

The City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina convened for an Action Review on Monday, February 9, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. in Room 267 of the Charlotte Mecklenburg Government Center with Mayor Pro Tem James Mitchell presiding. Council members present were J.D. Mazuera Arias, Lawana Mayfield, Joi Mayo, Kimberly Owens, and Victoria Watlington.

ABSENT: Mayor Vi Lyles, Councilmembers Ed Driggs, and Malcolm Graham

ABSENT UNTIL NOTED: Councilmembers Dimple Ajmera, Danté Anderson, and Renee Johnson

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Mayor Pro Tem Mitchell said good evening, everyone, and welcome to the Consent and Action Preview here with Charlotte City Council. I'd like to thank everyone who is joining us here in person and those watching online. Let's start with introductions.

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ACTION REVIEW

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

Mayor Pro Tem Mitchell said thank you, everyone. Ms. Harris, will you come before us please and review all the consent item questions and answers?

Marie Harris, Budget Director said yes, sir, and good evening, Mayor Pro Tem and Council. I had a chance to speak with a few of you, and you'll see before you some questions and answers, additional information, but before you vote is there any other information that would be helpful to you this evening?

Councilmember Mayfield said Marie, we were going over a couple of things earlier, and there was going to be some clarification that you were going to check. Is that in here in this updated one?

Ms. Harris said yes ma'am, yes, I remember, Ms. Mayfield.

Ms. Mayfield said so, to not have you try to figure out through all my questions, Item No. 26, regarding the Toby Creek Sanitary Sewer Construction?

Ms. Harris said yes, 26, that ties to Business Item 11, and the County will be funding that.

Ms. Mayfield said thank you for that, because I just wanted to clarify for community, if they were reading through the request that we have tonight, that this is a true partnership with the County coming to the table, because this was the Toby Creek Sanitary Sewer Construction and Mallard Creek Stream Restoration. Even though we're looking at a guaranteed maximum amount, our County has already contributed 100 percent of the cost associated with the stream restoration, which is a little over a \$6 million investment that is coming from them.

I also had a question on Item No. 36, which we have the public hearing on Summerville Mountain Island Voluntary Annexation. I wanted a little bit more clarification. Mayor Pro Tem and colleagues, the concern that I have is regarding the impact on the unincorporated area. So, this area by-right can be built with a 158 units, plus I believe it's 14 single-family, yet, when you actually go to Mecklenburg County Spatialest, and you look at these properties and you look at the most adjacent property, I want to make sure that we're not causing the negative impact when we're looking at an annexation for a large swath of land. Because you have, I believe it's like four or five owners, but then those that are unincorporated that are still on that same line are not going to get access to some of the services that the City provides, whether sewer or water, but also the

impact of those residents during construction. We've all received emails from where the construction time, the construction site, where the construction workers park, the impact that it has in the area. So, the question that I sent to Marie, as well as copied all of my colleagues on, is how exactly will the other neighbors be notified, because this is for us to set the public hearing meeting? How would they be notified if we only go 300 feet, and in theory 300 feet are just the owners. So, how are the other residents going to know that this is going to be happening?

Ms. Harris said yes, ma'am, and to your point other residents, this is a notice and it will be posted, and I'm sorry I forgot which venue it'll be posted in, but it'll be posted in print as well as online that its upcoming.

Ms. Mayfield said I think it will be helpful if we take the additional step of making sure that we mail to the residents that are outside of these particular parcel owners, so that they are aware of this public hearing, and have the opportunity to come down. Since it is an unincorporated area, they might not necessarily know all of the processes, and we want to make sure that their voices are heard, and I think that's something on staff side that we should be able to accommodate.

Ms. Harris said yes. I'm not sure about how many people we can mail out, but I forgot to mention we also have signage. We have Holly here and she can be more specific, and sorry I'm fumbling around, but she's the expert on how the process rolls and how the notifications are.

Councilmember Ajmera arrived at 5:07 p.m.

Ms. Mayfield said oh, you're not fumbling, Marie. Come on up, Ms. Holly.

Holly Cramer, Planning, Design & Development said hi, Holly Cramer, Planning. Annexation petitions are a little bit different from rezoning, where we do have that 300-foot boundary. Annexation petitions don't have the same statute requirements that we do for noticing. So, we have to post the notice in the Mecklenburg Times 10 days before the public hearing, and that's what we do. We also send out notice to our departments that might service the annexation, and we also notice any municipalities that we border about the potential annexation, but this is a voluntary annexation brought forward by the property owners themselves. So, in terms of our policy, that we've had for a couple decades and statutes, we've never done noticing to adjacent property owners. I can talk to the petitioner and ask what conversations they've had with their neighbors, though, and see what can be done ahead of the public hearing.

Ms. Mayfield said so, Council members, I would like for us to recognize that we have the ability to look at not always doing what we've always done. So, if what we just heard is, based on our policy from many years, that it has not been necessarily a different type of outreach, because we have several individuals that want to annex, our concern should also be about those who aren't interested in being annexed into the City. So, we have the ability to direct the Manager to make sure that notifications actually go out, because, truth be told, how many around this table read Mecklenburg Times? Does anybody even know what the Mecklenburg Times is? So, there's two of us that know what the Mecklenburg Times is. The question is, if that is not a source that is readily and widely known, that's a great way to bury the lead to have the information out there to say, well we presented the information and we posted it, but who's actually going to read it to see it? There very well may be members that live in an unincorporated area that are familiar with the Mecklenburg Times, but I think if we're going to be setting a public hearing, we have the opportunity to ensure that everyone that may be impacted should be aware that this conversation is happening.

Mayor Pro Tem Mitchell said so, Holly and staff, to Councilmember Mayfield, can that be a takeaway for staff to bring back to us, and to look how we can communicate with all the residents, especially in an annexation area?

Ms. Harris said we can definitely look at options, what precedent it would set and the cost involved, but Ms. Mayfield, I also want to assure you, I didn't mentioned this part, like you're talking about impact. Well, the traffic potentially, but even if we don't annex it, it'll be the same traffic pattern, but it's even better really for the side residents, because if they're part of the City, then like whatever stormwater standards or other standards that we hold, this neighborhood's going to have those standards, whereas if we didn't annex it, they wouldn't be under our standards. So, in that regard, they're better for the neighbors.

Ms. Mayfield said I appreciate that, that'll be better for the individuals that potentially will move in this development, but we also have to recognize, unfortunately, we have had considerable weather challenges. We have had multiple water main breaks within Charlotte proper, and we have all received multiple emails over the years from the impact of construction on the areas that are not a part of development. So, if we have unincorporated areas that might be on well water or have other challenges, when that runoff happens, and we have received emails where people have seen challenges on their land, because of construction that was done either adjacent to their property or even within a mile of their property. So, we have the opportunity to be more transparent when we tell the community that, as a region, we want to be a good partner. Here's just another way for us to be a good partner.

Ms. Harris said yes, ma'am. We'll follow up with you. Thank you.

Ms. Mayfield said thank you.

Councilmember Mazuera Arias said I just kind of want to reiterate what my colleague was talking about. I think the basis of her questions is simply really about communication, and how we communicate to community about what's happening in their area. Marie and Holly, I think, correct me if I'm wrong, we utilize Nextdoor as a platform to communicate when a rezoning is happening in someone's community, right?

Ms. Harris said there's a lot of different venues for rezoning, but this is an annexation, but yes, that's what we'll bring back, anything that could be applicable that we can utilize, to your point.

Mr. Mazuera Arias said right, yes, exactly. So, I know it's different than a rezoning, but I think we all have available channels, Facebook, Nextdoor, Instagram, to just make sure that we are expanding our reach to the community, whether they're a part of the City or not. I think the point here is to make sure that we are actively communicating with community members about what's happening in their area and how it might impact that. So, I just kind of want to put that out there and make sure that we're being more proactive in our messaging.

Ms. Harris said thank you.

Mayor Pro Tem Mitchell said excellent points.

ITEM NO. 2: CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 14 THROUGH 45 MAY BE CONSIDERED IN ONE MOTION EXCEPT FOR THOSE ITEMS REMOVED BY A COUNCIL MEMBER. ITEMS ARE REMOVED BY NOTIFYING THE CITY CLERK.

Mayor Pro Tem Mitchell said we have two property transactions that have been deferred to the February 23, 2026, Business Meeting. Those items are Item No. 42 and 43, and we also have one property transaction that has been settled, Item No. 44. So, are there any items that need to be pulled for a separate vote?

Councilmember Mayfield said I would like Item No. 32, the Land Acquisition for Tree Canopy Preservation Program on Hart Road, to be pulled for a separate vote and discussion.

Councilmember Anderson arrived at 5:13 p.m.

Motion was made by Councilmember Ajmera, seconded by Councilmember Mazuera Arias to approve the Consent Agenda as presented with the exception of Item No. 32, Item No. 33 and Item No. 34, which were pulled for a separate vote, Item No. 42, and Item No. 43, which was deferred, and Item No. 44 which was settled.

The following items were approved:

Item No. 14: Strategic Investment Area Roadway Resurfacing

Approve a contract in the amount of \$6,172,218.90 to the lowest responsive bidder Blythe Construction, Inc. for 2026 street resurfacing.

Summary of Bids

Blythe Construction, Inc.	\$6,172,218.90
Blythe Brothers Asphalt Co., LLC	\$6,470,931.55
King Asphalt, Inc.	\$8,596,231.00

Item No. 15: Automatic Lighting Controls Maintenance and Services

(A) Approve a contract with Scorpion Startup, LLC dba Paratus Service Group for automatic lighting controls maintenance and 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. 16: Cemetery Grounds Maintenance

(A) Approve contracts for cemetery grounds maintenance for a term of three years with the following: Triple L Landscape (MBE, SBE), Tim Johnson Landscaping, Inc., 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. 17: Lakeview Road Improvements Change Order

Approve change order #2 in the amount of \$900,489 to Blythe Development Company for the Lakeview Road Improvements project.

Item No. 18: Roofing and Waterproofing Supplies and Services

(A) Approve the purchase of goods and services from a cooperative contract, (B) Approve a contract with Garland/DBS, Inc. for the purchase of roofing and waterproofing materials and services for a term of three years under OMNIA contract #PW1925, 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 contract.

Item No. 19: Roadway and Signal Construction Services

Approve a contract in the amount of \$9,142,940 to the lowest responsive bidder United of Carolinas, Inc. for the Unspecified Roadway and Signal Construction Services FY 2026-B project.

Summary of Bids

The City of Charlotte issued an Invitation to Bid twice; only one bid was received both times from United of Carolinas, Inc.

Item No. 20: Vehicle Glass Repair and Replacement Services

(A) Approve contracts for vehicle glass repair and replacement services for a term of three years with the following: Auto Glass Experts LLC, United Glass Service, Inc., 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. 21: Belmont Lift Station and Force Main Contract Amendment

Approve a contract amendment in the amount of \$1,237,300 with GHD Consulting Services Inc. for design services for the Belmont Lift Station and Force Main project.

Item No. 22: Dewatering and Cleaning of Process Tanks

(A) Approve unit price contracts for digester and storage tank cleaning for a term of three years with the following: Bio-Nomic Services Inc., Taplin Group LLC, Synagro - WWT Inc., and (B) Authorize the City Manager to renew the contracts for up to two, one-year terms with possible price adjustments and to amend the contracts consistent with the purpose for which the contracts were approved.

Item No. 23: Facility Drain Relining Services

(A) Approve a unit price contract with Bizzy Bee Plumbing, Inc. for facility drain relining services for a term of three years, and (B) Authorize the City Manager to renew the contract for up to two, one-year terms with possible price adjustments and to amend the contract consistent with the purpose for which the contract was approved.

Item No. 24: Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning Preventative Maintenance and Repair Services

(A) Approve unit price contracts for heating, ventilation, and air conditioning preventative maintenance and repair services for a term of three years with the following: E2 Mechanical, LLC (WBE), Facility Systems Services, Inc., Redblue LLC, Thermal Conditioning, Inc., and (B) Authorize the City Manager to renew the contracts for up to two, one-year renewal terms with possible price adjustments and to amend the contracts consistent with the purpose for which the contracts were approved.

Item No. 25: Municipal Agreement for Relocation and Installation of Water Infrastructure along East John Street

(A) Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute a municipal agreement with the North Carolina Department of Transportation for construction of water and sanitary sewer line relocations, adjustments, and improvements, and (B) Authorize the City Manager to approve the reimbursement request for the actual cost of the utility construction.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 56, at Page(s) 193-194.

