

The City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina convened for a Dinner Briefing on Monday, December 11, 2017 at 5:06 p.m. in Room 267 of the Charlotte Mecklenburg Government Center with Mayor Vi Lyles presiding. Councilmembers present were Dimple Ajmera, Tariq Scott Bokhari, Larken Egleston, Julie Eiselt, Justin Harlow, LaWana Mayfield, Greg Phipps, and Braxton Winston II.

ABSENT UNTIL NOTED: Councilmembers Driggs and Mitchell

ABSENT: Councilmember-Elect Matt Newton (will be sworn in January 8, 2018).

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ITEM NO. 1: MAYOR AND COUNCIL CONSENT ITEM QUESTIONS

Debra Campbell, Assistant City Manager said I am here to respond any of the questions that you may have that some of you may not have been able to inquire about, so at this time, I am more than happy to take the questions you have, and later I will come back in and provide response to your questions.

Councilmember Egleston said regarding Item No. 22, would it be possible to add that language into the motion for the approval? My question had been in regards to estimates for costs and whether those up to amounts or whether those were estimates that could be negotiated above those amounts, and the response I received was that they should represent up to amounts. I didn't know if that language could be included for clarity.

Ms. Campbell said I will definitely check but that was the intent, but if you want to do that as part of the motion [inaudible].

Mr. Egleston said in this case specific to this agenda item, but as a more overarching rule I was wondering if those estimates are listed as authorizing up to that amount or if staff would have the authority to go a certain percentage above an estimated amount. In this case, I was told they are up to an amount.

Mayor Lyles said up to because staff can't exceed the appropriation and the contract total if I'm answering the correct question. No, they could not without coming back for an amendment.

Mr. Egleston said so the estimate is a ceiling?

Bob Hagemann, City Attorney said just to clarify; when the agenda item includes an estimate that typically is not interpreted or read as a cap; it is an estimate. We do contracts a variety of different ways, and you will commonly see unit price contracts, for example we agree to buy widgets for three years at a certain unit price. We predict, with the estimate, how much we think we will spend, but it is not a cap or a ceiling when it is written that way. You certainly can request, in this case, as I think the Councilmember is suggesting, that it be a cap that can be done, but when it is listed as an estimate typically it is not intended to be a cap.

Mayor Lyles said Mr. Hagemann can it exceed the appropriate amount that funds the contract?

Mr. Hagemann said it cannot exceed what has been appropriated.

Mayor Lyles said maybe that it is two different questions; thank you for clarifying that.

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ITEM NO. 2: AGENDA OVERVIEW

There was no Agenda Overview.

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ITEM NO. 3: SOLID WASTE SERVICES OVERVIEW

Mayor Lyles said I think everybody know Victoria Johnson runs our Solid Waste Services; her office is over on Otts Street, and if you haven't had the pleasure of riding in one of those fabulously automated trucks I'm sure she would be glad to do a ride along; it is like riding in a video game when they have to roll the ball and get everything to pick up. Even more importantly, what she does when she has here quarterly meeting with her employees, it is an amazing opportunity to celebrate working here and the leadership that is exhibited.

Victoria Johnson, Director of Solid Waste Services said I'm going to provide an overview of what we do, discuss what it takes to get it done and highlight specific services. We are going to discuss, probably at a future date, some of the things about Solid Waste that is innovative and strategic. Coming off of a trip of going to Europe, going to Amsterdam, and to Barcelona we've learned a lot of things that we could be doing, but in order for that to come to fruition, it will take a major collaboration, so Solid Waste will be coming back, and we will be having further discussion. Hopefully all of ya'll will get to know me and love me and move us right along.

Councilmember Driggs arrived at 5:13 p.m.

Ms. Johnson said we provide City services to the City of Charlotte, to residents, multi-family units, which are apartments, condos, townhomes; those are done by contractual. Solid Waste Services does provide some of, what we call multifamily, but it is 29 units or less, so those are on roll-out carts. Small business – we allow small business to have up to 512 gallons of garbage weekly; they pay a fee of \$250 annually. That is about five 96-gallon containers. We also have services that we provide to CATS, collecting at their bus stops and doing some other things. As I get into my presentation, you will see the different things that we do for them as we go forward. Services are provided through City crews, contractual agreements, carts, recycling, and multifamily are the big major contracts that we do have.

It is not just about trash with us; we touch every neighborhood every week. Solid Waste employees are City ambassadors, so when they are out there they realize they are representing more than just Solid Waste. We engage in the community doing different things so we can be a part of the community that we serve, and we participate with neighborhoods to enhance those neighborhoods.

Who we serve – 217,000 curbside units, which it can be townhomes or apartment complexes that are 29 units or less; 125,000 multi-family units are served through a private contractor, and I will get into the details of how those are served, because it is different than the roll-outs that we serve our citizens. We dump about 314,000 tons in the landfill; 57,000 tons of yard waste is recycled at compost, and 51,000 tons is recycled at what we call the MRF which is the material recovery facilities. All the disposal is handled by the County, so we collect and we deliver to the County. The dump at the Speedway is run by Republic; the one for yard waste out in west Charlotte is run by the County; it is the County composting facility, and the recycling is off of Graham Street. It is owned by the County, but is run by Republic.

What it takes – We have a \$57.2 million operating budget; 314 full-time employees and we have seasonal employees through Goodwill GoodWorks. Basically, we do not hire most of the time laborers off the street. They go through GoodWorks. They come in there as a temp, and eventually they matriculate into the system and actually become a part of the Solid Waste Team with full benefits from a laborer on up. We try to keep that part of the community working. We have 159 diesel-refuse trucks; 28 compressed natural gas refuse trucks. Last July, we celebrated opening our natural gas station at our facility and that allows the compressed natural gas trucks to be fueled overnight, so they can actually go longer distance. Before, we were refueling them at Piedmont Natural Gas, and we had to do multiple fill-ups, and now we just have them serviced overnight and they can complete the whole route.

We give weekly service to yard waste as you can see by the lovely picture of bagged leaves; also brush. Leave season is from October through probably January; that is when yard waste is really heavy, and we usually are out late, and you can put out as much as you like. We also have weekly garbage; that is the automated can with the automated arm. We also have apartment trucks that pickup tight places or rear loaders that pickup apartment complexes that are 29 units or less. Bulky waste is on call; we have about 10 budgeted crews, but that can fluctuate depending on how many people call and schedule weekly.

Councilmembers Phipps said how is bulky item pick-up done for multi-family units?

Mr. Johnson said it is done by the vendor, and they would put the bulk item next the container, dumpster or compactor, and they would call and schedule it, and they will pick it up the same as they do without any.

Councilmember Ajmera said can you go back to the previous slide about the natural gas? How many trucks are more energy efficient?

Ms. Johnson said 28, the 159 are energy efficient, and they do meet the 2007 EPA model, which means that while they take diesel they do have to stop and regen very often in order to reduce the particles going in the air, so even though they are not compressed natural gas they do meet the EPA standard of air quality.

Ms. Ajmera said I know at our last meeting we discussed the Clean Energy Resolution, and I was wondering what would that mean for our Solid Waste, especially the trucks that are not natural gas?

Ms. Johnson said if we converted them, is that your question?

Mr. Ajmera said yes.

Ms. Johnson said it would cost about \$50,000 more per truck to be natural gas instead of diesel. We usually do that through grants that we receive when we apply from the State, and that is how we offset the costs to keep it, so when we don't get grants we usually don't buy them, because that would mean we would have to reduce the number of trucks that we get [inaudible] replacement.

Ms. Ajmera said I guess in the long run, in terms of costs managing allowances, is it more cost efficient especially the funding source from State and maybe federal?

Ms. Johnson said yes, the 28 compressed natural gas have had an annual savings of [inaudible] roughly.

Mayor Lyles said we can get information. I think the point is, remember we referred that, and we talked about having some of that data in a plan so that we can look at that. I think that is something we can expect the Environment Committee to come back with more of an analysis of not just sanitation but other areas, police cars and all that kind of thing as well that we put on the road a lot.

Ms. Johnson said the next is the Special Services, which is the bus service. We actually have a contract and a Memorandum of Understanding to clean the entire light rail and to keep it clean at all times. It is almost a 24-hour operation, and we pick up bus stops that we service and pickup through that Memorandum of Understanding. We pick up about 739 bus stops, which is a really heavy can. Central Business District which is uptown, cleaning and maintaining it is 24-hours, especially if they have events downtown. Dead animal collection, we pick up. If you see a dead animal on the side of the road, we are going to get it and we are going to dispose of it. Litter picking, we pick up on City maintained streets, not state maintained streets and you don't know which one it is until you –

Councilmember Eiselt said I have a question about that; a lot of the letters we get from constituents saying the street looks terrible, and usually it ends up being a State road.

Have we ever had anything creative in working with the State to say we will pick it up and charge you or something else, because at the end of the day it is our City and if looks trashy we want to get it cleaned up?

Ms. Johnson said we have reached out to the State and we would schedule a pick up, and they usually will come, but as far as us doing the service and them paying for it we have not attempted to do that, because most of the time they will be like, no we will get it because of the cost it will be. Sometimes we do get it for the same reason that you stated; it is my City and I want it to be clean, but we have not explored your question.

Ms. Eiselt said you have mentioned some special projects that other cities have done, which I'd love to figure out how to pursue to serve two purposes of employing people and cleaning up our street, because ultimately it is how we brand Charlotte, and we want to have safe streets.

Councilmember Winston said in terms of the dead animal collection, do you have any type of goal in terms of how quickly that happens?

Ms. Johnson said we try to get them within 48 hours but usually 24-hours, because they are called and scheduled if we get the scheduled. As he is driving around to go get something and as he is finishing his route, he will pick up something that he sees on his own but it is a call schedule, and we try to get it removed as quickly as possible, sometimes it can take up to 48-hours, depending on how many orders, like deer season, that can extend the time to 48-hours, but usually it is a 24-hours, just trying to be out there riding around looking for a dead animal.

Mr. Winston said does dead animal pick up get prioritized over anything?

Ms. Johnson said it is a dedicated truck; it is not a part of the garbage, yard waste, or bulk, it is a dedicated dead animal truck with a person, and that is his job.

Mr. Phipps said how often is the pickup for the public receptacles, like at the bus stops?

Ms. Johnson said some are done daily; some are done twice a day. It depends on how often that bus stop is used. We run routes, so we do have daily routes that we run and sometimes they will start at one, but let's say it is heavily used they will hit it in the morning, and they will come back again if it is on that route to be serviced twice in one day.

Mr. Phipps said do they have an alert mechanism that they would alert Solid Waste to a situation where the receptacle is overflowing?

