

The City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina convened for an Action Review on Monday, March 26, 2018 at 5:07 p.m. in Room 267 of the Charlotte Mecklenburg Government Center with Mayor Vi Lyles presiding. Councilmembers present were Dimple Ajmera, Larken Egleston, Julie Eiselt, and Greg Phipps

ABSENT UNTIL NOTED: Councilmembers Tariq Bokhari, Ed Driggs, Justin Harlow, LaWana Mayfield, James Mitchell, Matt Newton, and Braxton Winston.

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ACTION REVIEW

ITEM NO. 1: MAYOR AND COUNCIL CONSENT ITEM QUESTIONS

Mayor Lyles said we are having our pre-Action Review for this afternoon’s meeting where we will be doing both the Public Forum, the Zoning Hearings that we did not hear last Monday and the regular Business Meeting for the agenda. First we will go over the Consent Agenda questions.

Councilmembers Bokhari, Newton, and Winston arrived at 5:09 p.m.

Kim Eagle, Assistant City Manager said we received Consent questions over the weekend and today, and I have worked with staff and put together responses to those questions; that is the document that you have just received at your seat. If there are any additional questions from Council I can take those at this time. It is my understanding that there is one item that Mr. Winston would like to pull for a separate vote; that is Item No. 22 on the Animal Care and Control Supplies. Item No. 23 would be for comment.

Councilmember Driggs arrived at 5:10 p.m.

Councilmember Mayfield arrived at 5:11 p.m.

Ms. Eagle said I have been notified by the City Clerk that Item No. 65 has been resolved. That is a condemnation and staff has come to a resolution on that item.

Councilmember Phipps said I have a question on clarification; on Consent Items is it the policy now that we don’t have the authority to pull an item from the agenda; we just pull it for discussion or separate vote?

Mayor Lyles said do you mean to take something completely off the agenda?

Mr. Phipps said rights and defer it.

Mayor Lyles said yes you have the ability to do that; I was just saying when I say pull an item often times I would say for comment or pull it for a separate vote. All items are voted on, so it is a separate vote from the Consent Item.

Mr. Phipps said does it take a number of votes to pull an item from the agenda to delay it?

Mayor Lyles said it would take six votes to take an item off the agenda.

Councilmember Newton said No. 23 was pulled for comment by Mr. Winston; I would like to comment as well.

Councilmember Winston said I would like to pull Item No. 21 for comment.

Councilmember Bokhari said for Item No. 23, I am just curious do we consider; and I think we should start doing this more often in the future, when there are survey and data analytics based opportunities, especially the ones that we pay for do we consider and have discussions with our UNC-C partners specifically to the data science initiative; I have been talking to them a bunch lately and also at the State and we are trying to figure out how we can utilize them because one, it is normally cheaper and two. They have a great capability, and three, it is

double whammy because we also in doing so promote our own research capabilities. Is that something we can consider and is there any relevance to this?

Ms. Eagle said yes sir, absolutely we do consider that. Rebecca Hefner, who will be here later tonight, is our Data Analytics Manager for the City, and she works very closely with UNC-C, and we evaluate those opportunities on a case by case basis. I would have to follow up with her to find out the conversation on this particular item, but there is a very robust ongoing relationship with them as a part of all of this work.

Councilmember Mayfield said I would like to comment on Item No. 24 which is Scaleybark Development Agreements Amendment for Extension of Time. After considerable thought and additional understanding from staff I am going to support this action for this 60-day grant extension, because I believe this action is the best course based on our current reality; however, I do want to express my frustrations related to the amount of time that we have been working through this agreement. I do remain hopeful that we are closer to realizing transit oriented development that includes units of diverse price point housing that are severely needed in this community that we all can be proud of, and I appreciate your giving me a few moments to share that.

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ITEM NO. 2: AGENDA OVERVIEW

Sabrina Joy-Hogg, Deputy City Manager said today we have the South End Vision Plan; Ed McKinney will kick it off with Monica Holmes, and they will discuss how place types and UDO process relates to the overall vision. It is also going to set a framework for the next 30-years. After that, we will have a presentation where Willie Ratchford will talk about the Microgrant Program. If you recall, it is from the Community Empowerment Initiative, and the program was launched in Hidden Valley and Lakewood Neighborhoods. The other thing I would like to bring to your attention is that in the memo that you will receive at the dais has the 30-day plan of the next agenda items, but also in that April 16, 2018 through April 21, 2018 we are going to start doing that Crisis Communication Plan; we will have table top exercises and activities throughout the week.

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ITEM NO. 3: SOUTH END VISION PLAN UPDATE

Ed McKinney, Assistant Planning Director said I will turn it over in a moment to Monica Holmes, who has been our Project Manager on this effort, but I just wanted to provide a little bit of context, talk a little bit about the purpose of tonight’s presentation and why we are here on the South End Vision Plan. What we want to do is provide an overview of some work we have been doing over the last year. I will give you a little context of why it is important to some of the big things that we are doing, and I will talk about the why of the plan, but then I will have Monica talk about this very unique community process and the feedback that we have received through this, which has really been a good exercise in how we think out of the box about our public involvement. There are some great big ideas and initiatives that have come from this work and then primarily for you tonight we wanted to give you an update on where we are and tee up when we will be back in front of Council and the Planning Commission with some expectations and recommendations and adoption of this ultimate plan.

Let me say a couple things about the why and obviously there are two big significant things that the Planning Department is doing throughout the City on our place types and UDO. We’ve got these big efforts, so the question would be how does this effort fit within that? I want to make sure you understand the importance of this for that work. One is primarily this was a unique opportunity for us to partner with Center City Partners. As part of their 2020 Plan, they have been looking at focus areas throughout Center City; North Tryon was one that the Council would remember from last year and South End happens to be another so this was an opportunity for us to piggyback on their leadership and work they were doing in South End and allow us to inform that process and get some good community input on where South End is today and where we think it should be in the future, so it is a good partnership.

Back to the notion of our UDO and our place types this was a great way for us to test and demonstrate the public engagement and the language and the things we are doing about places so as Monica will talk about in a minute this process was really a great way for us to

engage the community about what is South End? What is it as a place; how does it relate to our transit station areas, and it was really valuable work that informed for you that were involved in our summit this past Saturday? A lot of thinking and that work was integrated into the way we engaged the community and the conversations we had about activity centers and place types on Saturday was a byproduct of a lot of this work. Ultimately, we had this conversation with our Transportation and Planning Committee (TAP) earlier today; it is also about implementation. You know the UDO ultimately is about the regulations in the ordinance and as we discussed with the TAP Committee earlier today one of our efforts is to rethink and to update our TOD Zoning Ordinance. Monica will talk about how the work in this effort is teeing and strengthening that up; it allows us to take advantage of 10-years of kind of the laboratory of South End in terms of development and transit oriented development; take the lessons learned from that, use the public process to inform us and be ready to immediately take those actions into some draft work that we are doing on the TOD Zoning Ordinance. The message I want to send here is we are doing really important work on the UDO and place types. This effort is really supportive of that and has been a great work for us to demonstrate and test some of that work.

Monica Holmes, Planning said the study area of the South End Vision Plan is four stations: Parsons Station, Bland Street Station, East/West Station, and New Bern Station, and it really is the area that is the District known as South End and it even gets a little bit south all the way to where we consider Lower South End area up to the north all the way to Morehead Street. This area, as we all know, has rapidly grown and changed over the past 15-years so what it was in the year 2000 is very different than what it looks like today. These changes have come in both growth and employment, growth and the population that lives there, growth in the amount of retail and growth in what is coming. Although it has more than doubled in population over the just the past seven-years, we think there is even more to come so there are already proposed 5,000 more units of housing in the South End Neighborhood. In 2007 when the Blue Line opened, we could have never imagined that we would be standing here in 2018 talking about the massive growth that has occurred and the more than 500,000 square feet of retail that is to come. What was there is totally different today, and this Vision Plan is setting that path and charting the course for the next 20 to 30-years in growth in South End.

Councilmember Mitchell arrived at 5:25 p.m.

We have had many meetings about the South End Vision Plan. We've had over 200 people attend those meetings, and we've heard feedback from all different corridors of South End, Wilmore and Dilworth about what they want to see South End become. People want to see more parks; they want to see streets that are friendlier for people; they want to be able to walk to amenities. They want to see the Rail Trail grow and expand and have more amenities along the Rail Trail. They would like to see art embedded throughout South End, a built in environment that really represents great street life. They want to see the culture preserved and built upon for the future and they want to preserve affordability. When I say affordability, I don't just mean the housing, but also the businesses, so local businesses that are there now and have really incubated and grown over the past several years, people want to be able to preserve those businesses and have them have a place in whatever the new South End is in the next 30-years are.

Again, we've had over 200 people attending meetings; we've seen out over 8,000 postcards and e-mail subscribers to anyone who is a renter or owner in the area within a quarter mile of that area, we've send this information inviting them to come to our meetings and we've done things that are just plain fun. Through our public meetings, we've had stations; we've had where you can ride a bike to tell us what you would like to do, so you can fill a survey out while you ride a bike. You can send a postcard to the future South End; you can put dots up to see what kind of live music venues you would like to see in the future. You can even enjoy a beverage at one of the local businesses. So, we've had our meetings in South End; they've been really well attended, and we think that we have been able to create an environment where people have been able to give us feedback, but they've also enjoyed doing it. This has really set a model for how we see we are going to move forward with engagement in the future.

Councilmember Harlow arrived at 5:28 p.m.

The community vision is set forth in the South End Vision Plan. It is really a people first urban district, so it is all about vibrancy and creating innovation and energy from some of the most diverse and creative people that are in Charlotte. We know South End has been a testing ground for innovation over the past 10 to 15-years, and we want to continue that as it moves forward in its growth. There are 10 major things that the South End Vision Plan aims to accomplish, and those are done through both public investment and public projects, many of which are already in the works, and then partnerships. You will see things like a new crossing so people can get across from the Publix to their apartments. Making South Boulevard a walkable main street so that people can not only drive on South Boulevard, but they can also ride their bikes and enjoy a wide sidewalk. Building Wilmore Centennial Park, this is something the County already owns the land; they are building on this, and we would like to see this get funded; this is through the County Parks and Recreation. Increasing density and intensity; South End is already one of our most intense urban districts outside of Center City. We see that only growing and increasing; the more people who live in South End the more amenities that will be there.

We also want to raise the design bar. I spoke with many of you earlier during the TODA presentation and really that is what is about; let's get better design standards and raise the design bar. Again in 2007, we didn't really know what TOD development was going to look like and how much we would have to encourage that development to occur. What we have learned is that it doesn't need much encouragement; it is happening and it can be a high level of design. Expanding the Rail Trail so both amenitizing it and closing some of the gaps, this is already underway with several partnerships; Center City Partners is working on it; C-DOT is improving some of the crossings; the Knight Foundation has dedicated money to amenitizing some of the areas and creating some links where they don't currently exists and vetting art everywhere. Center City Partners has a creative lab program that we want to continue to support. We see attracting cultural venues, so things that we need to do in the future to keep those going. We know places have closed; if you want to figure out how we can support the places that currently exists and attract new ones and again that affordable and diverse price point housing and businesses and then managing parking as a district. Parking is a hot topic, especially when you are in an area like South End, so we have a billion dollar investment in the ground in South End, but we also know that it has now become a destination so whether people drive there to park and experience it or whether they ride transit. We need to provide all the options.

You are getting ready to see several renderings that kind of bring to life what these initiatives might mean. Increased intensity, we see this happening closest to our transit station so in areas like Bland Street and East/West where you really allow the buildings to get taller as long, as they meet a high quality level of design on the street level. Art and Activity, so taking what might be today and saying how does this look 30-years from now; what does the new development look like? What does the old development look like blended in, and how can that be activated through different street lights and different art so that over the street is a what if? It is a sculpture. So, creating a walkable and bikeable South Boulevard with nice tree lined median and on-street parking and bike lanes. A park that is available for all South End residents and Wilmore residents. What we know as open space in the Center City, and right outside is very hard to come by; it is not something that is easy as part of the private development side. We are really excited about this park, and we can't wait to see it get built in the future, so this is a rendering of what it might look like. This Master Plan already exists; it has been completed by the County, so they are just sort of waiting and again I said previously the County has the land; it is really just getting the design built in the ground so raising the bar with design standards. Prioritizing the ground floor and the uses and getting a good TOD ordinance and then a good UDO ordinance that gets us the built in environment that we would like to see.

Breaking down the volume of some of the larger buildings, we have some apartment buildings in South End that are massive. They are more than the size of entire city blocks. We want to figure out how to get a maximum length for those and not let those buildings get so big that you can't get from one side to the other. How can we break down those buildings, through smaller façade increments, vertical proportions, getting them to be rightsized? So, what will you see on the horizon with the South End Vision Plan? We will be hopefully approving the South End Vision Plan this year; working on the TOD district zoning update, the corridor improvements. There are many short-term improvements that are already in the process as

part of C-DOT's Corridor Program. The CATS and C-DOT study for the Blue Line Rail Cross, so there is a rail crossing that is in design, a pedestrian crossing so you can get from Publix's to the other side. All these things are immediate actions coming from the Vision Plan, but it hasn't been adopted yet that people are starting to implement with funds they already have.

The next steps, which you are going to see; April 9th we will have the City Council public comment, then April 17, 2018 our process is that you get a Planning Committee recommendation. The Planning Committee is a sub-committee from the Planning Commission. April 23, 2018 we will be at Transportation and Planning Committee for a recommendation there and to talk through the plan a little bit more, then with a hopeful May 14, 2018 City Council adoption. With that, I want to show you this overall view of what the future of South End might look like, and we see it as a great opportunity to really focus that intensity between South Boulevard and South Tryon Street and build off the bones and infrastructure that is already there.

Before I open it up for question, I want to thank Councilmember Mayfield for meeting with us on Friday to talk through some of this, and I also want to be able to answer any questions you might have.

Councilmember Bokhari said that was a great presentation, and I was just going to recommend that if you haven't talked to the Planning staff that is working on the SouthPark CNIP, specifically Fran West, I think that there are some things that we've already learned and are working on that would be very beneficial to where you are taking this to the next step. I love a vision, especially one that you can visualize in the way you have, which is exactly what we've done in SouthPark CNIP, but one of the things that we've done, especially if there is CNIP around it, we've been working to quantify what would take City dollars versus just what it would take, private dollars or whatever, but then instead of looking at it like the old one dimensional list of here is our laundry list prioritized as to what we would like to happen here, it almost become a three dimensional play book by which folks can call plays and maybe it is City in some cases with the park, maybe it is a developer on a rezoning that is coming up. There is a lot that we've been working on that I think is leveragable outside of SouthPark to really create a living action plan of plays that can be called in a more tactical way going forward to bring the vision to live. Good work.

Councilmember Eiselt said I hate that I keep going back to this but I'm just not clear. If we have a vision like that, that is a great visual; it is a great illustration, but then whether or not we have place types approved to me it would be really helpful to have the map of this and say here is what we envisioned and here are the color coded place types that we envision here as well so that we can really see what we are talking about. I just really struggle with the way we are doing it to say here is this kind of place type even with TOD-A, B, C, or D and where that would be. Even take that and say for example, we realized that none of it is approved and the language in the ordinance is not even approved, but here is where TOD-A would go; here is where B, C and D would go or a different place type so that we could really start to get a sense of what that means.

Ms. Holmes said that is a great suggest and as we continue to move forward with TOD-A, we will be testing the East/West and Bland Street Stations using the vision as a template and framework to show how you move from the vision to the place type to the ordinance, so that will be our first kind of path to show that. I think that will really help you and we are working on that currently, and I think we will be able to get it to you in the not too far future, so within the next month you will see how those pieces connect.

Councilmember Winston said you mentioned that all of the feedback that you were looking for was done in South End. A lot has changed in the past 15-years in South End, and one of the things that has changed is some members of the community at large do not feel as welcome there. I'm wondering how we are engaging the community at large, because this is not just a neighborhood that is meant for the people that can exist there, especially when you are talking about the retail, the night life, and when you are talking about certain services like the only place you can pay your Spectrum bill to Spectrum is in South End, so this is a place that has to work for the entire City and not just the folks that reside in South End. How are we engaging folks from different parts of the City, so that we are building a South End that is not further segregating our City, but is much more inclusive in nature?

Ms. Holmes said we have a Steering Committee for the South End Vision Plan that is about 20 to 25 people, and they represent business owners, churches and kind of a wide spectrum, not just in the neighborhood adjacent to it. The Wilmore President was on it, the Dilworth President is on it so I felt good that we've done good outreach in the neighboring areas and a broad swath of people that might not live there, but have been institutions there for a long time, like the Charlotte Post and who has been at the table for a long time. Pritchard Memorial Baptist Church which has been a church there for over 100-years was strongly represented. I think where we have some work to do is probably on the – this plan was meant for people who spend time on a daily, weekly in that area, so we did do a little bit of pop up work, but we probably could broaden that out. We didn't do South End outreach necessarily in other parts of the City so I agree with what you are saying.

Mr. Winston said especially in night life, that is not just for people that exist in South End everyday it is supposed to be an attraction that is supposed to make Charlotte a destination, so I would love to see how we can incorporate a wider reach into developing this part of town.

Ms. Holmes said I think some of that work comes through like pop ups and being at places and meeting them when they are there, so if they are at Spectrum and places like that, can we get some information from them while they are doing their business in South End or attending a night life event in South End?

Mayor Lyles said I don't want to pay the Spectrum bills for anybody, but I'm sure some others, so I think if you are going to volunteer a group night out we would be looking forward to it. We can write survey questions.

Mr. Winston said that is one of the good things about having all these millennials on Council.

Councilmember Driggs said I am interested in following on with Ms. Eiselt's question; we appear to be incorporating into this plan some concepts that are two-years away from being adopted by Council as part of our policy on the place types. Can we implement this in the context of our existing zoning ordinances or are we introducing requirements or elements in our actual adopted policy?

Ms. Holmes said we can implement this; we have similar plans that currently exist like, the North Tryon Vision Plan. We can implement this; it is a little bit more rigorous and requires a little bit more messaging of development proposals and working with developers and working with Center City Partners to make it happen. It is not that it is unachievable without place types and UDO. It just helps kind of show what we are moving towards.

Mr. Driggs said I just want to keep the cart before the horse and the second question, do we have money in our Community Investment Plan for this, or is any investment from the City part of this that we haven't yet provided for?

Ms. Holmes said there are a couple of programs that are already in action that are happening from the City, so it is not really a current part of the budget. The Rail Crossing I believe is a C-DOT project that has already been funded. The corridor work, the short-term improvements have already been funded, so there is much tied up in this in the current budget project that I'm aware of. I can get back to you with more information.

Mr. Driggs said so, no assumptions about the availability of future CIP money related to the approval of this plan?

Ms. Holmes said no.

Councilmember Mayfield said you did a great job on the presentation, and I also want to make sure that my colleagues know that we had a lot of conversation regarding that same discussion of the cart before the horse and making an assumption regarding the UDO. We do need to be more flexible in what we have identified currently as TOD, because as we are looking to grow the area it almost at times feels as if there is a vision that is a last vehicle interaction vision in the area that has a lot of industrial and manufacturing and how do we actually blend and be better partners opposed to creating an environment where we are

pushing you out. We also had a conversation about losing the character and integrity of South End; what made South End isn't a one piece that you can put your finger on, but the creativity and the eclectic feel of South End whether you were a skateboarder that was in my age group or younger or a guitar player or an artist, there was a place and you fit in comfortably in what South End was. So, how do we create a balance in that? I'm not going to champion the idea of us having a broader conversation outside of the South End area regarding people coming in, because it is the same thing with SouthPark. When I come into SouthPark I know what I'm heading over there for, in and out. South End is a space that what I'm hoping that what has happened in NoDa, because of the growth and the investment, is what made NoDa an interesting and eclectic different type of place. It is somewhat there but not the way it was many years ago, so we are trying to figure out on the front end how do we balance that. There is still a lot more conversations that are going to happen, but I'm really excited about the fact that the community engagement throughout these conversations; I've attended a number of the meetings, and we've have had packed rooms of individuals wanting to come out and share their opinion of what the area would look like, and I wish I could say that throughout the entire District whereas I might have one person come out on a discussion. There has been plenty of community input and engagement with South End, so I want to commend our staff on the outreach that you've done to make sure that multiple voices are heard, and when you get push back of all the brown that we are hearing that and recognizing that we want some more creativity in the area.