Item No. 26: Toby Creek Sanitary Sewer Construction and Mallard Creek Stream Restoration Project

Approve a guaranteed maximum price of \$25,953,865 to RH Price, Inc. for Design-Build construction services for the Toby Creek Sanitary Sewer Construction Phases 2 and 3 and the Mallard Creek Stream Restoration Project.

Item No. 27: Traffic Control Services

(A) Approve unit price contracts for traffic control services for a term of two years with the following: AWP, Inc. dba AWP Safety, GDC Inc. (MBE), and (B) Authorize the City Manager to renew the contracts for up to three, one-year terms with possible price adjustments and to amend the contracts consistent with the purpose for which the contracts were approved.

Item No. 28: Blackmon Storm Drainage Improvement Project

(A) Approve a contract in the amount of \$3,973,279.81 to the lowest responsive bidder Hux Contracting LLC (SBE) for the Blackmon 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

Hux Contracting, LLC	\$3,973,279.81
United of Carolinas, Inc.	\$4,196,983.50
Sealand Contractors, Corp.*	\$4,570,000.00
Efficient Developments, LLC	\$5,075,598.30
Zoladz Construction Co., Inc.	\$5,310,910.01

*Bid tab states Sealand total is \$4,569,939.09 due to discrepancy on line items 16 & 17.

Item No. 29: Engineering Services for Camp Greene Storm Drainage Improvement Project

(A) Approve contract amendment #1 for \$400,500 to the contract with D&A Wolverine, PLLC for design and construction administration services, and (B) Authorize the City Manager to amend the contract consistent with the purpose for which the contracts were approved.

Item No. 30: Professional Engineering Services for Storm Water Services Projects

(A) Approve a contract for up to \$1,100,000 with Ardurra Group, Inc. for planning and design services for the Manchester Storm Drainage Improvement Project, (B) Approve a contract for up to \$2,600,000 with Armstrong Glen, PC for planning and design services for the East Boulevard Storm Drainage Improvement Project, (C) Approve a contract for up to \$2,800,000 with Dewberry and Associates, Inc. for planning and design services for the Wheelock/Colony Storm Drainage Improvement Project, (D) Approve a contract for up to \$1,500,000 with Land Design, Inc. for planning and design services for the Interstate/Executive Storm Drainage Improvement Project, (E) Approve a contract for up to \$1,400,000 with WSP USA, Inc. for planning and design services for the Barncliff Storm Drainage Improvement Project, and (F) Authorize the City Manager to amend the contracts consistent with the purpose for which the contracts were approved.

Item No. 31: Equipment and Tool Rental Services

(A) Approve the rental service of equipment and tools from a cooperative contract, (B) Approve a unit price contract with Sunbelt Rentals Inc. for the rental of equipment and tools for a term of three years under OMNIA contract #R241502, 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 contract.

Item No. 35: Meeting Minutes

Approve the titles, motions, and votes reflected in the Clerk's record as the minutes of: November 10, 2025, Business Meeting, November 17, 2025, Zoning Meeting, November 24, 2025, Business Meeting, December 1, 2025, Organizational Meeting, December 8, 2025, Business Meeting, and December 15, 2025, Zoning Meeting.

Item No. 36: Set a Public Hearing on Summerwell Mountain Island Voluntary Annexation

Adopt a resolution setting a public hearing for March 9, 2026, for Summerwell Mountain Island Area voluntary annexation petition.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 56, at Page(s) 195-196.

Item No. 37: Resolution of Intent to Abandon a Portion of Alleyway off East Worthington Avenue

(A) Adopt a Resolution of Intent to abandon a portion of alleyway off East Worthington Avenue, and (B) Set a public hearing for March 9, 2026.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 56, at Page(s) 197-198.

Item No. 38: Resolution of Intent to Abandon a Portion of Alleyway off Piedmont Street

(A) Adopt a Resolution of Intent to abandon a portion of alleyway off Piedmont Street, and (B) Set a public hearing for March 9, 2026.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 56, at Page(s) 199-200.

Item No. 39: Resolution of Intent to Abandon a Portion of Right-of-Way Adjacent to 1519 Crystal Road

(A) Adopt a Resolution of Intent to abandon a portion of right-of-way adjacent to 1519 Crystal Road, and (B) Set a public hearing for March 9, 2026.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 56, at Page(s) 201-202.

Item No. 40: Resolution of Intent to Abandon a Portion of Right-of-Way Adjacent to 5516 Gorham Drive

(A) Adopt a Resolution of Intent to abandon a portion of right-of-way adjacent to 5516 Gorham Drive, and (B) Set a public hearing for March 9, 2026.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 56, at Page(s) 203-204.

Item No. 41: Resolution of Intent to Abandon a Portion of Right-of-Way off Harris Oaks Boulevard

(A) Adopt a Resolution of Intent to abandon a portion of right-of-way off Harris Oaks Boulevard, and (B) Set a public hearing for March 9, 2026.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 56, at Page(s) 205-206.

PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS

Item No. 45: Property Transactions – Nations Ford Road Signal Upgrades, Parcel # 5

Resolution of Condemnation of 436 square feet (0.01 acres) in sidewalk utility easement, 392 square feet (0.009 acres) in permanent shelter easement, and 1,612 square feet (0.037 acres) in temporary construction easement at 201 West Arrowood Road from Southwood Village Realty LLC, A North Carolina Limited Liability Company for \$4,850 for Strategic Investment Area Nations Ford Road Signal Upgrades.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 56, at Page(s) 207.

ITEM NO. 32: LAND ACQUISITION FOR TREE CANOPY PRESERVATION PROGRAM ON HART ROAD

ITEM NO. 33: LAND ACQUISITION FOR TREE CANOPY PRESERVATION PROGRAM ON RIVERSIDE DRIVE

ITEM NO. 34: LAND ACQUISITION FOR TREE CANOPY PRESERVATION PROGRAM AT 904 RIVERSIDE DRIVE

Councilmember Johnson arrived at 5:15 p.m.

Motion was made by Councilmember Mayfield, and seconded by Councilmember Owens, to defer Item No. 32, Item No. 33, and Item No. 34 until February 23, 2026, the next Business Meeting.
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Mayor Pro Tem Mitchell said welcome, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Anderson.

Councilmember Mayfield said so Councilmember Johnson, we're on items 32, 33 and 34 that I just motioned, and we got a second for deferral, so we are now having discussion. Here's the question that I sent to all of Council as well as to Marie. I am concerned about the amount. When we look at 32, I wanted to get an idea of the total amount, when according to Mecklenburg County deed, what the value of the homes are, of which that was listed for one of the parcels, the total appraised value was \$202,500. The second parcel was \$182,300. Right now, the market is at a place where it's slowing down. So, anyone can do a search on Realtor, Redfin, any of the sites to see that homes are on the market 60, 90 days. So, when staff responded back in our comments that they were looking at market rate, the market is a fickle place. So, I'm trying to understand the dollar amount that we're considering for the purchase of these

properties when we are in a slowing of the market right now. If staff is stating that the numbers that they came in with are based on market rate, today you're not necessarily going to get the amount on the market, because homes are sitting on the market a lot longer. So, I wanted to get more clarification for how it was identified that this amount is based off a market amount, when the appraisal value of the properties are a good \$100,000 less, and what market numbers are we actually looking at when the current market in Charlotte, home are sitting on the market a lot longer. The actual prices of the homes are what homes might be selling for today, but the inflated prices that we have seen over the last two, three years isn't necessarily the price that people are paying. One, interest rates, tax [INAUDIBLE], market does what the market does. So, I wanted to get better clarification on how they identify, well, this is the market rate based off of this market.

Marie Harris, Budget Director said so this is based on recent appraisals, and what you're referencing is the tax value. Also, it's important to note you said defer. We'd have to restart, because we're supposed to close within 30 days, and these properties were impacted by Helene, so this is just the market appraised value of the property. The houses have been destroyed.

Ms. Mayfield said right, so that's the other piece that I want us to take into consideration. Because of weather impacts, these homes were negatively impacted, so what we're paying for is the land. Again, based on today's market, are we saying that these individuals, if they were to go to market today to try to sell this land that you cannot build homes on, because of the impact, the flooding, the other things that may have happened in this area, would they be able to sell these lots at the prices that we are asking this body to approve for the purchase of this land, when we already know that, yes, we want to have a conservation easement, but are we being fiducially responsible with tax dollars with the purchase amount that has been presented to us? Because they cannot necessarily go to market to sell this land today, because you cannot build another home on this land, because of the environmental challenges that have happened?

Ms. Harris said sorry, Ms. Mayfield, you definitely can. The land isn't condemned. You could definitely build on it still, but to your point, it is a difference from the tax value, but just to assure you, this is fair market value that we got recent appraisal. So, this is an appraisal. Like you said, the market conditions have changed recently, but these aren't old appraised values, these are recent appraised values.

Ms. Mayfield said thank you.

Ms. Harris said thank you.

Councilmember Owens said so, Marie, I just want to probe around the bounds of that just a little bit more and appreciate. The appraiser appraised the property as it is right now? Did they appraise it as a tree save? I'm trying to understand those different standards.

Ms. Harris said it's the fair market value period regardless of use.

Ms. Owens said okay, of what they would be able to sell it for now. Are the houses, do they still need to be demolished and taken off the property?

Ms. Harris said they are demolished, correct.

Ms. Owens said they're fully demolished. Are there trees on the property, or were those mostly?

Ms. Harris said on some of them, yes.

Ms. Owens said okay. I'm just trying to understand what it looks like if we acquire these properties. I am sensitive to some of the concerns that Councilmember Mayfield had.

So, this is maybe an education for me, when we take something as a tree save, do we later ever change our minds about that, and then sell it to a developer?

Ms. Harris said no, we turn it over to a conservatory.

Ms. Owens said okay, so that's completely out of our hands, and so when this goes at this price.

Ms. Harris said yes, and Tim Porter, our arborist, would like to add to that.

Ms. Owens said okay.

Mayor Pro Tem Mitchell said welcome, Tim. Can you go to the podium, thank you.

Tim Porter, Urban Forester said good evening, Council. Tim Porter, Chief Urban Forester. So, the TCPP (Tree Canopy Preservation Program) uses developer paid fee-in-lieu dollars. These are not tax dollars to purchase these properties. It's all monetary collection of fees during the permitting process, developer-paid dollars, and so in every case we can, we protect these properties with a conservation easement with the Catawba Lands Conservancy. Sometimes, though, its missions don't overlap perfectly, so we use other legal mechanisms, like a Notice of Intent to reserve easement, or a declaration of conservation, to protect them in perpetuity. So, long-term these properties stay conservation land, and do not ever become available for facilities or other uses the City may have.

Ms. Owens said okay, thank you.

Councilmember Ajmera said first, Mr. Porter, thank you so much for you and your team's work on TCPP. I know that this program was strengthened to make sure that payment in lieu that we were getting was based on the recent assessed value and not based on previous values. So, that's why now we have more funds to help preserve more land. I certainly appreciate that work that's being done. Also, we are competing with the market, and I know that if we were to defer this, could you talk about how potentially we might fall out of the contract, and why timing is so critical?

Mr. Porter said sure. Thank you for that question, Councilmember Ajmera. We are under contract to close with owners of these properties. I think they may vary. I don't have the exact information in front of me, but some of them may be a 30-day window. They are developable, however, they're right on the river, so the pressure of development on them likely is not significant, but they are buildable lots. They do face significant challenges, as Councilmember Mayfield pointed out too. However, it's part of a larger effort we're partnering with the County on, related to Hurricane Helene Relief Floodplain Buyout Program. We're not a buyout program per se, but these properties are located in an area of town with high conservation value, and we partnered with the County as part of their recent floodplain work to achieve some preservation of lands along the river in areas where they simply ran out of resources.

Ms. Ajmera said that is helpful, and also thank you for clarifying these are buildable lots. I know under TCPP there have been a number of transactions that have come before us that were buildable lots. We just wanted to make sure we preserve that land for our tree canopy, the goal that we have of 50 percent tree canopy by 2050. This helps us meet that goal job by job.

Mr. Porter said it does, these are incremental approaches here, they're not large property acquisitions. Any properties that don't have trees on them today, we will reforest within the program, yes.