Ms. Johnson said no, but considering that I have at least about 50 people doing different jobs than picking up out of my safety staff, my supervisors, my lead workers, myself; we ride around, and when we see something that needs to be addressed then will put it on there if it needs to be addressed sooner. We also have 72 of the solar big bellies, and those send signals to tell us when they are full so we can actually go pick them up. That is a little more high tech.

Councilmember Mayfield do you know if we are having conversations about expanding big bellies solar, because big belly does have the capability where it sends out a satellite message to let us know that it is time for you to pick up, because that is more conducive for you all so that you are not riding around, because unfortunately there are quite a few areas of town where it is overflowing and the City is growing, and there is no way to physically check all of the areas.

Ms. Johnson said no and it could be because the price of one unit is \$3,000 for a double unit it is \$6,500.

Ms. Mayfield said I was just wondering, because unless we call you, and that is the biggest challenge even with bulky items people put items out and don't call to let you know they need to be picked up. Whatever recommendations you have on that will be helpful.

Mr. Winston said you said that you guys are driving around looking but you have multiple jobs in the kind of technologies where you have these big bellies that are expensive, but do give you real time information. Have we ever explored the possibility of at base program that constituents could download and have on their phone so when they pass a dead animal, or they are at the bus stop and something is overflowing or they have a bulky pick-up which obviously be inconvenient to take multiple steps to go through the website; that they can do these things in real time. Have we ever explored anything like that?

Ms. Johnson said bulky waste can be scheduled on line.

Mr. Winston said it can be on line correct, but at base.

Ms. Johnson said I was about to say we are just getting ready to roll out an apt to actually educate but also expand as it goes to different functions. Even if you schedule the bulky, I don't want you to believe that if you schedule it today that it will be picked up tomorrow; no, it will be picked up on the next service day so it would be a delay. Now dead animals; that would be something we would look at, because that is something that could happen within the 24-hour span to actually get the animal picked up if no one called to schedule.

Mayor Lyles said when the apt is ready, would you please make sure that we get a communication and let us see how it works? That would be great.

Ms. Johnson said right now it is just an educational tool but as we add to it.

Councilmember Harlow said Ms. Johnson are you all also responsible for the trash pick-up in the parks?

Ms. Johnson said no, that is the County. We pick up outside; like if there is an event in Romare Bearden Park, we won't go inside the Park, but we will pick up around. We don't go into Bank of American or any other lots, but we do have a whole team that cleans up after every game.

Mr. Harlow said any special events on the periphery of those.

Ms. Johnson said yes we do.

Ms. Johnson continued her presentation and said small business garbage, as I told you, up to five 96-gallon containers per week. Special events support; everything that happens in uptown. If it happens on the street my crew technically will have it cleaned, and I love to brag, in four hours or less they will get it clean. It is hard, but they get it done, because we want the City to look like nothing happened after the Panthers' game or anything else.

Councilmember Driggs said I just wanted to ask under special events, under what circumstances do you actually get reimbursed by the organizer of the event for the cost of the clean-up?

Ms. Johnson said when it is an organizer that is responsible for the event; we get reimbursed 85% of the cost that it cost us to pick it up. Let's say if it is Breast Cancer Awareness, Susan G. Coleman; they would reimburse us up to 85% of what the cost is.

Mr. Driggs said so that is part of the agreement that permits them to host the event, and they make that commitment?

Ms. Johnson said yes.

Councilmember Bokhari said do you keep a log of compliance with that, and is compliance at 100% for the 85% reimbursement?

Ms. Johnson said if it is uptown we are doing it; if it is outside of the Central Business District, which is the uptown area, they can hire whoever they want to get it cleaned, but they are responsible to have it clean.

Mr. Bokhari said everybody pays uptown; there is no delinquent list per se?

Ms. Johnson said the vendors pay us; because they are going to have an event again, and they don't want to be on [inaudible]. They do not want to be on that.

Ms. Johnson said street sweeping, we do that on City maintained streets and in neighborhoods. We don't go into neighborhoods as often as people would like us to, because we only have so many and we can only get to so many places, but we do go around and street sweep, especially with leaves to stop the drains from stopping up. We try to educate our citizens never to push their leaves out into the right-of-way to clog drains, but to bag them and set them out for collection.

Councilmember Egleston said I just wondered if there was a stated goal in terms of how often a residential street would see street sweeper. Anecdotally, I know I've had complaints from neighbors that I used to see them all the time and now some streets they think never get them anymore, particularly during leaf season I think people are more noticing that, but I didn't know if you have to get to each one once a month or what?

Ms. Johnson said no not once a month; I'm not going to promise that. Probably quarterly, once a quarter we try to get in there but with leaf season if I go today [inaudible].

Mr. Egleston said they will be back tomorrow.

Ms. Johnson said there you go; that is the issue.

Ms. Mayfield said actually Mr. Egleston, the City Manager and I have already had that conversation about what it would look like for us to send a notice, because first of all the residents have to not park in the street so it will work, but the other question that I have is I'm noticing because of all the leaves, also businesses that their employees or maintenance crews are blowing the leaves directly into the street. Do we have a process where through code we are fining or identifying those individuals when we are out riding around, because we are seeing a number of landscaping companies or individuals that are blowing the leaves into the street and not bagging their leaves? Do we have a process to address that?

Marcus Jones, City Manager said I will check with Pam and see exactly what we have in terms of that.

Ms. Mayfield said also if you have recommendations when you do the follow-up of what we can do and how the community can be more engaged in that process.

Mr. Bokhari said this just reminded me of a constituent the questions I got; is there a reason why we as a City do not have the capability of sucking up the leaves, versus putting them in bags, because I don't know if it is not financially feasible or if there is environmental reasons or whatever. Is that a discussion that has been had?

Mayor Lyles said oh, so many times. I think you will be seeing that as a part of the budget discussion, but I do remember when we vacuuming of leaves in the City.

Ms. Johnson said with 220 square miles it is impossible; we would need a fleet of probably 300 trucks, because they don't move that fast as they suck them up. That is why you see them in smaller towns.

Mr. Driggs said the one I would like to comment about is the cars parked in the street. If you ever lived in New York, they have alternate side parking, and if your car is there they sweep it up; they don't care. My question was does Solid Waste Services participate at all

in cold weather type of situations? Are the vehicles used for plowing or for any other purpose?

Ms. Johnson said no. We utilize in other ways like a barricade and cones and different things, but no and the reason why it is cold weather is that if the streets are icy you do not want my trucks on the street at all.

Mayor Lyles said I just want to say that I think street sweeping is probably one of the toughest things and I'm going to echo Ms. Mayfield's comments. If I drive down and see another condominium where the maintenance crews are just blowing them out into the street, and what that means is when we have a rain the streets flood, and people are calling and saying why don't you come immediately. I don't know how to do it, but I think if we could look at some best practices in other places. I know we are slowing you down, but it is good information for everyone to hear especially on some of the ordinances and things like that.

Ms. Johnson said this is the other half of what people don't see. We do neighborhood cleanups which means when a neighborhood wants to pick up and clean up and get everything bagged up we give them bags, and we give the pickers that you pick up so you can actually have them. They will bag them up, tell us the name of the location where they will be and we would go by on Monday, because most of the time it happens on the weekend, to help them with the clean up doing some of the public service.

Healthy Communities – that is something that we started because you only can tell people to recycle so much. Now we do healthy community where we teach about planting gardens, how food too good to waste, buying food differently and learning how. We teach classes, and we even having cooking classes to teach you how to cook, how to properly store for extended life so you are not wasting anything. We also had a fashion show from recycling materials.

Mayor Lyles said I bought one of those dresses.

Ms. Johnson said we are trying to be creative and thinking differently than just saying recycle, because at some point we have to think of it holistically, and that is what we are trying to do. We had the Meet and Eat engagement in October; we had a series of six meetings where we went into the community and met with citizens. We notified everyone and people came out and every department participated; had a table set up. We partnered with Mecklenburg Library, even the Tax Assessor came out also and Park and Rec as well as Mecklenburg Schools. All of us were in one place and people had a chance to walk around and see instead of coming to the Government Center, we went into their community. I think it was a good success; never tell the Manager you think we should go to them instead of them coming to us, because that is what you end up doing, but we will talk about that later. We have in Druid Hills Neighborhood and Turning Point School we created a community garden, help build the garden, bought the seeds and the neighborhood gets to enjoy fresh vegetables and fruits in the garden. We have two so far. We also are exploring circular economy initiatives, and that is what we will be talking about at a later date but just want to put that in front of you so you are not unaware of it happening.

These are our contractual services, the large ones. The first one is cart management program; they distribute carts and they fix them for the recycling and for the garbage carts. They repair all wheels, lids and stuff on the carts and when we have new people they would deliver the carts to them. Curbside recycling is done bi-weekly, every other week, either on a green week or orange week it is done single-stream which means you've got a big 96 gallon container, and you dump everything in and then it goes to the material recovery facility to be sorted, bungled and sold. The other one coming up, weekly multifamily and public facilities collection, and the reason we have public facilities is because we do pick up about 115 City public facilities, fire station, police stations and other office buildings, so that is a part of that contract. That contract pick up garbage, recycling stations, which is six 96 gallon containers; that is considered one station. An apartment complex can have multiples throughout the complex. Bulky items – they are called and

scheduled, they get picked up. Live Christmas trees are a part of the service also that we pick up. Currently this contract ends June 30, 2018; we started this in July of 2017 the request for proposal, and the new contract will maintain the current level of service that we already provide.

Basically, we are making a recommendation that hopefully will be voted on in the January 8, 2018 for a three-year contract with the vendor that we choose, called Waste Pro with three one-year options to renew. That is a little different; usually we do five-year contracts with two one-year options to renew. We wanted to do three-year, give us more options and flexibility of what we wanted out City to look like and where we want to go in the future.

Ms. Mayfield said who is our current provider?

Ms. Johnson said Republic.

Ms. Mayfield said I remember we went through a lot with the last vendor so I'm trying to understand why we did a one-year and had a bid. Are they at the end of their three-year for Republic? I'm trying to understand why we put it back out for bids. If we have good service, now I'm just trying to make sure I understand why we are doing this process.

Ms. Johnson said I've been here 12.5 years, and we've had Republic for more than that. It has been an ongoing, and we kept extending and extending and never put it out for bid.

Ms. Mayfield said so we had to put it out for bid?

Ms. Johnson said no, we started the process; that is what you are remembering, three years ago when we were doing the recycling we started the process, but it stopped and we decided to extend, and that is why it never came before you for a vote.

Mr. Driggs said so there was some discussion about this contract before and the issue was that it offered certain advantages, like new equipment, LNT powered equipment, at the same time the cost was a bit higher and objections were raised by Republic, so we are getting this piece of paper about the bicycle pro thing, I wonder if we should be aware given our relationship with them and their claims as to their MWSBE participation, their costs etc. I think we should be thoughtful about explaining why we are making the choice we are instead of the other one. I'm not weighing in on what the right outcome is, but I think there are some issues that everybody on Council should be aware of driving the choice, because Republic is still out there wanting to do this, and they claim they have certain advantages over Waste Pro.

