very long time. So, I'm going to ask Ms. Renee Johnson to close to wrap it up for us, so that we can go ahead. I think we still have a report from the clerk, and we also have a closed session. So, my apologies, and I'll be more prudent the next time.

Ms. Anderson said it's a good topic.

Ms. Johnson said since you mentioned it, in March of every year, we light the skyline, and we have a proclamation for brain injury awareness. I just want to say that statistics show that one in two individuals who are homeless have a history of a head injury. So, if we're looking at solving this problem, I would love to be a leading city in understanding the impact of brain injury. The cookie-cutter approach doesn't work. So, if we're asking the right questions and the right assessments, I think that we should seek to do that, especially being a sports city. We have football, we have basketball, we have soccer, and all of those sports do lead to head injuries for a lot of individuals, concussions, and those can have a lifelong effect. So, I would love, if you're working with the County Manager, to start doing that research. If you research right now, I just showed Ms. Molina, 53 percent of individuals who are homeless have history of head injuries. It's very prevalent in the criminal justice system. So, as a city, let's be a leader in that area, and really start asking those questions. You talk about Atrium. They've got a dynamic neuro-psych department. There's a leader, a doctor, who's renowned. So, I think asking the right question and the right treatment, I think that we can really start to have impacts on this problem. Thank you.

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NOMINATIONS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

ITEM NO. 16: NOMINATIONS TO THE BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The following nominations were made for one appointment for a three-year term beginning April 29, 2025, and ending April 28, 2028:

- Denawa Alberti, nominated by Councilmember Brown
- Sary Chakra, nominated by Councilmembers Driggs and Peacock
- Perry Joiner, nominated by Councilmembers Ajmera, Graham and Mayfield

This appointment will be considered at the next Business meeting.

There were no nominations made for one appointment for a three-year term recommended by the Certified SBE-Hispanic Contractors Association beginning April 29, 2023, and ending April 28, 2026.

Nominations will be kept open until the next Business meeting.

The following nominations were made for one appointment for a partial term recommended by the Charlotte Regional Business Alliance beginning April 29, 2025, and ending April 28, 2028:

The following nominations were made for one appointment for a partial term recommended by the Charlotte Regional Business Alliance beginning upon appointment and ending April 28, 2028:

- Reginald Bean, nominated by Councilmembers Ajmera, Anderson Brown, Driggs, Graham, Johnson, Mayfield, Molina, Peacock, and Watlington
- Jack Ossa, nominated by Councilmembers Ajmera, Anderson Brown, Driggs, Graham, Johnson, Mayfield, Molina, Peacock, and Watlington

Motion was made by Councilmember Mayfield, seconded by Councilmember Driggs, and carried unanimously to appoint Reginald Bean and Jack Ossa by acclamation.

Mr. Bean and Mr. Ossa were appointed.

The following nomination was made for one appointment for a partial term recommended by the Latin American Chamber of Commerce beginning upon appointment and ending April 28, 2026:

- Fernando Mayoral Ramirez, nominated by Councilmembers Ajmera, Anderson Brown, Driggs, Graham, Johnson, Mayfield, Molina, Peacock, and Watlington

Motion was made by Councilmember Mayfield, seconded by Councilmember Driggs, and carried unanimously to appoint Fernando Mayoral Ramirez by acclamation.

Mr. Ramirez was appointed.

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.

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.

Nominations will be kept open until the next Business meeting.

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ITEM NO. 17: 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.

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ITEM NO. 18: NOMINATIONS TO THE CITIZENS REVIEW BOARD

The following nominations were made for one appointment for a three-year term beginning August 1, 2025, and ending July 31, 2028:

- Bobby Evans, nominated by Councilmembers Anderson, Driggs, Graham, and Molina
- Deborah Ford, nominated by Councilmembers Ajmera, Brown, Johnson, Mayfield, Peacock, and Watlington

Motion was made by Councilmember Mayfield, seconded by Councilmember Driggs, and carried unanimously to appoint Deborah Ford by acclamation.

Ms. Ford was appointed.

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ITEM NO. 19: NOMINATIONS TO THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ADVISORY BOARD

The following nominations were made for two appointments for a three-year term beginning September 22, 2025, and ending September 21, 2028:

- Fay Barnette-shell, nominated by Councilmember Brown
- Angelia Buford-Hayes, nominated by Councilmembers Ajmera, Anderson, Driggs, Graham, Johnson, Mayfield, Molina, and Watlington
- Heber Diez, nominated by Councilmembers Ajmera, Anderson, Driggs, Graham, Johnson, Mayfield, Molina, and Watlington
- Sharon Harmon, nominated by Councilmember Peacock
- Na'shota Lytle, nominated by Councilmember Brown
- Diana Wilson, nominated by Councilmember Peacock

Motion was made by Councilmember Mayfield, seconded by Councilmember Driggs, and carried unanimously to appoint Angelia Buford-Hayes and Heber Diez by acclamation.

Ms Buford-Hayes and Mr. Diez were reappointed.

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ITEM NO. 20: NOMINATIONS TO THE FIREFIGHTER'S RELIEF FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The following nominations were made for one appointment for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2028:

- Charlene Forney, nominated by Councilmember Brown
- Thomas Lineberger, nominated by Councilmembers Ajmera, Mayfield, Peacock, and

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Watlington
- Lee Thompson, nominated by Councilmembers Anderson, Driggs, Graham, Johnson,
and Molina

This appointment will be considered at the next Business meeting.

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ITEM NO. 21: NOMINATIONS TO THE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

There were no nominations 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.

Nominations will be kept open until the next Business meeting.

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ITEM NO. 22: NOMINATIONS TO THE PASSENGER VEHICLE FOR HIRE BOARD

There were no nominations made 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.

There were no nominations made for one appointment for a Hospitality / Tourism Industry category representative for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2027.

Nominations will be kept open until the next Business meeting.

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ITEM NO. 24: CLOSED SESSION (AS NECESSARY)

Anthony Fox, Interim City Attorney said Madam Mayor, I do have a motion for you, but before the motion, with regards to Councilmember Driggs' question regarding staff time, I did find it. It is a part of your rules of procedure. Thanks to your clerk and to Lina for bringing it to my attention. It's under Rule 25, and it provides simply that the City Manager will refer a request, which will require more than four hours of staff time, to the City Council for approval. So, if it's more than four hours, then the Manager will refer that back to you and the Council makes the decision about whether to go forward with that.

Mayor Lyles said thank you.

Mr. Fox said now, with regards to the motion that this Council may want to entertain.

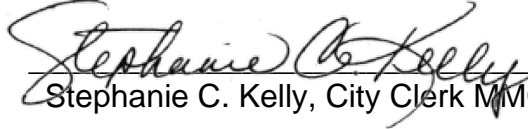
Motion was made by Councilmember Anderson, seconded by Councilmember Mayfield, and carried unanimously to go into closed session pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11(a)(6), to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer, or employee or perspective public officer or employee.

The meeting was recessed at 6:55 p.m. to move to CH-14 for a closed session.

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m. at the conclusion of the closed session.


Stephanie C. Kelly, City Clerk MMC, NCCMC

Length of Meeting: 1 Hours, 17 Minutes
Minutes completed: August 22, 2025