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

Councilmember Johnson said I think you might've answered my second question, but I just have two questions. I know you said a recent appraisal. I wanted to know the date?

Ms. Harris said you don't know the exact date, sorry, but we can follow up and get that to you.

Ms. Johnson said so, when you say recent, do mean within the last year?

Ms. Harris said it's less than last year.

Ms. Johnson said last six months.

Ms. Harris said last six months, yes.

Ms. Johnson said okay, so that does speak to the market shift. Six months can make a difference in the real estate market. Then, secondly, am I to understand that it's \$601,000 for 1.6 acres in total?

Ms. Harris said yes, ma'am, of riverfront property.

Ms. Johnson said and the reason this location was chosen was because it is riverfront property.

Ms. Harris said well, partially, but it's a partnership with the County in areas that were impacted by Helene, and the opportunity based on the location.

Ms. Johnson said so, we're paying \$601,000 for 1.6 acres in partnership with the County to preserve trees, is that right?

Ms. Harris said yes, ma'am, and just to be clear, I believe Mr. Porter noted it, but these aren't tax funds, these are developer-paid funds, so they have an option when they're doing development to do a tree save on site or pay money for a fee-in-lieu program, so in essence to save a site elsewhere that's not on their property. So, we invest these monies in trees elsewhere, tree properties.

Ms. Johnson said for the record, we have great trees on Mallard Creek that we would love to preserve. Thank you.

Ms. Harris said thank you.

Ms. Mayfield said thank you for the clarification, but for me, fee-in-lieu is still tax dollars, because what we allowed is for you to do your development where you were going to have some clearcutting versus you saving those trees that were mature trees. You were given an option to pay into the future growth or investment for other trees. So, as far as I'm concerned, it's still tax dollars that help to get us there, because the community, the taxpayers, saw the impact of trees that were removed in their neighborhoods for a development, but I do appreciate the fact that we have this program.

I don't have necessarily a challenge with us funding the conservation. It is the dollar amount that is the challenge for me, when we think of the fact that we do need to have a tree canopy that's diverse throughout the entire City. Yes, this is beautiful waterfront property. There's a select number of people that's going to be over here off of this waterfront property, whether it's a greenway, a trail that's going to be utilizing it. It's easily pulled up online to see exactly where the lot is and see what's out there.

So, it is not necessarily the challenge of the investment, it is the dollar amount that we're talking about, but it's also a concern that we're saying, okay, I'm bringing this to Council with the full expectation that this is going to be a yes, because we have about 30, 45-day timeline on closing. It should not be an apparent that there would not be questions from Council. So, to then tell me that if we were to defer it in order to have

time for any question to be answered, that it could delay the project, to be perfectly honest and this is going to sound mean, but I truly do not mean for it to be as disrespectful as it's about to sound, that's not my problem. My issue and my concern is that, as representatives if we have questions, we should be able to not only ask those questions, but have time for those questions to be brought back to us, not be put under a timeline that if we do not just say yes to this, then that will cause a delay or financial challenges on our end. It should come to us with enough time, where if there is a question, there's time for that question to be answered. We are not to be under a deadline based on staff's conversation regarding negotiating dollars that we are going to be investing. I respect the fact that the County has a goal and has a role around parks, as well as we have a SEAP (Strategic Energy Action Plan) program, and I respect the fact that we created a way for developers to fund a fee-in-lieu in order for them to build a project that they felt was the best project for them. Yet, I have a challenge, that if something is brought before Council, one, I will repeat, the expectation that we are supposed to be an automatic yes, and two, to tell me or my colleagues that if we were to defer it to get any of these questions answered, that that may cause a challenge, because you're already in negotiations for a 30 or 45-day period of closing, then you probably might've wanted to bring that before us a little sooner.

Ms. Harris said ma'am, if I may? That's a good point, but we, staff, don't want to bring something to you until we know enough details for you to really weigh out the consideration, like the price, and sorry if it sounded that way. If you put an offer on a house or a property, they're probably not going to hold it for you forever, and that's the same way with this, and this is kind of the same way when we do a bid. They'll hold their price for a certain amount of time, and I'm sorry if it came across that we're putting you in the spotlight, that's just more the nature of the business, and we want to make sure it's enough detail where you feel comfortable making the decision, regardless of the decision you make.

Ms. Mayfield said and I appreciate that, Marie. I would like for staff to consider before you make any contractual obligations. Like you said, even if I was to make a bid on a home, first of all, I'm going to check with my spouse before I go out and make that decision. So, look at us as that spouse, that before you go out and say, yes, we think that this is good idea and that Council's going to for it or Council's going to approve it, before making that assumption say, here's the range we're thinking about, now you come back and you have a conversation with us, and then if there's support, then we can follow up and say, you know what, we were able to come up with a dollar amount that is comfortable. Again, I recognize it's fee-in-lieu, because I did share something a little differently to my colleague earlier today, so I appreciate the clarification. It is not, not having preservation. We do need to support, and here's a great way for us to work with the County. It's the dollar amount that I have a concern with, and the idea of saying we don't even have time to have a real conversation. I respect the fact that now all of our colleagues are here if they choose to vote for it. I am going to be a no, and I have clear reasons why I'm going to be a no, because again, this beautiful beachfront property, I'm not going to be walking over here, but I appreciate that somebody will.

Ms. Owens said just a quick followup. I wanted to make sure that I'm understanding. Do we have a contractual out if you don't get approval?

Ms. Harris said yes, anything we bring is contingent on Council approval.

Ms. Owens said okay, and so they understand that going in. So, would there be an argument to be made then that there is some expectation of an ability for us to go back and forth a little bit more on this?

Ms. Harris said case-by-case if the owner would entertain that or not, yes.

Ms. Owens said understood, thank you.

Councilmember Anderson said just a question to Councilmember Mayfield. The motion to defer is to answer what open questions? Are there particular open questions

that you want to have resolved before voting, or is it as you stated the dollar amount that really is the issue?

Ms. Mayfield said yes.

Ms. Anderson said the latter?

Ms. Mayfield said no, yes to both, because Councilmember Johnson just asked a question that needs to have a response to it, but also that question that Councilmember Johnson asked as far as the date of this, because again, when we're looking at the market, the market shifts pretty regularly. So, if we're looking at a conversation that started six months ago, even three months ago, there's a difference, but there's also a concern that I have regarding the actual amount. Again, if we just do a standard search to see what the approximate appraised value is out there, then we're saying it can be anywhere from \$300,000 to \$346,000 or a little under for each property, I want to make sure that before we move forward that this amount is an amount that is a responsible amount, when we have multiple projects that are coming from the same resource without honestly having an update on where we are financially in that bucket, because that's also not listed in any of these. What is the balance that we have in our fee-in-lieu? Which would be a simple one, where every time there's a request to have that in there to show what amount, that one I would've followed up with staff directly, but that's something we need to know as we're looking at potential opportunities of financial challenges.

Ms. Anderson said okay, and then my second question, Marie, is we're in partnership with the County on these initiatives, correct?

Ms. Harris said yes, for these specific ones, yes.

Ms. Anderson said okay. Does the County need to take a voted action on this?

Ms. Harris said no, we are buying the property, purchasing potentially.

Ms. Anderson said just wanted that clarification. Thank you.

Ms. Johnson said I think it will be helpful, to support what Councilwoman Mayfield said, if we did see some type of comps or comparables if I'm hearing that with the house some of the homes in this area are in the mid \$300's.

Ms. Mayfield said right now it's \$360,000 or so what they would vote for according to realtor.com and Zillow.

Ms. Johnson said okay. So, if a property with a house would go for mid \$300's, and if we're buying just the land for \$600,000, that does seem out of range. I mean, these are not our dollars, these are taxpayer or public dollars, so we should have justification for this amount, especially if it seems out of range. So, I think that our residents would expect for us to have that information before we make the decision, so I would support the deferral until we have that information. Also, if we can define recent, when the appraisal is. I remember we were looking at some information about trees and there was a report, and you can correct me if I'm wrong, but I think we were looking at data that was a few years old. So, I do want to make sure we have current information that we're reviewing. So, again, I'm going to support the deferral. Thank you.

Ms. Harris said thank you. Mayor Pro Tem, if I might, Greg Crawford's here with real estate, and he can provide a little additional context on the appraisals.

Mayor Pro Tem Mitchell said Greg, welcome.

Greg Crawford, Real Estate Appraiser said thank you very much, appreciate it. Good evening, Council. So, I wanted to address a little bit of some of your concerns about the appraisal. First of all, I'm also an appraiser in addition to my other roles here. The

highest and best use is what we asked our analysts to estimate for us, and that's the highest and best use and what the market would bear. Now, some of the things that you're referencing, the Zillow, and there's all kinds of data out there for single-family homes on single-family lots, and they sell for X depending on which part of town you're in. This was really essentially an analysis of vacant land and a pretty large piece, that even though it does have some challenges and there were some flooding issues there, what would the market bear to in a redevelopment scenario. So, it essentially comes down to how you can develop that site if you were to subdivide it. So, the comparables, and I'm happy to go over in detail these appraisals with you, in addition to having analysts that we really feel like know what they're doing, with comparable sales and all the adjustment process that you go through when you're looking at your subject property, comparing it with other comparables, good vetted data that's confirmed and verified with parties to the transactions, we send this report out to an independent reviewer, and then it's also reviewed internally. So, we have some pretty good eyeballs on the analysis itself. It's a little tough to compare this kind of property with just single-family lots. So, I just wanted to point that out, there's a little bit of a distinction there, but happy to give you more detail. I don't know the exact dates of the reports, but we feel like that they're still relevant, and the market's a little flat right now in some parts of town, but we feel like that these are still a worthwhile effective date too for this conversation.

Ms. Mayfield said I appreciate that, and this additional time would give enough time for you to provide that.

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

YEAS: Councilmembers Anderson, Mazuera Arias, Johnson, Mayfield, Mayo, Mitchell, and Watlington

NAYS: Councilmembers Ajmera and Owens

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ITEM NO. 3: ACTION PREVIEW OVERVIEW

Shawn Heath, Assistant City Manager said last month, City Manager Jones provided an overview of your new cadence this year as it relates to Business meetings. So, of course, the first Business meeting of the month you have your action previews, and the second Business meeting of the month is when you have public forum and also Council discussion topics. This evening, there are two items that are teed up for action preview. Both of them were voted out of committee last week. Both of them will be coming to full Council on February 23, 2026, for actions. So, tonight's an opportunity for you to dig into these a little bit. We have the Five Points Land Acquisition, which went through the Housing Committee, of course an exciting opportunity, a multifaceted opportunity with housing being one important piece. Councilmember Mayfield will be prepared to tee that one up, and then staff will provide a presentation. The second item is the State and Federal Proposed Legislative Agenda. Chair Graham is not here this evening, but Councilmember Ajmera, of course, was the previous Chair of BGIR (Budget Governance and Intergovernmental Relations Committee), and was very close to this work during calendar year 2025, so she'll be prepared to provide some perspective on what came out of Committee last week. Thank you.

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ITEM NO. 4: ACTION PREVIEW ITEMS

Mayor Pro Tem Mitchell said Deputy City Manager, thank you so much. Staff, let me turn it over to the Chair of our Housing Committee, Ms. Mayfield, to introduce this item.

Councilmember Mayfield said thank you so very much, Mayor Pro Tem. I did just want to briefly thank, not only our Housing and Neighborhood staff who worked very closely with our partners, but I want to thank the Committee members, because we were able

to have a very robust conversation. So, I want to acknowledge my members on the Committee, Councilmember Johnson, Councilmember J.D., Councilmember Owens as well as Councilmember Mayo, where we are looking at this land acquisition funding recommendation of Five Points. This right here, I think we all believe, is an example of how a community-led project could lead to great things and great development, and with that, I am turning it over to Mr. Warren Wooten.

Warren Wooten, HNS said great, thank you so much, Chair Mayfield, and good to see everyone tonight. So, I'm going to get going while we work on the slides. Tonight, I'm going to give you a brief presentation on the Five Points project that's in front of you. I'm going to review for you land policy as it relates to how you've been working on land acquisition recently, talk about the funding that you have available, and then get into specifically the project that's been brought before you. I do want to acknowledge that senior leadership for this project endeavor is in the room tonight. I want to thank Historic West End Partners, Knight Foundation, LISC (Local Initiatives Support Corporation), and Integral for being here again tonight as we talk about this important project.