Ms. Johnson said just to let you know, we looked and equipment was a big thing, because you don't have it you can't service it. Waste Pro is providing all new equipment. Republic has equipment between 2007 when the EPA came up with newer standards, 67% of their trucks do meet that because they are 2007 or higher. One third is below the EMA standard, so they are not meeting it. Republic has been a vendor of ours for a long period of time and they know we open to CNG, we talked about this and they are well aware of where we are trying to be a clean city. As far as why we are going with a vendor that is a little bit more, the service is not as great as they said, and every time you ask them why they can't complete a route it is because we had equipment problems.

Mayor Lyles said I think it would be helpful to take a comparative sheet and send it out on the bid and where you were, what decision points there were so that we can have those. I know that they've said this, and I would expect the other company this, and your comments would be very helpful. If we could get that before the decision on January 8, 2017; if we could get that in late December, I think the point is what would be the criteria; what requirements and how did they rate and what was your choice. I think if could get that out a little bit before the 8th we will be able to address this.

Mr. Driggs said just for our due diligence.

Mayor Lyles said exactly and that can include unfinished routes, and it could include the number of times you've had to stop and reroute yours, because there is costs all kinds of ways, but whatever you would like to show as your decision making process let's get that out to everyone.

Mr. Winston said you mentioned that the new contract would be about collection, but you also mentioned earlier that Republic runs several of the facilities where we drop trash and recyclables off. Is that relationship with the dump addressed in this new contract, and will the new contract with a different vendor affect that relationship?

Ms. Johnson said no because we do collection; Mecklenburg County has the contract with Republic to handle the MRF and the landfill, so whoever vendor we have is the vendor that the City of Charlotte, because they handle it for all municipalities within Mecklenburg County, so that will not affect that because they run the landfill. It would be the same.

Mayor Lyles said thank you very much Ms. Johnson; we appreciate that.

Ms. Johnson said we do more than Solid Waste.

Mayor Lyles said Charlotte is considered one of the best Solid Waste operations in the country, and a large part of that is due to what they do more and a large part of that is due to the way that we have our workforce engaged.

Mr. Driggs said our leadership.

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ITEM NO. 4: 2018 CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

Mayor Lyles said I've spoken with I think every one of you about the idea of how do make sure that we've shared information and shared accountability, and part of this comes from our approach on how do we get a topic, an issue, a policy, where it begins and, so I think what we've been trying to focus on is to be able to insure that we can get good information to everyone. That is what I called shared information, and shared accountability for being familiar and aware of the information. That doesn't necessarily mean that we agree; it just means that we all have the information that everyone has, and that avoids some kind of idea well I knew this, and you didn't and then we also want to ask the Manager to give us the best information and the options available to us so we don't come with one recommendation but the consideration of what the recommendation is and hear the other decision points that are available to us and finally, for us to actually allow for us to have a time to talk together. Much of our agenda is driven by let's make a vote and we don't have as much time to do some reflection.

We have had on the first Monday of the month what we call a Workshop, and I working with the Manager would like to have that become a Strategy Session that is a focus for the Council to have a dialogue around the strategies that are coming forward or what we want to talk about in terms of policy deliberations. Also, we have had our Public Forums often at that first Monday Workshop, and it has never worked out for timing. So I'm going to look to those of you who have experienced it, whether you come to visit or sat in a meeting or whether you are at the dais where we are always kind of trying to figure out. I think we have to respect people's time and when we tell citizens that we are going to do something at 6:30 p.m. we ought to try to do it at 6:30 p.m. Sometimes it would be 7:00 p.m.; I think the latest I've seen is almost 8:00 p.m. when we've told people to come, and I think that we should really look at this. If we move our Public Forums to that time, they will start before the formal Business Meeting.

The second part of this is often we have this Dinner Briefing, and I think it means to most people let's come and eat dinner, but we need to actually use this time respectfully and that we ought to be able to get our meal and be ready to start the meeting and then that meeting actually look at how do we look at what is coming up on the agenda. The Manager is putting in place a 30, 60, and 90 day plan and we need to be reviewing these things so for example Ms. Johnson presented to you an item that is coming up, that is a

good comment; how did you make that decision? When did you decide to do it, and that lets that question be answered before it comes forward on the agenda? Again, it gives everybody the opportunity to ask that question and be heard by everyone and the staff and the Manager to have the responsibility to get it to us before we are actually having your hands raised to vote.

Our Zoning and Business Meeting times remain unchanged, and finally we often time have long stretches of times when we have holidays that we don't have meetings and particularly as we are starting off in January with an early January Retreat. I would like to propose that we do have a meeting on Tuesday after the Monday holiday. Now, Mr. Egleston has already told me he has planned a vacation, and I know we all get to take a vacation at some point, so it is okay not to come to every meeting, but just let us know you are not going to be here. I really think that we need to start January off if we are going to really maintain our momentum to take the actions that we've outlined to do. I would like to propose the calendar: The first Monday is the Council's Strategy Session, and I would also like to propose that time from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., and that gives us some time. We don't have to stay until 8:00, but it gives us time for the deeper dive into the issues, particularly as we are approaching some significant work that we have to be done, and in the Strategy Sessions we will make a decision on two tracks. One, after the Manager presents the information if more information is required of the staff or if we are unresolved as a Council it would be referred to a Council Committee, and we would be able to understand what the Committee's work was going to do. I will follow more on that after we get the Committee assignments, which I know I'm going to try to get those out.

Councilmember Mayfield said Mayor; how often does the County Commission meet?

Mayor Lyles said they meet every other week, I believe.

Ms. Mayfield said while we are looking at trying to streamline our calendar; this is a part time job. We have a number of members around this dais that do work. Have you and the Manager had any conversation about possibly consolidating and instead of meeting every Monday and only being off if the month falls into a fifth Monday, consolidating one of these to eliminate at least one of those meetings once you are adding committees along with since a number of people have jobs?

Mayor Lyles said we did not talk about that; this is our traditional that we've met every Monday, and I think it is particularly difficult when we have a meeting related just to zoning and doing the business, but if that is something that the Council feels like we should begin to look at, I would suggest we keep going where we are and then made a decision to make that decision; to have a time to have it presented if that is something are really interested in doing.

Ms. Mayfield said I would like to recommend that both options are at least studied and brought to Council to consider to be respectful of the fact that we do have members that may arrive later than others or miss because of employment. Not everyone is retired and independently able to attend all the meetings. I think it would be helpful to present both options.

Mayor Lyles said I guess what I'm saying if we could start off in January and then make a decision on whether or not to change or not.

Ms. Mayfield said I may not be here on January 2, 2018.

Mayor Lyles said that is okay; I understand everybody can't make every meeting, but I think we had this already blocked out in terms of the planning and if we want to make a change to it we could probably decide maybe in the next 12-weeks or so.

Councilmember Winston said I would like to call the attention to the second item on the proposed modification to transfer the Public Forums to begin at 6:30 p.m. preceding Council Business Meetings. I would also like to consider as part of these modifications to return the live broadcast of these Public Forums, as we consider these modifications. If

this is the time to make a motion for that to be considered, I would like to make a motion that we as a Council consider that as part of these modifications to our calendar.

Motion was made by Councilmember Winston to return the live broadcast of Public Forums.

Without a second, the motion was not considered.

Ms. Mayfield said as a member of the Governance and Accountability Committee I think it will be helpful while considering these recommendations that the information is presented since we do have a number of new Councilmembers of how the Committee came to the decision of removing from television that particular portion as far as the Public Forum, I think it will be helpful to know the background of how as a Committee we moved forward and Council while we voted for that approval, just to make sure that all information is provided.

Councilmember Egleston said one of the things I had thought of that might mitigate at bit of what Ms. Mayfield had pointed out in terms of those of us that have full-time careers as well is that as we are looking at the new Committee makeup and Committee meeting schedule, if there is opportunity to have those Committee meetings on Monday, I can only speak for myself, but in conversation with some of the other new members I know I'm going to try to make Monday pretty much dedicated to a Council day. So, if there is an opportunity I plan to be here most of the day on Mondays anyway that might help with people who have full-time careers not trying to be here every day of the week, but focusing it more on dedicating one or two entire days to Council business and then being able to dedicate the other days to their day job.

Councilmember Driggs said two things, one I don't think we are ready to go ahead and vote right now on the motion you made, because there are reasons that we did what we did, and I think it requires further discussion by this Council looking at those reasons. I recognize the reason for your recommendation; I think the public does have a right to know we were concerned about abuses of that when it became a megaphone, but perhaps it gets referred back to the Governance Committee, and we get some sort of a discussion memo that talks about the whys and wherefores and lets the rest of know what choice we are making there.

The second thing I wanted to say was Mayor; I really appreciated your comments about the structure of meetings and in particular what was happening was we were sitting here getting briefed on stuff and then the end of the meeting came, and it was any questions. It was like the only opportunity we had to speak was to try and clarify what we had been told rather than talk about it, so I think this pertains also to the issue of how many times we meet because the meetings we've had have often represented a pretty low grade use of time. If these meetings are more productive we can justify the schedule we are on, but if it continues the way it was we walk away, and you kind of think what did I do or hear or whatever in that meeting then I think the scope for trying to compress the meeting schedule is more of an issue.

Councilmember Harlow said I will wait for the more prolonged discussion around broadcasting the meetings at the appropriate time.

Mayor Lyles this is kind of an informal thing right now, so I think that Mr. Winston wanted to reply and call for a second at the end.

Mr. Winston said I don't think we will get any unanimous consent to taking a vote or moving this motion ahead today, and in respect to my colleagues desires to fully brief the Council in respect to Mayor Lyles' desire to have us all on the same page. I would ask the Manager to consider putting this on the agenda for the next Business Meeting to give everybody a chance to disseminate the information that we do have to consider broadcasting the Public Forums the second and fourth Mondays.

Mayor Lyles there are three ways to get things on the agenda: a majority of Council voting to do it, and it takes six votes to put something on the agenda; the Manager doing it; or the Mayor doing it. I am glad to put it on at the next Business Meeting for consideration. I would ask the Manager and the Attorney to send out the notes of why we did it and again kind of a chart that says this is what we are trying to accomplish and whether or not it is working and what you want to accomplish provide that to the City Attorney and the Manager and see how that is going to work.

Mr. Winston said I asked the Manager to consider putting it on.

Mayor Lyles said I am going to put it on the agenda so the Mayor is going to put it on the agenda and that way we don't have to have a Council vote, and it would be on the January 8, 2017 agenda.

Mr. Driggs said if that is on the agenda as an action item, could we set aside some time during the Strategy Session, so we have a chance to talk about it?