Ms. Eiselt said a long time ago there was some talk of actually extending the South End into uptown, by way of sort of getting rid of the berms on either side of I-277 and creating more of a land bridge over I-277 into uptown. Has that every been discussed again?

Ms. Holmes said it has come; it is not specifically thoroughly discussed in this plan, but I have heard that idea myself, and it has been brought up several times. I think the door is not shut on that it is just a conversation that is going to keep going.

Councilmember Phipps said could you elaborate on the concept of a parking district? You had mentioned a parking district or managing a section like a parking district. What does that mean?

Ms. Holmes said it is providing resources to people so they know where parking is available. For example, you can have on-street parking that doesn't have any meters on it. You can have on-street parking with meters, and I guess the second step is really a time limit where you just say every two hours, but you don't have to pay, it is just every two hours then there is a level of paying. Then there are parking decks that are publicly built and then there are all these different layers and levels of how you provide parking and how you manage that parking so that people know where it is available and when it is available and you have enough turn over in the parking to incentivize people to basically just park their car all day in one space and let it sit. I can send you more details on how that all works, but managing parking as a district really means looking at an area holistically and saying how are we managing the parking resources that we have and is there a better way to manage them. You look at an apartment complex with a structured parking and it might be an empty spot sitting behind a gate all day because people have left and if you are a member of the public you can't park there. Can we manage that differently, so people could park there, or could we have more on street parking on some streets where we don't currently have it? It is looking at it through that way so Center City Partners is working, and they did a study a couple years ago about improvements that can be made, and in the next couple years they are going to look at that again as part of their program to see if we can manage it differently.

Mayor Lyles said tell us again what the next step is.

Ms. Holmes said the public hearing will be April 9, 2018, which will be the public comment; then you will hear from some members of the South End community and other residents. We will be sending out 8,000 postcards to residents first thing tomorrow morning so they will get those and be at the public hearing. Then from that it will go to the Planning Committee for recommendation and TAP's recommendation.

Mayor Lyles said thank you for the next steps and we look forward to hearing in April. You will do a short presentation I expect for the public at the public hearing.

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ITEM NO. 4: CITY OF CHARLOTTE MICROGRANT PROGRAM

Mayor Lyles said I think this is a team effort with Willie Ratchford, Pam Wideman and Kerr Putney, but I think Mr. Ratchford is our spokesperson today.

Willie Ratchford, Community Relations Director said thank you for this opportunity to talk about the jump start Community Safety Microgrant Program that we've been working on for several weeks. Actually, tonight's report is a follow up to a report that we made to you all several weeks regarding the community empowerment initiative and that report was presented by the Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department (CMPD), Housing and Neighborhood Services, as well as the Community Relations Committee. For about three months now, we have been working with a group of about 62 local community organizations who are interested in addressing the issue of crime, and our connection with this group has to do with some of the long-term strategies that CMPD has talked about putting into place to address crime in this community. For instance, as we have looked at your people, especially young black males, who are incarcerated in this City, we have realized that quite a few of them actually don't have high school diplomas, and we think there is some connection to this lack of education and the commitment of crime and getting caught up in the judicial system. We realized that a lot of young people get into trouble, because they don't have the ability or the skills to manage conflict, and when they find themselves in arguments they fail to realize that they have options to deal with those conflicts. If you look at the number of homicides that happened in the community last year, I think there were 86, and 24 of those we had situations where people got into arguments, and they just did not know how to get out of the arguments and someone ended up being shot and killed. We have a lot of young people who don't have the necessary skills to be gainfully employed, and these folks are not necessarily bad people but they get involved in crime, because they are simply looking for a way to live, to eat, and to feed their families sometimes. I'm not making any excuses for that type of behavior, but that is the reality that we are actually dealing with.

This work that we are going to report on tonight or this process regarding these microgrants is actually connected again to the community empowerment initiative work that we are doing, and it also has a connection to the Letter to the Community that was issued by City Council on October 3, 2018 of 2016. The letter had certain goals outlining goals for policing, housing and jobs to address issues and concerns that were expressed following the shooting death of Keith Lamont Scott in this community, and we had demonstrations, and we were not getting along quite that well. A lot of us in the community were of the impression that the shooting death of Keith Lamont Scott is what caused those demonstrations, but I will respectfully disagree with that. The things that caused the demonstrations in our community at that time were things that have been building up in this community for quite a while: 10, 15 or 20-years or more and this particular death simply became a flash point where folks just decided that now is the time. The Community Letter is about everyone working together across all communities to make Charlotte a better place to live for everyone and for City Council this meant three things. It meant a quality and affordable housing; it meant good jobs and the skills needed to actually obtain those jobs, and it meant trust in community policing which is about what we are about here tonight.

As a result of the Community Letter, CMPD launched what we call the Community Empowerment Initiative in 2017. The Community Empowerment Initiative focuses on three things: conflict resolution and mediation, crime fighting and prevention and opportunities for young people and/or their parents. To give you a program overview of what we are planning to do with \$50,000 that was approved by City Council to fund these microgrants; as I said, we are working with multiple community groups and have met on three or four occasions to talk about how they might work with the CMPD, with Housing and Neighborhood Services and with Community Relations to address this issue of crime. We said to them that we would like to be able to provide to you all something that we call seed grants to help you build capacity and an ability to support one another as you come up with programs that we might use to actually partner with us and to address these issues of crime. The process we've set up calls for us allowing grants that might go up to \$500 per organization and we are looking for organizations that serve a public good that can apply for community led projects in one of the three

community initiative areas. If it is not in one of those areas that would not be helpful. Applicants for these grants must attend a pre-application workshop that we are scheduling for April 2018. They must submit a completed application including a project budget; they must demonstrate the project is connected to the CEI themes, and they must complete the project by June 30, 2018. Again, these are short microgrants for short micro-projects that happens between now and the end of June. The type of project that we are looking for, we have come across several organizations who actually work with young people to teach them reading skills, because if kids are not reading by third grade level they are not going to graduate from high school. If you have a tutoring program and you want to provide books for your children then you can apply for one of these grants and use that money to actually purchase books for that particular program.

The target organizations that we have in mind to be community based; they must have an annual operating budget of less than \$100,000, and the organization do not have to be a 501-C3. We have what I call a lot of mom and pop organizations out there who don't have the capacity to be a 501-C3 at this time, and we want to help them achieve that status if that is what they want. We want to also provide some opportunities where they may partner with one another on certain projects. Housing and Neighborhood Services has agreed to sort of house this process and anyone who wants to apply can make that connection with Housing and Neighborhood Services with Lacey Williams who works in Pam Wideman's shop, and she can help through the application process. The e-mail that we sent out to the groups last week actually contains a link in which people can use to apply for these grants. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis starting on April 3, 2018; awards will be made within two weeks of a completed and eligible application. Projects must be completed, as I said earlier, by June 30, 2018 and staff will evaluate applications as they are received. Grantees will present their projects also at a jump start community safety expo that we are planning for the fall of 2018.

We sent out the e-mail announcing this particular project on last Tuesday and as of today, a little less than a week, we've actually gotten 10 inquiries about the program and we've had 19 applications to date. We probably need to do a more comprehensive job in terms of getting the word out into the community and we will be meeting this week with some folks who will help with the public relations for this particular work, but we think we should get hopefully somewhere between 50 and 100 applicants eventually. We are looking forward to having this work done and working with the community to on a long-term basis address the issue of crime in this community, working with CMPD, the Community Relations Committee and Housing and Neighborhood Services.

Councilmember Winston said did you say that in order to take part in this you have to attend this one workshop?

Mr. Ratchford said yes, it is an application process. We want to make sure that folks are successful, so Housing and Neighborhood Services will lead an application process and the expectation is that each person who wants to get one of these grants would have to attend that workshop.

Mr. Winston said is there any possibility that this can be done using technology and electronic methods as opposed to requiring people to travel from all across the City to one particular place at one specific time?

Mr. Ratchford said I have not talked to anyone about that, but I think that is a great idea, and I don't see why we cannot do that.

Mayor Lyles said I think that I hear a sidebar that says something a little bit different, so I don't know is there a different response?

Mr. Ratchford said I think the response to the question is, yes we can do that.

Mr. Winston said I heard that there was only one physical workshop.

Mr. Ratchford said if you are a participant, you do not have to attend all three workshops; you have three opportunities to attend a workshop.

Mr. Winston said I would like to explore that electronic use of that, because I believe that could spread a wider net get more again if the intent is to get to some of these non-traditional grassroots organizations; we have to spread a wide net to do that.

Mr. Ratchford said absolutely; I think that is a great idea and we will do that.

Councilmember Driggs said what is the total amount of grants that we are budgeted for?

Mr. Ratchford said the amount of money that Council approved for this is \$50,000; we are planning to use \$30,000 of that for this particular grant process.

Mr. Driggs said you mentioned that we won't require that they be 501-C3; do we have the right controls over the use of the money? Normally, we like to know that the money is going into an environment where it is properly accounted for and so on. Can we be sure about how it is used?

Mr. Ratchford said I think we do have the right controls; in addition to submitting a proposal and a budget and then reporting back to us by June 30, 2018 exactly what you have done with that money; I think those are the controls that are in place.

Councilmember Phipps said so you are saying we could use the alternative means of submitting the application, so we would actually be giving grants without physically seeing the person that we are giving the grants to? I'm trying to figure out where the controls in that would be.

Mr. Ratchford said as I said we are going to look into that. Whether you come in and apply in person or whether you do it electronically all of the safeguards to make sure that you do what you are supposed to do with that money would be available in both processes, so I don't think it is absolutely necessary to see your face in order to grant you the funding. Eventually, you are going to have to come in and submit a report on what you have done by June 30, 2018, and we will get an opportunity to see you face to face at that time.

Mr. Phipps said after the money has been spent, right?

Mayor Lyles said I think that is a question that you need to look at. You may be able to submit an application but picking up a check requires a little bit more physical presence. It is just something to think it through and figure out how it works. You have to have some authenticity, and I don't know if you can do that electronically or not, but there needs to be something there I think. I think Mr. Phipps' point is you will work with that security issue.

Mr. Ratchford said staff is as concerned about spending this money in the proper way as you are, and we will take all the necessary safeguards to make sure that those things happen.

Councilmember Bokhari said I think I heard you say the maximum grant amount is \$500. This is very micro, very small and almost a pilot for something bigger if it ends up working, but I would encourage you to think a little more about the process by which you track success because if the budget is \$30,000, and \$500 is the max that means you are going to be tracking 60 individuals or organizations simultaneously for success which can be very challenging. That is just a comment but the question is; I'm a big supporter of this concept in what you and Ms. Eiselt have been doing and designing it with the community. I think it makes a lot of sense, based on what we've heard. My question would be going back to if this is a pilot for something bigger in the future and if we take pages out of playbooks of how non-profit community organizations have grown in other sectors from just ideas and conversation into large things; I'm assuming, based on the conversations we have; this is part of where you are going with this, but how would you define post June success of this? You could go a lot routes; you could say is it impacting the matrix that we see, homicides, three grade reading level, whatever it might be. Is it growing individual groups into more formal non-profit status or helping collaboration and maybe consolidation of what is happening in the industry? If this is a pilot, what is your measure of success; what does success look like at the end of it?

Mr. Ratchford said I think in terms of looking at your matrix, if I give you \$500, I'm not going to expect that much in terms of matrix, or I'm not going to turn the community around with \$500.

We simply want to get some quick money out into the community to shore up a lot of these organizations that don't have capacity, that don't have funding, but have great ideas about some work that they can be doing in the community that helps us as the City address long-term this issue of crime. As I said earlier, we've got situations where young people don't read by third grade, but if we can get them reading by third grade, so we've got a lot of tutoring programs, if we are buying them books, perhaps that may trigger someone to move on up through middle school and high schools and graduate from high school and possibly got to college. The metrics that we would like to see are not going to happen in the next four or five years; we are talking about something that is going to happen over the next 10, 15, or 20-years or so before we can actually see results. If I am hearing your question correctly; in addition to these 500 grants at some later point in this process and we might come back to you guys for some additional money to make this work; I don't know if we will get it, but we will come back and ask for it. We want to be able to give \$1,000, \$3,000, or \$5,000 capacity building grants because a lot of these organizations; one of the major complaints in the community is that we are always applying for money with all of these entrepreneurial groups, and we don't get any money, and it is because they don't have capacity; they don't have a good strategic or a good operating plan and so as a part of this process we want to help develop their capacity to develop a good proposal, to develop a good strategic plan and a good business plan, and at some point over the long haul once we get them ready we would like to be able to take them before the Foundation of the Carolinas or the Knights Foundation or other entrepreneurial groups where they can submit proposals and do some real work in this community to address this long-term issue of addressing crime.

Mr. Bokhari said you know I'm a big supporter of yours and this initiative; all I'm saying is to maximize its impact it is not about this \$500 it is about when you come back to us or the private sector even better to say look what we did with \$500. Those measurers even if they are within reality of what can be done with \$500 in several months are going to be the seeds that ultimately sow longer term success here. So, good luck to you.

Councilmember Eiselt said really the goal is two-fold; one it is to acknowledge some of these groups that really are never going to go to the 501-3C stage, but they are doing work that from our perspective and for the Police Department's perspective is the work we need done in the community that we really need help with, and we really need to build a partnership with, so this is sort of our way of acknowledging their good work. The traditional funding sources are a foundation or other grant organizations would never get their donors to agree to this kind of a microgrant program. I think that is one of the key things about this. I spoke with United Way because of their Charlotte efforts, and they even said wow we didn't realize how many groups aren't ready for funding. We are just hoping; I read the term the other day the tall poppies will come out of this, the Cops and Barbers that will say wow this is really a transformative group that is ready for the next step, and if we can get that that is pretty powerful and hopefully at that phase we get other community groups involved who want to help fund as well.

Mr. Ratchford said two things before I leave; I wanted to take an opportunity to thank Lacy Williams in Housing and Neighborhood Services, who has done a really great job in taking the lead and pulling a lot of this information together and to quickly share with you the story of one young man that we have run into over the past couple weeks, who we think has a really cool program and a great idea. His thing is that young people who are getting out of jail are having a really difficult time getting jobs, so what he does, he meets up with them. He takes them through a six-month training; he helps them find employment, and he gets the employer to employ them by putting up a \$25,000 bond in the case they mess up then the bond goes to the employer. He is having a great deal of success in getting people who are formerly incarcerated employed, and we would love to be able to help somebody like that which is what this program is really about.

Councilmember Mayfield said Mr. Ratchford, is there flexibility in that \$500, say \$500 to \$1,000 for a grant? You don't have to answer that now; it is just something to think about, \$500 to \$1,000 versus just \$500. Can you share with us the organizations that you have already reached out to so that we can see if we have additional that we may be able to add since we might have some other organizations that are doing really great work on the ground that falls directly in the square in the category that you are looking to outreach to?

Mr. Ratchford said right now we have more than 50 organizations, and I am more than happy to provide a list of those organizations to you.

Ms. Mayfield said probably Ms. Wideman’s team can help with this one. There might be a way to track in a spreadsheet or algorithm what area of town they are in to see how many are throughout, because you have organizations all over the City that are doing good work and have different targets and some have the same target, so it might be helpful. I always think of Center 360 and the amazing work they are doing out at Reid Park, but when you think about the West Boulevard Corridor more often than not we think of our biggest partner over there which is the YMCA, so we have some great partnerships or some groups that we might know of opposed to working on that criteria. Having at least been around for three years versus being brand new and you are just starting, and you are fighting over the same children or double head counting for the same youth in a small area. It would be helpful if we have an opportunity to be a part of the conversation.

Mr. Ratchford said we are also looking for those organizations; if you think about the issues and concerns that we want to deal with in this particular program, they are so pervasive in this community that the more organizations we have assisting us to do this work the better.

Councilmember Ajmera said this is a great start in terms of encouraging many organizations to continue the work they have been doing. Just last month since the budget process has started I have met with many organizations that come to us for funding, and their request is anywhere from funding refreshments for their summer camp to providing some sort of technology for their work force development. I’m glad there is one resource locally that we can connect them to; obviously, we can’t guarantee everyone will get a grant or some sort of monetary resource, but at least that is something they can look into because many of them are just in the beginning phase of their life and a lot of them don’t qualify for much grant, because they don’t have the 501-C3 and 501-C3 is a very long process to become a non-profit and get the 501-3C status. You have to go through this long process and means you have to hire a CPA and so on. So, I’m very excited about this resource that I think could potentially help us build bridges with many of these organizations. I applaud you for doing this.

Mayor Lyles said it sounds like a green light for this, and thank you for the work and energy that everyone has put into it. I look forward to the results, and I agree there are so many people that are doing good work. When I went to the Mayor’s Mentoring Alliance recognition, people were there, and this money can make a little bit of a difference for them. If they want to get bigger it could build capacity; it can do a number of things knowing which path it takes I think is going to be a great outcome for this.

Ms. Holmes said since we have some time maybe we can ask Taiwo to come up and talk to us about Saturday and the UDO.

Mayor Lyles said I understand there was some conversation at the TAP Committee meeting today about whether or not to have an Ad Hoc Committee or to have it referred to TAP. We started off with Ad Hoc, and I can’t remember why we went to TAP, but I remember we had this discussion, and we went to TAP with the referral, and now I think there is some discussion about doing an Ad Hoc, so what I would like to do is get some more information about what the work would be that would be required, and I haven’t even had a chance to talk with the staff about this, but I understand the Council had this conversation today, and if we are going to do something let’s make sure we can get it done correctly working with the right people. We will have staff follow up on that and have that conversation tomorrow about Ad Hoc versus TAP.

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UNIFIED ZONING ORDNANCE (UDO) SUMMIT UPDATE

Taiwo Jaiyeoba, Planning Director said six Councilmembers actually showed up at the three day meeting, and I think we had a couple on Thursday evening and then on Friday we had a couple and then about three or so on Saturday so it was good. About 700 people registered over the three-day event. I have a letter from Charlotte Talks and was given an idea of what was going to happen over the three-day period. That evening Mr. Silver who was the director

of Planning in Raleigh about four years ago spoke about an experience with UDO and Planning in Raleigh and believe they had about 100 people in attendance that evening. On Friday morning, I facilitated a session between an area of resident communities, and Mr. Silver talked about the impact of vision and area right over zoning ordinance on development. We had about 300 on Saturday, who were there between 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. We had lively work sessions. The purpose really was to be able to provide to the community what we got from them when the first phase of public engagement in 2016. That first phase, we had over 150 people who showed up and then we presented this on Saturday and got that input as well from the community through different work sessions. All the materials that were put together, even though we had live stream on Facebook, everything is on the website, all the materials that were developed as a result of the summit over the three-day period. I will encourage you to go to charlotteudo.org website and really take a deep dive into that, because a lot of the questions you are asking are really there. Comment that we constantly kept having over the three-day period and I really get criticized on this is this is the first time I will truly understand this place types and how it is connected to the UDO, so I really encourage you to go on there. We have videos that we had of a speaker also on the website and actually on our Facebook I believe, so if you would I believe that would be very, very helpful for you to do that.