So, first land acquisition, one of the things that Council has directed staff over the years to do is to really expand the bench on what we can do to develop affordable housing in your community. So, here we're going to give you an overview of the land acquisition request. This is a TOD (Transit-Oriented Development) project that's in District Two. I'm going to review the land acquisition. We have a rolling request that's open that these projects come in through so I'm going to review that RFP (Request For Proposal) process for you, and then I'm going to talk about the staff recommendation of a short-term loan for this project through your TOD funds.

So, land acquisition is one of the ways that you've broadened your vision of how you do affordable housing development here in the City. So, it's very much like some of your other RFPs. The biggest difference is it's a two-stage process. In the first stage, a developer or the City staff brings to you a land asset that meets all of your benchmarks for the types of areas that you're citing for affordable housing development. You review that, and then if you approve the land acquisition, we provide short-term funding for the developer then to go back, continue to work on that project. Then in stage two, they come forward with a full project for you to review and to make approval on. This is a fairly new process, but this is not the first time that you're doing it. This is a similar process that brought forth the Barton South project that is on the Blue Line Extension, and it's also how the Dorton Street project, that was the first investment of your TOD funds, came about. So, two stages, and we're at stage one tonight where we're talking about the request for funding to support land acquisition for this project.

So, this is part and parcel with your TOD approach, and funding that you have available through your passage of the Unified Development Ordinance. So, in the Unified Development Ordinance, developers have a lot of options. You've developed a flexible approach for TOD development that provides your developers options in how they meet various bonuses and can achieve things like density in their project. One of those is to provide affordable housing on-site, and another way is to pay a fee-in-lieu where they pay into a fee-in-lieu bucket, and then that can be used for additional affordable housing development and investment in your transit-oriented areas. So, you currently have a balance of about \$1.47 million in your TOD fund. It's a \$19 million total fund that has been generated. Of that, about \$4.8 has been paid in so far. You've paid out a little over \$3 million for the Dorton site, leaving that \$1.4 million. That additional \$14 million are commitments that have been made by developers, but have not yet been paid into the fund. They pay into the fund when they begin the final development process and pull permits. So, those are the numbers that you're seeing up here on the slide. Then, in addition to that \$1.4 million that you have in TOD funding, you have a \$5 million carveout in your Housing Trust Fund that, through your funding policy, you set aside for land acquisition.

So, in January of 2024, we issued that rolling RFP. You do two different types of RFPs. There are RFPs that we release several times a year, like your housing development RFP, and then there's RFPs like the TOD RFP that we leave out there rolling. You have

a very active market, you have a growing community, and so what this allows is for developers who see an opportunity to be able to move quickly on those opportunities by responding quickly to your rolling RFPs, and we bring these projects before you as soon as they're ready to go, such as this project tonight. In the TOD RFP, it allows for up to 90 percent financing for a short-term loan, up to three years to take down land. The developer then has that land, has it secured, and can continue with their development process to bring you forward a full proposal about what they're going to do there. That'll be considered in a future step. Then, we take steps to protect your investment during this process. You will be in first lien position, and again, we don't go over 90 percent loan-to-value to protect your City investment.

So, let's talk about the project, and again, appreciative of all of the hard work that West End Partners has done with their partners on this project. As you can see, this is a site right in Five Points. It's directly across the street from Johnson C. Smith University, and it has a Gold Line stop just south of its location. It's approximately a 1.25-acre site, and it's contemplated as a mixed-use, mixed-income development currently estimating 145 units, but that will change as they adjust up and down as they go through the development process. They also are contemplating nonresidential uses on this site, office space, and a grocery store. I'm not going to get into those details, but I do want to point out the excellent presentation that they gave at the Economic Development Committee meeting last week. If you want more information on the broader overview of the project, that is a great resource. I'm focusing just on your TOD RFP and our recommendation around this loan.

So, what do City staff look at in terms of matching projects that come in like this to your requirements. We look at your Housing Charlotte framework, we look at your Housing Funding policy that you provided at the beginning of this bond process, and we also look at the citing information and score, and what you'll see is two things. One, this is directly approximate to one of your transit lines with great access to one of the stops just south of the site there. It also has a very high site score. Lots of access to goods and services. Lots of access to jobs, both by vehicular method, and right there off of the Gold Line. Then, as I know that you all know, in a neighborhood that's experienced traumatic change over the last several years, this gives you an opportunity to take down a site in a rapidly changing area and preserving that for both affordable housing and economic development opportunity.

So, this is how the funding stack would be contemplated. You have available to you the \$1.74 million in the TOD that's not quite enough to fund this entire acquisition. So, we would next turn to your Housing Trust Fund funding that you do have available. Those two amounts together would be the \$1.47 million, and it would leave you a zero balance in your TOD funding, and it would leave you a \$2.6 million balance in your HTF (Housing Trust Fund) acquisition balance, with a total balance of your Housing Trust Fund of \$44 million and change, and you will see recommendations coming. We had a lot of activity on your fall round. You'll see additional recommendations coming in the next several months on your fall round for HTF funding. As the Deputy City Manager said when we started the presentation, this is conversation getting you prepped for a request for Council action on February 23, 2026.

Mayor Pro Tem Mitchell said Warren, thank you so much.

Councilmember Ajmera said thank you for this presentation. First, let me thank you for bringing this creative way of banking on land closer to our Transit-Oriented Development. This is great. I also wanted to thank J'Tanya and the entire team here. I know Ms. J'Tanya has been working on this for as long as I remember on this project, and certainly Historic West End Partners and the Knight Foundation, thank you for your partnership. So, I noticed in the presentation in one of the slides the City's investment is protected through a lien against the property. So, \$4.13 million, is that the full price of the land?

Mr. Wooten said it is not, that's your invested amount, that's 90 percent of what is lesser of the paid value or the appraised value. So, the City will look at whatever's less,

whether it's the appraised value or the contract value, and take 90 percent of that, and that's what you're seeing on this slide here is the \$4.1 million. If I do the math in my head, the actual paid price or the appraised price is \$4.9 million. So, they're bringing skin to the table where they're putting in the residual to pull the land down.

Ms. Ajmera said so, the Historic West End Partners is putting the other 10 percent?

Mr. Wooten said their development group is jointly responsible for that, yes, that's correct.

Ms. Ajmera said got it. I like this forward-leaning approach. I also like that this helps us compete against the market, especially with land banking. I certainly support this. I think this is much needed in District Two. I had a conversation with Ms. J'Tanya several times about how this is not going to only tackle affordable housing crisis, but also a much needed investment for a co-op food store. I think that's great, and I'd like to see this kind of approach in other parts of the City, and I know Ms. J'Tanya is willing to partner with other organizations across the City, to turn this vision into reality in other parts. I'm not volunteering you, I know that's something you offered, but I think this is a great way to work with the private sector, with the public sector, to really turn the vision into reality. I'm very excited to see this, and I hope to see more of this in other parts of the City. That's all I have. Thank you.

Councilmember Anderson said I just wanted to say this project is a great example of something that we can begin to replicate in other parts of the City. I know Ms. J'Tanya has already offered herself up for parts of District One and other parts, any part of the City who's interested in doing something that is unique and collaborative. The other piece about this is, we've been looking at how we can bring grocery stores and access to fresh fruits and vegetables to neighborhoods that don't meet the criteria or threshold of big box grocers, and this is one unique way that we can do so. We don't always look at food deserts as a safety issue, and I was having a conversation with Chief Johnson from the fire department. He talked about when things, like a storm or any kind of other extraordinary event occurs, if our residents can't walk to a grocery store to access food, then it becomes a safety issue. So, I very much see this mixed-use opportunity as a way to address safety within our City and within a part of town that desperately needs that investment.

So, I want to say thank you for the work. I also know, as we look at the main street's concept as a city, this is an example of a group that has utilized and leveraged that type of model, leveraging it from a national practice locally, and I think once again, will be a great example of how we can replicate and scale other successful ventures after this one. So, I'm happy to support it, and I just want to say thank you for the work and the effort. Thank you.

Councilmember Mazuera Arias said I just want to say congratulations to everybody that was involved in this effort. I want to recognize I was not on Council, so I'm not going to take credit, but I want to express my observations. This is the reason why we need to fund business district organizations, like Historic West End Partners, with, and let it be on the record, a line item in our budget, because this is the fruit of the labor of these organizations like Historic West End Partners. This is also a prime example of answering the question government gets on what we can do, with this is what we can do and now deferring it to this is what we can't do. As we continue to grow as a city, I think many residents, particularly those in black communities and brown communities, marginalized communities, are fearful of being pushed away and displaced just to simply have access to transit. This shows us what being active and proactive with community engagement looks like, and it also shows us that with political will and courage, we can deliver services to communities. I think bringing mixed-income and mixed-use development to black and brown communities is no longer a possibility, it's becoming a reality. We can do it. The City can do things to mitigate the harms of displacement as we're growing as a city, and I think the idea, to what Councilmember Ajmera said and Councilmember Anderson said, of co-op, this model is huge. It is really making sure that the City is facilitating how a community shows up for each other. So,

congratulations to everyone, congratulations to my colleagues that played a huge part in this, to Historic West End Partners, to the staff. This is a huge moment for the City. Thank you.

Councilmember Watlington said I just wanted to also extend my congratulations to J'Tanya, to [INAUDIBLE] I see back here, and all of the partners with this project. You guys continue to lead the way. So, very, very impressive to see what you're doing up and along the corridor, whether it's property acquisition, whether it's land acquisition or community building, it's fantastic. To that end, I'm very interested to know how we are capturing the learnings, because there are certainly other organizations around the City, our other BDOs (Business District Organizations), who are doing great work as well, but I want to make sure that as we're bringing these tangible projects to the table, that we capture whatever capacity-building that we need to understand, so that others can come behind and do it as well. So, would love to understand that. Once again, congratulations, and I look forward to supporting this one when it comes along.

Mayor Pro Tem Mitchell said I'm going to make a few comments, and then I'm going to turn it over to the Chair. Number one, I think this is important when we look at all our corporate partners who participated. So, one, you had a visionary, like J'Tanya Adams, and then she went out and got two strong partners in LISC and the Knights Foundation. So, I'm not going to tell you all, or ask you all to stand up today. You're going to do that on February 23, 2026, but I want to really, to Dr. Watlington's comment, how can we take this model and then make sure we can duplicate this in other parts? Councilmember J.D., I thank you for your comment about Business District Organizations and the power they have to be more impactful in our communities. So, with that said, I'm going to turn it over to the Chair, and before I do, let me say this about what the Chair did and what staff did. We had a presentation about this in the second week in January 2026, and we knew there was a time constraint on when they can purchase the land. Staff, let me thank you for not only putting it in Housing Committee, but you also gave a presentation in ED (Economic Development), and so thank you so much. This is about team Charlotte.

Ms. Mayfield said as was mentioned, our Housing Committee did vote to move this funding request forward to full Council, but what I also appreciate, thinking about the comments I had earlier, is that we had enough time to have the conversation. This is a project that has been in the works through Historic West End Partners for a while. They went out. They identified the partners. They did the work that they needed to do. So, also looking at our Housing Committee, let's know what the dollars are, so we know that with this request we still know what the numbers look like within our Trust Fund. This proposed mixed-use project, it includes that housing component. That proposal to have up to 145 mixed-income homes along the Light Rail, the proposal and the presentation that went before Economic Development Committee, it is a collective. It is the full picture of, with government support, what community can do. When we look at the fact that the plans are still in the early stages, we wanted to bring this before full Council sooner rather than later versus the night of vote you learning about this amazing work. So, staff, kudos to you for all the work that you have done side by side, along with Historic West End Partners. J'Tanya, we're going to continue singing the praises of your leadership, because you had a vision and you made that vision come to fruition. Also, I want to acknowledge that, with our support, the City's support, we're actually able to help enable Historic West End Partners to secure ownership of the land, while simultaneously ensuring that there will be affordable units that are in accordance with the requirements of our affordable housing goals and needs, and I am proud that our Committee moved forward for this. I thank staff again for this presentation tonight, and I definitely look forward to motioning in the coming weeks us approving this request of \$4.1 million.

Mayor Pro Tem Mitchell said alright, great job, great job, great job. Let me give a shoutout to the DCMs (Deputy City Manager). DCMs, please stand up. Monica, Alyson, please stand up. Thank you, DCMs, thank you. Shawn. We have a friendly face in the audience, Mr. Dana Fenton. Hello sir.