Mayor Lyles said absolutely; I think that is a great thing to do.

Mayor Lyles said I think that basically again what I wanted to make sure is that we have our first one that is a Strategy Session. I have actually encouraged the Manager to bring the appropriate items forward and to limit our briefings. Now, the Manager challenged me to read the things that he sends us, and I think that it is really something that we've got to figure out this balance. If we want to have deeper dives and really good dialogue about policy, that means when he tells us this is something you need to read we have to read it and bring it up if there is a question. There are lots of opportunities to talk with the Manager about anything like that. We have to take some accountability for our own work and bringing forward things, and we will talk a little bit more about that with committees, but with that moving forward and if we want to change the schedule, I would suggest that we at least give this three months to see how we are doing but we would have our first Strategy Session on Tuesday, January 2, 2017; we would have our Action Review on the 8th at 5:00 p.m. and we would have our Public Forum at 6:30 p.m., a half an hour. I really am thinking 7:00 to 7:15 p.m. almost on a regular basis. I will say that one of the other things that I believe is that when people come and speak to us, that we ought to reply to them, and I know in the past we've said thank you, we don't reply. I don't know that that is an appropriate way to treat our citizens when they petition us, and I've talked to the Manager about if he has information that we can give, especially on camera and real time, we ought to do that and when we can't we say we are not ready to do it, but I think it is a lot more respectful of people that take their time to come to use us that we give a response. The Manager has maybe not agreed but he is willing to try it.

Mr. Egleston said Mayor, how would you like that to look tonight?

Mayor Lyles said tonight, we are not going to worry about those kinds of rules, but I will manage that with the Manager and I'm going to try my best to say to them if there is something, and this is another thing that Ms. Eiselt brought up is that you may know something about this as well as a Councilmember that we don't know and if we can look at our time and you can ask me the day of the meeting because we get this list early on Monday and sometimes the Clerk mails it out on Friday, and if you want to send me something that says I want to comment on it that will help us manage our time better if I know that you've got a suggestion or a comment. I know many of you do when people come to speak, and I think that is one way that we can kind of manage the 30 to 35 minutes.

Ms. Mayfield said so a two-part question, Mayor would it be you, the City Manager, or a Councilmember that will address when a resident comes and what they are speaking to is completely out of our bailiwick. We have numerous people that come down that talk about concerns and issues that are completely within the General Assembly, that are completely within the realms of School Board, and County Commission. It is not in the realm of Charlotte City Council, so are we going to continue to give them the three minutes and not respond to them?

Mayor Lyles said we will give them the three minutes that they have signed up, and we can say thank you.

Ms. Mayfield said it would be helpful to know if we are going to that direction, because I completely agree that we need to respond, but we also need to think about the other side of this so it will be helpful for me to know that we have a designated person that will respond and actually encourage them and empower them by directing them to the correct body.

Mayor Lyles said I will do that to keep it moving and say thank you that is an appropriate action the Council Commission, and we will get one of the staff people to tell them what time they meet next.

Ms. Mayfield said so between you and [inaudible].

Mayor Lyles said we are a new group; let us just work through some things and see how it works and adjust.

Ms. Mayfield said I think if we have clarification on the front end that helps to know how to move forward with it.

Mayor Lyles said yes, I agree, so you get that on Friday and if you will just let me know if you've got information about it then when we meet on the agenda with the Manager we will go with that.

Mr. Driggs said if I understand what you are saying right. I just want to caution you; it is a little bit of a minefield. If we remove the absolute discipline around the three minutes, we saw what happened when we had bicycle people come one night and after that a much more controversial topic and things went out of control. I think we can have courtesy and acknowledge a speaker of their issue but any reaction. If we start to get Latrobe people coming into the meeting, and there is a response to what they say it threatens to unleash a debate which is not appropriate in that setting.

Mayor Lyles said I will use judgment, and I know exactly what you are saying, and we can't do that, and I understand that, but I remember the person that came with the sink hole, and the staff has been working on that. It is perfectly I think appropriate for the Manager to say we are working with this person on this, and we are going to get with them. I'm not looking for hashing out the issue or the problem with them, but just an acknowledgement that we know that we are working on it. The Manager knows it or they need to go to someplace else, but on those occasions I certainly understand it is thank you, and we are not changing the three minutes. In fact, I don't know if you guys know, the practice is sometimes we go to two when we have too many people, but this is only on the Public Forum, only on the 10 speakers that we have now.

Mr. Driggs said alright, let's try it.

Councilmember Bokhari said a number of us have been having this conversation and I think it actually might tie into this topic as well. I love the openness of the Public Forums and maybe just plant the seed in the minds of who haven't heard this yet, it just feel like a little bit like 1990's approach to this. Perhaps there is a way that we can engage in the digital world of 2018, which is coming up, and not just have a 30 or a 50 or a 90-minute slot where people can physically come in and talk and then not get any response, but all the time through live streaming and social media, enabling them to directly pose questions to us as their representatives of a district while any topic is going on behind the dais. We can decide if we want to respond, or we can just look and listen, but now it is open, and they can directly communicate to us at any point time in any given month. Just some food for thought; we've been talking about this with the Chief Marketing Officer and several other folks, but I think it something where if those little screens in front of us weren't the old school vision of doing a PowerPoint up there, but instead our own version of our

constituents in our districts or at-large to be able to interact with and comment streams might be interesting.

Councilmember Phipps said I had a question about the Zoning Meeting which you said would remain unchanged. Does that mean that we still have the cut-off at 10:00 p.m.?

Mayor Lyles said unless you propose something different.

Mr. Phipps said I was going by one of the last meetings we had it looks like we were very animated and we were going way past 10:00.

Councilmember Eiselt said that wasn't a Zoning Meeting; that was a Business Meeting.

Mayor Lyles said the Zoning Meeting is the meeting that we have observance of the 10:00 rule. We've just said we can't absorb anymore most of the time.

Ms. Eiselt said I just want to respond to Mr. Bokhari's comments. I do think that we need to remember that this is the only opportunity that we have to hear the public, as a body, and so I do want to make sure that our focus is on the people that are in the room that have taken the time to come down to meet with us, instead of – we all have two phones, and it would be easy to do Twitter and a lot post the whole time. I do think we need to be respectful to the people that are standing there speaking and engaging with the Council as a whole.

Mayor Lyles said I know there are lots of ways to do this, and I've seen lots of models. I think we can talk about maybe a little bit more about citizen engagement. I have a concern that we are not getting as much engagement, but I also know that we have hundreds of methods to do it, and we need to land on those that work for our community. I think that is a good thing to think about. So with that, this is the meeting schedule that we have proposed, and it is not such much the schedule has changed, it is just our content and context. Unless anyone has a question, we will proceed in this direction. We will have a Zoning Meeting on the 18th, and we will have a Strategy Session on January 2, 2017 that includes the Public Forum, how to utilize that for television or live streaming and then we will make that decision and roll it over to the agenda after that meeting. I would like to ask if we could start on time. I just think that again if we could get in here at 5:05 p.m. and start the meeting that would be really helpful, so let's see if we can work through that. The food is here at 4:30 p.m.

Ms. Mayfield said if we are in meetings with constituents, that means we've got to work with staff to make sure that we don't have any meetings put on our calendar.

Mayor Lyles said I think Mr. Jones heard that.

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ITEM NO. 5: ANSWERS TO MAYOR AND COUNCIL CONSENT ITEM QUESTIONS

Mayor Lyles said I have several Consent items to be pulled and I wanted to tell you about those. So far we are pulling Item Nos. 48 and 51 but staff has asked for those to be pulled and to be placed on the January 8, 2018 Agenda. We have settled the real estate acquisitions for Item Nos. 49, 52, 53, and 54, so we don't have to vote on those. We have a correction on Item No. 20 to read into the record, and the Clerk will do that.

Councilmember Mayfield said Ms. Campbell responded to a number of my questions, but I have an additional question for Item 22. Once I get that response is when I will know whether or not I want to pull it for a separate vote as well as Item No. 23, which those two items I have follow-up questions on, but all the others she was able to get my responses to me.

Mayor Lyles so are you going to have that conversation separately?

Ms. Lyles said for Item No. 22 the follow-up question that I have is and you are not going to be able to get this answer immediately and it is probably going to have to go to the Manager, but when we are looking at the Pictometry, it would be good to know what is Columbia, South Carolina and our neighbor in – we are always looking at best practices. What are they doing, because my questions was why aren't we doing this in house for the aerial imagery, and I was given a response but it will be nice to know what Columbia, South Carolina and other cities are doing?

Mayor Lyles said would you like to refer it and do that on January 8, 2017; just pull it and come back on January 8, 2018. We have a Closed Session that is going to take at least 30 minutes; the question I have Mr. Jones is whether or not we do it at the end of the meeting or try to do it in 15-minutes?

Marcus Jones, City Manager said Mayor, I would recommend doing it at the end.

Mayor Lyles said we will go into Closed Session at the end of the meeting and this will give us the time to be on time for the Public Forum. So, we are going to pull Items No. 22 and 23.

Councilmember Egleston said I just want to make a comment, and I don't care whether I make it here or at the dais. I don't want to pull Item No. 36; I just wanted to make a comment about it. I had made mention this morning that I thought there was opportunity and maybe we could utilize our good friend at NCDOT, Mr. Howard, but there might be an opportunity on retired buses or other assets that we are retiring. While I think Oxford is a wonderful place, if there are opportunities in rural North Carolina to try to find homes for some of these assets that could be a small token on our part to try to build some rapport with some of our rural communities in this state where we could use better relations.

Mayor Lyles said they can give you some rules about asset disposal.

Councilmember Harlow said I want to pull Item No. 19 for comment.

Councilmember Bokhari said if Item No. 43 still exist pull, but if not I don't know where you landed on that.

Mayor Lyles said Mr. Bokhari has raised a question about Item No. 43 and I believe we agreed that we would pull it to get your question addressed.

Mr. Bokhari said just a clarification on process; are we pulling it from the voting agenda today?

Mayor Lyles said from the voting agenda today, so we will not be voting on that, because you have a question that needs to be answered that we couldn't answer within the timeframe and on this one we will have to figure out when we can get it back. It is time sensitive, but we need to have an answer before we talk about time.