The next phase, we want to keep the momentum going. It is one thing to have a three-day event it is another thing to just stop. What I'm planning to do is to go District by District and have some type of community effort with people at the grassroots level because we know no matter how much we try to reach people not everybody was still able to show up on Saturday morning. There was also the protest which definitely took some of you to attend, but we want to do this again. The final phase of our public engagement and the place types will actually be in the fall. The goal is to be able to go back out into the community, utilize the people who have attended our community planning academy in the past, as well as members of neighborhood organizations, pool them together and see how we can continue to reshape our vision and make this whole UDO talk simpler for people to understand.

Mayor Lyles said I have to say I like the idea of utilizing groups that are formed and getting out there so there is not a mystery box around the UDO process, because right now I think the language is really hard. It is just hard, and I'm not so sure that everybody can understand it and be able to explain it well. The idea of having more people understand and go into the workshop like six people did on Saturday to be able to do a language that people understand is an important aspect of this.

Councilmember Harlow said I attended Saturday for most of the morning session and I thought it was, even for me, was the most simplistic explanation of the place types and the process that I had ever gotten so kudos to you and the Planning staff that helped put those sessions together. I talked to a lot of my constituents that were there as well and a lot of them mentioned the same thing; the first time that they really felt at least an idea. I think the videos helped as well and getting a sense of where this is going. We still have a long way to go of course, but I think that type of engagement needs to happen a little more, so I'm encouraged to hear you say let's take this on the road a little bit and go District by District because I think that is needed. There are still a lot of questions but the foundation of explaining it in more kind of laymen's simple terms definitely happened on Saturday and I appreciate that.

Councilmember Ajmera said at the Committee meeting today I believe someone had mentioned this Ad Hoc Committee but we haven't discussed it. I don't think there was a consensus among the Committee members to have an Ad Hoc Committee, so I think that is a discussion that we need to have. I did want to comment on the UDO Summit that I had attended. I heard from a lot of community members that they would like to continue to see this conversation and engagement ongoing, so they can provide feedback along the way. As we go District to District, which is great, I think also somewhere in there we need to have a more holistic look at all the Districts. Maybe after all the District reviews have been done and engagement it has got to be more holistic that our Planning and Zoning Committee can also provide their feedback in a more holistic perspective.

Councilmember Driggs said I think the point I have been trying to make is we've been told you can attend this meeting or you can go to this website. I don't feel that I have to kind of research what somebody else is doing; I want to be doing this. I think we should be doing this so I'm just trying to get the horse back in front of the cart to where Council feels like we are

witnessing things being carried out that was decided by Council. I don't know how we reestablish that, but it feels to me like we are being invited to inform ourselves about what somebody else is doing, and we are going to be responsible for it at some point, so I think the notion for the Ad Hoc Committee had to do with trying to kind of retake the initiative for the benefit of Council. I don't know that that is necessarily the answer, but I would just say the nature of my kind of uneasiness about this is we are spectators, and we are having a hard time even following the show. Yes, I could go to the website, and I can study it and say it is interesting what those guys are doing; too bad I wasn't part of that. If you can think along those lines and figure out how to get us back in the saddle on this thing, I think it would certainly be helpful to me, and I don't know where everybody else is, but the nature of other comments I've heard is that our ability to explain this to someone else right now is still poor.

Mayor Lyles said it is an interesting point Mr. Driggs, because you now in this work that you do the question is does the community drive it and the leaders kind of do the filtering and make it work or do the leaders decide it and then the community kind of filters what the leaders – it is interesting, and I've seen it done both ways, but more often than not I think it is community driven, and it is always intriguing because that requires a thousand people to actively be informed and engaged, and it doesn't always result in adoption, because it has not been connected.

Mr. Driggs said could I respond to that Mayor? For one, I wasn't invited to these community meetings; I did not receive an invitation that said we are going to be having this session, and you get to publicize it as a Councilmember, so I'm just saying the idea that this is being driven by the community. I think a lot of very heavily engaged people who perhaps don't represent a broad cross section of the community –

Mayor Lyles said I did not mean particular to Charlotte; I'm just saying that is a methodology.

Mr. Driggs said I see the methodology point, but what I'm saying is this doesn't actually satisfy the citizen's first test either in my mind.

Councilmember Bokhari said we've had a lot of conversations today and over the last seven days about this. I believe personally and will be a champion to try to get others to agree that this does warrant an Ad Hoc Committee at this point, but I think the Ad Hoc Committee potentially has a very focused goal, and I base it on something that clicked for me when Mr. Jaiyeoba and the special guests Mr. Silver who did incredible work in Raleigh, New York and other places spoke with us and his kind of commentary on where we are, which is we are doing it the hardest way possible in how we didn't engage the community. I think this Ad Hoc Committee is really there potentially to go out and come up with a strategy and execution plan that actually engages the community and makes them understand what the definitions are and all the things, as well as Council to be honest but then gives them the opportunity to weigh in. I said this to Mr. Jaiyeoba earlier today that these are all touchy feeling meetings right now where we are talking about UDO and how a place type as a thing is cool. It will be very different when we have the conversation with the neighborhood association that you can no longer to this, or this is something you couldn't do before. I think there is a strategy that has been well charted in other cities but will be unique in our deployment as it relates to how we reach out to the community, and I think Mr. Jaiyeoba has done a great job over the last week or two starting that, but I think we as the representatives having that voice directly in could be of material impact in a positive way. I'm in strong favor of that, and I would like to offer my personal time to be involved if we go that route.

Councilmember Winston said I just wanted to speak in favor of an Ad Hoc Committee as well, which is something we discussed and the way I saw it this is a theme of larger Council action and how do we deal with shared information? How do we all share the same information? It seems like some of us or all of us have had different challenges in understanding where we are in the process and how to guide the process, how to interface with the citizens of Charlotte about the process. When it does come down to it, it is our job in this form of government to interact with staff and guide them in terms of policy, and this is a really important piece of policy, and if we don't have accurate shared information working from the same lexicon and able to talk to one another about it I don't think we will be able to do our jobs to the best of our ability, so I think an Ad Hoc Committee or sub-committee is definitely appropriate for this measure.

Councilmember Egleston said to your point, I think there are pros and cons to both the community driven versus the leadership driven approach, but I will say from some of the comments I heard at the Summit on Saturday, I'm not sure that there is the trust in the community that community driven initiatives are truly community driven. There was feedback from a couple of folks who said every time we go through these processes, you say give us feedback; tell us what you want. Tell us what you think and then we see the final product, we don't really see our fingerprints on it. I think there is some discussion to be had there if it is community driven, how do we usher and insure that their fingerprints are on the end result?

Mayor Lyles said I don't know the answer to that; I don't know which method we are using actually.

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The meeting was recessed at 6:29 p.m. to move to the Council Chambers for the regularly scheduled Business Meeting.

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BUSINESS MEETING

The City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina reconvened for the Public Forum and Business Meeting on Monday, March 26, 2018 at 6:36 in the Meeting Chamber of the Charlotte Mecklenburg Government Center with Mayor Vi Lyles presiding. Councilmembers present were Dimple Ajmera, Tariq Bokhari, Larken Egleston, Julie Eiselt, Justin Harlow, LaWana Mayfield, James Mitchell, Greg Phipps.

ABSENT UNTIL NOTED: Councilmembers Ed Driggs, Matt Newton, and Braxton Winston

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Councilmembers Driggs and Winston arrived at 6:37 p.m.

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INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Mayfield gave the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Councilmember Newton arrived at 6:41 p.m.

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AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Councilmember Egleston said perfect timing; I believe our Scout Troop #405 from St. Martin's Episcopal Church in District #1 just walked in. They are working on their Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge and attending the meeting tonight to learn more about local government and how it works. I want to thank them for joining us.

ITEM NO. 9: CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

Councilmember Eiselt said tonight we have a Proclamation from the City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County proclaiming April as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

WHEREAS, children are vital to our state's future success, prosperity and quality of life, as well as being our most vulnerable assets; and

WHEREAS, all children deserve to have the safe, stable, nurturing homes and communities they need to foster their healthy growth and development; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect is a community responsibility, affecting both the current and future quality of life of a community; and

WHEREAS, communities that provide parents with the social support and, knowledge of parenting and child development and concrete resources they need to cope with stress and nurture their children to ensure all children grow up to their full potential; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention strategies succeed because of partnerships created among citizens, human service agencies, schools, faith communities, healthcare providers, civil organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community;

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, Vi Alexander Lyles, Mayor of Charlotte, and Ella B. Scarborough, Chair of the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners do hereby proclaim, April as
“CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH”

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

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CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Councilmember Mitchell and seconded by Councilmember Egleston, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented with the exception of Item No. 22 which was pulled for a separate vote and Item No. 65 which has been pulled by staff because it is settled; and, amend the agenda to add Item No. 71 which includes a revision and appointment to the Charlotte Business INClusion Advisory Committee.

Councilmember Winston said I had a couple questions for staff related to this Item 21: Police Crime Lab Gas Chromatograph/Mass Spectrometer. I understand that this piece of gear is used to analyze controlled substances any and all types.

Matt Mathis, Police said that is correct.

Mr. Winston said does this have a limited amount of use? It is saying that it is coming to the end of its life; is that counted by amount of time used or just specifically over a time period?

Mr. Mathis said primarily, that is the amount of time used. The original equipment was purchased in 2000 and it has a lot of electronic based pieces to it, pieces that are now hard to find, and it is just no longer supported by the original manufacturer.

Mr. Winston said I would imagine this is an important tool in general for adjudicating crimes related to controlled substances, but I would imagine even more so right now as we are facing this epidemic with opioids that you have to deal with these substances really on the molecular level, and this piece of gear really does aid us in those processes.

Mr. Mathis said absolutely, this piece of equipment helps us to analyze those types of drug cases.

Mr. Winston said I asked some questions ahead of time and got some answers; is this used only when the District Attorney requests use of this piece of gear or do you guys use this beforehand?

Mr. Mathis said this piece of equipment is used for the testing of all drug cases that we encounter in the Crime Lab. It is used on almost 100% of the drug cases that we test. We receive those requests in a few different ways, either directly from the investigators within the Police Department or at the request of the District Attorney’s Office to test a particular drug case.

Mr. Winston said the answer that I was given; it says in the case of when this is used on marijuana that this is only used when the District Attorney’s Office requests this. Is that inaccurate or is that accurate?

Mr. Mathis said yes that is correct.

Mr. Winston said that being that we do have an opioid epidemic and this something that is really out of control, not just here in our region but nationwide. I would like to put some type of stipulation that we don't waste our time testing marijuana because that is not killing people out on the street when we have this very expensive and very useful piece of gear and go to higher priority crimes. Is that possible to kind of stipulate what kind of cases this is used in?

Bob Hagemann, City Attorney said as I understand it the DA needs evidence in certain cases to prosecute drug cases and the equipment would need to be used in order to properly identify drugs, controlled substances and prosecute those cases. If you were to put some kind of limitation on the use of the equipment that could effect, as I understand it, our ability as law enforcement and District Attorney's Office to prosecute crimes.

Mr. Winston said are we able to put stipulations on the use of gear like that?

Mr. Hagemann said I would suggest that if the Council is inclined to do that you give the Police Chief an opportunity to provide more information about what kind of impact that restriction would have.

Mr. Winston said my second line of question actually has to do with how the purchase of this piece of gear is funded and it is through the Police Asset Forfeiture Program. I have some issues with that program. As I look through the policy that we have it says that assets are forfeited when people are accused of crimes, not necessarily when they are convicted and as I read through the policy there is no place in this policy that does return this property to people had they been wrongly accused of crimes. I honestly have some personal experience with this as I was arrested in September of 2016 and my property was taken into evidence. It wasn't necessarily part of this asset forfeiture program, which is specific to certain cases but after my charges were dismissed an ordinance that actually I was arrested under was recalled by City Council. I had to move hell and high water just to get my property back. I took all of the steps as was told to me by CMPD; I had my lawyer contact CMPD; I contacted my arresting officer who put this property into evidence but it wasn't until several weeks ago that I was able to get my property back. I know there are some national implications here that these federal programs have come into question about how we are using this money. I don't really feel comfortable spending this money that I have some serious questions about to pay for something especially if it is going to be used to test a substance that is not life threatening. I have some questions about and I have some concerns and I just wanted to put that on the record and make that clear.

Councilmember Mayfield said this is actually a question that came from a constituent regarding the Police Crime Lab Gas Chromatograph; the question is do we plan on buying holster monitors that are tied to body cams? We made a large investment on body cameras; we've had a lot of challenges and concerns with where the body cameras actually sit and with different movement what is able to capture and I share concerns with how we continue to accept either funding and/or approve items when we have a real opportunity with transparency in the community. Do you know if there has been any conversation regarding because the constituent wanted us not to move forward with this conversation when we have not had the conversation specifically regarding holster monitors that are tied to the body camera so that you can track?

Kim Eagle, Assistant City Manager said I will go back and get a status update on the research that is ongoing concerning holster monitors. The Mayor had asked me about that earlier this evening as well. I do not have that answer for you tonight but I can get that quickly and get something out to Council this week as to the status. I know there have been ongoing internal conversations; I just do not know the status currently.

Councilmember Newton commented on Item No. 23; this originally came before us back in February and it was something that we tabled for review tonight and over the past couple of months we have been engaging in robust along and protracted budget talks and we've been discussing what our priorities are where we feel it necessary to appropriate money for the different services provided by the City and in light of the deferral before which was prompted by myself in conjunction with another Councilmember I just wanted to bring up the point that we do need, as we go through our Consent Agenda items, to look at these and make sure that

our money when and where we spend it is being spent worthwhile. I can tell you that in my District in particular there is need for traffic lights in multiple locations. We have a presence of our Police Department here tonight and we've been asked to increase salaries and also provide benefits so there are needs that can be addressed if and when we can save money. Having said all of that I want to thank City staff particularly Danny Pleasant and Kim Eagle for addressing some of my concerns in this particular issue. The study in question I really question the methodology and I question the effectiveness of that study and it has been shown to me through staff research and their responses to my questions that this methodology does seem to be effective, it is something that is going to return a 95% yield. I want to further reiterate the fact that I think we as a Council can dig into these Consent items and maybe save money when and where we find it necessary and at the same time I would encourage other Councilmembers to support this measure.

Mr. Winston said this is something that I had questions about the methodology and the effectiveness and I reached out to several of our staff assets and I got an excellent response from Ms. Rebecca Hefner on in office of data analytics and I just wanted to give a little background of what she gave me which is going to allow me to vote for this. Starting in 2015 CMPD identified six city corridors that represent hot spots of crime and violence and long standing issues related to quality of life; they are the Beatties Ford corridor, Tuckaseegee corridor, North Tryon corridor, Albemarle Road corridor, I-85/ Sugar Creek corridor, and Providence Road corridor. CMPD proposed a survey of six focus areas intended to assess the overall satisfaction with CMPD understand the needs, challenges and opportunities within each corridor related to crime, violence and relationships with police, collect information to improve programs and services and inform potential new partnerships, service delivery methods and provide an opportunity for residents and business owners to share feedback, express opinions, engage and improving CMPD services and have their voices heard. The methodology for this survey, the two methods proposed for gathering data a quota sample of residents and business owners and a convenience sample of people who use this business corridor. They might not live or work there. The current proposal includes survey development, survey piloting and testing, recruitment, survey administration and tabulation of reporting results. These are time intensive activities that require expertise and survey research data collections and analysis. This work is best suited for a contractor. Employing a third party vendor is often beneficial in establishing the public perception that the process is neutral and reduces potential for bias in the findings. Focus groups in each of these six corridors can be employed to gain deeper understanding of critical issue that arise from the initial survey. The staff believes that CMPD will be able to leverage the survey process to build trusting relationships with residents and stakeholders within the six corridors. I would recommend consideration of the following as we go forth in this process: use a participatory approach; engage a group of CMPD staff, officers, residents, and city and community stakeholders in the design and deployment of the survey, review of the findings and development of recommendations for changes to programs, services, and partnerships; aim for broad inclusion. Multiple survey modes is a good start, but we may need to offer the survey in multiple languages and think through quota sampling design versus inclusion of all survey responses. We also should consider adding a focus group opportunity in each of the six corridors to gain a deeper understanding of critical issues that arise from this survey. Thank you for that work; it actually goes much deeper than what I said here, but with that work, I do feel comfortable in supporting spending this money on this initiative.

Councilmember Eiselt said we were elected to question things on behalf of constituents; that is our job, but we also do have to look at a process, so maybe something should be Consent Agenda items and other shouldn't and that is certainly a fair conversation, but I do think that we also have to look at the process that we question some of these things. This was a \$60,000 item; we spend over \$200 million on public safety, so I struggle with how we communicate all these things to get through a Monday night meeting. It could be that when a question like this comes up with a Consent Agenda item, and if a Councilmember looks into it I highly encourage us to do that ahead of time, share that information with each other so that we do not treat these Consent Agenda items individually like this. Again, it is not to say that there are not items that we need to pull out, and we do it every week honestly, but I worry sometimes that we've hired a City Manager, and the City Manager's job is to high key department personnel whose job it is to manage the staff, and we have to have some accountability for them to get the job done on some of these items.

Emily Kunze, Deputy City Clerk said regarding Item No. 26: Public Auction for Disposal of Surplus Equipment, there are three vehicles being pulled from the decommission list: MPA100, MPA 102, and MPA 103.

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

The following items were approved:

Item No. 21: Police Crime Lab Gas Chromatograph/Mass Spectrometer

(A) Approve the purchase of a Gas Chromatograph/Mass Spectrometer, as authorized by the sole source exemption of G. S. 143-129(e)(6), (B) Approve a contract with Agilent Technologies for the purchase of a Gas Chromatograph/Mass Spectrometer for the term of one year, and (C) Authorize the City Manager to renew the contract for up to two, one-year renewal terms with possible price adjustments and to amend the contract consistent with the purpose for which the contract was approved.

Item No. 23: Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department Neighborhood Survey

(A) Approve a contract with The Research and Evaluation Group LLC (EvalGroup) to conduct the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department's Neighborhood Survey for three years, and (B) Authorize the City Manager to renew the contract for up to two, one-year terms and amend the contract consistent with the purpose for which the contract was approved.

Item No. 24: Scaleybark Development Agreements Amendment for Extension of Time

Approve a 60-day extension to the General Development Agreement with Scaleybark Partners, LLC to extend the development completion obligations to May 29, 2018.

Item No. 25: Cooperative Purchasing Contract for Cleaning Supplies and Equipment

(A) Approve the purchase of cleaning supplies and equipment from a cooperative purchasing contract as authorized by G.S. 143-129(e)(3), (B) Approve a unit price contract with SupplyWorks for the purchase of cleaning supplies and equipment for a term of three years under U. S. Communities government Purchasing Alliance Contract #17-21, dated November 1, 2017, and (C) Authorize the City Manager to extend the contract for an additional one-year term 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. 26: Public Auction for Disposal of Surplus Equipment

(A) Adopt a resolution declaring specific vehicles, equipment, and other miscellaneous items as surplus, (B) Authorize said items for sale by public auction on April 7, 2018, and (C) Authorize the City Manager to approve certain administrative and storage fees as may be required from time to time for auction events.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 48, at Pages 621-628.

Item No. 27: Oil, Lubricants, Fluids, and Coolant Contract Extension

Approve contract amendments for a term of six months for oil, lubricants, fluids, and coolants to the following: Brewer Hendley Oil, Isguett Distributors, and Petro Choice LLC (former Hagan Kennington Oil Company).

Item No. 28: Private developer Funds Appropriation

(A) Approve Developer Agreements with the following companies for traffic signal installations and improvements: Haven Campus Communities – Charlotte LLC, 521 Partners LLC, LMV Block 42 Holdings, LP, 10th & Seigle Avenue, LLC, KP Development, LLC, NCCFA1, LLC, DC Charlotte Plaza, LLLP, High Family Partnership, I LP, and Columbia Cochran Commons, LLC. (B) Adopt Budget Ordinance No. 9293-X appropriating \$487,632 in private developer funds for traffic signal installations and improvements.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 61, at Page 310.