Ms. Ajmera first, on behalf of the Committee Chair, Graham, and I want to recognize Committee members Owens, Mayo and Mitchell. I'm pleased to share that we adopted this last week unanimously, and BGIR initiated this work in October of 2025. I want to thank Shawn Heath. He has been leading the charge. You will see this handout where you will see we have federal as well as state legislative agenda. Over the past few months, we have really dug into these issues, particularly public safety. Specifically what we need from Raleigh, which is the centerpiece of our overall legislative agenda. With that in mind, I want to focus on one thing, public safety, because that's what residents expect, and this is where we need strong partnership from Raleigh, and I want to acknowledge that this conversation is also timely. I had an opportunity to virtually watch today's hearing, and state lawmakers certainly are laser focused on public safety here. I think the Chief did an excellent job today talking about the progress we have made, talking about the facts, where violent crime is down 21 percent. That shows the progress that CMPD (Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department) is making, but then also she was honest about the challenges that we face and what support we need from Raleigh, and that's what this state legislative agenda does, and I think we need to be clear about the support that we need from the state to succeed.

So, the first portion of our state legislative agenda, you will see that, first, we need more investments in mental health resources. This was something that Chief Patterson talked about at the hearing, where we are getting a lot of calls related to mental health crises. Law enforcement alone cannot solve that, and we need investments in mental health services, so that we prevent crime before it happens. Second, we need state support for recruiting and retaining law enforcement officers. This is also something the Chief talked about earlier today. Departments across the State are facing staffing shortages, we are not alone. Third, we need resources for the entire justice system, not just policing, that includes the District Attorney's Office, Spencer Merriweather, was also at the hearing, Public Defender's Office and our courts, because we know that when our cases move slowly victims have to wait longer, and we have heard from them and accountability suffers. Fourth, we are asking the State to help reestablish a local juvenile detention center. This is also something the Chief had talked about at the hearing today, because if we want young people to turn their lives around, we cannot send them hours away from their families and support networks. Fifth, we support stronger penalties for assaults on our transit operators, and continued investments in safer roads and transportation system, and that's something that Councilmember Owens has championed.

So, you will see that Tier One and Tier Two, we are also supporting. I know Councilmember Mayfield is going to bring this up, so before she does, I will answer that. We are also investing in affordable housing. As you can see, we have specific ask for housing, for infrastructure, as well as workforce development, and you will see as part of our public safety, Tier Two, we have three items. First is stronger sentencing tools for repeat offenders, improved qualification and compensation for magistrates, additional authority to address quality-of-life safety concerns, and let me say, all of this the Committee did not come up with. This is something that is a direct result of collaboration from the business community, from grassroots community, from our partners at all levels, the County, the DA's (District Attorney) Office, our courts, and Mr. Heath, thank you so much for leading that effort. You did this in record time. You met with close to 15 stakeholders in less than two months. We appreciate your leadership on that, because we know that these are all connected to public safety.

So, timing is crucial here. Council will be asked to adopt this later this month, because we have Federal Advocacy Meeting in March 2026, and then North Carolina General Assembly's Short Session begins in April 2026. So, it's a very tight timeframe, but I really hope that we can adopt this end of this month, so that we can speak with one unified voice when those decisions are being made, particularly the business alliance, the County, because there was a question that was asked multiple times at the hearing. How can we help you? Well, here's the list. This is how you can help us. I also want to recognize the Committee. Many of us have had conversations with the DA's office, with the County, with our court system, to help ensure there is alignment at all levels. So, that's all I have. There will be a longer presentation on this that will be in your package,

if it's not already there, but feel free to reach out to Shawn Heath or myself with any questions, or even Chairman Councilmember Graham, who is also very involved in this process. That's all I have. Thank you.

Ms. Anderson said thank you for the update. I sat in and participated in some of this discussion, so I'm aware of it. Question, though, for the committee. You've laid out what you all have voted to move forward. Were there any particular items or salient topics that were not moved forward, but you all felt were right there on the line?

Ms. Ajmera said so, Councilmember Anderson, we did move forward all the public safety items that came as a result of direct feedback from our stakeholders. What we did, we had Tier One and Tier Two, because we have a long list, and we wanted to be very specific in our ask. So, we have now two tiers, because it's a long list. So, we said let's highlight high-priority items in Tier One, and then we will have Tier Two that is a lesser priority. In fact, reestablishing of local juvenile detention center was something that was part of Tier Two, but the Committee decided to promote that to Tier One, because we see a greater need for that, and that's something we have heard, not just from Chief Patterson, but also from community leaders as well as business leaders, to make sure that we are holding repeat offenders accountable closer to the support system that they have.

Ms. Anderson said of course, yes. My question was really around for the other areas. So, public safety is top of mind, and that is center of plate for our community, but for the other areas, specifically the six other areas, were there any Tier Two items that did not make it through?

Ms. Ajmera said no, we did not, because the other areas did not have as many items as the public safety does. I just wanted to highlight a few things, in terms of the zoning, because that aligns with our overall UDO (Unified Development Ordinance). So, there were a few items that we had under planning, land use. Obviously, we wanted to highlight aging in place, because I remember discussing this when I served on the Housing Committee, really looking at the thresholds to support adults aging in place. I know this is something that Councilmember Mayfield has certainly advocated for in the past, but there is already a senate bill out there. So, we thought, let's just go ahead and throw our support behind it, there is already a movement. So, we are including that, but we didn't eliminate anything that was recommended by staff.

Ms. Anderson said thank you.

Councilmember Owens said so, I have a couple of things. One, just commenting on the agenda, and then another perhaps addressing a concern that I had that was not expressed during Committee, but it does go to Councilmember Anderson's question around other tiers of inquiry. It's been brought to my attention most recently by community members, and I'll put this in the housing category, that our State Legislature is withholding IOLTA (Interest on Lawyers' Trust Account) dollars, and IOLTA is interest that is earned on trust funds that are held by lawyers. Traditionally, those dollars go to fund legal aid, and the needs of our legal aid community are absolutely paramount to me, in terms of keeping people in place. Because as people have issues with their rents, they have issues with their landlords, they are dependent on legal aid to help them stay in place, and so if I had a second tier, if I had an opportunity to have a bite at that apple, I have not appreciated that those monies were being held, and I would encourage us in any ways that we do have any influence, to encourage those monies that are being withheld. I don't fully appreciate the dynamics of that, but I do appreciate the effect that it's having on our legal services, particular here in Mecklenburg County where we continue to have legal aid available to people. Our attorneys who serve legal aid are servicing so many other counties that have now lost their funding and have lost their legal aid. So, I think, again, when we're looking at retaining housing, that's a big concern of mine, and I'll put that out there, so that briefly on that topic.

The other one I do want to mention, and I don't view Tier One as having a particular prioritization, and so I do note the last one that's in Tier One is one that I was very keen to have escalated. I think we've all received a lot of constituent inquiry around red light

cameras and some of the things that perhaps we could inquire of our State Legislature to make more clear. I think to that point, we did also discuss that Greensboro is confronting similar issues in wanting to appreciate how those monies can be applied and what portion of that goes for schools. So, anyway, I will just raise those, but I do appreciate Councilmember Ajmera's summaries.

Ms. Ajmera said so, Mr. Heath, I know that the last bullet point was added as a result of Councilmember Owens' advocacy. Maybe there might be an opportunity to be more specific, to her point, where we can have a specific ask, because this is really wide. I think if we are really laser focused on red light cameras, maybe we can be more specific for this last bullet point before it comes, but I wanted to hear if you have any other thoughts. There is always a reason behind why they sometimes make that language. I know that's based on our lobbyist and others, so I wanted to hear your thoughts.

Shawn Heath, Assistant City Manager said sure. If I may, and I can channel Sarah Hazel here for a second when this came up last week, this may be a both/and, and also last week I believe a memo went to Council suggesting that if there's a will for additional conversation on red light cameras and possibly a City program, that staff is ready, willing, and able to have those conversations. So, I think that that's out there and that could be separate and distinct from where the legislative agenda moves potentially. On the legislative agenda, I believe the point that Sarah made last week was on this particular one. We like the idea of keeping it broad enough where we could have a seat at the table on a whole broad range of things that could potentially fall within this category, which historically has been our approach on a lot of our state legislative agenda items, whereas this year with public safety, for various reasons, we wanted to get really granular and specific for that. So, we can certainly run the traps if there's some specific ideas that Council would like to share this evening as it relates to that particular item, so we can be thoughtful about that before we bring it back for a vote on February 23, 2026.

Ms. Ajmera said okay.

Ms. Mayfield said thank you, Councilmember Owens for that additional piece regarding the IOLTA, and to Councilmember Ajmera, and to the entire Committee, and Councilmember Graham, who might be listening on the road riding back to town. As someone who had the pleasure of serving alongside with Councilmember Ajmera on the Budget Governance and Intergovernmental Committee for multiple years, I am happy to see that the Committee chose to support Senate Bill 349. One of our biggest challenges with aging in place is not just for our elders that have homeownership, but it's also our elders that are in rental units and in rental units that we have funded. The escalation clause is something that I have spoken about more than once that's in that LIHTC (Low Income Housing Tax Credit) Legislation, and unfortunately earlier today, I received a call where we have an elder, based on what's happening on the federal level, her \$1,000 a month Social Security check was reduced down to \$800. She just got notification that the complex, that is a senior project, is increasing their rent \$50, that's \$800. So, that is her whole Social Security check, so how does she get medication? Where's our 30 percent and below? Where are the protections that we need for our elders in the community? Because I do not want to see 1,000-plus elders in the category of being unhoused. I am very happy that the support continues for us to, first of all, they've got pass the budget, but one day, the fact that we have the support there for the provision of appropriating funds for our workforce housing loan program, because we have people who earn \$75,000 to \$150,000 a year, but cannot afford to buy a home or make that investment in Charlotte, and even in our region right now. So, I appreciate the fact that housing stayed in the conversation, as well as economic development, and the work that we're putting around our advocacy. When we look at the lights, we also have to have a real conversation about the individual that runs that light, but also the fact that we have to stop and not take that green light for granted. We need to pause, look left and right, because the chances are greater that someone is going to take the red light as a suggestion versus an actual stop, but these are the ways to help us move forward in the conversation. So, I appreciate the work that the Committee is doing and look forward to supporting however I can.

Ms. Ajmera said I did not cover the federal, but I'm sure you all can read that.

Councilmember Johnson said thank you, Councilwomen Owens for just lifting that up. I've talked to you about how practical you are and I appreciate that. I also have the approach, how can we say yes. So, when I look at the state legislative agenda, there are things that jump out to me that we don't ask for that we know would be helpful in our city, such as inclusionary zoning and impact fees. Those obvious things, you'll see we don't ask for those, because our historical approach is to spin more politically correct, and sometimes you kind of learn as you go along. I would love to push those forward, but are they going to be approved? That's for Council members more experienced than me, but I agree with asking for what our constituents need. I think that's our role, but we can talk about that offline.

Again, we went to Boston, and that was one of the cities that we were encouraged to learn from, and they have 20 percent inclusionary zoning. Imagine if 20 percent of all of this explosive growth and inventory were mandated to be affordable, so there's that.

I will say as far as red light cameras, I'm from Columbus, Ohio, and we had red light cameras at one point. The challenge is, and you're an Attorney, so I mean you would know the challenge, but that an officer may need to be present in court to be a witness, and we heard our Chief say today that we're understaffed, and we know that we're understaffed. So, I just want to put that out there. I want to thank you for pushing the envelope, it's just, welcome to City Council. Thank you.

Ms. Owens said thank you for that. I do appreciate your acknowledging that this is something that has been a bit of a passion for me, but I also will propose that I do not have definitive answers. When I would like for us to explore it, I'd like us to have maximum optionality around what we can do, and if it's really only on those high-injury networks, if there are certain frequent intersections. I am absolutely convinced that I'm going to be killed some time Uptown trying to cross over on Caldwell, because I almost get hit every single time I'm in there, and I'm in the right-of-way, I've got the little white signal, and somebody's making a turn. We have numerous places within our City that are more dangerous than they need to be, and that's not an example of a red light camera situation, but it's an example of a known situation where you're having traffic turn into a signal walkway. Let's look at those things. I do hear that there are other possibilities that we can explore, but I would at least like us to have all of the options on the table. I think the indecision that we're experiencing judicially around the application of those monies is keeping us from even having that in our back pocket to use in isolated times, and so that's really what I was hoping to address.