Mr. Bokhari said thank you Madame Mayor for supporting me on my questions today, and thank you Marcus and Jeff Stovall and City staff for spending a lot of time with me on it. Again, I think that on the heels of last week's County's data breach and the ransom ware; clearly it has been a wakeup call for everybody in this town, but especially the public sector entities like ourselves and when we look at these things that maybe seem innocuous or unrelated signing a 10-year lease would definitely, without any kind of abilities for us to terminate in a clause in the contract, would essentially hamstring us. Maybe it is the right move at the end of the day, but I think we need to do this analysis and pretty quickly to come up with four things. We need to look at the overall IT budget as it relates to what does that spend look like, and how does it benchmark to other organizations in the public and private sector; are we truly secure in the way we should be? Part and parcel with that too what is our cloud strategy? Right now this whole thing is about on prim and managing the infrastructure ourselves. What is our ultimate cloud strategy, and how does signing a 10-year lease potentially impact that? Three, what is our cyber posture in relation to that data center there and the example are of those 500, 700, or 800 serves how many are end

of life and have to be refreshed anyway? What are the vulnerabilities where ultimately in the business case we are going to look at for this, if it doesn't make sense to sign it maybe it makes sense to go forward and look at a cloud option or something of that nature? Four, and finally how are we thinking about cross entity collaboration across the CMS, across the County and City, because I bet for anyone who wasn't open to that before last week there probably would be some folks to think about it, because at the end of the day \$36 of \$37 per square foot for uptown data center usage space is not cost effective. I understand the cost of migrating away from that could be many time that, but if we have willing partners and a need to spend money in this space anyway I think this analysis will help us if we delay this vote and thank you for allowing me that to really make the right decision.

Councilmember Winston said I would like to pull Item No. 14 for comment and Item No. 40 for a separate vote, because I question whether we should be considering public monuments that do not include memorialization of indigenous people, especially in regards to this specific one, which is about the chartering of I believe Charlotte and Mecklenburg County and honoring the men that were named in this Consent item and not recognizing or discussing the indigenous people that the land was taken from and the slaves that were offered in this memorial. There is no speaking of them and no memorialization of those two bodies.

Debra Campbell, Assistant City Manager said just to clarify this is just for the hearing date not the action.

Mayor Lyles so the question is for a public hearing; are you suggesting that we not hold-

Mr. Winston said would we be voting on that day?

Mayor Lyles said it would be January 8, 2017 for the voting. Is the question whether or not this should be done and more done with this or just more done? These are erected all over so the idea of how to do this; I am asking do you want the wording changed to recognize those indigenous efforts or are you saying at some point who else is going to memorialize those folks that are not included in this?

Mr. Winston said yes, because I just don't think it is accurate; it says 360 acres of original tract was conveyed on January 15, 1767 from Henry E. McCullough, Agent of George Augustus Selwyn, one of the first land owners in this country. That is just not accurate; they are not one of the first land owners. This was land of indigenous people, and the wording of this public monument is disingenuous to me, and really we shouldn't be considering it if it is not telling the whole truth.

Mayor Lyles said we will set the public hearing and have people have the opportunity to speak to that issue and then the vote would be on January 8, 2017. Is that what you would like to do or would you like to delay the public hearing until the history is more inclusive?

Mr. Winston said I would like to delay the public hearing until the history is more inclusive

Motion was made by Councilmember Winston and seconded by Councilmember Mayfield, to defer Item No. 40: Application for Public Monument Public Hearing Date.

Councilmember Egleston said just procedurally, who are we referring that to, to have that done?

Ms. Campbell said the National Society of Daughters of American Colonists.

Mr. Egleston said the group wanting to put up the monument would ask them to go back and add to this [inaudible]

Mayor Lyles said no, I think we are not adding to the history but recognizing that it may not be complete.

Ms. Mayfield said this is actually a question for clarification, because I'm thinking about the fact that across the nation we have a number of monuments that are coming down, so I agree and support this recommendation. I think it would behoove staff, just as when we've had land that has been identified as slave burial ground we have worked with our partners at UNCC; they have a department that has been helpful within the City on that we reached of identifying the true history of the land. I support the idea of us delaying this to make sure that we have valid and accurate information, which is I wanted to give clarification to my colleague as to why I do support us delaying to make sure that we have all sides of this story told, because when we look at Queen Charlotte Sophia and a statute that is in the middle of uptown that is not a true reflection of Queen Charlotte Sophia, we have an opportunity to do something very different moving forward for future generations.

Mayor Lyles said is there any objection to pulling this and going back and asking for additional information and the context of the –

Councilmember Phipps said I had a question about this one and I neglected to give to Ms. Campbell, but I wanted someone to provide the original inscription along with all the relevant narrative from the minutes or other documents depicting the ceremony back in 1937. I think this was a monument that was already there and for reason it was lost or something so I wanted to see what was the language.

Mayor Lyles said we will pull this item from the agenda to follow-up on those questions. The ones that I have to pull are Item Nos. 22, 23, 40, and 43.

Mr. Phipps said I was waiting for some additional information on Item No. 14, in response a writer's e-mail this morning, and all of us got the response from staff as well as well as from Center City Partners to this particular e-mail, so in view of this response I was wanting to propose that we delay it until such time as we got answers. All of us got the response from staff and this department that addressed the writer's concern.

Mr. Winston said I pulled Item 14 for comment.

The Dinner Briefing was recessed at 6:28 p.m. to move to the Meeting Chamber for the regularly scheduled Public Forum and Business Meeting.

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PUBLIC FORUM

The City Council of the City of Charlotte reconvened for a Public Forum on Monday, December 11, 2017 at 6:36 p.m. in the Meeting Chamber of the Charlotte Mecklenburg Government Center with Mayor Vi Lyles presiding. Councilmembers present were Dimple Ajmera, Tariq Scott Bokhari, Ed Driggs, Larken Egleston, Julie Eiselt, Justin Harlow, LaWana Mayfield, Gregg Phipps and Braxton Winston II.

ABSENT UNTIL NOTED: Councilmember James Mitchell

ABSENT: Councilmember-Elect Matt Newton (will be sworn in January 8, 2018)

Planning Director and New Zoning Ordinance

Mark Lynch, 1021 Harrill Street said I wanted to come down tonight to essentially impress upon the Council the urgency of hiring a permanent Planning Director and writing the Unified Development Ordinance or rewriting the Zoning Ordinances from what they are now. I read something from a colleague of the Council who said they were concerned that the nuts and bolts issues might be side tabled a little bit for more social issues in the new Council, and I just wanted to convey the point that real estate and real estate policy are social justice issues. Housing is a social justice issue, and it is far more than just subsidies or forcing compulsory compliance into various mandated things. I was on the ground in September of 2016; I felt the community and the yearning for something better. The current model keeps us held back so much and the patchwork that frustrates developers

and angers residents rightly so and leaves bad feelings all around. It is literally keeping housing out of the market completely that could be there if we did something more streamlined and could allow something more than just giant entities to do development and could create an entirely new sector of the market that we are not even able to tap into because it is prohibited in so many ways. I just wanted to relay that, because I feel that is a very important matter, and I can only imagine what Director McKinney is doing with the Interim Planning Director, and I think this is of great importance.

Senior Citizen Housing

Ethel Ward, 1819 Lookout Lane, Apt. 2 said I am a senior citizen; I'm 76-years old, and it is a shame that by Christmas or a little after that I will be homeless. As a senior citizen, we seem to have a problem here in Charlotte; we have no housing. I have signed up for Section 8 vouchers and just about everything that I can imagine to try to assist me in my housing as far as money. What they are requiring now is that you have three times your pay in order to rent an apartment. Being a senior citizen, that is so highly impossible, because everyone knows that anyone who is getting Social Security don't get that kind of money; however, I seem to be having a problem trying to find housing. I'm 76 and me getting out there on the bus all the time plus I'm home bound, yet I still get out, and I try to help myself independently. I'm just one of many seniors that are going through this; we've got to come up with something for us to have housing especially for me. I don't have that much time that I will be sitting outside soon. I do volunteer; I also do blankets for the cancer children at Levine Hospital. I'm a volunteer for the soldiers. I also work within the community and was a social worker, and I worked for the jail, as a finance clerk and yet now it is my turn and those times I do come down here I get some assistance; however, this is winter, and I'm having such a problem and all I need is housing. I'm not only speaking for myself; I speak for many of our senior citizens that are really going through a lot. Going to a nursing home; we'd die, because we are there alone. They put us in there and assume we are happy. I don't need assistant living; I'm quite capable of being independent, and blind people, I'm just legally blind, so I ask that we give this a lot of consideration about our housing. Either give me or them a Section 8 subsidized or vouchers.

Mayor Lyles said I just want you to know that the issue you've addressed is one of the three commitments that we've made to the community, and we've set a goal to try to build 5,000 units in three years, and we understand the plight right now and thank you for sharing that with us. We really appreciate it.

CMPD Refusal to Address His Complaint

Terrance Carroway, 3708-1 Marvin Road said I've been a citizen of Charlotte since 2009, and in the early morning hours and early afternoon hours of February 8, 2014 a unit consisting of about 10 to 15 officers with the Charlotte Mecklenburg Eastway Division made a forced entry into my home located at 2327 Lola Avenue. The officers were acting on a no-knock search warrant and saying that they were looking for drugs for evidence that I was a drug dealer. Officer Hancock was the Officer in charge, and he was directing the actions of the other officers. Officer Hancock, in the application to the court for the warrant, stated that an unnamed confidential informant told him that I sold drugs out of my house on a daily basis and while that might have required some follow-up investigation he did none of that and just acting on the strength of that statement alone that team of officers kicked in my door, and I have tried to contact Internal Affairs just to ask them how did this happen? Because if it can happen to me, I'm thinking that it could happen to any citizen. I've never sold drugs before in my life; I have a beautiful home very well appointed, and I would never allow anyone else to sell drugs out of my home, but in any event I've been ignored by Internal Affairs Division; they refuse to conduct any investigation of any kind. I've contacted the Captain of the Division at the which was Faulkner Welk; Officer Welk has acted as if I have no right to be free of this type of nonsense and this conduct from Police Officers, and she has pretty much ignored me up to this point. It will be four years, and they keep putting me off and originally said they didn't have my citizens' complaint, so I did a new citizens' complaint and hand delivered it to them at their headquarters on Trade Street. I've tried to do everything that I know how to do as a citizen. I think if a citizen

comes up to you, and he is telling you a police officer lied in order to obtain a warrant, which is clear in this case, and that a captain has refused to investigate and that a citizen who is unnamed saying that I sell drugs out of my house; why would the citizen tell him that and they are saying because of the confidential nature between the relationship between the officer and this citizen that I don't deserve any answers about why this happened and why it happened. They just want to dismiss me and want me to go away but a big part of my concern is if this can happen to me it can happen to anybody, and if this is allowed to stand then those constitutional protections that exist outside of Charlotte don't exist here if you can just do this to someone like that. I'm not a criminal, and I'm not a convicted felon or anything like that, and I don't know of any reason why anyone would tell the police that I sell drugs out of my house on a daily basis and that is something that is easy to prove or disprove. It is like an open air market of drug activity. You can conduct surveillance and all types of things. Officer Hancock has never said that he saw a transaction where drugs were exchanged for money take place at my house. He is not accusing me of that but the language on the application is so deceptive that someone reading it could definitely walk away with the opinion that maybe I was a drug dealer or maybe I did deserve this, and I didn't deserve it.