Item No. 29: Resolution of Intent to Abandon a Portion of East 16th Street

(A) Adopt a Resolution of Intent to abandon a portion of East 16th Street, and (B) Set a public hearing date for April 23, 2018.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 48, at Pages 629-631.

Item No. 30: Resolution of Intent to Abandon a Residual Portion of Dearmon Drive

(A) Resolution of Intent to abandon a residual portion of Dearmon Drive, and (B) Set a public hearing date for April 23, 2018.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 48, at Pages 632-634.

Item No. 31: Resolution of Intent to Abandon an Alleyway off of Dotger Avenue

(A) Adopt a Resolution of Intent to abandon an alleyway off of Dotger Avenue, and (B) Set a public hearing date for April 23, 2018.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 48, at Pages 635-638.

Item No. 32: Resolution of Intent to Abandon an Unopened Right-of-Way between Bullard Street and Joy Street

(A) Adopt a Resolution of Intent to abandon an unopened right-of-way between Bullard Street and Joy Street, and (B) Set a public hearing date for April 23, 2018.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 48, at Pages 639-641.

Item No. 33: Resolution of Intent to Abandon an Unopened Right-of-Way off of Duckworth Avenue

(A) Adopt a Resolution of Intent to abandon an unopened right-of-way off of Duckworth Avenue, and (B) Set a public hearing date for April 23, 2018.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 48, at Pages 642-645.

Item No. 34: Resolution of Intent to abandon an Unopened Right-of-Way off of Mingus Cabin Lane

(A) Adopt a Resolution of Intent to abandon an unopened right-of-way off of Mingus Cabin Lane, and (B) Set a public hearing date for April 23, 2018.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 48, at Pages 646-649.

Item No. 35: CATS Blue Line Extension Landscape Maintenance Service Contracts

Approve landscaping maintenance contracts with Champion Landscapes Inc. for CATS Blue Line Extension North and South contracts for a three-year period.

Item No. 36: Rose Valley Drive Storm Water Improvement Project

Award a contract in the amount of \$1,411,105.30 to the lowest responsive bidder Hall Contracting Corporation for the Rose Valley Drive Storm Water Improvement Project.

Summary of Bids

Hall Contracting Corporation	\$1,411,105.30
Sealand Contractors Corp.	\$1,521,488.65
United of Carolinas, Inc.	\$1,648,149.80
United Construction Company, Inc.	\$1,723,067.50
Onsite Development, LLC	\$1,775,625.50
Carolina Cajun Concrete, Inc.	\$1,809,727.70

Item No. 37: Doby Creek Sanitary Sewer Improvements Construction Administration Contract

Approve a professional services contract for \$708,760 with Hazen and Sawyer for construction administration services.

Item No. 38: Little Sugar Creek Tributary to Fairview Road Sanitary Sewer improvements Construction Administration Contract

Approve a professional services contract for \$523,800 with STV Engineers, Inc. for construction administration services.

Item No. 39: Construction Manager at Risk Services for the Doby Creek and Little Sugar Creek Tributary to Fairview Road Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project

Award a contract in the amount of \$29,626,256 to the Construction Manager at Risk, Garney Companies, Inc. for the construction phase of the Doby Creek and Little Sugar Creek Tributary to Fairview Road sanitary Sewer Improvement Projects.

Item No. 40: Mallard Creek Wastewater Treatment Process Improvements Engineering Services

Approve a contract in the amount of \$2,800,000 with Black & Veatch International Company for professional Engineering Services.

Item No. 41: Gum Branch Outfall Replacement

Award a contract in the amount of \$4,757,070.26 to the lowest responsive bidder Sanders Utility Construction Co., Inc. for the Gum Branch Outfall Replacement Project.

Summary of Bids

Sanders Utility Construction Co., Inc.	\$4,757,070.26
R. H. Price, Inc.	\$4,826,859.28
B.R.S. Inc.	\$5,476,166.80
Dellinger, Inc.	\$7,173,736.79
State Utility Construction Co., Inc.	\$7,376,818.77
English Construction Co., Inc.	\$7,428,800.02
Propst Construction Co., Inc.	\$8,624,691.71

Item No. 42: Contract Amendment to Gum Branch Outfall Inspection Services

Approve contract amendment #1 for \$204,146 to the Gum Branch Outfall contract with Stantec Consulting Services Inc. for construction management services.

Item No. 43: Crescent River District, LLC Reimbursable Sewer Construction Contract for the Beaverdam Creek West Branch Outfall Phase I Project

(A) Approve a five-year reimbursable contract with Crescent River District, LLC for sewer construction of a portion of the Beaverdam Creek West Branch Outfall Phase I Project in support of the River District development, and (B) Adopt Budget Ordinance No. 9294-X appropriating \$270,000 from Crescent River District, LLC.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 61, at Page 311.

Item No. 44: Contract Amendment to Reimbursable Contract with Bridges at Mint Hill LLC

(A) Approve contract amendment #2 to the existing sewer reimbursable contract with the Bridges at Mint Hill, LLC, and (B) Adopt Budget Ordinance No. 9295-X appropriating \$2,934,698 from Bridges at Mint Hill, LLC.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 61, at Page 312.

Item No. 45: Irwin Creek Treatment Plant Phase 2 Project–Construction Change Order 2

Approve change order #2 for \$246,336 to Ulliman Schuttle Construction, LLC for the Irwin Creek Treatment Plant Phase 2 Project.

Item No. 46: Charlotte Water Generator Equipment

(A) Approve the purchase of a generator, switchgear, fuel tank, silencer and other integral equipment for standby generator systems from a cooperative purchasing contract as authorized by G. S. 143-129(e)(3) for Charlotte Water facilities, (B) Approve a unit price contract with Carolina Tractor & Equipment Company for the purchase of one 750 kw standby generator including switchgear, fuel tank, silencer and other integral equipment, necessary for the generator systems for a term of one year under National Joint Powers Alliance Contract No. 080613-CAT dated September 17, 2013, and (C) Approve a contract with Carolina Tractor

& Equipment Company for a 10-year term for the preventative maintenance of one 750 kw generator.

Item No. 47: Contract Amendment to Reimbursable Sewer Contract with Barclay Properties of Southpark LLC

(A) Approve a contract amendment to the contract with Barclay Properties of Southpark, LLC in the amount of \$4,250,000 for reimbursement of costs associated with the Little Sugar Creek Tributary to Fairview Road Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project, and (B) Adopt Budget Ordinance No. 9296-X to appropriate \$5,650,000 from Barclay Properties of Southpark, LLC.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 61, at Page 313.

Item No. 48: Charlotte Gateway Station Lease with Greyhound Lines, Inc.

(A) Approve a ground lease agreement with Greyhound Lines, Inc. for their temporary operations on the City's property ("Main Block Parcel") located at 120 South Graham Street (parcel identification number 07315110) for a maximum term of six years at a lease rate of \$1 per year, and (B) Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute all necessary documents to complete the lease agreement between the City and Greyhound Lines, Inc.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 48, at Pages 650-651.

Item No. 49: Airport Long Term 1 Parking Lot Expansion – Design Services Contract

(A) Approve a professional services contract in the amount of \$153,000 with Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc. for design services of the Long Term 1 Parking Lot Expansion Project, and (B) Adopt Budget Ordinance No. 9297-X appropriating \$153,000 from the Aviation Discretionary Fund to the Aviation Community Investment Plan Fund.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 61, at Page 314.

Item No. 50: Airport Concourse A Phase II Expansion Environmental Assessment

(A) Approve a professional services contract in the amount of \$180,500 with Landrum and Brown Incorporated to prepare an Environmental Assessment for Concourse A Phase II Expansion, (B) Authorize the City Manager to amend the contract consistent with the purpose for which the contract was approved, and (C) Adopt Budget Ordinance No. 9298-X appropriating \$180,500 from the Aviation Discretionary Fund to the Aviation Community Investment Plan Fund.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 61, at Page 315.

Item No. 51: Airport Crossfield Taxiway and De-Ice Pad Environmental Assessment

(A) Approve a professional services contract in the amount of \$204,740 with Landrum and Brown, Incorporated to prepare an environmental Assessment for a Crossfield taxiway and de-ice pad, and (B) Authorize the City Manager to amend the contract consistent with the propose for which the contract was approved.

Item No. 52: Airport Identity Management System

(A) Approve a five-year contract with Intellisoft to provide and implement Identity Management System for Airport Credentialing, (B) Authorize the City Manager to approve price adjustments and amend the contract consistent with the purpose for which the contract was approved, (C) Authorize the City Manager to purchase maintenance and support for as long as the City uses the system, (D) Authorize the City Manager to purchase such additional software license, services, and hardware for the City's use of the system as needed to support the safety and security of Airport operations, and (E) Adopt Budget Ordinance No. 9299-X appropriating \$855,200 from the Aviation Discretionary Fund to the Aviation Community Investment Plan Fund.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 61, at Page 316.

Item No. 53: Jetstream Ground Services Lease

(A) Approve a three-year lease with Jetstream Ground Services for office and cargo space located on Yorkmont Road, and (B) Authorize the City Manager to extend the lease for two, one-year extensions, consistent with the purpose for which the lease was approved.

Item No. 54: Refund of Property Taxes

Adopt a resolution authorizing the refund of property taxes assessed through clerical or assessment error in the amount of \$44,792.90.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 48, at Pages 652-654.

Item No. 55: Meeting Minutes

Approve the titles, motions and votes reflected in the Clerk's record as the minutes of January 31-February 2, 2018 Council Retreat, February 5, 2018 Strategy Session, February 12, 2018 Business Meeting, February 19, 2018 Zoning Meeting and February 21, 2018 Budget Workshop.

Item No. 56: In Rem Remedy: 3041 Reid Avenue

Adopt Ordinance No. 9300-X authorizing the use of In Rem Remedy to demolish and remove the structure at 3041 Reid Avenue (Neighborhood Profile Area 159).

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 61, at Page 317.

Item No. 57: Property Transactions – 25th Street Connection, Parcel #1

Acquisition 417 square feet (.01 acre) in Fee Simple plus 1,539 square feet (.035 acre) in Utility Easement, plus 1,708 square feet (.039 acre) in Sidewalk Utility Gas Line Easement at 2200 North Brevard Street from CTJ Properties, LLC for \$125,000 for 25th Street Connection, Parcel #1.

Item No. 58: Property Transactions – 5435 Hovis Road Sanitary Sewer, Parcel #2

Resolution of condemnation of 1,918 square feet (.044 acre) in Sanitary Sewer Easement, plus 228 square feet (.005 acre) in Temporary Construction Easement at Windy Valley Drive for \$450 for 5435 Hovis Road sanitary Sewer, Parcel #3.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 48, at Page 655.

Item No. 59: Property Transactions – Beatties Ford Road Pedestrian Crossing, Parcel #1

Resolution of condemnation of 3,203 square feet (.074 acre) in Temporary Construction Easement at 3117 Beatties Ford Road from A to Zee Corporation for \$1,675 for Beatties Ford Road Pedestrian Crossing, Parcel #1.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 48, at Page 656.

Item No. 60: Property Transactions – Goose Creek Pump Station, Parcel #17

Resolution of condemnation of 8,266 square feet (.19 acre) in Sanitary Sewer Easement, plus 12,851 square feet (.295 acre) in Temporary Construction Easement at 16217 Thompson Road from Richard H. Speight, Jr. and Diane P. Speight for an amount to be determined for Goose Creek Pump Station, Parcel #17.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 48, at Page 657.

Item No. 61: Property Transactions – Paw Creek Sanitary Sewer Outfall, Parcel #1

Resolution of condemnation of 41,168 square feet (.945 acre) in Sanitary Sewer Easement, plus 7,880 square feet (.181 acre) in Temporary Construction Easement, plus 1,717 square feet (.04 acre) in Existing Sanitary Sewer Easement at 6028 Loy Court from LGI Homes - NC, LLC for an amount to be determined for Paw Creek Sanitary Sewer Outfall, Parcel #1.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 48, at Page 658.

Item No. 62: Property Transactions – Paw Creek Sanitary Sewer Outfall, Parcel #15 and 16.

Resolution of condemnation of 56,504 square feet (1.297 acre) in Sanitary Sewer Easement, plus 1,675 square feet (.038 acre) in Temporary Construction Easement, plus 15,860 square feet (.364) acre in Existing Sanitary Sewer Easement on Paw Village Road from LGI Homes – NC, LLC for an amount to be determined for Paw Creek Sanitary Sewer Outfall, Parcel #15 and 16.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 48, at Page 659.

Item No. 63: Property Transactions – Paw Creek Sanitary Sewer Outfall, Parcel #20

Resolution of condemnation of 1,417 square feet (.033 acre) in Sanitary Sewer Easement on Hunters Glen Drive from Homeland Communities, Inc. for \$125 for Paw Creek Sanitary Sewer Outfall, Parcel #20.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 48, at Page 660.

Item No. 64: Property Transactions – Paw Creek Sanitary Sewer Outfall, Parcel #21

Resolution of condemnation of 10,462 square feet (.24 acre) in Temporary Construction Easement, plus 55,181 square feet (1.267 acre) in Permanent Easement, plus 19,218 square feet (.441 acre) in Existing Sanitary Sewer Easement on Loy Court from LGI Homes – NC, LLC for an amount to be determined for Paw Creek Sanitary Sewer Outfall, Parcel #21.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 48, at Page 661.

Item No. 66: Property Transactions – Rocky River Road Improvement, Parcel #17

Resolution of condemnation of 7,161 square feet (.164 acre) in Storm Drainage Easement, plus 676 square feet (.016 acre) in Utility Easement, plus 1,989 square feet (.046 acre in Existing Drainage Accepted as Storm Drainage Easement at 504 Blue Rock Drive from Cheri Catherine Wills for an amount to be determined for Rocky River Road Improvement, Parcel #17.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 48, at Page 662.

Item No. 67: Property Transactions – Ricky River Road Improvement, Parcel #19

Acquisition of 6,990 square feet (.16 acre) in Utility Easement, plus 3,509 square feet (.081 acre) in Sidewalk Utility Retaining Wall Easement at 7500 Batavia Lane from Hollis Samuel and Bridgette Samuel for \$20,650 for Rocky River Road Improvement, Project #19.

Item No. 68: Property Transactions – Steele Creek Sanitary Sewer Improvements, Parcel #10

Acquisition of 13,437.01 square feet (.308 acre) in Sanitary Sewer Easement, plus 6,867.61 square feet (.158 acre) in Access Easement, plus 998.99 square feet (.023 acre) in Temporary Construction Easement at 10421 South Tryon Street from FW Holdings, LLC for \$13,200 for Steele Creek Sanitary Sewer Improvements, Parcel #10.

Item No. 69: Property Transactions – Steele Creek Sanitary Sewer Improvements, Parcel #11

Acquisition of 7,367.74 square feet (.169 acre) in Sanitary Sewer Easement, plus 2,943.98 square feet (.068 acre) in Access Easement at 10534 South Tryon Street from Dale McMichael and Juanita K. Love for \$33,200 for Steele Creek Sanitary Sewer Improvements, Parcel #11.

Item No. 70: Property Transactions – Stevens Creek Sanitary Sewer Phase 1, Parcel #8

Acquisition of 21,957 square feet (.504 acre) in Sanitary Sewer Easement, plus 15,557 square feet (.357 acre) in Temporary Construction Easement at 15550 Thompson Road from James R. Wiggins, Jr. and Mitzi C. Wiggins for \$11,650 for Stevens Creek Sanitary Sewer Phase 1, Parcel #8.

ITEM NO. 22: MEDICAL SUPPLIES FOR ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL

Motion was made by Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Driggs, to (A) Award a unit price contract to the lowest responsive bidder MWI veterinary Supply for the purchase of medical supplies for one year, and (B) Authorize the City Manager to renew the contract for up to four, one-year terms with possible price adjustments and to amend the contract consistent with the purpose for which the contract was approved.

Councilmember Winston said I will not be voting for this, and honestly this is a bit of a protest vote; the Company MWI Veterinary Supply is owned by a parent company AmerisourceBergen, who is currently the subject of several law suits by municipalities, some here in North Carolina, for their role and participation in the opioid epidemic that is ravaging all of our neighborhoods across this country. The only reason that we cannot give this contract to another company, a company that has no relation to the production of opioid is about \$900. I understand that we are shackled by law to spend our money in this way, but I cannot in good conscious do this. I believe that we should take all measures that we can take to fight this fight, and if we have to do it at the purse strings of companies that might be complicit in this epidemic we should do that, so I will not be giving my vote to this company to spend any more of our taxpayer money, especially our emergency service budget if they are in anyway contributing to the issues on the streets that these men and women in blue are putting them dangerous situations for.

Councilmember Egleston said I have question for the City Attorney just a process question, because I appreciate everything Mr. Winston said, and I'm looking at what this medicine is for my conscious would also compel me to vote for this potentially, because if there are animals in the care of our Police Department that need medicine or care I obviously want them to have that. If we were to vote down this or something else like this in the future what then happens? Is there a mechanism by which we could go to a different company to get this medicine that is stated here that is needed or what would happen?

Bob Hagemann, City Attorney said Mr. Winston was correct when he said there are some legal shackles; this is the procurement of commodities and the state law requires you to award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder, taking into consideration quality performance in the time specified in the proposals for the performance of the contract. Certainly, I acknowledge the legitimacy of Mr. Winston's concerns about opioids and perhaps this company's relationship to that, but the bid statutes don't let you build into your decision value judgements on the company other than whether or not they could provide what it is that we put out for bid and perform the contract in a way that gets us what we are paying for with taxpayer money, and that is a legal constraint on the Council.

Mr. Egleston said as a point of process if we voted this down and we don't buy these supplies from this company then we do not buy these supplies; is that what you are telling me?

Mr. Hagemann said yes, that is accurate; you do have the flexibility to reject all bids but the statute says you are not supposed to do that to avoid the purpose of the statute and in my view that would be an indirect way of awarding to the lowest responsible bidder, so that may leave us in a position of not being able to procure these medical supplies.

Mr. Winston said as I have been told when I first inquired about this that this would not prevent us from giving care to these animals in our care for at least another year. The contract that we currently have has another year left on it, just to let you know.

Councilmember Mayfield said Mr. Hagemann for clarification, the City of Charlotte has partnered with the National League of Cities and we are in the middle of two different trainings, one of them being the Race Equity and Leadership Training where there is conversations across the nation looking at the idea of the lowest responsive bidder. The question I have for you is, while we are still having our legislative conversations, maybe we should consider adding to our Legislative Agenda for the General Assembly that lowest responsive bidder in light of not only this case but also the case of the recent bridge collapse and the fact that that company has also done work within the Carolinas and knowing that not necessarily the lowest responsive bidder is going to give us the highest yield and a number of other cities are

investigating and inspecting this as well, would that be something that can be started through you or does Council need to vote on that recommendation going to our Legislative Representative?

Mr. Hagemann said that is the Council's prerogative what you include in your Legislative Package and what you ask of the Legislature. I think some things for you to think about if you want to discuss pursuing that is that we are going into a short session, and maybe this is something that will take a little bit more time that we ought to target for next year, 2019; that is the Council's choice. I am aware, partly because you brought some things to my attention, about discussion that is going on at the national level in other states about bringing in some of these more qualitative considerations and who local governments do business with or contract with, but in my opinion for low bid contracts that would require legislative change for us to take those factors into consideration. Now, if a bidder has demonstrated by past experience that they are not qualified to actually perform the contract, that is something that you can look at under current law.