Ms. Johnson said so, she makes a great point, so maybe there is some type of C-DOT (Charlotte Department of Transportation) summit that we could have, because I think a no turn on red sign would help that issue, and I've also seen where there are conflicting arrows. Someone will have an arrow to make a right turn, and someone has an arrow to make a U-turn. Where I'm from, they just don't do that. A green arrow means go. So, we need to look at those. There are several places in our City that there can be some traffic improvements. So, if we could take a look at that on a granular level, Mr. Heath. If there's a way that those kinds of issues can be identified, I think that would be helpful, that we may not need the state legislator to make those changes. There are several traffic rules locally and ordinances that can be improved.

Ms. Owens said and if I could just add to that, I appreciate the sentiment that they can be improved. I think something that was explained to me the other day in a different context, it was around how people experience the Board of Elections, and everybody kind of has their own experiences from where they've come from. I think the same factors are at play when you have people moving here from all over the Country and they have different experiences with what the green arrow means or what the lights mean. I think we do have an element of education that we can do, but I also think there's an element of engineering and some changes, that if we do have the authority, I'd like to understand what that authority is, and if we can make some changes that make life a little bit clearer for all of us, including all of the people who move here from

other places where they may have different experiences with what the traffic ordinances are.

Mr. Mazuera Arias said I just want to reiterate, thank you Committee for putting these priorities forward. I think it shows that this Council is serious on tackling public safety, and particularly pedestrian and driver safety. Just this past weekend, East Charlotte saw three fatalities in traffic incidents, and I really would love this Council to approach a proactive conversation about red light cameras, what that looks like, not across the City, but in 13 percent of roads, which are the high-injury networks. That's where 80 percent of our fatalities are happening in those 13 percent roads that make up the City of Charlotte, in which are Vision Zero report laid out a month or so ago.

Chief Patterson did an excellent today at the hearing, where she highlighted a program that I highlighted during the campaign trail, which was the JADE (Juvenile Accountability, Diversion & Empowerment) Initiative, is to tackle juvenile crime, to tackle juvenile delinquency, and I really would love to have more proactive conversation of what that juvenile detention center looks like, and how do we find the balancing act of not criminalizing young people, particularly black and brown young men, who sometimes are not afforded the opportunities that other students are afforded, and making sure we're mitigating the harms and risks of a life of crime and giving them second opportunities, but also the balancing act of enforcing our laws and making sure that people are abiding by our laws, particularly young people in our City, and bringing down those rates. I think it is a conversation that needs to be had, and how we address juvenile crime and make sure that we're not criminalizing young people, but we're also making sure they have opportunities. Thank you.

Ms. Johnson said so a couple years ago, our Housing Committee, we talked about reopening the Juvenile Delinquent Center, and there wasn't the will at that time, or we didn't move forward, because we recognized that, I think it was 90 percent or 99 percent of the youth who commit crime, had history of mental illness. So, we wanted to take a look at a more solution-focused approach. So, I would like follow-up on the recommendations that we discussed at that time, if we can get some follow-up?

Mr. Heath said yes, we'll be happy to pull that together, and just at a 30,000 foot level with Councilmember Watlington and the Housing and Safety Community Committee, there was a lot of work done around the upstream focus on prevention activities, and this Council has a long history of supporting prevention through the Office of Youth Opportunity, CMPD programming, the Financial Partner program as well, and then there was coequal emphasis on behavioral health for youth, and Council agreed to authorize a \$2.5 million investment for the Katie Blessing Center, which will come on line later this year. So, I just wanted to say those things out loud, because juvenile detention was never intended to be the focal point, necessarily, for the City leaning into juveniles, certainly, but we can get you a report very quickly for sure.

Ms. Johnson said [INAUDIBLE] crime is down 21 percent. So, if we just had that information.

Ms. Anderson said two quick points. There's been a robust discussion around the Juvenile Detention Center, the pros and cons, and the community lately from judicial perspective, from a behavioral health perspective, and others, and because it was here before, I've gone out to visit the site, and we have people who actually know how to operate that, that that's there developed muscle. So, as we look at it certainly from a legislative agenda perspective, I feel and I appreciate walking the line of being broad, but with some level of specificity. On a topic like that, which is bullet point three in the Tier One of public safety, I believe there needs to be a double click around language of what our actual direct ask is, and where it would be tethered to, because this is an ask that could fall within the City of Charlotte. It can fall within the sheriff's department. It can fall in a variety of different spaces. So, that's just giving me a bit of consternation on that third bullet point. That's not my initial thought that I raised my hand on, but I think that's a really, really important topic that we need to make sure the ask is proper, because otherwise we can get down a rabbit hole very, very quickly.

My initial thought, though, was that with all of the conversation around red light cameras, bringing them back, and I know staff is conducting research on this, I believe potentially that might be a topic we could have referred to the Transportation and Planning Committee, because we did have red light cameras in our community. We decided to pull those back. Now, we're getting these asks. I know I've received many, many, many emails from my constituents around this. I'm sure the rest of Council has as well. I believe it's the right balance of, is it a safety question, is it a revenue-generating question. We have to balance that the right way, and I think that's a conversation that could work well in committee with the Transportation and Planning Committee. So, it may be a referral opportunity, Mr. Heath. Just a thought as we move forward. Thank you.

Mayor Pro Tem Mitchell said great discussion. Thank you, everyone.

ITEM NO. 5: CLOSED SESSION (AS NECESSARY)

Motion was made by Councilmember Watlington, seconded by Councilmember Mayfield, and carried unanimously to go into closed session pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11(a)(4) to discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body, including agreement on a tentative list of economic development incentives that may be offered by the public body in negotiations.

The meeting was recessed at 6:37 p.m. for a closed session in Room 267. The closed session recessed at 7:07 p.m. to move to the Meeting Chamber for the regularly scheduled Business Meeting.

BUSINESS MEETING

The City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina convened for a Business Meeting on Monday, February 9, 2026, at 7:07 p.m. in the Meeting Room of the Charlotte Mecklenburg Government Center with Mayor Pro Tem James Mitchell presiding. Council members present were Dimple Ajmera, Danté Anderson, J.D. Mazuera Arias, Renee Johnson, Lawana Mayfield, Joi Mayo, Kimberly Owens, and Victoria Watlington.

ABSENT: Mayor Vi Lyles, Councilmembers Ed Driggs, and Malcolm Graham

Mayor Pro Tem Mitchell said thank you all for joining us here in person and those watching online for our February 9, 2026, Business Meeting. Now, let's begin our City Council Meeting with introductions around the dais.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

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

Mayor Pro Tem Mitchell said I want to do a special recognition before we move on. I want to take a moment to recognize something truly special. It's rare for Charlotte to experience, not one, but two winter storms in a row, but what's never rare is the

dedication of Team Charlotte, because when the safety of our residents is on the line, this city shines brightest and it shines because of our staff. This past weekend, while many of us were home staying warm, City staff were out there in the elements working around the clock and some even spending nights away from their families sleeping in their office just to keep Charlotte running. So, I've asked each of our Council members to join me as we all recognize several departments for their efforts.

Councilmember Johnson said thank you, Mayor Pro Tem. I want to thank and lift up the incomparable Debbie Smith and the incredible C-DOT Department. C-DOT treated and cleared over 13,000 miles of road using nearly 100,000 gallons of brine and 3,500 tons of salt, and they operated 24/7. Thank you, C-DOT.

Councilmember Mazuera Arias said last week I had the privilege of visiting the Headquarters of the CFD (Charlotte Fire Department) where our Emergency Management Services is located, and I just have to say what an incredible operation they have. Fleet Management opened 180 work orders to keep snowplows, fire trucks and equipment storm ready, and delivered services to our constituents. An incredible job, an incredible feat, in an unprecedented two-time snowstorm and ice storm. Thank you.

Councilmember Mayfield said Charlotte Water had 154 employees across 16 facilities completing 26 emergency repairs. One employee even stopped to help a child retrieve a snowball maker from a catch basin. That's service.

Councilmember Owens said CharMeck 311 handled 1,374 calls with lightning fast response times.

Councilmember Anderson said our General Services crew kept 33 City facilities safe and accessible throughout both winter storms, and I'd like to have a special thank you for everyone who operated our EOC (Emergency Operations Center) and spent time away from their families. Thank you tremendously for everything you did to keep Charlotte safe.

Councilmember Mayo said during the storm, CATS (Charlotte Area Transit System) kept [INAUDIBLE] operations moving. I saw the bus through my neighborhood actually when I was warm inside. So, very grateful for the work of our CATS team.

Councilmember Watlington said and it wasn't only our people residents. Animal Care and Control also protected our vulnerable pets, and we appreciate you taking time out away from your families to keep ours safe, all of them.

Councilmember Ajmera said last, but not the least, Solid Waste Services, they stepped in where needed.

Mayor Pro Tem Mitchell said and of course our first responders at Charlotte Fire and CMPD answered the call nonstop, and to our team at Charlotte Douglas Airport, thank you. Council members, let's all stand and let's give each staff member who showed up, stepped up, and pushed through the storm, Team Charlotte, we see you and we appreciate you.

PUBLIC HEARING

ITEM NO. 6: PUBLIC HEARING AND DECISION ON MAERSK AGENCY USA, INC. BUSINESS INVESTMENT GRANT

Mayor Pro Tem Mitchell declared the hearing open.

There being no speakers, either for or against, a motion was made by Councilmember Mayfield, seconded by Councilmember Ajmera, and carried unanimously to close the public hearing.

ITEM NO. 7: PUBLIC HEARING AND DECISION ON PACIFIC LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY BUSINESS INVESTMENT GRANT

Motion was made by Councilmember Anderson, seconded by Councilmember Ajmera, and carried unanimously to approve a Business Investment Grant to Maersk Agency USA, Inc. for a total amount not to exceed \$269,435 over eight years.

Mayor Pro Tem Mitchell declared the hearing open.

There being no speakers, either for or against, a motion was made by Councilmember Anderson, seconded by Councilmember Mayfield, and carried unanimously to close the public hearing.

Motion was made by Councilmember Anderson, seconded by Councilmember Ajmera, and carried unanimously to approve a Business Investment Grant to Pacific Life Insurance Company for a total amount not to exceed \$170.695 over six years.

Councilmember Anderson said I just wanted to take the moment to welcome Pacific Life Insurance to the City of Charlotte. This is their first venture in the southeast. They're headquartered in California. Yes, they are going to be in District One, but also bringing some tremendous good-paying jobs to the South End area, and they were very, very excited about having the opportunity to locate here in the Queen City. As I was speaking with some of the leaders there, they mentioned that interacting with our leaders, and some of our community residents, was really the glue that kind of stuck with them to say, yes, let's choose Charlotte over other cities. So, very thrilled to have Pacific Life in the southeast, but specifically in the Queen City. Thank you.

ITEM NO. 8: PUBLIC HEARING AND DECISION ON SCOUT MOTORS BUSINESS INVESTMENT GRANT

Mayor Pro Tem Mitchell declared the hearing open.

There being no speakers, either for or against, a motion was made by Councilmember Mayfield, seconded by Councilmember Watlington, and carried unanimously to close the public hearing.

Motion was made by Councilmember Mayfield, seconded by Councilmember Ajmera, and carried unanimously to approve a Business Investment Grant to Scout Motors for a total amount not to exceed \$7,285,518 over 15 years.

Councilmember Anderson said of course, I have to speak on this. We've had so much conversation about Scout Motors coming into the City, being headquartered in Plaza Midwood, but it's also a regional play with the manufacturing facility in South Carolina, and an incredible amount of jobs for the East Side for East Charlotte along Transit-Oriented Development, and just a really, really great investment into a neighborhood that doesn't have this type of employment within its portfolio. So, very excited to welcome Scout Motors to Plaza Midwood and East Charlotte. Thank you.

ITEM NO. 9: PUBLIC HEARING AND DECISION ON SOFI TECHNOLOGIES, INC. & SUBSIDIARIES BUSINESS INVESTMENT GRANT

Mayor Pro Tem Mitchell declared the hearing open.

There being no speakers, either for or against, a motion was made by Councilmember Ajmera, seconded by Councilmember Owens, and carried unanimously to close the public hearing.

Motion was made by Councilmember Watlington, and seconded by Councilmember Ajmera, to approve a Business Investment Grant to SoFi Technologies, Inc. & Subsidiaries for a total amount not to exceed \$40,615 over seven years.