Mayor Lyles said staff will follow-up and determine what has been the work, and we will get you some information.

Mr. Carroway said I have copies of the complaint that I would like to leave with the Council if I could.

Mayor Lyles asked him to provide that to the City Clerk.

Equine Possession in City Limits

Mollie Dragstrem, 6116 Cora Street said I hope this doesn't sound trivial in light of the other things that have been talked about, but I am an animal lover, and I have a neighbor beside me; we have two and a half acres and he probably has a couple acres too, but we are in the City limits, and he has put up this little shelter for two horses. He has a few kids; they go to school all day. He is a pastor, and they are hardly ever here so I called animal control about it, because the horses stay in this little shelter that isn't even enclosed. It is not even a barn. I have pictures at Thanksgiving; they left and nobody came to take care of the horses, so what I need to tell you I called animal control. Bill Morrison read me the statute or whatever it is called, the ordinance or something that is in the book, because horses were used as transportation for so long it is an archaic law that has never been changed, but there are no regulations to have a horse. They can be in a tiny little enclosed area. One day they had the horse tethered on about six feet of rope, and it whining, and I had to listen to it all day and for an animal lover that doesn't feel very good. I just feel like what they are doing is very cruel, and I was going to bring the ordinance, but I didn't write it down, but I'd be glad to get an e-mail address or something and e-mail somebody, because Bill Morrison sent me the link to it, but basically it has regulations for sheep, goats, pigs, and every other kind of farm animal, but it says except equines and again because historically they were used for transportation, so there is no regulations, and I just want to see cruelty to horses stopped and some kind of regulations set up for them, because 98% of the horses I see are in pastures running around. These horses don't get to run; they are pieces of entertainment. I don't know what they use them for.

Mayor Lyles said we will look at the ordinance and ask staff to do some research about it.

Zoning and the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO)

Martin Zimmerman, 1616 Bonnie Lane said congratulations to all of you who have been elected or re-elected to City Council. It is a pleasure to be with you tonight; for the benefit of the new members, I have spoken here on several occasions on different topics mostly about bicycling, in the past as Mr. Phipps knows, and occasionally on planning issues. I'm here tonight on what I would call an expert witness kind of position, to talk very briefly about the same subject matter as the first speaker, which is the link between the proposed Planning Director Position and the UDO. Parenthetically speaking, I have a background in

City Planning and architecture and am the former Director of Facilities Planning for UNC-Charlotte and was very active in Washington, D.C. Prior to that on a number of levels, which interacted with the developers through positions I had with the suburban Maryland Building Industry Association, positions I had relative to TOD development on rail corridors, etc. I had exchanges with Debra Campbell late last week and even over the weekend where she briefed me on a couple of the details of where the selection process is for the Planning Director and actually met with Mayor Pro Tem Eiselt this afternoon for about an hour. Some of the things I will say are maybe information that you are aware of some of may not be. I have three or four quick points; the first is obviously a lot of people don't know what is going on, and we do need more transparency on the assumption that the person has not been selected yet. It is possible a person has, but we just don't know. Everybody seems to be in the dark on this. The second is that in the qualifications for the director, the Unified Development Ordinance is mentioned in one sentence in the RFQ for the position. It is my belief that the directorship should not only be discussed with the candidate and emphasized very strongly with the candidate, but the candidate who is selected should be the director of that process so their key job role for the duration of the process should be the project director for the process. In other words it should not be delegated to somebody on staff. That is how important the UDO is to the future of the City.

Appreciation for Passing Paid Leave

Kelle Pressley, 1913 Bishop Madison Lane said I'm here representing Mom's Rising, and it is a grass root organization that is comprised of aunts, uncles, grandmas, grandfathers and just a collection of people that like to make sure that our community is safe and our businesses are thriving and productive. We wanted to come together tonight with our community partners of Action NC, the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, and Sister Song to say thank you very much for putting in place strategy that will protect the City employees for new births, for making sure that we get to bond with our new babies, and at the same time being able to take care of our seniors that we love. I know it is not often that we actually get to say thank you, but we really do appreciate that, and we hope that these steps will lead the way for other employers to look out for their employees. They can bond with the babies, take care of everything, and get back to their beloved jobs which will save everybody money. We definitely want to present the card to the City staff and again thank you very much, we appreciate it.

Mayor Lyles said it always good to hear feedback when you think the Council has made a good decision. Thank you for coming.

Unethical Behavior in Charlotte Mecklenburg Justice System

Carol Price, 500 Glendon Way, Cary said thank you for this great opportunity to stand here before you all. I am speaking today as a private citizen and also as a former community citizen of Charlotte Mecklenburg County. I am a former employee of the U. S. Attorney's Office; I worked there as a co-op student from 1991 to 1992, and I had a horrific incident that happened by in 2000. I never thought that I would be on the other side of the fence; however, I was placed there. I reported someone in my community selling drugs, and threatened by him with a shotgun cocked behind me telling people that he was going to rape me if he ever got his hands on me, saying that he was going to shoot me, and the night May 22, 2000, I was forced to protect myself the best way that I could. I was not a trained officer; actually, to be honest with you I was not trained to use my permitted weapon that I had to use that night. I was confronted by Mr. Gray that he found out that I was the person that reported him selling drugs and that he and all of his constituents were very mad at me. One of them was going to be evicted, and they were hot. He pointed in my face and he called me every name in the book and of course I denied his allegations because I was frightened to death. I was being threatened by this guy and harassed, and I had no idea that someone had reported and disclosed to him that I had reported him selling drugs. To this day, I wish that I had kept my mouth shut; the thing that really forced me to report these things were because they were smoking drugs in front of young kids, the smoke was billowing constantly in the dwelling of the building, and I just could not help it.

Mayor Lyles said we have a guideline for three minutes and we will need to get your additional information to the City Clerk or a report if you would like to send it to us.

Councilmember Mitchell arrived at 7:00 p.m.

PediCab Regulations

Thomas Richards, 2146 Preakness Court said I'm coming before you as the owner of R & R PediCab; we operate bicycle taxis in uptown Charlotte, and we've been in operation for the last five years. I'm coming before you in hopes that you might revisit the possibility of creating some basic regulations in the City of Charlotte. I've stood behind this podium in the past regarding the same matter, but after recent events in our day to day operations I feel like it become more evident that we should present this again to the City Council. In 2013, there were articles that were actually created by the Safety Committee focusing on our industry, but unfortunately they were removed from the agenda in the April meeting of that year because of concerns of over regulation by some of the sitting City Councilmembers at that time. Some of these concerns were reflected by a statement specifically made by at the time Councilmember Cannon. His comment was "I would hope that we would weigh as a Committee whether or not we are over regulating in this area." There was a lot of time spent in the Safety Committee as well as meetings with the police department, Visitor's Bureau, as well as Center City Partners, but after a couple of months, after all the work they just found out that the document had too much over regulation in it. After being in the industry for the last five years, I would like to make some observations and provide them to you as I've seen them traveling up and down the coast operating our PediCab Company. In most cities across the nation, if you want to own and operate a PediCab, you are required to have insurance. Drivers are required to have a valid driver's license, and in some cases PediCabs go through a basic safety inspection that focused on brakes, lights, and other operational parts of the bike. DC, Columbia, Charleston, Savannah, Jackson, Daytona, Orlando, Tampa; these are just to name a few. I'm offering some examples of what other cities are doing, because ironically every year during football season on a Sunday Charlotte becomes inundated with PediCabs from all these said mentioned cities. Some of these drivers come to Charlotte they are insured, some of them are not, and most of them coming to Charlotte for the Panther games and are charging our customers, Panther Fans, double or triple of what we charge as local PediCab drivers. Unfortunately, they don't let their passengers know until they get to their actual destination. Recently, I've had the opportunity to partner up with several police officers during large sporting events, particular the Panther games, and unfortunately there has been some confrontational dialogue between PediCab drivers and officers because of the out of state drivers not follow law enforcement policies currently in place.

Mayor Lyles said if you will give the additional information and we will get the copy that you gave to the Clerk and we will distribute it and back with you on where that stands.

Councilmember Mayfield said Mayor; can we make a recommendation for it to be referred to the City Manager or to the Public Safety Committee?

Mayor Lyles said I think if we could get something from staff on what other practices are; I think you have given us this information before so the City Manager can do some research on how other cities are doing that so let's get some information.

Ms. Mayfield said we were supposed to get an update a couple years ago.

Sustain Charlotte's Walk2Transit Project

Meg Fencil, 5124 Shady Grove Lane said I would like to introduce you to a project called Walk2Transit that Sustain Charlotte has been working on for the past year. The goal of Walk2Transit is to assure that all Charlotteans have a safe and comfortable walk to public bus stops. We identified high-need bus stops that are hard to walk to, crowd source, photos, and comments and looked up traffic safety data. We've led 15 walkability audit tours, and over 200 resident volunteers helped us to make observations without the experience of walking to these stops. Special thanks to Councilmember Ajmera and

Winston who participated in those tours. Project volunteers identified several recurring walkability challenges during the audit including sidewalk gaps, back of curb sidewalks, with no buffer from traffic and busy streets that are hard to cross due to widely spaced signalized crossings. As you know, the previous City Council recently had an opportunity to amend City Code to close some loopholes that allowed development and redevelopment to occur without sidewalks. Instead of those amendments passing, Council referred the issue to the Transportation and Planning Committee. As a daily rider of the #16 bus and an advocate for the thousands of Charlotteans who walk to and from their bus stops daily, I look forward to you the new Council fixing this quickly. Gaps, even small ones, in the network of our City sidewalks and crosswalks matter to the people who ride transit. Nine out of my 10 minutes walking to and from my bus stop everyday are safe, but in that tenth minute, tonight after I leave this meeting I will walk along a narrow back of curb sidewalk to my bus stop in the dark then after I get off the bus I walk across four lanes of traffic in an unmarked, but legal crosswalk to get home, because the nearest signal is not within walking distance. In a City developing and redeveloping as quickly as Charlotte, we can't afford to grow with gaps in our basic pedestrian infrastructure. CATS and C-DOT are already working on some pedestrian safety and minor sidewalk projects to help address findings that we've shared from Walk2Transit. Our project volunteers also told us about the infrastructure that makes them feel safer, including some of the City's newly installed pedestrian refuge islands and bus stops that are set back from the street. Thank you for supporting these efforts. I would like to follow-up with you early in the new year to show more detailed information about Walk2Transit including our findings and recommendations for the 10 highest needs bus stops that we analyzed. Everyone in Charlotte deserves to come home safe everyday whether they drive a car, ride a bike, walk, or ride transit.