Mayor Lyles said I want to say this, and we look at this and this is going to pass but this stands for every item that we have. We have the rules of law that we have to follow, and we can always be conscientious and say this isn't something that I agree with, but if this were a five to five vote, and we needed one person to do this there would be a different circumstance, and I would then say to the City Attorney are we allowed to make this judgment on this basis in this respect? Now, we can do that sometimes but these are not rules that we get to kind of decide when and how often, and I just want to us be very careful. If we've got something that we've bid and we didn't have these circumstances of saying we have an extra year or we know this about it; when it comes to rule that we have to follow I want us as a Council to really think this through, because it is an important part of the procedural aspects and the integrity of the process that we have.

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

YEAS: Councilmembers Ajmera, Bokhari, Driggs, Egleston, Eiselt, Harlow, Mitchell, Newton, and Phipps.

NAYS: Councilmembers Mayfield and Winston.

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PUBLIC FORUM

Ban Assault Weapons

Katherine Cline, 11912 Royal Lytham Court said I am a Charlotte resident; after the shooting in Parkland, I joined Moms Demand Action, a group that supports the second amendment and believes there are solutions for gun violence. We are facing a public health crisis; every three hours a child or teen is shot and killed. For each child killed, there are four more children injured. Since Newtown, there have been over 200 school shootings; half of North Carolina gun owners leave their weapons unsecured. In Raleigh, House Bill 746 has passed the House and goes to the Senate in May. This Bill will allow 18-year old, with basically no training and no background check, to carry concealed loaded weapons in public. This is dangerous. The ban on semi-automatic weapons in American was allowed to expire in 2005. Australia has banned the manufacturer and sale of semi-automatics. They proved it helps. What is America's excuse for not doing the same thing? And yet polls show that our nation is united on guns. Americans want tighter gun control laws and background checks; Americans want semi-automatics banned. Our laws on gun safety and control do not represent the will of the people. Sadly our gun laws represent the will of the gun industry, those who profit from the manufacturer and sale of assault style weapons. It has been many years since Columbine, and nothing has been done. Our government leaders in Raleigh and Washington have done nothing to help us. Needed changes in our gun laws are going to come from you, the local level. I'm asking the Mayor and City Council to organize a forum of local citizens to study the problem and propose solutions. The recommendations will be presented to the public on a ballot and then the citizens of Charlotte will vote. Do Charlotteans want to ban assault weapons; do Charlotteans want to close loopholes? Then our Mayor will tell our state and federal governments how Charlotteans voted on the gun issue. There has

been no common sense gun legislation in our country in 20-years. We must demand action. We cannot sit here any longer and do nothing while our school children are being slaughtered in their classroom.

Abuses at Women's Clinic in Charlotte

Sarah Haley, 612 Clement Avenue said I am a volunteer at the Women's Clinic on Latrobe Drive, and I'm here to talk about the abuses that are happening there six days a week. I have been volunteering at the clinic for about 10-months now and over the course of those 10-months I have witnessed a horrendous amount of arrestment, intimidation and abuse of women seeking access to safely go abortion. I'm not here tonight to try to convince you that this harassment is happening, because we all know that it is; harassment outside of reproductive health facilities is not new, and this issue is not isolated to just Charlotte; it is happening all over the nation; however, there are several cities across the nation that have taken steps to protect their constituents and protect patients at healthcare facilities. I'm asking for the City of Charlotte to follow course and to enact a buffer zone to protect patients at these healthcare facilities. In front of you is a proposal for a buffer zone; it also includes background for cities that have enacted similar buffer zones and those which have been upheld by the court. Buffer zones are needed outside of reproductive healthcare facilities to protect individuals in vulnerable situations. Patients seeking medical care are vulnerable. I also want to emphasize that I am in no way infringing or here to advocate infringing upon first amendment rights. I am a first defender of the first amendment. This past weekend I went to DC and I participated in a wonderful demonstration of Representative Elliott; however, the buffer zone will not impede first amendment rights. Peaceful protest will not be outlawed there. It will however protect vulnerable individuals. We could say that we are in a buffer zone right now in this Chamber. Guns aren't allowed, and guns are protected by the constitution, so why aren't they allowed here? Because this is a vulnerable space, and we have to acknowledge that there are limits to our first amendment rights and our constitutional rights. I'm here to ask for the City Council to take action and to convene a special committee to do three things; review the abuse that is happening at this clinic; to review the sound permits the City issues that literally gives protestors their tools to amplify their harassment; create permits that literally allows them to parade intimidation and abuse; to stop issuing both of these and to pass a buffer zone to protect the clinic and protect patients right to access safe and legal abortion. Abortion is legal. Women shouldn't be scared to get out of their cars; they should feel safe in those spaces and the City of Charlotte needs to do more to protect those patients.

Russian Rally in Charlotte

Brian Talbert, 4129 Oakwood Road said I want to speak about the anti-Trump Russian rally that was held here in Charlotte; that is what has led me to come and speak before you this evening. Here is the question; what are the events that have led to Charlotte coming on the radar of a country like Russia? The mere rhetoric that comes out of the mouth of our elected leaders has caused what they were looking for. Some of the hate filled comments that you have spoken about our fellow Charlotteans, who are Trump supporters, have even made national news, such as Dimple Ajmera who has said Charlotteans who voted for Trump will have no voice in Charlotte government. Ms. Ajmera our forefathers wrote in the constitution to prevent dreams like that from coming true. You will never silence us, and you will never hold that power. LaWana Mayfield has said that President Trump is a white supremacist and that anyone who voted for him supports that as well. Ms. Mayfield, people like you scare me; you scream anything that you know will shock the masses, such as racism. You couldn't care less that you have nothing to back that up with. People like you thrive on racism; it keeps people thinking that they are victims in order to get their vote. Then we have Mayor Vi Lyles, who is our leader, a leader who on the first day of early voting mocked a member of the LGBT community who was voting for her opponent. That person was me Vi Lyles, and I think you owe me and every other LGBT conservative in this City an apology for the way that you acted. When you ran for office, you said that you were a supporter of the LGBT community; that should include all of us. Then we get to Braxton Winston, who led me to come here tonight, because Mr. Winston the rhetoric coming out of your mouth has been to call for the impeachment of Donald Trump without any evidence precluding with Russians. Mr. Winston, here is a picture of you speaking at that Russian Rally. I want to know why you should be held to a different standard than what you asked for President Trump. These Russians were indicted by the Department of Justice; Charlotte was mentioned in that indictment. They held

that rally here; what made us come on the radar of that government, a foreign enemy? You have to understand that your words have consequences, and when you speak hate about your fellow citizens in Charlotte, people are listening and apparently Russia was listening. I would like to know since our City was somewhat invaded, what are you all planning on doing about that so that never happens again? I would suggest that you watch what you say about your fellow citizens here in Charlotte, because we voted for Trump and we have just as much right, power, and voice as you do.

Renting Schools Out for Affordable Housing

Gail Adams, 1003 McArthur Avenue said I am very proud Mayor Lyles, to be at your meeting, and I'm very proud to see all of the Council. Tonight, I am here because I am very excited, because in 2019 the NBA All Star Game will be at Charlotte, and I have started campaigning, and the reason I'm campaigning is because I'm trying to create something that I think the NFL and the NBA will like. Every city that has an NFL and NBA team will see groups of poor people who need help, but I am asking for help for them. We love the NBA and NFL teams, and we know they love us so we must start by making life better. Our neighbor is whoever we can help in the world; we are not all Christians, but we know the story about the Samaritan in the Bible. I have decided to collect pictures of NFL and NBA players from the State of North Carolina and South Carolina to hang on the walls of my first housing academy building in Charlotte. Some people say I am too poor to dream this dream, but I walk by faith and not by sight, because when I look at where I live I must be truthful I am poor, but I have my song, Let us Stand up for the Man, on YouTube. My CD already made a get [inaudible] in Charlotte, and I claim and do have 21 songs, and I believe God is going to give me a supreme blessing. My only prayer is that I make enough money, so I can help some of my dreams come true. Words from a women who holds by the thread of faith asking God not to give up on me, and that is why I appeal to those of you who will encourage me and all of us not to ever stop trying to make the world a better place. I call myself the Jukebox Queen, because a jukebox plays all kinds of songs, and I am very proud tonight to leave one of tapes with the Mayor. All of you I want you to hear my song on YouTube, Let us Stand up for the Man, and that song is about Charlotte; it talks about the man and women who have clothes on their back. They have shoes on their feet, but they have no place to live. I was talking to a police officer out there, and I asked him, you want a pay increase? Why don't you ask the City to give you a housing voucher? But that was just jumping off my head. I think our officers are very important, and I want to speak about them. We want to keep them; we don't want them to leave us, but maybe sometimes they need to think that if I had \$66,000 I could live on that, but they are young people, so they don't understand, but one day they will see. Right now, I hope they get some type of increase. We don't want to see them leave; they are very good for the community. They know us all and God Bless Charlotte, and I love you Mayor.

Myeloma Awareness Month

Neta Caldwell, 225 Altondale Avenue said I have multiple myeloma, and that is why I was a little slow getting down the steps. I am a three-year survivor and member of the Sandy Hurst Charlotte Area Multiple Myeloma support group. Some of you might not be familiar with Myeloma, even though it is the second most commonly diagnosed blood cancer in the world. Myeloma is a cancer of the plasma cells and at this point incurable. Plasma cells are white blood cells that produce infection fighting antibodies, which fight disease and infection. Myeloma cells prevent the normal production of antibodies thereby leaving your body's immune system, as you can see, weakened and susceptible to infection. Today over 100,000 Americans are living with Myeloma; 31,000 new cases are expected to be diagnosed in 2018, and 13,000 expected to die. Closer to home amazingly prior to 2013, there was not a single Myeloma specialist in the City of Charlotte, and no adult stem cells transplants were being performed. For treatment patients have to travel to Duke or to Emory in Atlanta. Today however, the story is completely different led by the Levine Cancer Institute, where there are five fulltime Myeloma specialist treating 2,700 Myeloma patients. In addition, over 135 Myeloma patients have had stem cell transplants in Durham. Still, the problem of early diagnosis exists; training of General Practitioners is ongoing; bringing awareness to the public. It is extremely crucial and today's proclamation is an important step in that direction. Thank you so much for your help in bringing awareness to Myeloma.

Mayor Lyles said I just want to say as a cancer survivor myself, that I have great respect and admiration for people that every day not only take care of themselves and do their very best but begin to reach out to serve others to make sure their experience is as positive as possible so thank you very much.

Police Activity at Latrobe Drive

Sue DuChanois, 5852 Coatbridge Lane said so, here we are again talking about Latrobe. A year ago CMPD, Major Ann Cornburg informed us that the City would enforce all parties involved a state statute that says no person shall willfully stand, sit, or lie on the highway or street in such a manner as to impede the regular flow of traffic. The definition of impede, according to Marion Webster, is to interfere with or slow down the progress of. Evidentially, our attorneys have created a different definition of impede and instructed the police, to allow protestors to enter the street, wave down cars, touch, hold onto the vehicles, place hands, and heads into the vehicle thus impeding traffic at will. Now, let me give credit where credit is due; after my last e-mail to you, the Sergeant in charge did get out of his car to instruct the impeded driver to either pull over or move on if there is another car behind. We appreciate that, because that is some progress, but is it consistent with the meaning of the law. Unfortunately, two steps forward, one step back. Last Saturday, a driver not associated with any clinic volunteer, pulled around a stopped car and the protestors who were standing in the street who had stopped the car so that she could get to her destination. One protestor had the audacity to accuse the woman of trying to hit him. The complaint that the police did dutifully investigate, so let's apply a little logic here. Protestors stand in the street help impede traffic and create a safety hazard. The driver attempts to go around the stopped vehicle, the protestor complains about his safety to the police, so the police question the driver instead of telling the protestor to get his backside out of the street. Talk about a classic case of blaming the victim. I know that things aren't simple, but aren't we really making this harder than it needs to be. Where is the compelling argument that these protestors must go into the street to stop cars to have their voices heard? There is none. The better argument is that these protestors create a safety hazard to themselves and to drivers. I've expressed before that I'm concerned about selective enforcement in this issue, and I'm not going to go into that tonight, so here is my question. Where is the CMPD leadership since Major Cornberg retired? Who is responsible for providing clear and consistent vision on how the law is to be enforced? From the point of view of the volunteers out there, there isn't any clear and consistent enforcement. As I said in my e-mails to you last month, I fully support top pay and benefit for our Police Department. It is a tough job, and we need the best and the brightest; on the other hand, for top compensation we expect top leadership and performance and here is my request. To those of you who are text advocates, is there not some technology we can use to clear up this situation somehow? Right now, we've got five police officers sitting in their cars every Saturday, so we need to take a look at this.

Charlotte Chapter of the Democratic Socialists of America

Adam Suprock, 19846 Deer Valley Drive, Cornelius said I just want to thank this Council for letting me speak; I'm very grateful and thankful. I realize that the ability to speak for and against local governments is a right that not a lot of people have in the world, so I don't want to take that for granted. I am a member of the Democratic Socialist of America, and I would like to highlight who the Democratic Socialist of America are. At 3,200, members we are the largest socialist organization in the US. We are an activist organization, not a political party. We fight for economy based on social needs and democratic values. Today, I come to speak before the Council regarding the Republican National Convention in Charlotte. We know who will be coming, and it won't be a surprise. They will run President Trump again for a second term, and this can be expected. In August 2017, this City Council body failed to affirm a bold resolution denouncing neo-Nazis as fascist on the grounds that the resolution was too political. Of course the Council may have slightly changed since then however clearly that same body, the President of the United States has not. President Trump spoke of Charlottesville murder of Heather Hair saying their quote good people on both sides. Many times do speakers come before this Council, and the Council's response is simply we don't have authority, or there isn't anything we can do about that, but with the invitation to the Republican Party to hold their Convention in Charlotte where we work, play and live; the Council puts their stamp of approval on President Trump. What we had is a Charlotte resolution condemning white supremacy deeming too political but an invitation to people who wink and nod their racism is not. In 2016,

Charlotte began its always welcome campaign is intended as a catalyst in uniting our community and reminding the world that we are a place that supports, celebrates all of visit, work, live and play here. We are a place open for business, embrace and promotes diversity, inclusion and quality and knows that our differences makes us stronger. Now, whether it is the Muslim travel ban or Mexican border law, President Trump has made it clear the values of Charlotte's always welcome campaign are not those of his Presidency. The Trump Administration has targeted many of our minority communities. I urge this Council to stand with those communities, not within the administration who seeks to destroy them. Now, it could be said if we truly want to be welcome then we should welcome everyone regardless if you agree with this. Now, I say to this you cannot truly be welcoming if you welcome those who seek to keep out others and finally the reason I am disappointed at the Council is because the Council is making the same pitch to have the Republican National Convention in Charlotte that was made now that President Trump made on the campaign trail jobs, nor the racism, nor the hatred, nor the bigotry. You need to ignore all of that and just focus on the jobs, so I ask the Charlotte City Council to reconsider their offer to hold the Republican National Convention because it is opposite what the Council has done in the past re Charlottesville and pertain itself to be re always welcome, and I ask them to stand in solidarity who the Trump Administration has targeted having the Convention here goes against nature of the City that we want to be.

Police Retention

Shirley Hines, 12710 Settlers Path Lane said I have been a resident of Charlotte since 2008. I've been very involved with the CMPD, so today I stand before you in support of an increase for CMPD. What I've heard tonight is that there are school shootings that have taken place in our country; there is a drug epidemic in our country. There are traffic jams that block the streets here in Charlotte; there are events that are planned to be hosted here in Charlotte. Our first responders for all of these events are the CMPD, and I think they deserve an increase. I don't only stand here as a citizen that is not involved; I'm a recent graduate on the Police Citizen's Academy. I spent one day in the life of a police officer; that is a job I could not do if I had five bodies and two heads. The job that they did and I was able to take a ride along with an amazing young woman, who is a police officer; her first concern was my safety the entire time. I asked for one of the most troubled divisions, which was North Tryon. We serviced the Sugar Creek area, and I watched this lady go from being a counselor to a 15-year old to a peace maker between a store owner and a resident of the neighborhood. I watched her express her emotions as we took a remembrance of two officers that were gunned down 10-years ago. I watched her snap out of that as we took back to the streets to chase criminals in her vehicle, and the whole time her concern was for me. I say today their jobs, they can never be paid for what they do, and it is just like our teachers, but I would say if you have never taken a ride along with any of these officers to see what they do in the course of one day, we did a 10-hour shift and there was barely time for lunch in that shift, but I appreciate it. That officer was Officer Casey Shue. She was recently shot, and I can't imagine when it is time for her to retire and she doesn't have any healthcare. If that injury was to plague her over during her retirement, it is our responsibility. Every day she gets up to put her life on the line for us, and I stand here, and I say black lives matter, because I'm a supporter, but I'm also a supporter of our blue lives; they do matter. I will say to you thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak, but I support the guys in blue, and I think raise should be in progress.

Social and Economic Mobility in Charlotte

Raibhar Pachalla, 6405 Creola Road said I like all of you have seen the Harvard Study placing us 50 out of 50 cities for social mobility. I know that Charlotte has assembled a task force to tackle this, and one of their recommendations was for more affordable housing, which is why I was a bit disappointed to see your Council vote to approve zoning for two developments that did not stipulate that they would definitely include affordable housing. I feel that is back tracking on this commission's recommendation, and I know that the Charlotte City Council can't officially base their decisions off of the cost for this housing, but I do know that it is within the City of Charlotte's power to stipulate that these developers create development that essentially allow for affordable housing. My question to you is why didn't you do that in this case and what would you do in the future to make sure that more development in Charlotte includes affordable housing?

Mayor Lyles said that is a really good question that we can tell you can't stipulate developers do that; we only incent, help finance, locate. Those are words that are all very important, and I want you to know that every member of this Council is struggling with how to best respond to that, and I think we can get you some additional information about what we can do and that you can be a part of that discussion. I think tomorrow at noon there is going to be a Committee meeting of the Housing and Neighborhood Development Committee where they are going to talk about the housing strategy. I know that you are here tonight, but if you have time at 2:00 p.m. tomorrow to come in and learn more about our strategy; the Committee that is working on it is doing that.

Eastland Property

A. Chris Bakis, 65101 Idlebrook Drive said I heard on the news today that the City Council is going to address the Eastland Mall Property tonight; that is what WBT Radio said, and of course I didn't find out until after I got in here, that it was actually an afternoon Committee meeting of some sort which I missed out on. I have been active in east Charlotte for 12 to 15-years, and I can honestly say with one exception 100% of the time if the people of east Charlotte ask for something, we are told no. If we ask not to have something we are told you are going to get it anyway; 100% of the time with one exception, and that was when the City Council who Mr. Mitchell was on. The only current member that was on that Board voted to buy the Eastland property for the purpose of helping east Charlotte to use as a seed for an anchor for economic development. When the issue of the school that is being built there came up, Ann Clark, former Superintendent of CMS as well as Pat Mumford stood in front of an audience, we were talking about, instead of building this new school on the Eastland property which was promised to us that you should rebuild Albemarle Road Elementary School, since that is the main target of trying to get relief to just like you rebuilt Idlewild and McClintock Middle. Ann Clark and Pat Mumford stood there and said we cannot do that because that is going to be for grades K through eight, and that would mean building those buildings at two-story. Low and behold that new school is all two-story. My point is this; the City staff intentionally lied in order to get their way and shut the people up. That is the Charlotte way. I'm here to ask about Eastland; this Council, not this specific one, but the history of this Council is when City staff differs from the public, the Council tends to go with City staff even though it is not the City staff that elected you people. You need to listen to the people that elected you when it comes to Eastland Mall, not the City staff.

ZONING HEARINGS

ITEM NO. 10: HEARING ON PETITION NO. 2017-191 BY CHARLIE MARKEY FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING FOR APPROXIMATELY 2.44 ACRES LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF HAWKINS STREET AND RAMPART STREET EAST OF SOUTH TRYON STREET FROM I-2 (GENERAL INDUSTRIAL) TO TOD-M (TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT – MIXED USE)

Mayor Lyles declared the hearing open.