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

YEAS: Councilmembers Ajmera, Anderson, Mazuera Arias, Johnson, Mayo, Mitchell, Owens, and Watlington

NAYS: Councilmember Mayfield

POLICY

ITEM NO. 10: HEALTH AND SANITATION ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

Alden Picard, 1232 Marlwood Circle said yes, good evening. Thank you for the time. I'm so used to two minutes at the public forum, so I don't know what I'm going to do with all this time. My name is Alden Picard. I live in East Charlotte, District Five, what's up J.D. I'm a proud resident of East Charlotte for 10 years. I work in the field of wildlife conservation for the North Carolina Wildlife Federation, and I'm speaking tonight on behalf of the Charlotte Coalition to protect our urban nature. As many of ya'll know from emails and public comment and forums, we've been advocating for an amendment to the Overgrown Vegetation Ordinance, and that's what's on the agenda for Policy Item No. 10, and I'm speaking in favor of that, and in favor of ya'll voting to approve the proposed amendment to the health ordinance.

I'll get a little personal. My wife and I welcomed our baby girl four weeks ago today, Violet, into this world.

Councilmember Ajmera said congratulations.

Mr. Picard said thank you. I'm running fumes, but her name is fitting, because she was born four weeks early. She's a beautiful baby girl, Violet, and violets are a beautiful wildflower that are some of the first to bloom in the Charlotte area, and they provide really valuable pollen, nectar and wildlife resources to our native bees. In a lot of those yards that are heavily maintained with fertilizers and pesticides and mowed routinely to 12 inches and under, those violets don't get a chance to come to life and to provide those valuable resources. Also, in my yard, I have Golden Ragwort, which is one of the earliest wildflowers to bloom in mass, which is critical for wildlife and early pollinators. Those flower stalks are 24 inches in height, though, and it's considered a weed in the current ordinance without the exemption, and you can't have the Ragwort, and many of these wonderful native plants, if you're routinely mowing your yard under 12 inches.

So, let's see, yes, we're running out of things to say here. How much time do I have? I do want to applaud all City staff, the Mayor and Council, for considering this amendment. This is a commonsense approach to conservation. It gives property

owners the choice to choose stewardship over degradation, to choose environmental protection over environmental assault. Codifying this exemption empowers homeowners to take a nonconventional approach, one that saves water, reduces pollution, captures carbon, restores soil health, returns wildlife and ecological function to the land. So, again, I want to thank you all for your time, thank the City staff, thank everyone who's done a lot of work to get this ordinance to the vote today, and I hope you'll vote yes and approve this amendment. Thank you.

Terryl Mackey, 17317 Georgian Hall Drive said no problem, it's an unusual name. My name is Dr. Terryl Mackey. I am with Alden, and I was going to take this just a little bit different direction. It's not just about pollinators, it's about people as well. I think that one thing, that you as a Council have so many hard decisions to make about people, and this is an easy one, because I've been a mental healthcare worker for 25 years, and the interesting thing is that people respond to greenspace, to birdsong, etc., and I just wanted to give you a few stats. ADHD (Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder), epilepsy, anxiety, depression, PTSD (Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder) can have anywhere from, depending on which studies you're looking at, five to 19 percent improvement in greenspace areas, and stress can go down as much as 50 percent, and I'm going to take a stat from TreesCharlotte, three to five miles slower on streets that have trees and greenspace, less accidents as well, substantially less.

We are a bird corridor, so I'm going to switch to birds now. Millions and millions and millions of birds come up through North Carolina, and they need something to eat, and the violets, the ragwort, all of these things are going to help to feed them, so it's ecologically unbelievably helpful. You as policymakers, you make such a huge difference, and I thank you for everything that you do, and I hope that you will take this and move it forward, because it's going to impact all generations after this as well. This book talks about lawns in the U.S. exceed the amount of all our national parks. In Charlotte, we were trying to come up with some numbers a while ago, at least 100,000 acres that we could impact. If you let those of us, it's how can I help, saving nature with your own background, you're going to empower us to do that. Thank you.

Motion was made by Councilmember Mayo, and seconded by Councilmember Mayfield to adopt Ordinance No. 1084 approving amendments to the Health and Sanitation Ordinance (Chapter 10 of the City Code) as recommended by the Housing Committee.
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Ms. Ajmera said first, I want to thank the Housing Committee for their work on updating this ordinance in record time. I remember many of you at least spoke at three to four public forums, if not more, and many of you have had individual meetings with almost all the Council members. I want to recognize Alden's work, as well as Dave Molinaro and Nancy Carter, and the entire team for reaching out to the Council. This ordinance being updated is because of the direct result of community's input. So, that just shows the power of organizing and power of constituent's advocacy. This shows that Council listens and responds accordingly. So, I'm excited to see how this is going to encourage more pollinator gardens. In fact, there is one near where I live, and I often take my little ones there, but it's good to see now this will be codified into our ordinance, and I'm excited to see how this will support the larger ecosystem in protecting our bees and butterflies. Thank you all for your work.

Councilmember Mayo said so glad to see so many friends that I kind of know personally, so excited to see ya'll. I also want to kind of echo what Dimple said as well. The fact that you all have been really persistent in coming and reminding people of the importance of this. I think it's a great reminder that community can have an impact and can create policy changes. So, I want to thank ya'll for coming.

I want to talk a little bit, a plug for naturalistic landscapes, as an environmentalist in my real job. I love the fact that we're being part of the solution thinking about biodiversity, also climate resilience. When we see how climate change is affecting our City now, I

think it's so important that we're having naturalistic landscapes, that is so imperative, even when we talk about drought and things like that. So, these naturalistic landscapes are going to help so much with that, because we're not going to have to use as much water to maintain that. So, thank ya'll so much for being here and really stressing that. I think it's so imperative that we are creating solutions to climate change locally.

Councilmember Johnson said so I want to congratulate you all, and Dr. Mackey, you mentioned conditions, epilepsy, ADHD, anxiety, PTSD, depression. You may not know I'm a brain injury advocate, so someone with a brain injury could have all five of those. So, I definitely understand and I appreciate the healing aspect. I do want to ask, though, from a policy perspective, one of the concerns we shared in the Committee meeting was the education of the residents, and the education of the HOA (Homeowner Association). So, I want to ask City staff what was done? This did go through Committee in record time. I've never seen this since I've been on Council in 2019. It does show when there's political will, we can make things happen and community can have impact. So, I'd like our community members that have other issues to remember this and hold us accountable. I'd like to ask City staff what the plan was and how HOAs were educated? Just as the District Four Representative, I can see getting calls from HOAs where they may feel a neighbor's out of compliance. This is a huge change, and I think we need to be very intentional about letting residents know. Thank you.

Rebecca Hefner, HNS Director said thank you for the question. Yes, it was an important issue that was raised by the Housing Committee, and so we took that feedback back to the team. This has been a real team effort. So, our folks in Code and Keep Charlotte Beautiful, our Landscape Management staff, our Office of Sustainability, and then we partnered also with Charlotte Communications and Marketing, so that if this passes tonight and the ordinance does get changed, we will roll out a substantial and comprehensive outreach and marketing campaign. The team has developed messaging that we can get to you and you can share with your constituents, as well as different audiences around just the education, not just on what is a pollinator habitat, what is a naturalistic landscape, and how can you get involved, how can you help, as Dr. Mackey said, but also what and where can these gardens exist. So, it does not supersede any restrictive covenants that you might have in an HOA, but we will be sharing this information with HOAs to help them see that this is something that they could do in their communities as well.

Ms. Johnson said so, there may not be language in an HOA bylaw, because it may be silent, it may not address it. So, I would've hoped that we educated HOAs before we passed the ordinance, or that we at least talk about that it's on the table. I haven't received anything. Do you reach out to anyone? I mean, this is a change citywide, and it's your yard, your home, and I can see the other side where residents would have some concern about it.

Ms. Hefner said so, pollinator gardens are already allowed. It's one of the things that the registration process already exists. There's already parameters around it. The City of Charlotte has been allowing and encouraging these habitats for several years. The ordinance change is codifying that, and the codification of that also provides a great time to amp up the education and outreach. So, it's not actually a change in the sense of, you weren't able to do it before and now you're able to do it, it's a codification of something that has been allowed administratively, and we think this is a really good opportunity to engage our residents, our businesses, partner with our great advocates who brought this to you to get the word out to let people know that this allowed, how to register your pollinator garden, what types of plants you can use and where to get them. At the same time, if you live in a community where it's unclear whether you're allowed to do this, to let them know this is something that your city is not just allowing, but codifying and celebrating, and we encourage all neighborhoods to embrace this.

Ms. Johnson said okay, thank you.

Ms. Mayo said Rebecca, this probably isn't really ya'll's woodhouse, but just thinking about our communication's team, if it's at all possible, for them to help with some of that

messaging with our social media, maybe some videos, some reels, different things so people can actually see what it looks like, because sometimes that can be challenging if you're not maybe used to naturalistic landscaping, to have some pictures to see what it looks like, even highlighting the fact that Charlotte is one of the Bee City's USAs. So, little things like that of, I think sometimes, creating visuals for people to see, not just flyers, but for them to actually be able to see what it looks like, and remind people maybe with some of the videos, naturalistic landscaping, it may look messy sometimes compared to what we're used to, but there's so many benefits. So, I think that's important too just to kind of help get that message out with short little clips, because everyone doesn't want to read a flyer or a newsletter about something.

Ms. Hefner said thank ya'll. I'll make sure to bring that back to the team.

Ms. Mayo said thank you.

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

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 69, at Page(s) 186-190.

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BUSINESS

ITEM NO. 11: INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR MALLARD CREEK STREAM RESTORATION PROJECT

Motion was made by Councilmember Ajmera, seconded by Councilmember Anderson, and carried unanimously to (A) Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to negotiate and execute an interlocal agreement with Mecklenburg County to execute the Mallard Creek Stream Restoration Project, (B) Authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute all documents necessary to complete the interlocal agreement, and (C) Adopt Budget Ordinance 1085-X appropriating \$6,259,481 from Mecklenburg County to the Charlotte Water Capital Projects Fund.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 56, at Page(s) 190.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 69, at Page(s) 191

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ITEM NO. 12: RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS FOR PROPERTY ON STARWOOD AVENUE AMENDMENT

Motion was made by Councilmember Ajmera, and seconded by Councilmember Mayfield to (A) Adopt a resolution authorizing an amendment to Restrictions and Covenants Agreement for property located on Starwood Avenue to extend the timeframe for completion for two for-sale affordable townhome units, and (B) Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute all documents necessary to complete this transaction.

Councilmember Mazuera Arias said I would like to ask some questions to staff about this. Could you confirm that the affordability requirements remain unchanged, and that these homes will stay affordable for first-time buyers?

Rebecca Hefner, HNS Director said yes. So, this is just an extension of the time that the developer has to deliver those for-sale units. The requirements remain the same. It is two affordable townhome units, and the affordability, that means affordable to a

House Charlotte eligible household, a first-time home buyer, at 80 percent AMI (Area Median Income) or below.

Mr. Mazuera Arias said perfect. Thank you so much for that, and followup questions, if I may. What safeguards are in place to ensure this extension does not become a precedent for indefinite delays on affordable housing delivery, and that we are doing a better job as a city and knowing where orphan roads are located?

Ms. Hefner said great, thank you. I appreciate the heads up on this question, because I was able to get input from Debbie and her C-DOT team on the orphan road piece, but a couple of things. One is, this is not an indefinite extension, it's a time-limited extension. So, it extends the time period through the end of July of 2027, and these extensions are only made when the developer has demonstrated good faith efforts in moving projects forward, and a timeline to us, as your staff, that they will be able to deliver. So, one thing to think about, and this property transaction actually goes back to 2020 originally. When we first started doing City-owned land for affordable housing, it was a relatively new and innovative strategy. So, your staff, the whole team in city real estate, and all departments, are actually now engaged in a collaborative process where we're doing a lot of due diligence on the front end, and it is designed to reduce the time it takes after the conveyance is made. So, that's just some of the safeguards there.