The Need of a Sunday Bus – CATS Route 204

Tina Quizon, 321 Nelson Avenue said I live in a neighborhood called Oak View Terrace, and I want all you folks to come down to my neighborhood on Sunday. We have no bus on Sunday, and I want you to be there with me and watch the people that have to go to work and take a taxi; I want you to watch the people that have to cross Highway 16, which is a very dangerous Brookshire Road that people are trying to get on and off to get on the freeway. We've had neighbors that have been hit; we had a rally last week on a Sunday. We are requesting a Sunday bus so that we can just do the normal things that everyone else does on Sunday like go to church, go to the grocery store. We want to be able to go to the pharmacy or if I just want to visit my family without putting my life in danger or walking 45-minutes up Beatties Ford Road. We are stuck in a pocket, and so the City basically is choosing what we can and can't do on Sunday. I believe this is a violation of my civil rights. My neighbors have joined with me; we've got over 100 names, and we are asking more people to join the petition asking that we have a City bus and that you folks come out there and walk with me up Nelson Avenue and across Brookshire to get over to Rozzells Ferry Road. It is very dangerous and one neighbor was hit two years ago. If you look at the statistics from the police department it is one of the busiest places that has a lot of accidents, and the other choice is to go out on Beatties Ford Road which is 45-minutes. We've got seniors; I'm a veteran. I don't know if you've seen the Fox News report Friday right before the rally, Randy Wallace in our neighborhood spoke about how he had to quit his job, because he couldn't get to work on Sunday. I stood at the bus stop talking to young men that want to get better jobs that say it is not that I don't want to work a better job and get more income; I can't get there. We can't talk about economic development and not include transportation. For us, I don't think it is fair that the City has decided when I can and can't go somewhere, so the need of a Sunday bus is really important. I don't want to be the next statistic, because I quit my job at the airport, because it was so dangerous trying to get home either on Saturday night if you are working the second shift, we have people that by the time they get uptown when they got off work at 10:30 are having to cross Brookshire.

Mayor Lyles said we do know and recognize that we need more transportation options. We will refer this to the City Manager and get something back to you.

Councilmember Harlow said what time is the rally Sunday?

Ms. Quizon said we did our rally on December 3, 2017; we stood at the service road of I-85.

Mr. Harlow said you said there was a rally this coming week.

Ms. Quizon said no, we already did the rally; I wrote to Mayor Roberts in February and pretty much nothing occurred. We are inviting you out to walk with us to see how dangerous this area is. We are isolated.

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BUSINESS MEETING

The City Council of the City of Charlotte continued with the Business Meeting on Monday, December 11, 2017 at 7:11 p.m. in the Meeting Chamber of the Charlotte Mecklenburg Government Center with Mayor Vi Lyles presiding. Councilmembers present were Dimple Ajmera, Tariq Scott Bokhari, Ed Driggs, Larken Egleston, Julie Eiselt, Justin Harlow, LaWana Mayfield, Gregg Phipps and Braxton Winston II.

ABSENT: Councilmember-Elect Matt Newton (will be sworn in January 8, 2018)

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INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Mayor Lyles explained the protocol for invocations.

Councilmember Eiselt gave the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Lyles said before we begin our meeting I would like to recognize Commissioner Vilma Leake from Mecklenburg County; thank you for being here. I also see the Girl Scout Troop in the audience.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Lyles said we are going to move Item Nos. 48 and 51 to January 8, 2017. We have settled several items that we had for Property Acquisitions on our agenda; they are Item Nos. 49, 52, 53, and 54. Item Nos. 22, 23, 43, and 40 have been pulled for additional information and will be on the January 8, 2017 agenda.

Mayor Lyles asked the Clerk to read into the record the correction that needs to be made for Item No. 20.

Emily Kunze, Deputy City Clerk said the correction is the MBE percentage is 18%.

Motion was made by Councilmember Mitchell and seconded by Councilmember Ajmera, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented with the exception of Item Nos. 22, 23, 40, 43, 48, 49, 51, 51, 52, and 54 which were pulled by staff.

Councilmember Harlow said, in reference to Item No. 19: West Morehead and I-77 Pedestrian Improvements Project, I just wanted to highlight the Wesley Heights community organization and their work in community engagement. As we continue to be a pedestrian friendly City, these improvements under the interstate, as we walk in or from uptown and to our neighborhoods around Third Ward and Wesley Heights, I really appreciate the community engagement that has gone along with that and this is part of your tax dollars and voter approved bond dollars for the C-NIP projects.

Councilmember Winston said, in reference to Item No. 14: Expansion of Charlotte B-cycle Bike-Sharing System, I understand that we are basically accepting federal grant money and moving it to that program. I just had a couple of things that we should continue to pay attention to as we continue to expand and provide transportation options for everyone in Charlotte. This idea of, what is a bicycle friendly street network? What does that entail? Who gets to judge that? Does everybody get to get a bicycle? The way I like to look at government investment in things is that we should be investing in growth and not necessarily consumption. B-cycle at one point in time was I think the only bike sharing program here in Charlotte. Now, as of very recently that is not necessarily the case. I live next to Garinger High School, and I saw several people riding line bikes. I have never seen B-cycle in my neighborhood, so as different entities enter the market we should take a look at the wisdom of investing public funds where the private market can maintain solutions, solutions that might be more to scale in different parts of the City, solutions that might provide better uses of technology for instance B-cycle uses very expensive docking stations that limit where and who can use those bicycles. New technologies and new companies and new market solutions don't necessarily have those restrictions and may be more useful to expand different transportation options for everybody in all parts of Charlotte. I recognize that B-cycle from what I see is concentrated in the uptown area; that is not necessarily a service that is there for everyone, and I would look to the cost. Again sometimes \$8.00 single use ride might be pretty cost prohibitive, when there are \$1.00 rides available to different people in the City. I just wanted to call attention to this; I know that we are kind of passing through this as federal grant money, but it should be something that we consider as we consider more comprehensive transportation system that looks to include roads, rails, public transportation that has been spoken on during the public forum and walkable and bikeable spaces.

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

The following items were approved:

Item No. 12: Charlotte Fire Security Camera Purchase

(A) Approve the purchase of security camera equipment, as authorized by sole source exemption of G. S. 143-129 (e) (6), (B) Approve a contract with A.D.M. Security Systems for the purchase of security camera equipment for the term of one year, and (C) Authorize the City Manager to renew the contract for up to two, one year terms with possible price adjustments and to amend the contract consistent with the purpose for which the contract was approved.

Item No. 13: Voluntary Annexation Public Hearing Date

Adopt a resolution setting public hearing for January 8, 2018 for the Sutton Farms voluntary annexation petition.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 48, at Pages 534-536.

Item No. 14: Expansion of Charlotte B-cycle Bike-Sharing System

(A) Approve a Municipal Agreement with North Carolina Department of Transportation (NC-DOT) in the amount of \$1,000,000 for the administration of Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) funds for the expansion of the Charlotte B-cycle bike-sharing system, (B) Approve a Municipal Agreement with NC-DOT in the amount of \$675,000 for the administration of Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) funds for the expansion of the Charlotte B-cycle bike-sharing system, (C) Approve the purchase of bicycles and stations from Trek/B-Cycle, as authorized by the sole source exemption of G.S. 143-129 (e) (6), (D) Adopt Budget Ordinance No. 9225-X appropriating \$1,000,000 in CMAQ funds, (E) Adopt Budget Ordinance No. 9225-X appropriating \$675,000 in TAP funds (F) Adopt a budget ordinance appropriating \$450,801 in local match funds provided by Charlotte B-cycle, and (G) Approve an extension of the Lease agreement with Charlotte Center Partners Community Trust for Charlotte B-cycle's City van.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 61, at Page 181.

Item No. 15: Private Developer Funds Appropriation

Adopt Budget Ordinance No. 9226-X appropriating \$91,000 in private developer funds from TDCA Resource Square, LLC and NR Stonewall Property Owner, LLC.

The Ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 61, at Page 182.

Item No. 16: Intelligent Transportation System Project

Award a contract in the amount of \$999,605.48 to the lowest responsive bidder, Utility Service Contractors, Inc. for the Central Business District Traffic Signal Communications upgrade project.

Summary of Bids

Utility Service Contractors	\$ 999,605.48
Diversified Utility Group	\$1,024,603.01
Whiting	\$1,128,354.18

Item No. 17: Pavement Markers

(A) Award a unit price contract to the lowest responsive bidder Flint Trading, Inc. for the purchase of Pavement Markers for the term of three years, and (B) Authorize the City Manager to renew the contract for up to two additional one year, terms with possible price adjustments and to amend the contract consistent with the purpose for which the contract was approved.

Summary of Bids

Flint Trading, Inc. (only bid received)	\$75,000
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Item No. 18: Street Maintenance Facility HVAC Replacement Project

Award a contract in the amount of \$149,486.70 to the lowest responsive bidder Southern Comfort of Charlotte, Inc. for the Charlotte Street Maintenance Facility HVAC Replacement Project.

Summary of Bids

Southern Comfort of Charlotte, Inc.	\$149,486.70
Armstrong Mechanical Services, Inc.	\$164,747.00

Item No. 19: West Morehead and I-77 Pedestrian Improvements Project

Award a contract in the amount of \$319,541.75 to the lowest responsive bidder B & N Grading, Inc. for the West Morehead and I-77 Pedestrian Improvement Project.

Summary of Bids

B & N Grading, Inc.	\$319,541.75
Sealand Contractors Corp.	\$455,504.23
Blythe Development Company	\$562,995.40
United of Carolinas, Inc.	\$656,467.63

Item No. 20: Public Infrastructure Improvements and Repairs in Subdivisions

Award a contract in the amount of \$1,088,900 to the lowest responsive bidder Red Clay Industries, Inc. for the Subdivision Infrastructure Repairs and Improvements FY 2018 project.

Summary of Bids

Red Clay Industries Inc.	\$1,088,900.00
United of Carolinas, Inc.	\$2,182,300.00
Blythe Development Co.	\$2,958,835.00

Item No. 21: City strategic Research and Consulting Services

(A) Authorize the City Manager to negotiate and approve a contract with Southeastern Institute of Research, Inc. (SIR) for strategic research and consulting services, for a term of one year, and (B) Authorize the City Manager to renew the contract for us to one, additional one-year term with possible price adjustments and amend the contract consistent with the purpose for which the contract was approved.

Item No. 24: Storm Water Repair and Improvement Contract (FY 2018-D)

Award a contract in the amount of \$3,987,927.13 to the lowest responsive Bidder United of Carolinas, Inc., for the Storm Water Repair and Improvement FY 2018-D Project.

Summary of Bids

United of Carolinas, Inc.	\$3,987,927.13
Blythe Development Company	\$4,622,143.75

Item No. 25: Storm Water Services Bioengineering and Invasive Plant Removal Services

Approve a contract for up to \$343,498.17 with Carolina Wetland Services, Inc. for Storm Water Bioengineering and Invasive Plant Removal.