Kent Main, Planning said it is about 2.5 acres located at Rampart Street and Hawkins Street; the site is represented in yellow on the map in front of you. The blue line you see not too far away from there is the light rail line. For orientation there is the Spectrum Apartment Buildings which is the large building right next to it and the Sycamore Brewing, which is also right there. This particular site is occupied by two buildings; it is the former home of Lenny Boy Brewing, before they moved to larger quarters, so it is two one-story buildings. They are proposing transit oriented development mixed use. The South End Transit Station Area Plan, the purple area that represents the transit station area that is suitable for transit oriented development, and you will see the property pretty much all the way around it have been rezoned for transit oriented development already. This particular site would be a straight up rezoning to TOD that would allow the existing buildings to remain in use or it would allow for them to be replaced with more appropriate buildings. The South End Transit Station Area Plan does recommend this area for TOD; it is within a half-mile walk of the East/West Station, and the industrial building that exists would be allowed to continue in use or it would be replaced and the

standards that we normally apply to TOD would provide for most of the things that we need to happen in the future.

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

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ITEM NO. 11: HEARING ON PETITION NO. 2017-193 BY MAZEN CHAKRA FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING FOR APPROXIMATELY 4.61 ACRES LOCATED WEST OF PLAZA ROAD EXTENSION, EAST OF I-485 AT THE MECKLENBURG/CABARRUS COUNTY LINE FROM R-3 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-8MF (MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL).

Mayor Lyles declared the hearing open.

Kent Main, Planning said this is a little bit over 4.5 acres and is at the far eastern edge of our jurisdiction, and you can see on the map I-485, this is outside the I-485 corridor along Plaza Road Extension, which essentially separates our jurisdiction from Cabarrus County just further to the east. Not shown just north of the map you see is Rocky River Road, and there is a parcel in Cabarrus County in that location with a supermarket, a drug store, a small cluster of retail activity. Other than that, Plaza Road Extension is a pretty rural road at present. The site is a part of the Rocky River Area Plan, which calls for residential at eight units per acre or there about, and that is what their proposal is for. The site is outside the jurisdiction of our sewer and water authorities, so they would be reliant upon getting that taken care probably with a hook up into Cabarrus County, which is typical of what has happened on some of our areas that are immediately adjacent to Cabarrus County. It is consistent with the Rocky River Area Plan that recommends residential usage at eight units per acre. It does back up to I-485, so that makes it a little bit better for multifamily than for single family. It would also serve as a transition between some of the more rural acreage and that retail center.

Councilmember Mayfield said I'm trying to get clarification off of a comment you just made. This is outside of our jurisdiction and what staff is recommending is approval, but we don't have any authority or control over how they are going to have their sewer and water.

Mr. Main said that is correct, because it is outside of I-485 we've got nothing over there really, so it would be up to the petitioner to make arrangements to hook up with the Cabarrus County side. Again, as I said that is the way that it has been handled in other areas where we are across the watershed, across outside of where our sewer and water services are essentially available.

Ms. Mayfield said if moving forward and we know that within the City limits we are not at the point where we are running into capacity issues now but I'm just wondering moving forward shouldn't we make sure that the petitioner already has that piece done before you bring it to Council for Council to approve a rezoning.

Mr. Main said it is up to them to make that arrangement, and without that they will not be able to build, but that would not restrict us from moving forward with a land use or a zoning change.

Councilmember Ajmera said I had the same question as Ms. Mayfield, so the way I understand this is the location of the site is about 600-feet away from the boundary where we provide water services. Could you talk a little bit about the process? So, the developer if they decide to use our services they would pay for the 600-feet?

Mr. Main said I assume that could happen.

Ms. Ajmera is there someone who could answer that question?

Mr. Main said I don't believe we do.

Mayor Lyles said what was your question again?

Ms. Ajmera said my question is if they wanted to get service from Charlotte Water and they are 600-feet away from the service location would they actually pay for that extension. That is what I was told so I just wanted to confirm that.

Tammie Keplinger, Planning said there is a possibility that they could do that; there are other possibilities like Mr. Main spoke about. They could also see about connection to lines in Cabarrus County; it would be whichever the developer decided to do. Most of the time when people come before us with rezonings this level of detail we at least know where the water and sewer lines are. Since this is a conventional request, they haven't provided any additional information. They will have to have water and sewer before they will be able to develop, so if they are not able to get it they will not be able to develop the property in accordance with the R-8.

Ms. Ajmera said regarding tree save and I understand this is outside of the City limits and its get sort of complicated as a result and the tree ordinance does not apply, so what measurers do we have to protect mature trees on a site like this, considering that our tree ordinance doesn't apply to this site?

Ms. Keplinger said our understanding after talking to staff today is, the tree ordinance does apply in the ETJ. We may need to get back with you on that just for clarification and to let you know exactly what would happen.

Ms. Ajmera said in the notes here it says it does not apply, so I just wanted to confirm that. I would appreciate a follow up response to that before we vote on it next month.

Mr. Main said we will have an answer for you.

Ms. Ajmera said if the answer is no, I would like us to look into other measurers and that may not be associated specifically with rezoning but on a separate topic for saving our tree canopy.

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.

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ITEM NO. 12: HEARING ON PETITION NO. 2017-196 BY RI CHARLOTTE PROPERTY, LP FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING FOR APPROXIMATELY 2.5 ACRES LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF NORTH TRYON STREET, SOUTH OF EAST W. T. HARRIS BOULEVARD FROM O-6(CD) (OFFICE, CONDITIONAL) TO MUDD-O (MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT, OPTIONAL).

Mayor Lyles declared the hearing open.

Tammie Keplinger, Planning said this property is located on North Tryon Street; this is the University Hospital. This is McCullough Drive, and this is the McCullough Station on the Blue Line Extension. The request is a little bit unusual; this is a case where, because of road widening based on the Blue Line Extension, the property has been put into non-conformity in several ways. The petitioner has voluntarily come in and said they want to correct those non-conformities by applying for rezoning, so the request they are asking for is to go from O-6(CD), which is an office district that was in our old ordinance prior to 1993, to MUDD-O, mixed use optional and the options are related to all the non-conformities. When we look at the University City Area Plan that was adopted in 2015, this area is slated for office, retail, and hotel land uses. The petition is consistent with the area plan; it is to correct the non-conformities that were caused by the road widening based on the Blue Line Extension and the zoning changes will eliminate the current non-conformities, so staff is recommending approval.

Sean Mayo, 6730 Freedom Drive said I'm just representing the petitioner, and I don't need to speak unless anyone has any questions.

Councilmember Winston said it says a meeting is required but nobody attended. I was wondering what kind of methods of advertising this meeting were used.

Ms. Keplinger said the petitioners are all given the information that we use for notification, and it is based on North Carolina State Law and on the Council’s adopted policy. It is notification to any property owner that owns property within 300-feet and any neighborhood organization within one mile that is registered with us. We also put signs on the property; it is also on our website, and an ad is also put in the newspaper.

Councilmember Phipps said I think this is pretty straight forward petition; it is only to correct the non-conforming condition as a result of widening of the Blue Line Extension that came through that way. It is just a way to get back into compliance.

Motion was made by Councilmember Phipps, seconded by Councilmember Mayfield, and carried unanimously to close the public hearing.

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ITEM NO. 13: HEARING ON PETITION NO. 2017-197 BY WODA GROUP, INC. FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING FOR APPROXIMATELY 7.05 ACRES LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF SOUTH TRYON STREET, NORTH OF SHOPTON ROAD WEST FROM R-3 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-12MF(CD) MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL, CONDITIONAL).

Mayor Lyles declared the hearing open.

Tammie Keplinger, Planning said this property is located on South Tryon Street just southwest of the CMC Steele Creek, the Crossing at Steele Creek which is an Assisted Living Nursing Home facility located across the street and a little further down York Road is the River Gate development. The property is located right in the middle or a little bit northeast of the Birnamwood Lane. The request is to go from R-3 single family to R-12 multi-family residential, conditional. The request is for 72 multi-family units at a density of 10.21 units per acre. The maximum height of the any of the buildings will be three-stories or 48-feet. They propose community buildings, playgrounds, a tot lot, and a covered picnic area as some of their amenities. The site provides access from Tryon Street and you can see on the map there is one public street in and then there will be another public street that bisects the property to the rear, and that will provide for future connections to the adjacent residential property. In addition, there is a landlocked parcel that is not part of this property, but they also provide an easement. There is an existing easement to that property, and I think it may be reconfigured a little bit as part of this rezoning.

The petitioner is proposing buffers along the adjacent residential property lines with the exception of the southwestern property line; because there is a public street here a buffer is not required. The petition also specifies building materials and other design commitments. The Steele Creek Area Plan, which was adopted in 2012, recommends this area for up to eight dwelling units per acre. This is the first property within this green area which is recommended for eight units per acre and it is actually taking advantage of this opportunity and proposed to rezone. In terms of the staff recommendation the density is greater than eight units per acre, so staff could recommend approval of this plan if they bring the density down to meet the eight units per acre. Also, we believe that they need a visual barrier for the residential properties that are located to the southwest of this site. Staff recommends approval upon the resolution of those outstanding issues, because it is consistent with the residential land use recommendation for the area. It is close to Rivergate, and it will support the City Council’s connectivity goals by providing public streets and future street connections.

CJ Tyree, 191 Main Street said I am with the Woda Group; we were formed in 1990, and we develop workforce multi-family housing in 13 states. Since being formed in 1990, we have developed over 320 of these types of properties. We are consistently in the top 10 developers in the country for this type of product and we are long-term members of the community so we manage over 13,000 units that we have developed in our 28-year history. We are required to be in the ownership of these properties for at least 15-years, but as I said we have been around 28-years, and we only very sold our ownership in one property, so we are committed to

being a member of the community. We are actually forming an office here in Charlotte for our construction division, so we are committed to being long-term responsible owners of this property, and we will be the ones maintaining it and managing it day to day. Like I said, we don't sell properties that we develop.

This is the area that was shown before, and I want to highlight a couple things. One of the things that we think is very attractive about this site for workforce housing is the proximity to the intersection of South Tryon Street and Steele Creek. As people probably know, Rivergate Shopping Center with 50 retail establishments including a Super Target sits at that intersection. There is a Harris Teeter at that intersection; there is a Publix at that intersection. There are five pharmacies at that intersection and just off the intersection about 1.1 mile from the entrance of our site is a library and a middle school, so we think of that in both terms, in terms of amenities for our residents to be able to have easy access to the community and to services that are available to them. We also think of it as amenity for people who work in these services fields to have a place to live that is close to their work. We are proposing 72 units, which are 18 one-bedroom, 36 two-bedroom, and 18 three-bedroom units. I think most people here are aware of a stat that came out in 2016 showing that 44.2% of Charlotte renters pay at least 30% of their income to rent, and at that time 21% of renters pay at least 50% of their income to rent. The way we size rent is basically to 30% of people's income so all of our units will be affordable to people at 30% of their income. For this market, that is people making up to about \$45,000 per year. We've had a market study done for this project and the market area that the market analyst developed 38.2% of households in this market area are at or below \$50,000 per year in income so we are servicing a large population that already exists that lives in this area. The nearest affordable housing project to this is 4.6 miles away, so this is an area with a lot of growth, a lot of amenities. The zip code that we abut is one of the fastest selling zip codes in the country, and it goes 31st in the country. This is an area where people want to live, and there is a lot of growth, and there is a lot of demand and there are a lot of amenities, but there is not a lot of affordable housing here; like I said the nearest one is almost five miles away.

We are going to have amenities on site including a club house that will have a community room, indoor, and outdoor spaces for people to have events and socialize within the community. We will have outdoor spaces for each unit including outdoor storage areas; we will have washers and dryers, so it will have a lot of basic amenities available to the tenants.

Touching on a couple of the staff comments; the density is the biggest issue as she had mentioned. The area plan calls for eight units per acre, and we are proposing about 10 units per acre. We don't see that as a very big stretch, and frankly we need the density to make the economics of this affordable housing project work, so our ask is that the need for affordable housing in this area outweigh the slight increase in density that we are requesting. One of the other comments from staff, our public road as you can see ends here and then tees with this cross street. There was a "should" comment that we should continue this public road further down to our property line. We think that is fairly onerous for an affordable housing project to pay for that cost when it doesn't service our residents at all. The future connectivity that it is talking about, there is a road down here that you can't see that stubs here, and there is a road up here that stubs. Our position that this could be connected in the future for connectivity, or this parcel here we are working with them to allow for the public road to be extended through their site if that future demand is required. Again, our position is that this road isn't required, and it is really not an efficient use, and frankly I don't think the neighbors back here want it either. It brings a public road closer to their front door, and they prefer to have the longer driveway here. I think one of the other comments was about showing the calculation for tree save; we will do that and we don't anticipate any problems with that. There are a lot of trees in this area that we don't intent to impact at all. In terms of comments we received, I think that was all or most of them.

Keith MacVean, 100 North Tryon Street said the comment was the configuration of parking on the public street that is parallel to South Tryon Street that has reverse angle. There was a request that we convert part of that to parallel parking. We actually would like to maintain angle parking as allowed by City development standards for streets, so we will leave the angle parking as our preference.

Mr. Tyree said the one other thing I did want to mention because I know this has come up in the past; it is part of our request to have the density slightly higher than what the area plan calls for. We are adding to our site plan a requirement on the actual rezoning that these units will be designated as workforce housing units for residents at or below 60% of area median income for at least 30-years. We will commit to that in the rezoning application itself when we submit the new paperwork in the next couple of days.

Michelle Sanchez, 14619 Birnamwood Lane said I did past out a handout, and I'll be going through that. Allow me to show you my home, talk about the concerns with the upcoming development, and present solutions. Welcome to Southwest Charlotte on page 1; this shows an overview of the current zoning in the area. Blue is single-family residential; my land is highlighted in yellow and has a black arrow pointing to it. Please take note of the lot sizes near my house. My concerns are one, to maintain the low density integrity of this most graveled road called Birnamwood Lane. My second concern is the lack of a buffer on actually three sides of my property affected by current rezoning projects with the Council. My third concern is the rezoning leaves 162 apartments which surrounds my 2.8 acres that I call home. Page 2: this shows the two current zoning projects that touch three sides of my property. I invite you to visit Birnamwood Lane; it is a mostly graveled road that is a dead-end street full of homes on at least one acre of land. Living in a little piece of the country makes it worthwhile when you are trying to pull onto South Tryon Street at 7:30 in the morning and the speed limit is 55 mph and then trying to come back down into southwest Charlotte between 5:00 and 6:00 p.m.

My question for Council is are you considering the area and looking at the bigger picture? Woda wants to put low-income housing where we don't even currently offer bus service or have sidewalks. The apartments need to be closer to the Rivergate Shopping Center, not near Youngblood Road. Put low income house on a current bus route where sidewalks are. I'm speaking to you as someone who has worked very hard to get everything that they have. I'm a single mom, and please don't take my home away from me. Page 3 of my presentation shows the country feel and privacy that I have currently at my house. The top left picture shows you a two-story home; well, since the house is more than I can afford, because I would qualify for low income housing, to make ends meet my two boys and I currently live in the bottom level of this home, which is a one bedroom apartment that is 912 square feet. I rent out the top which is a three bedroom, two bath 1,800 square feet. The top middle picture, as you can see the view looking up my driveway, that house sitting at the top of that driveway is actually in the zoning for ending in 112, and there would be 90 apartments sitting at the top of my driveway. The top right is the view down to my barn, the bottom left is the view looking down from my mailbox, and the bottom right is the upstairs country kitchen.

On page 4 list concerns with the upcoming development, which are the Woda offers low income housing. I currently rent my three-bedroom, two bath upper level of my house for \$1,325 per month, which has been a rental since December of 2008. Woda will rent a three-bedroom, two bath for \$970, running me out of business. My barn, I can see people wanting to get curious and get to know the surroundings, and should they go down to my barn and have an accident that leaves me with a huge liability on my hands, and my house is very close to their property line, and they public road which does not allow for a buffer. The top left picture also shows how much space is really the easement to my property. It is about two-feet. Is that what is considered to be an acceptable buffer to 72 new neighbors?

Please turn to page 5; how is rezoning affecting my house value? What is my house worth? The best comp that I found is priced \$100,000 more than my current house is on the market for. The difference are three things; I have 1.06 acres more than them. They have 598 square feet more than me, and they are in Fort Mill, but you can't find 2.8 acres with no HOA around in this area. Now, just like CJ said, this is clearly a seller's market and my house has been on the market since February 22, 2018 with zero showings.

Page 6: I have included an aerial view of my property so you can see where my house sits and how close I am to this public access road that is coming in right behind my house. The red circle indicates an approximate location of my barn. The last two pages show the little to no buffer on each of these rezoning projects, and I strongly feel no consideration has been given to my home being the literal meat in the sandwich of these rezoning projects. In closing, I ask you would you like 162 new neighbors touching three sides of your property? How about the traffic that goes along with that? Please give me a break; I need to maintain the integrity of my

house, Birnamwood Lane. Do not approve these rezoning projects. This is way too much density for the area. Instead of just pointing out to you what not to do, here are my solutions for you. Rezone for homes that can be purchased and consider putting a CMS high school on that 30 acres, and I would just ask you to do the right thing.

Stephen Massa, 14626 Brotherly Lane said I appreciate the good work that you do and the thoroughness with which you approach these things. I regret I don't have as much time as I need but my interests are quite different from those of CJ and Ms. Sanchez. I am concerned with the rezoning transportation analysis which by its specificity calls for that piece of property with the road going to our community generations, which is mentioned in this zoning application, as a future issue. I wonder why and how this extension into our community became part of this zoning issue, when in fact that single parcel which is between the rezoning proposal and our development is a very lovely piece of property for which a number of people bid to have homes right next to it. In this transportation analysis, it is calling for a future connection to existing Generation Street, which is a 22-foot road which has 17 homes, and I presume maybe 30 cars and 60 travels per day. It is incapable of having the full effect or even a partial effect of the 560 trips per day that were spelled out, and yet at the same time not necessarily encouraged by CJ in his plan. The piece of property that is in the middle of Generation Street and Petition No. 197 is not a part of this rezoning issue and should not be such that we would want to deal with this until it becomes an actual rezoning in itself.

In rebuttal Mr. Tyree said I think we agree with Mr. Massa, and that is what I previewed earlier; we don't want to extend our road into that other or even to the property line at this time, but we are providing access for a future consideration. I do want to address of the comments Ms. Sanchez raised. She talked about density, and I would say that we are generally consistent with the area plan; we are asking for 10 units per acre. The plan is for eight, and that incorporates a larger area than just this parcel. She had talked about sidewalks and bus stops; there is a plan, and I think maybe the City can maybe expand on this, but the sidewalk is actually funded and ready to be constructed as I understand it in the next year before we would get to doing our project. There is a bus stop in front of the hospital, which is .6 miles away from our entrance, so we will have sidewalk connectivity to the bus stop in front of the hospital before our project comes on line. I want to talk a little bit about the buffer; we've had several conversations with Ms. Sanchez about how to manage this, and we are willing to work with her whether it is fencing, landscaping or whatever the appropriate response is here. Our challenge has been, there is a public right-of-way right up to the property line and our road will actually reconfigure; the drive-way right now is pretty close to that property line as the picture you saw showed. When we put our road in it will actually create about a 20-foot strip between the end of her property line and the beginning of the pavement, so it will shift it a little further away from the property line, but as I understand it we can't put a fence in that right-of-way, but we have discussed with Ms. Sanchez building a fence on her property to help screen and provide safety in terms of that road being in her backyard. We are willing to work in whatever manner we need to do to provide screening and safety issues on that property line.