Then, as it relates to orphan roads, so Debbie shared with me that C-DOT maintains a database, a GIS (Geographic Information System) inventory of orphan roads, and that database is actively managed and updated as new information is identified. Just for context, an orphan road is a street that has been publically dedicated most often by a developer, but not formally accepted by the City or the State. So, it's not maintained by a public agency, essentially, so just for context. So, C-DOT is really doing a great job of working through and updating that information through development reviews and field investigations, and then as in the case, the developer actually petitioned the community to have this road accepted to standards, then that'll get updated in the database. So, several processes, internal and with our partners over the last couple of years, we've already worked to improve, so that these kinds of situations get caught earlier, and we can deliver the affordable housing units more quickly.

Mr. Mazuera Arias said thank you, that's my favorite word, improve. So, thank you so much. That is the best answer I could ask for. Then, just to reiterate, the completion of the requirement is July 31, 2027. Are we going to get a follow-up update as the project goes along? As Council, is that something you all can do, maybe not in the official capacity after this is passed, but just in informal conversations?

Ms. Hefner said yes. So, what I can do is work with the team to figure out the best ways to provide more regular updates. We have a number of units for delivery like this that are going through the process, and we can determine the best way to make sure that you're kept up to date on how those things are moving forward.

Mr. Mazuera Arias said thank you so much, and colleagues, orphan roads are like everywhere in East Charlotte, and in a lot of communities that are low income and marginalized, and so now with the one percent sales tax, really having a focus on that and making sure that we catch those early on as Rebecca was pointing out. So, that's it for me. Thank you so much.

Councilmember Ajmera said I just want to follow up. So, I know Councilmember J.D. mentioned about orphan roads, and he's right, they're all over in East Charlotte, as well as in Steele Creek area. I want to make sure, because when I had raised this issue, I was told that any collection from transportation sales tax would only go to orphan roads in ETJ (Extraterritorial Jurisdiction) areas, and not within the City of Charlotte limits. Am I correct?

Ms. Hefner said I'd like to phone a friend, if I may?

Ms. Ajmera said because I just want to make sure that we are setting the realistic expectations.

Mayor Pro Tem Mitchell said excellent question, Councilmember Ajmera. Ms. Debbie.

Debbie Smith, C-DOT Director said hi, good evening, everyone, Debbie Smith. I'm the Director of Charlotte Department of Transportation. Councilwoman Ajmera, to answer your question, we are working through that process right now to bring forward to Council some conversation around orphan roads. I just do want to say that the focus for the sales tax conversation and the negotiations that we had been having, really are around orphan roads in the ETJ. What Director Hefner talked about is the continuation that we're are monitoring all streets that are within city limits of Charlotte, and being able to properly address those, yes.

Ms. Ajmera said yes. So, to followup, while we may be limited in using our transportation dollars from sales tax increase, specifically in ETJ areas, I think we need to look at and examine how we can use some of our existing dollars that we have for transportation to address orphan roads, because we do have a lot of those in the City of Charlotte limits that need improvements. So, that's all I have. Thank you.

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

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 56, at Page(s) 191-192.

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ITEM NO. 13: NORLAND ROAD SHARED-USE PATH PHASE 1

Motion was made by Councilmember Mazuera Arias, and seconded by Councilmember Mayfield to approve a contract in the amount of \$1,250,258.35 to the lowest responsive bidder DOT Construction, Inc. (SBE) for the Norland Road Shared-Use Path Phase 1 component of the Central/Kilborne/Norland Intersection and Street Upgrades project.

Summary of Bids

DOT Construction, Inc.	\$1,250,258.35
United of Carolinas, Inc.	\$1,618,426.70
Efficient Developments, LLC	\$1,630,332.25
Sealand Contractors Corp.	\$1,688,750.00
Hux Contracting	\$1,762,125.42

Councilmember Mazuera Arias said I just really want to thank Debbie and Kathleen, for really bearing with me in deferring this last meeting, and then a meeting with me in person with Councilmember Owens, to talk about this project. Colleagues, this has been a project that's been around for I think at least a decade. I really want to be very clear that it was based on a process that was outdated and didn't work well. We no longer are in that process, which was the Comprehensive Neighborhood Improvement Project Bond, and now we are being more proactive in our other approaches to these projects. I spoke to the team. There are a lot of improvements that were made from the last time, such as making sure there are designated bike crossing lanes, as well as preserving tree canopies.

I do want to ask staff some questions, so it's on the record, and you all received this ahead of time before this meeting. I would like to ask how will residents who live along this community, Norland Road/Central Avenue/Kilborne, be notified and engaged during construction, especially around access and safety, given that District Five has a lot of high-injury networks around this corridor?

Kathleen Cishek, General Services said so, good evening, Mayor Pro Tem and Council. Kathleen Cishek, City Engineer, Department of General Services. Councilmember J.D., to address your question, we typically send out notice one to two weeks prior to notice to proceed with a contractor. That way, everyone that would be impacted potentially by the project would have a point of contact on my staff that would assist them throughout the construction duration, would also help with any potential impacts during construction as well.

Mr. Mazuera Arias said thank you so much, and colleagues, the original scope of this project was a little bit larger in scope. Both sides of that street were going to be addressed, but because of rising costs in construction and whatnot, it has now turned into a 12-foot shared-use path lane, so everybody can utilize it. That being said, one of my initial concerns that constituents brought was, what about the other side? Currently, our average standardized size for sidewalks is six feet. The other side that's being untouched, because of the limited scope, is four feet. So, I asked City staff about what is the possibility of modernizing that sidewalk to six feet, so it can also complement the other side, which is the shared-use path. So, my question now is, will Council receive an update on whether the four-foot sidewalk would be able to modernize into a six-foot sidewalk based on contingencies that you all have, and what does that timeline look like?

Ms. Cishek said so, the answer is yes. We have a commitment to come back to Council by the end of March 2026, next month, to provide an update. As you noted, there is contingency. This project was a larger project that was unbundled into four different phases. We anticipate those projects being in construction through 2028. So, we will be able to come back at the end of next month with an understanding of what that cost would be with three different scenarios that were discussed in the meeting, and give further direction in how we would advance those projects in the future.

Mr. Mazuera Arias said amazing. I cannot thank you and Debbie enough for your partnership, your work and collaboration. I know I came in hot, because it was a 12-year project just sitting there. So, thank you so much for your partnership in this, and I know constituents are going to be happy to see this moving forward.

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

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Mayor Pro Tem Mitchell said so citizens, before we entertain a motion to adjourn, I would like to make one comment, and that is, today our Mayor, Police Chief Patterson, City Manager Jones and Brent Cagle, represented us very well in Raleigh at the oversight meeting, and so I think we ought to give our colleagues a hand for performing very well. I want to thank Councilmember Driggs and Councilmember Graham for their support. They traveled to Raleigh to be with them.

Without further ado, we have a couple activities that will take place this week. So, I'm going to yield to Councilmember Mayfield and Councilmember Johnson to talk about Community Area Planning, and then I'm going to let our Tar Heel resident on Council have the last say so.

Councilmember Mayfield said colleagues, I definitely want to take a moment to thank Dr. Watlington as well as Mayor Pro Tem Mitchell. I was happy to host a Community Area Plan meeting, specifically for the Mountain Island Lake area, this past Saturday. We had about 50 residents that were in attendance. One of our residents was here earlier, but I say that to say, that the community really appreciated that one-on-one and being able to answer their questions after each presentation. So, we have several more opportunities to provide feedback on our Charlotte Future 2040 Community Area Plans. Hopefully, everyone remembers in the community we have a total of 14 plans, seven were approved. The Council members supported the motion to just pause a little on the additional seven to have more opportunity for community feedback and education. So, coming up on February 12, 2026, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., staff will be at West

Charlotte High School, which of course is located at 2219 Senior Drive. Here's that chance for you to share your input on the Community Area Plans for East, Middle and Outer, North Inner, North Middle and Outer, Northeast Middle and Outer, West Inner, West Middle, and West Outer. For those of you that can capture this, there's also a QR Code that you can easily scan, or you can just go to www.charlottenc.gov for government where you can scan. We also have it in Spanish. My colleague has that up as well. We want to hear from you. We want to make sure that we're making plans that represent the community that we currently live in as we build for the community that our neighbors will be joining us in.

Councilmember Johnson said there will be an additional presentation at the University City United Methodist Church on February 19, 2026, so that's for you District Four residents. Other districts are welcome, but the meeting is in District Four, and I want to thank Council and staff. This delay from the November 2025 vote was important. We've had additional outreach. I know that I want to thank Nan Peterson and Catherine Mahoney for coming out to the Greater Oaks HOA meeting, their annual meeting last week. There were lots of great questions, and so this is an opportunity to come out and ask these questions and be involved in the changes that are going to affect the City. I wish we did have this on the screen, so residents could see it, but I think that this delay has been great. I know that one of the plans, and I don't know which one, but I think the City staff has been able to find an additional 18,000 acres that kind of meet the residents' needs, those residents that have spoken out. I think it's in District One or Two. So, there has been a lot of progress, and we look forward to additional community feedback. So, I hope to see you on February 19, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., at University City United Methodist Church at 3835 West W.T. Harris. Also, she had mentioned February 12, 2026, and then there's a virtual option on February 17, 2026, at noon. So, check out the website, and you'll be able to find additional information. I hope that we post that website on Facebook and YouTube, so that individuals can find out more information. Thank you.

Ms. Mayfield said Mayor Pro Tem, may I just quickly add, because I forgot to mention this. I need to thank our team. We had the Charlotte Department of Transportation, Mecklenburg Police Department, we had Storm Water Services, as well as our Planning, Design and Development, as well as Mecklenburg County Park and Rec, as a partner, and I want to say thank you to all of the staff, especially our OCS (Outliers Consulting Solutions) team; for my staff liaison, Antawuan; and your staff liaison, Latoya; Ms. White and Mr. Schofield. We had an amazing community meeting, 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning. People started showing up at 8:30 a.m. They were there until 11:15 a.m., 11:20 a.m., so they stayed for the full two hours and were fully engaged, but I cannot do it without our team, and we have an amazing team. So, thank you all for showing up.

Councilmember Mazuera Arias said yes, and thank you, Councilmember Mayfield. Real quick, you also have an opportunity to join Spanish virtual sessions February 17, 2026, as Councilwoman Johnson mentioned, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m., and quick point of privilege, thanks to the advocacy of District Five constituents, particularly Carolyn Millen. Everybody in District Five is invited to learn more about the East, Middle and Outer Community Area Plan on Thursday, February 26, 2026, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at Fellowship Hall at Eastern Hill Church, that is 4855 Albermarle Road. So, thank you.

Ms. Johnson said Mayor Pro Tem, can we get the website, because that was one of the things the information was kind of disjointed. I know they've added additional information on where individuals can learn what Plan they're in. So, I'm looking on here to find out where the comprehensive website is to find this information, and I don't see it, if you don't have the QR code. So, can we ask staff, since we're talking about it, the best website to find this information?

Mayor Pro Tem Mitchell said yes, I see Deputy City Manager Craig shaking her head, so we'll make sure we get that out.

Ms. Johnson said well, if they can tell us now while people are listening.

Ms. Mayfield said I can give it to you, Mayor Pro Tem.

Mayor Pro Tem Mitchell said okay, go ahead, Councilmember Mayfield.

Ms. Mayfield said so, the website is clt, for Charlotte, cltfuture2040.com. It will take you directly to Our City, and you will be able to look up the 2040 Comprehensive Plan.

Ms. Johnson said thank you.

Ms. Mayfield said yes, ma'am.

Mayor Pro Tem Mitchell said Councilmember Owens, bring us home.

Councilmember Owens said I will indeed. So, since we already have approved the South, Middle area plans, I won't discuss those for District Six, but I will say very simply that it was a good weekend to be a Tar Heel. I will not belabor that point. I know that there are some Duke fans. I also, though, in all seriousness, I guess there was another sporting event this weekend, but I do want to call out District Six. Drake Maye played ably for us in the Superbowl, and really did our City proud. I know that the players, when they're introduced, have an opportunity to call out their alma mater, and I don't know if you caught it, but Drake called out Myers Park High School. He could've called out the Tar Heels, but I guess he thought they had enough flowers the night before, but he called out Myers Park High School, that is as you know, in District Six. It was a proud, proud moment for all of us. I'm sure we'll be seeing this young man some more. So, thank you for that indulgence.

Mayor Pro Tem Mitchell said you're welcome.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Councilmember Ajmera, seconded by Councilmember Watlington, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting.
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The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.


Billie Tynes, Deputy City Clerk

Length of Meeting: 2 Hours, 28 Minutes
Minutes completed: February 19, 2026