Councilmember Bokhari said first to the folks that came out, especially Ms. Sanchez thank you so much for coming back. I know that was difficult, and we owe it to you to have a conversation amongst ourselves as it relates to how we set our timelines in these things going forward so folks like you who had to get childcare to come spend an entire night with us and then have to wait and come back don't have to go through that again if possible, so we do appreciate you for that. Just a real simple question for staff on this one, you know I'm on my campaign to figure out how staff recommendations for approval versus denial occur. So, based on what we just heard and the petitioner saying that this is at the level of 10 units per acre as low as it can go to make this viable. Assuming over the next 30-days or less nothing of that changes, can I expect that while there may be other considerations for us to have staff will not be in support of this because it is above eight?

Ms. Keplinger said that is correct.

Councilmember Phipps said South Tryon Street is a major thoroughfare, so I guess this question is directed to the staff. For this particular petition if were approved, where would the crosswalks be if someone wanted to cross the street over that busy South Tryon Street? Is it signalized at the intersection of Birnamwood Lane; is there a light there? Has any

consideration been given to how pedestrians could safely cross that street; is there a refuse island or anything being contemplated of how do you get to the other side?

Joanna Quinn, Transportation said there isn't currently a pedestrian refuse proposed along with this rezoning. There is a median on South Tryon Street which opens up possibilities for pedestrian crossings in the future. Right now, the best options are the signal at Shopton Road West.

Mr. Phipps said that is further down isn't it?

Ms. Quinn said it is further down, and there is also a signal at Steele Creek.

Mayor Lyles said you said at Shopton Road; how far is it? Is it a half mile, quarter mile?

Ms. Quinn said I don't know.

Councilmember Egleston said the distance from your site to Shopton Road where there is a lighted signal was was I think they were hoping to get an answer to there.

Mr. Tyree said I can tell you it is .8 miles to the intersection at Steele Creek, which is quite a bit further, so my guess is it is about a quarter mile, and I would say if you are going to be walking you are going toward Steele Creek, so you are going to cross at Steele Creek where all the retail is or at the hospital where there is a light, so most of where you would be walking is to the northeast of here, and there are opportunities to cross at those points.

Mr. Egleston said my other question is for staff which is to comment on and confirm what was said about the timeline for the sidewalk buildout.

Ms. Keplinger said there is a note on the site plan that acknowledges that the City is in the process of doing improvements along South Tryon Street, and if at the time that this property is developed those improvements have not been made then the petitioner will contribute the cost of the sidewalks to that program. They will not necessarily pay for them but be done in a way that they don't have to be ripped out and replaced later.

Councilmember Harlow said Mr. Tyree just mentioned the conversation you all have been having around possible fence on your property; is it your assertion that you just don't want us to approve this because of density or if this fence got built and you are okay with that that would be sufficient since you seem to be the immediate affected property owner?

Ms. Sanchez said my first choice would be not to approve it since it is a direct competition, and I'm a landlord also, and I can't compete with them. They are running me out of business, and I would probably go into foreclosure. If I have to put up a fence, I've asked for a six-foot vinyl fence. They have asked to give an aluminum fence with bars, so that it doesn't appear to be private, and again where is the buffer? Where are the trees? He is saying 20-feet, but he is not willing to build any trees on his land so that means everything is going to come into my land. Okay, a fence on my land, trees on my land, and he comes all the way down and all the way to the right of my property so that is a lot of fencing to do and a lot of coverage to do. I'm totally against this project 100%.

Councilmember Mayfield said Ms. Keplinger, can you show on the map exactly where are we proposing the sidewalk to start and end? Steele Creek is a good distance between where this is located is located and Shopton Road West where there is actual lights, so what are we talking about putting a sidewalk?

Ms. Keplinger said that is a sidewalk project, and we do not know the beginnings and the limits of it at this time but we will –

Ms. Mayfield interrupted to say we haven't even identified where the sidewalks are going to go yet?

Ms. Quinn said it is a programmed project; I just don't know the limits of it.

Ms. Mayfield said that information is going to be helpful, because we need to know exactly what we are talking about, because questions were raised this evening regarding accessibility and connectivity, because across the street is the Fire Department. It is two lanes on each side with a median in the middle. I'm also wondering why one of the outstanding issues didn't compensate for a differential in the buffer. When I was looking at this piece originally, I did not notice that there was a residential so close to this property line. I'm trying to understand why that was not a concern for staff.

Ms. Keplinger said regarding the buffer for the adjacent property?

Ms. Mayfield said correct.

Ms. Keplinger said it is one of our outstanding issues.

Ms. Mayfield said how far of a buffer was staff asking for and it is running the full length?

Ms. Keplinger said yes ma'am, the full length of her property line or any residential property line actually that is adjacent to the public street A as shown on the site plan.

Ms. Mayfield said what were we asking for?

Mr. Keplinger said we recognize the fact that they are not required to do a buffer by ordinance, because it is a public street. We recognize that they have a limited amount of space; we did not specify what they needed to do but that they need to provide something, and I think that is something we felt could be worked out between Ms. Sanchez, the petitioner, and staff.

Ms. Mayfield said Ms. Sanchez mentioned that all of the potential improvements would be going on her land which would impact her land. Is there room for continued conversation regarding the type of fencing?

Mr. Tyree said yes.

Ms. Mayfield said there seemed to be a discussion where a certain type of fencing was requested, and that wasn't something that you all were interested in at this point.

Mr. Tyree said it is not that we weren't interested; we discussed various options, and I said our preference is black aluminum. We think it looks the best, and I wasn't aware that it was a firm, we want this, so we are willing to work on the material.

Ms. Mayfield said if a fence were to go up, if they were to come to an agreement and there is the fence; that land that is between the outside of the fence and the beginning of the multifamily, what happens, because unfortunately what I'm receiving a number of calls about lately is on projects that we approved and that no man's land in between where residential was and then a new multi-family development goes in, quite a bit of debris and trash and other things makes it way in that no man's land, and it is hard to depreciate who is in charge of keeping that area cleaned up. What happens with that space? Is that the responsibility of the multifamily owner?

Ms. Keplinger said if the fence is on the multi-family property owner's property and the debris is on their property, then they are responsible for it.

Ms. Mayfield said what we are talking about is a fence being on the residential owner's land, and I'm saying if there is debris on the outside of her land between that fence and the multifamily, who is responsible for that space?

Ms. Keplinger said if it is on the adjacent property owner's property, I would guess to say it is probably their responsibility. Mr. Hagemann might be able to provide more information on that.

Bob Hagemann, City Attorney said I think it depends exactly where the fence is placed. If it is right up against the property line the debris almost inherently would be on the multi-family property.

Ms. Mayfield said so the debris will become the responsibility of the multifamily?

Mr. Hagemann said if the fence is real close to the property line almost by definition the debris will be on the multi-family property and one is responsible for maintaining their own property.

Ms. Mayfield said when you look at where this road is being proposed and it was mentioned that the road is actually shifted from where the current dirt road is and if I'm looking at this on virtual Charlotte correctly if there were to be a fence where would the fence go? Is it going along this dirt road, or is it actually going along her grass area that has trees and other vegetation on it?

Mr. Tyree said it is a question we are willing to work with staff and Ms. Sanchez on. Our understanding is, if we put the fence on our property it would be in the right-of-way which we are not allowed to do. If we pull off of her property line and create a strip there that can create problems, especially later when the cross streets try to cross that strip of land, so we are willing to put it on our property line or on our property if that makes sense. We are willing to put it on her property if that makes sense; we want to do what works in terms of the City's requirements and what works for Ms. Sanchez. We are open to putting it just about anywhere frankly on that side of the street. We want to make sure we do it the right way per the City's requirements. With regards to the debris, we are going to take care of the debris that is on our side of the fence.

Ms. Mayfield said as of right now because of the density, staff is not in support of this petition request, but if there was to be a conversation of a fence where does staff see it going?

Ms. Keplinger said there are two issues that staff has; one is the density and one is some type of protection for the adjacent single family residential property, so both of those issues would need to be addressed.

Councilmember Winston is 60% AMI considered workforce housing or would that be low income affordable housing?

Ms. Keplinger said I don't know the answer to that; tonight is the first time that staff has heard about the affordability aspect of this. Pam Wideman is here, and she can probably answer that question for you.

Pam Wideman, Director of Housing and Neighborhood Services said 60% is known as affordable housing.

Councilmember Mitchell said to follow up on Ms. Mayfield's question, the two outstanding issues and one you said the density but the other question she asked was from a staff perspective, which side would the fence be on, their property or the homeowner's property?

Ms. Keplinger said the zoning ordinance does not require a buffer along that street, so there is nothing that requires it to be on the multifamily property. If there was something to be worked out between the property owner and the petitioner where the fence would be off site, then it would probably be something that would not be on the site plan for this rezoning; it would be something that would be worked out privately.

Mayor Lyles said I want to point out one thing and I'm not really familiar enough, and I know Ms. Mayfield would be able to address this, but on Page 39 you look at the current rezoning and you look at this parcel and the space between the proposal that is coming forward to us which is 30-acres of 254 units, you are just going to squeeze the residential out of there, and it just doesn't seem to me that it is appropriate if we are looking at this and we are going to say it is multifamily the investment. The folks that are going to be in a difficult position are those that maintain the single family between the petitions that we approved in 2016, 133, and 39 those are office and storage space, but look at what is coming. I don't quite know how we make these decisions, and it goes to how we deal with it. If you are at Shopton Road and on the next pages it says residential dwelling units under four and under eight and the section that is under review is under eight all of it, so I can understand how difficult this position could be for the property and how do we deal with something. It is awfully difficult when you are growing and people want to do the multifamily along a major thoroughfare like South Tryon is, when you have it and when do you get it to the place that it is either all there or not. I just can't

understand how that issue of having and the thought of the possibility of 200 plus units right next on the other side. I know that is not your concern, but I’m struggling with how this works.

Motion was made by Councilmember Mayfield, seconded by Councilmember Driggs, and carried unanimously to close the public hearing.

ITEM NO. 14: HEARING ON PETITION NO. 2017-198 BY WATERWALK REAL ESTATE SERVICES, LLC FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING FOR APPROXIMATELY 5.75 ACRES LOCATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF WEST ARROWOOD ROAD, WEST OF I-77 FROM BD(CD) (DISTRIBUTIVE BUSINESS CONDITIONAL) AND I-1 (LIGHT INDUSTRIAL) TO O-2(CD) (OFFICE, CONDITIONAL).

Mayor Lyles declared the hearing open.

Kent Main, Planning said this is 5.75 acres along West Arrowood Road, which is in the southwest portion of the City in the Westinghouse Industrial area. We are just to the west or past I-77, and you move on up Arrowood Road and Tryon Street just past there. It is at the entrance to Arrowpoint Boulevard, an industrial park development, and this is proposed for 160 units of extended stay hotel units and/or corporate housing. The maximum height is 60-feet, and it does include sidewalks along Arrowpoint Boulevard as well as a 12-foot trail along Arrowood Road. As you come into Arrowpoint Boulevard there is a series of office buildings, and it does include a new street connection which connects Arrowood Road into what is now essential a private road, but it looks and feels like a road back here that will provide actual access to this particular site. The future land use is for an industrial park or industrial type development or office and industrial development, and that is in the Southwest District Plan. It is also adjacent to some greenway land further to the south that is actually off the site of this particular property. Staff does recommend approval of this petition upon resolution of a few outstanding issues, in particular, just getting the site plan to match up with the notes. It is consistent with the Southwest District Plan for office as hotels are a part of office business park uses. It is located very close to the interchange and it does provide those sidewalks and connections.

Keith MacVean, Moore & Van Allen, 100 North Tryon Street said I am assisting WaterWalk Real Estate Services, LLC. I want to thank Kent and staff for their support. I will address the one outstanding issue; as Kent mentioned, the petition is consistent with the District Plan. The proposal is for up to 160 extended stay hotel rooms.

Motion was made by Councilmember Mayfield, seconded by Councilmember Ajmera, and carried unanimously to close the public hearing.

ITEM NO.15: HEARING ON PETITION NO. 2017-199 BY CRESCENT COMMUNITIES LLC FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING FOR APPROXIMATELY 3.50 ACRES BOUNDED BY EAST STONEWALL STREET, SOUTH TRYON STREET, SOUTH COLLEGE STREET AND EAST HILL STREET FROM UMUD (UPTOWN MIXED USE) AND UMUD-O (UPTOWN MIXED USE, OPTIONAL) TO UMUD-O (UPTOWN MIXED USE, OPTIONAL) AND UMUD-O SPA (UPTOWN MIXED USE, OPTIONAL, SITE PLAN AMENDMENT).

Mayor Pro Tem Julie Eiselt declared the hearing open

Tammie Keplinger, Planning said this property is located right in the uptown area; you can see it on South Hill Street, South Tryon Street and Stonewall Street. This is really a simple rezoning. Back several years ago in 2014, the site was petitioned for a future mixed use development, and what they are asking for tonight is an optional request to cantilever the building out as in their tree save area. This is the area we are talking about along Stonewall Street; the Council approved all the other plans. This is for 10-foot overhead encroachment into the 22-foot setback along Stonewall Street for the cantilevered building. So, what is a

cantilevered building? If you look in the building circle you can see the building face and then you can see how at the third level it comes out and then goes straight out; that is cantilevering. This is what the petitioner is wanting to do and the reason they have to ask for the optional request for this is because they are working within the setback, encroaching 10-feet into the 22-foot setback. This area is recommended for residential, office, and retail; the request is consistent with that. This accommodates a unique design for a new high rise building; it complete the Tryon Mall on the southern side of Tryon Street, and it enhances the pedestrian experience by providing street trees and 25-foot sidewalk that will include outdoor dining areas and it complies with the majority of the Tryon Streetscape elements.

Councilmember Eiselt said is it cantilevering over the tree save area; doesn't that impede the growth of the trees?

Ms. Keplinger said there is enough width there; there is 22-feet and they are only be cantilevering over 10 feet, so they still have another 12-feet to plant the trees.

Ms. Eiselt said so it doesn't impede the growth of the trees?

Ms. Keplinger said no ma'am.

Colin Brown, K & L Gages, 214 North Tryon Street said I am here on behalf of the petitioner, which is Crescent Communities, Inc. Joining me tonight is Doug Nicie with White Lodging, who would actually do the hotel development on the site. Tammie did a great job on the overview and most of you know this corner. This is the look at it today; it was all cleared about two weeks ago so the site is completely cleared. The zoning is in place to do just about everything; all this development is being developed under the current zoning. The only reason we are here is we requesting a little flexibility to provide a pretty innovative design to accommodate White Lodging's design. Tammie did a great job of describing the cantilever, and here is another 3-D view for you to look at; this is Stonewall Street, here is a 22-foot setback at the street level and this area is the cantilever, so you can kind of see the second and third floor jutting out over that gives a really nice design. I think the Urban Design staff has been pleased with it. This is another look with Stonewall on your left; you are looking down, and there are the street trees. We are not getting into that zone, but there is an extra wider walker zone here with the building cantilevered over.

Councilmember Egleston said I think this is pretty cut and dry, but I want to thank you. I think what they are bringing back to us is far more architecturally interesting than it would be without this cantilever element. I am now on a constant mission to try to compel people to be more provocative in their architecture. I think this is, and I'm appreciative of it.

Motion was made by Councilmember Driggs, seconded by Councilmember Harlow, and carried unanimously to close the public hearing.

ITEM NO. 16: HEARING ON PETITION NO. 2017-200 BY HORNET MOVING, LLC FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING FOR APPROXIMATELY 1.61 ACRES LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF WEST CRAIGHEAD ROAD, EAST OF NORTH GRAHAM STREET FROM I-1 (LIGHT INDUSTRIAL) TO I-2(CD) (GENERAL INDUSTRIAL, CONDITIONAL).

Mayor Lyles declared the hearing open.

Tammie Keplinger, Planning said this property is located on West Craighead Road. If you look real closely, you can see there is kind of a division line from this point west; these properties are mostly industrial, and from this point east the properties are residential. The request is to allow all uses in the I-1 district plus outdoor storage and truck parking. Access will be provided by a driveway on Craighead Road. The outdoor storage will be screened and the petitioner is dedicating the 100-foot SWIM buffer to Parks and Rec for greenway. Because this is industrial adjacent to residential, normally a 55-foot buffer would be required, but the zoning ordinance says that if you dedicate land to the greenway you don't have to do the buffer. We would normally get a 55-foot buffer but instead we are actually getting 100-feet that

is going to be dedicated to greenway so that is a plus for the greenway. The Central District Plan which was adopted in 1993; you can see clearly the demarcation between the industrial and the single family and multifamily residential with the greenway going through the middle. This property is actually colored a lighter color of brown, which is an indication for light industrial development along the parameter of the industrial section close to the residential but staff feels with the restriction on the uses that it is an appropriate transition. It is consistent with the Central District Plan recommendation for industrial and greenway; it prohibits the more intensive industrial uses and it dedicates the SWIM so staff is recommending approval.

Brittany Lins, 214 North Tryon Street said I represent the petitioner. Along with Colin Brown we have Blake Bruno representing the petitioner as well, Hornet Moving, LLC. Tammie did a great job of explaining the petitioner’s request; it is pretty simple. The property is currently zoned I-1, light industrial, and the petitioner is simply asking to be able to add the I-2 uses of outdoor storage and parking, along with the I-1 uses that are already permitted. The more intensive I-2 uses are specifically prohibited, and the petitioner is additionally committing to dedicate the entire 100-foot SWIM buffer to the greenway use. This is showing the industrial on the other side. I just wanted to briefly recognize Mr. Bruno here as a local Charlotte business owner; Hornet Moving is a Charlotte based company. It has been growing and expanding; it was originally in 2016 just one truck and one employee, and it has now grown to over 50 employees, and this petition would help it continue to expand and succeed.

Councilmember Egleston said I am always happy to see small local business growing and expanding, and I would like to thank the owner for contributing to our goal of building out our greenway network.

Motion was made by Councilmember Driggs, seconded by Councilmember Mayfield, and carried unanimously to close the public hearing.

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Mayor Lyles apologized for not recognizing the Zoning Committee at the beginning of the Zoning portion of the meeting and asked John Fryday, Chair of the Zoning Committee to introduce the Committee.

John Fryday, Chair of the Zoning Committee introduced the Zoning Committee and said the Committee will meet on Tuesday, April 3, 2018 at 5:30 in the Government Center to discuss and make recommendations to Council on the petitions that were heard tonight. The public is welcome at this meeting but it is not a continuation of the public hearings held tonight. Prior to that meeting you are welcome to contact us to provide input and you can find our contact information and information on each petition on the City’s website at charlotteplanning.org.

Mayor Lyles said Kelsey Anderson from Transportation is not here tonight but she was here last week. I believe that she is ready to return to her hometown in California. She has been a great advisor for us on transportation issues and I want to say Kelsey I know you are watching us at home but we want to say thank you; we appreciate your service and we are really glad that you get to be another Californian. I should be thanking her for her patience with us.

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ITEM NO. 17: CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

Sabrina Joy-Hogg, Deputy City Manager said I call your attention to the City Manager’s Memo at your seat for the next 30-days of agenda items and also remind you April 16th through 21st we will begin our crisis communication activities.

Mayor Lyles said we have the schedule in front of you and next week we have affordable housing update; our Committee Chair Reports, and we are going to have a Vision Zero update. I dare not say red light camera.

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ITEM NO. 18: AMEND THE 2018 CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

Motion was made by Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Driggs, and carried unanimously to approve the amendment to the 2018 City Council and Budget meeting Schedule to add the following meeting to the 2018 Meeting Schedule: April 30, 2018, 3:00 p.m. Legislative Action Review with the Mecklenburg County State Delegation, Charlotte-Douglas International Airport and the annual Chamber Inter City Visit has been scheduled for the following dates and location: June 20-22, 2018, Chamber Inter City Visit, Atlanta, Georgia.

ITEM NO. 19: APPROVAL OF THE REFUNDING OF WATER SEWER REVENUE BONDS AND REVENUE BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES

Motion was made by Councilmember Driggs and seconded by Councilmember Phipps, to (A) Adopt a bond order and resolution that makes certain Statements of Fact concerning the refunding of Water Sewer Revenue Bonds and Revenue Bond Anticipation Notes (BAN), (B) Provide for the issuance of Water Sewer Revenue Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$470 million to refund outstanding 2008 Revenue Bonds and 2015 BAN, and (C) Authorize City Officials to take necessary actions to complete the financing, including making the application to the Local Government Commission.

Councilmember Ajmera said this action item gives our staff a green light to go ahead with refinancing, which could lead to potential savings of about \$2.5 million, and this saving could potentially address adding new capacity. Thanks to Charlotte Water and their continued ways to be more cost efficient.

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

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 48, at Pages 617-620.

ITEM NO. 71: CHARLOTTE BUSINESS INCLUSION POLICY

Motion was made by Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Egleston, and carried unanimously to add an at-large City Council position to the Charlotte Business INClusion Advisory Committee; secondly move Noah Cartagena to the new created position and thirdly appoint Milagritos Aguilar who was recommended by the Hispanic Contractors Association of the Carolinas as a representative of the organization.

ITEM NO. 20: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL TOPICS

Councilmember Egleston said last week I had the honor of reading a Proclamation from the Mayor at our CATS Transit Center downtown declaring this past week National Safe Place Week, so I want to commend CATS on their partnership with the Save Place Program, which gives often times runaway youth or youth in crisis a place to go and turn to for help. Second last week I also had the opportunity to be with some folks with Levine Museum of the New South for induction of new members to the Women’s History Hall of Fame. In the interest of time, I will not go through all those award winners but it was some amazing ladies who have done some amazing things for this community including some of your former colleagues Claire Green Fallon, former Councilwoman. This morning Councilmember Mayfield and I were able to be back at the Levine Museum of the New South which is quickly turning into my second home, for [inaudible] awards. We had some amazing community leaders that were given those awards this morning as well. So congratulations to all those award winners from both events.

Councilmember Harlow said no announcements. Happy Easter and Happy April Fool's Day.

Councilmember Driggs said I would like to thank Mecklenburg District Attorney Spencer Merriweather for coming to my Friday Coffee Meeting this past Friday. We talked about opioids; we talked about domestic violence. We talked about the tensions between police and minorities. It is one of the toughest jobs in Mecklenburg County and a very enlightening conversation with him, so thank you Mr. Merriweather.

Councilmember Winston said last week we had two pretty controversial rezonings that really kind of highlighted the kind of bind we are in this City and in this state in dealing with the realities of affordable housing or diverse price point housing or developing the City of Tomorrow. We talked about today and this past week about the UDO, and I want to put a lot of focus on that, not only does it need to make sense, but in reality we are trying to fix generations of really exclusionary zoning policies that have histories in racist policies from federal government, state government, and really from this dais over the history of this City. In order to fix this problem, it is going to take many different tactics; it is going to take folks getting to the ballot box. It is going to take leaders that are elected and appointed and in the private market coming up with innovative solutions to push the envelope and to take chances. It is also going to take innovation and invention from our greatest minds, and that is something I experienced this week-end when I was able to take part in the Charlotte Hack-A-Thon. What we did was convene over 800 of Charlotte's brightest tec talent at Discovery Place, and they locked themselves. This is the sixth year in a row that they have done but this year's particular topic was to attack affordable housing, and I let them know LaWana that I like to think of it as diverse price point housing, and we had several hours of conversation about why that is relevant. I brought my girls and my kids, and I had the opportunity to kick off the Hack-A-Thon this year and talk with many of the teams who participated, and I wanted to recognize this year's winners publicly. In the free style category, the team's name that won was Charlotte Dev. The team met at the Hack-A-Thon, and they developed an apt that pairs individuals and families who are willing to share a home to increase affordability. In the Code Category, the winner was Dexter's Laboratory; this was a team of students from North Carolina A & T that developed a web platform that incorporates financial literacy and home ownership, rent affordability with education attainment i.e. not graduating high school, high school graduates, and college graduates. In the Hack category, the winner was Are You Ready and that is a team of Apt. State Students who created a predictive analytics model that uses demographic indicators to identify neighborhoods that are headed towards gentrification. The model would help the City and housing providers in policy and planning. The City will continue its involvement in these concepts and try to move them to implementation. I want to thank Chuck Trosada, Harris Teeter, the Charlotte Housing Authority, and our Economic Development Team and all other partners who planned and executed a spectacular event this year. It truly was spectacular, and I look forward to seeing these concepts from this year progress and see what is in store for next year.

Councilmember Eiselt said a couple of weeks ago we announced that we were going to be rolling out the Community Safety Microgrant Initiative, and I want to say that we are now able to direct people to our website to look at that program. It is the City's way of recognizing that there are some really great organizations in our community that have been doing a lot to work on issues of crime reduction so crisis and conflict resolution, crime fighting and prevention, and empowering parents and youth. The Microgrant Program is really to recognize these groups; they might be organizations that typically can't go through traditional grant funding programs, just because they are not set up that way, so this particular program is going to offer up to \$500 per project in this first phase to organizations that are supporting the programming around CMPD's community empowerment initiative, and those themes are around mediation and conflict resolution, crime fighting and prevention and opportunities for youth and parents. All of these applications are accepted on a rolling basis, starting next week on Monday and all the projects must be concluded and close out reporting by June 30, 2018. Organizations do not need to be formal 501-3C to apply for funding. Additionally, grantee organizations will be asked to participate in a jump start community safety expo in the fall to show their successes and best practices with the Charlotte community. If anybody is interested in doing they can also partner with other organizations and apply together. They must attend one of three workshops to be held in April, and you can get more information on that and the application either by calling Lacy Williams in our Housing and Neighborhood Services Department, or if you go the City's website and go under the Housing and Neighborhood Services Page you will

see a page to the jumpstart microgrant's initiative. I'm asking all our Councilmembers to put that word out among the Districts and their constituent bases, and hopefully we will have some hashtags and some other social media tools out pretty quickly that we can use to distribute this information.

Mayor Lyles said this Wednesday the Metropolitan Transit Commission will meet, and many of you have had a conversation with me or have heard that there is a proposal by Mayor Aneralla in Huntersville to stop the study of the Red Line that is underway; about half way through. The point they would make is that the study is to provide alternatives, and that the Town of Huntersville and others but particularly Huntersville, they only want the Norfolk-Southern Line, which is called the O Line and that no other option should be available. In all of this work, there is no possibility of thinking through; we can always have a preference, but we have to do something in order for us apply for federal funding to construct the Red Line, we must adopt a locally preferred alternative that is agreed upon by the impacted jurisdictions and ratified by the MTC. This study would continue, but no way does it say that you have to change from the O Line as your preferred alternative, but it does have alternatives in it. I went up and met with the Mayor of Davidson, Rusty Knox, and I met with Mayor Aneralla, and they have sent me additional information, but basically I think more or less the study reaches too many if it has alternates in it, but I refer to it like the Silver Line. When we started on the Silver Line, everybody thought it was going to be Independence Boulevard and then after the study in deep detail that points out where the right-of-ways have to go there were options that we went in and made a change. That is not to say we are going make a change but without that ability to have every alternative study. That will be before the MTC for a vote, and I plan to support continuing the study. Most of the Red Line is inside of our jurisdiction and ETJ, but I can understand the concerns that the northern towns have; we've been working hard on a number of issues, identifying additional road connections. We've already identified express bus routes that will happen with our I-77 managed lanes project opens. We've got the executive style coaches coming in from the Park and Ride lots in the northern part of the county from the three towns, and so all of this is being done. I do think the idea is that right now Norfolk-Southern perhaps is not really going to do anything, but if they are or are not I think we have to have an alternative available. I plan on supporting the study and wanted to make sure that you are aware of it and aware of the position of the three northern towns.

Councilmember Mitchell said please join me at my Town Hall Meeting called Empowering Business and Empowering the Community, Thursday, April 12, 2018 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in Room 267 of the Charlotte Mecklenburg Government Center. Please call Alban Burney to register. We are going to have a different format; from 6:00 to 6:45 p.m. we will talk about the important economic development opportunities like the Disparity Study, Eastland and Business Incentives and then from 7:15 to 8:00 p.m. we will have two breakout sessions. One will be conducted by our Charlotte Business INClusionary Advisory Committee to talk about general contracting and building relationships with our sub-contractors and then our Business Advisory Council will also be conducting a discussion about procurement opportunities, both with the City of Charlotte and in our private sector. The Town Hall Meeting is free, and I encourage all citizens to come, and as usual, staff told me we would have good food.

Secondly, is a thank you to Ms. Debra Campbell, Kevin Dick, and Todd DeLong; today we had a great presentation for developers for the May proposals for the old Eastland Mall site, and I have to thank this Council from the Mayor, Councilmembers Eiselt, Driggs, Mayfield, and Ajmera who kept pushing it. This has been an initiative that has been important to all Councilmembers, and I know it is a lot of heavy lifting since about 2008, and now with Councilmembers Harlow and Newton, I'm sure we will continue to work and make sure this is a priority for us, so the residents of Eastland I hope you were pleased with the outcome, but more importantly I would like to thank staff but it was a lot of heavy lifting and they did a great job.

Councilmember Ajmera I went to the ribbon cutting for the Men's Shelter, and it was one the most humbling experiences as they were doing their evaluation project. It was great to see communities coming together from non-profit sector to various government resources to private sector to help renovate this site and address a growing need. Some of the funding for that also came from our Housing Trust dollars, and I thank our Housing and Neighborhood Development staff who was also there to represent our City, so thank you for your support. As I was talking to a couple of guests who were at the shelter, it was clear to me that there is a

growing demand for affordable housing, especially for the folks below 30% AMI, and that continues to be a challenge with limited financing options that we have. I hope we continue to work with the shelter and other non-profit agencies especially the Housing Authority to address that 30% and below AMI need that is there. Also, one item that I think we can all contribute towards is signing up for their meals. As they are going through renovation their kitchen is closed, so they are asking the community to participate in signing up for lunch or dinner. I signed up with my faith community, and I hope you will sign up as well with your faith community or any other group and help the staff at the Men's Shelter, as they are going through this renovation, because it is truly a place they are providing for a big need. Also, I want to applaud my Environment Committee members for helping us with innovative ways to address the backlog we have had for several years with it comes to Stormwater. As our City has grown tremendously, Stormwater problems have also grown as a result. We have looked into some cost sharing programs, and it was passed at the Committee level unanimously and thanks to our Committee members, but I want to especially thank our staff for being patient with us. I know they have been waiting for us to make this decision for a while and getting some direction from Council on how to proceed, especially with some lower priority requests. I want to thank the leadership of Ms. Eagle, who has worked tirelessly to help address this with Mr. Davis and [inaudible]. I also want to thank Mr. Driggs; in fact, Mr. Driggs is an expert on this subject. I remember we have spent some time in my office because I've had several questions about stormwater, and I would pick his brain from time to time. We may not agree on a lot of things, but he will always challenge my thinking and I would challenge his and I think as a result we have come to this cost sharing program that I think the full Council will be pleased to see on how we move forward with this.

Councilmember Mayfield said I have a number of thank yous; I want to thank staff because the last two week-ends have been very busy. Going back to March 17, 2018, we had our first District 3 Senior Symposium based on a number of conversations that have been happening in the community, so our focus was our seniors. I want to specifically thank a number of people starting with Robin Lo Furno, who coordinated everything in partnership with Goodwill, so I want to thank Lorreta Barber and Goodwill for always being an amazing partner for everything we bring to the community and the District. I want to thank Chief Putney as well as our Planning Director Taiwo, District Attorney Spencer Merriweather who was alongside Major Mike Campana as well as Major Gerald Smith. We had North Carolina Representative Kelly Alexander, County Commissioner Trevor Fuller. AAPR provided Mr. Tom Murdock to provide information and April Barnes of PACE, which is a program on all-inclusive care of the elderly. Of course our Director of Housing Pam Wideman who brought a good bit of information to us, and we had in the form of a resource fair so all of our partners in the County and all of our community partners thank you for showing up. The community overwhelmingly enjoyed it and I also want to thank Corporate Communications. While we were at National League of Cities, Mr. Burney was having a conversation during the training that he was in, and we had a number of fellow elected around in other cities that wanted information on the Senior Symposium, so we worked with Corp Com to come up with a way to add streaming, so thank you to all of my new colleagues and your assistance in us going live on social media. We had more than 500 views, and a lot of people were interested in the information that was shared, specifically for seniors, and I want to thank specifically this past Saturday, the 24th, Ms. Allison Siler who works for Charlotte Douglas International Airport. We had our eighth annual Charlotte Douglas International Airport District 3 job fair. We had more than 500 in attendance; we had more than 27 vendors, and all of our vendors except for one were hiring immediately anywhere from 30 to 50 plus positions that needed to be filled. I'm really excited but Ms. Allison Siler, who is a youngster over at Charlotte Douglas International Airport, stepped into this role a year and a half, going on two years and has grown the program and grown the number of corporate partners that we have at the table. I want to congratulate her on moving forward and helping this to continue to be a success. I have a request Mayor; next week when we get together it will be mere days before April 4th, of which hopefully everyone is aware of what April 4, 2018 is. Along with that being the day that we lost Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the reasoning behind his assassination was because of worker's rights, and that was triggered because of workers who were killed and/or seriously injured, so I in partnership with organizations through National League of Cities, NBC Leo, as well as the MO, will be sending information to the Mayor's Office in hopes for us to have a proclamation to share next Monday in honor of the day and remember the importance that it is our workers that fought to get us five-day work weeks, weekends additional pay for overtime and so many of the other pieces of work life that we take for granted that are all things good and none of the things that are as challenging.

Councilmember Phipps said I want to invite you all to my Town Hall Meeting tomorrow night from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m., March 27, 2018 at the Oasis Shrine Temple at 604 Doug Mayes Place, Charlotte, NC, a few short steps from the J. W. Clay Station stop in University City. You don't have to live in District 4 to attend this Town Hall Meeting. This topic applies to all constituents; as a matter of fact, the theme of it this year is Digital Inclusion to get Connected Stay Connected. This is a follow up to last year's meeting, where I introduced Digital Inclusion, what it is, who some of our partners are and the City's workforce program, our P.I.E.C.E. Program that we launched that was a part of it too. With this meeting, we want to connect you with our public and private agencies who specialize in digital infrastructure, digital literacy, technology access and community services. We will be featuring our digital provider such as AT&T, Google Fiber and Charter Communications. We are also providing a resource fair to give citizens an opportunity to talk with various City Departments, our County and UNC-Charlotte colleagues. There will be good food in the form of light refreshments, chips, cookies, and water. There will be a makeshift computer lab for you to test drive some of the links you will hear about and there will be free promotional items and a few substantial give a ways from free raffles. During last year's meeting, one of our partners raffled off a refurbished computer, so please come out and join us tomorrow for a night fun in learning, because in order to stay connected you got to get connected. You may RSVP to Robin Lo Furno at rlofurno@charlotte.nc.gov, or you can give her a call. If you forget to RSVP that is okay, we turn no one away.

Councilmember Bokhari said as always it is difficult to follow Mr. Phipps in these updates, but I will try my best. We had a great guest to the Queen City a little over a week ago, the Finance Minister of Ireland joined us, and it was an incredible meeting. The Prime Minister asked him to come, start here and then drop down to Georgia where he was meeting with a lot of businesses from Ireland and to talk Fintech, so we had a great working lunch. In addition to the panel, we had to discuss how we can partner better with Ireland in topic of Fintech so that was very exciting and Finance Minister Michael DeArcy is just an incredible individual as Mr. Egleston can attest by how I have been talking about him. Also, QC Fintech our local Fintech accelerator program welcome cohort number eight this week; so, this is really exciting eight cohorts represents a lot of work by Dan Rozellie and his organization QC Fintech over at the Packard Place Building. They will be kicking off this week leading up to June 13, 2018 demo day where we will see what kind of great results we have from those companies. We mentioned tonight April 16, 2018 thought 20th is Crisis Management tabletop exercises and a lot of things we are doing there. I really appreciate staff and everyone's work on that and just how important that is going to be for our communication and how you can't prevent always events like we've seen in Sacramento and other places, but you can prepare for how you are going to procedurally respond and communicate in the short term while we figure out the long term solutions to these real challenging problems we face. I am super excited about that. Finally, for all the officers who once again taken their time away from their families to come here and stand before us; thank you so much. Just know that I am thinking about it literally all the time, and I know the rest of the Councilmembers are as well. When we hear stats and stories like how concerned people are about not having healthcare when they retire and how that 90% of our officers are having to work and get alternative income to make ends meet, that means something, and I can promise you from the bottom of my heart whatever is possible I will work to champion and work with my colleagues to fight for that for you, so thank you all very much.

Councilmember Newton said there is so much to talk about so much going on. I wanted to echo Mr. Mitchell's comments pertaining to our Economic Development Committee Meeting and the discussion around Eastland particularly, the presentations that were made by four investor developer groups. I wanted to also thank City staff members and thank the members of our City Council who were present; not committee members, but Councilmembers who were interested in this non-the-less and also thank our City Manager for his role in putting that together as well as all of the community members from my District and even elsewhere that showed up to hear those particular proposals. My hope is that it is a step in the right direction, and moving forward we will all be more informed and educated about what is possible at that site, and we will start a process of community input engagement and finally a consensus building support for a particular proposal. I wanted to bring up my distinct honor in marching with thousands of folks this past weekend for March for Our Lives. I think it is highly commendable what the next generation is doing in championing the gun control debate and

moving the needle forward. I could just not be more proud and honored to be a part of that. I was also invited to the Civil Leadership Academy introduction meeting this past Saturday. There are 40 members of that particular class; they just started an 11-week process to learn more about Charlotte City government and how they can be more involved, really become leaders in their own right and make a difference in their community and it was fantastic to be there with them on Saturday morning. I want to thank Lacey Williams; I believe she has already gotten some thanks tonight, but I'm going to double down on that and say thank you one more time. She is with Housing and Neighborhood Services; thank you so much Lacey Williams for your invitation. I'm on the Board of Smart Start of Mecklenburg County, which is an organization that works to insure that all young children between the ages of birth and five-years old learn how to read, and I think when we talk about things like early childhood education, reading is of preeminent importance. I wanted to announce this, and granted I'm getting a little ahead of the game here because we do have another Business Meeting on April 9, 2018, but on April 11, 2018, they are going to be having an opportunity for influence breakfast from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at Quail Hollow Club. You can go to smartstartofmeck.org for more information and to be a part of that. I will be there, and hopefully I will see you there. I also wanted to bring up my good friend, Fostoria Pierson; she is the President of our Local Chapter of Blue Star Mothers. Blue Star Mothers are the mothers and family members of our service members overseas. Gold Star Mothers are the mothers and family members of ones who have lost service members overseas, fighting for our freedoms. These folks will be having a Military Kids Ball; the first Annual Kids Ball from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Hilton Charlotte University, 8629 J. M. Keyes Drive on April 14, 2018. All you need to do is show up and be a part of that particular event to support those families that sacrifice so much when their family members are fighting for our freedoms overseas. One last thing, I want to bring up the Carolina's Aviation Museum; they will be holding an event to celebrate Aviation history on April 12, 2018 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at 4672 First Flight Drive, Charlotte, NC 28208. I will be there and if you make it to that particular event I will see you there.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Councilmember Egleston, seconded by Councilmember Driggs, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:44 p.m.



Emily A. Kunze, Deputy City Clerk NCCMC

Length of Meeting: 4 Hours, 37 Minutes
Minutes Completed: April 17, 2018