Item No. 26: Fiscal Year 2018 New Water and Sewer Connection Services Contract

(A) Approve a contract in the amount of \$4,055,746.75 to the lowest responsive bidder B. R. S., Inc. for the installation of water and sewer services and, (B) Authorize the City Manager to approve up to two renewals in the same amount stated above, plus or minus possible price adjustments based on the Engineering News Record Construction Cost Index, and to amend the contract consistent with the purpose for which the contract was approved.

Summary of Bids

B.R.S. Inc.	\$4,055,746.75
Propst Construction Company	\$4,113,081.50
State Utility Corporation	\$4,267,461.00

Item No. 27: Irwin Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant Dewatering Facilities

Award a contract in the amount of \$2,486,000 to the lowest responsive bidder The Harper Corporation – General Contractors for the Irwin Creek Wastewater Treatment Plan Dewatering Facilities Project.

Summary of Bids

Harper Corporation	\$2,486,000.00
Ulliman Schutte Const. Co.	\$2,519,000.00
Turner Murphy Company	\$2,588,299.00
Gilbert Engineering Company	\$2,746,675.25
State Utility Contractors	\$2,948,000.00

Item No. 28: Fiscal Year 2018 Water Main Rehabilitation

(A) Award a contract in the amount of \$2,616,666.66 to the lowest responsive bidder Michaels Pipe Services, a division of Michaels Corporation, for the FY 2018 Water Main Rehabilitation project, and (B) Authorize the City Manager to approve up to two renewals in the same amount stated above, plus or minus possible price adjustments based on the Engineering News Record Construction Cost Index, and to amend the contract consistent with the purpose for which the contract was approved.

Summary of Bids

Michaels Pipe	\$2,616,666.66
Spinello Companies	\$3,985,351.85
J. Fletcher Creamer & Son	\$4,586,545.56

Item No. 29: Contract Amendment for the Bio-solids Market Study

Approve contract Amendment #1 in the amount of \$370,750 to the Bio-solids Market Study Contract with CDM Smith, Inc., for bio-solids treatment technology evaluation, planning, and procurement assistance.

Item No. 30: Aviation Concourse Design Services Contract Amendment

Approve contract Amendment #2 in the amount of \$217,500 with C design, Inc. to provide design services for operations support space as part of the Concourse A Expansion Project.

Item No. 31: Aviation Propane Contract

(A) Approve the purchase of propane, as authorized by the sole source exemption of G.S. 143-129 (e)(6), (B) Approve a contract with AmeriGas Propane L.P. dba Heritage Propane for the purchase of propane for the term of five years, and (C) Authorize the City Manager to renew the contract for up to two additional, one-year terms with possible price adjustments and to amend the contract consistent with the City's business needs for which the contract was approved.

Item No. 32: Aviation Digital Display Systems

(A) Approve a five-year contract with Infax, Inc. to provide software, integration, implementation, and support services for the Airport's Digital Display Systems, and (B) Authorize the City Manager to renew the contract for up to two, additional five-year terms with possible price adjustments and to amend the contract consistent with the City's business needs for which the contract was approved.

Item No. 33: Aviation Conveyor System Section Replacement

(A) Approve a contract for up to \$1,745,749.87 with Pteris Global Inc., to replace sections of the conveyor system, and (B) Authorize the City Manager to amend the contract consistent with the City's business needs for which the contract was approved.

Item No. 34: Aviation Parking and Revenue System Software Upgrade Services

(A) Approve a three month contract with Scheidt & Bachmann for parking revenue control system software upgrade implementation services, and (B) Approve the purchase of spare parts, materials, labor, software and other services necessary to fully support the parking and revenue control system from Scheidt & Bachmann under the current Monitoring and Maintenance Services Agreement.

Item No. 35: Aviation Uniforms and Apparel Contract

(A) Approve the purchase of Aviation Uniforms and Apparel, as authorized by the sole source exemption of G. S. 143-120 (e)(6), (B) Approve a contract with Addlogos for the purchase of Aviation Uniforms and Apparel (i.e. safety gear, outerwear, shirts, sweaters, hats, etc.) for the term of five years, and (C) Authorize the City Manager to renew the contract for up to two, one-year terms with possible price adjustments and to amend the contract consistent with the City's business needs for which the contract was approved.

Item No. 36: CATS Retire Buses Donation

Adopt a resolution authorizing the donation of five surplus CATS buses to the City of Oxford, Mississippi.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 48, at Pages 537-538.

Item No. 37: CATS Video Monitoring Produce and Services Contract

(A) Approve contracts with Transit Solutions, LLC and A3 Communications, Inc. for an initial term of three years to provide CATS Video monitoring Products and Services, (B) Authorize the City Manager to renew the contracts for up to two additional, one year terms; (C) Authorize the City Manager to purchase maintenance and support for as long as CATS uses the system, and (D) Authorize the City Manager to purchase such additional software licenses, services, and hardware as needed from time to time to optimize the City's use of the system or implement new systems, and to approve other amendments consistent with the purpose for which the contract was approved, including price adjustments.

Item No. 38: CATS BLE Property Manager and Leasing Agent Contract

(A) Approve a contract with NAI Southern Real Estate for an initial term of three years to provide Property Management and Contract Services for all parking decks on the Blue Line Extension (BLE) and Leasing Services for the retail spaces in the JW Clay and University City Boulevard parking decks, and (B) Authorize the City manager to renew the contract for up to two additional, one year terms and to approve other amendments consistent with the purpose for which the contract was approved, including price adjustments.

Item No. 39: Garment Rental Services for CATS Rail Operations

(A) Approve a unit price contract in an amount not to exceed \$143,099 with UniFirst Corporation to provide rental garments and related services for an initial term of three years, and (B) Authorize the City manager to approve one, three-year renewal option contingent upon the company's satisfactory performance.

Item No. 41: Meeting Minutes

Approve the titles, motions, and votes reflected in the Clerk's record as the minutes of: November 13, 2017 Business Meeting and November 20, 2017 Zoning Meeting.

Item No. 42: Exchange of Railroad Right-of-Way along the LYNX Blue Line Corridor

(A) Adopt a resolution authorizing an exchange of railroad right-of-way between the City of Charlotte and AP 1515 Camden Road, LLC or its successors involving parcel identification number 123-041-12, and (B) Authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents to complete the exchange of right-of-way between the City of Charlotte and AP 1515 Camden Road, LLC.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 48, at Pages 539-540.

Item No. 44: In Rem Remedy: 9336 Pinewood Avenue

Adopt Ordinance No. 9227-X authorizing the use of In Rem Remedy to demolish and remove the structure at 9336 Pinewood Avenue, (Neighborhood Profile Area 83).

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 61, at Page 183.

Item No. 45: Property Transactions – 5820 Wilkinson Boulevard

Acquisition of 2.793 acres at 5820 Wilkinson Boulevard from Harvey W. Gouch, Sr, and Louise B. Gouch for \$1,325,000 for Airport Area Master Plan – Project AMP.

Item No. 46: Property Transactions – 25th Street Connection, Parcel #19

Acquisition of 605 square feet (.014 acre) in Temporary Construction Easement, plus 471 square feet (.011 acre) in Utility Easement at 2226 North Davidson Street from 2226 Properties (Charlotte) LLC for \$15,950 for 25th Street Connection, Parcel #19.

Item No. 47: Property Transaction – 8” Sanitary Sewer to serve 8215 Hood Road, Parcel #3

Resolution of Condemnation of 5,410 square feet (.124 acre) in Sanitary Sewer Easement, plus 5,550 square feet (.127 acre) in Temporary Construction Easement at 8036 Hood Road from American Tower Asset Sub. LLC for \$1,575 for 8” Sanitary Sewer to serve 8215 Hood Road, Parcel #3.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 48, at Page 541.

Item No. 50: Property Transactions – Gum Branch Sanitary Sewer, Parcel #16

Resolution of Condemnation of 2,300 square feet (.053 acre) in Sanitary Sewer Easement at 838 Kentberry Drive from Frederick E. Barwick, III and Alberta M. Barwick for \$2,324 for Gum Branch Sanitary Sewer, Parcel #16.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 48, at Page 542.

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ITEM NO. 9: PUBLIC HEARING ON A RESOLUTION TO CLOSE A PORTION OR NORTH BREVARD STREET

Mayor Lyles declared the hearing open.

There being no speakers either for or against, a motion was made by Councilmember Driggs, seconded by Councilmember Mayfield, and carried unanimously to close the public hearing.
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Motion was made by Councilmember Mayfield, seconded by Councilmember Egleston, and carried unanimously to adopt a resolution to close a portion of North Brevard Street.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 48, at Pages 530-533.

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ITEM NO. 10: CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Marcus Jones, City Manager said over the course of the past few months the team has come together with a 30, 60, 90-day planning tool. We believe it is very important to inform both the Mayor and the Council, as well as the community, in terms of what are some of the items that may be coming up in the next 30, 60, 90 days. We are going to start off with just the first 30-days, and with that said some of the issues that will come up over the course of the next month or so will be the ETJ Policing discussion. As you may recall, that is something that we have discussed staff to staff with the County, and we believe we have come to a resolution, so we would like to make sure that we have that discussion with the Council over the course of the next 30-days or so. Also, the South End Plan and update, we would like to make sure that we have that in front of the Council. Charlotte Gateway Station – we would like to make sure that is in front of you as well as the discussion about the Retreat planning. As you know on the calendar, we have the Retreat set for the last Wednesday of January and the first Thursday and Friday of February. With that said there are some issues that we would also like to be able to discuss in the near term and that includes coming back to you with the three surplus schools in terms of affordable housing, and lastly as a team with some of the issues that have been going on in terms of security and communication, we are working through what we call a tabletop exercise, and we are trying to make sure that we have great lines of communication within the staff, staff to the elected, and the elected to the community as well as staff to the community. That is something that we are working on over the course of the next 30-days or so.

Councilmember Driggs said are we going to get all of that in writing; everybody is taking shorthand here.

Mr. Jones said yes.

Councilmember Phipps said in regards to the Retreat; do we know whether or not that is going to be an in town or an out of town Retreat this year?

Mayor Lyles said it will be out of town. We have not decided on a location yet but it will be out of town. I really feel like that is when we really focus and even last year when we were out of town we had a lot of things going on, so the Manager has talked about the 30-days topic so that we can actually focus on more strategic topics at our Retreat, and that is one reason we are trying to work all of these meetings out.

Councilmember Eiselt said Mr. Manager, one of the questions in a few meetings ago Ed McKinney had given us a presentation on the UDO update, and we had asked for a timetable with dates as to the progress of the UDO. Is there any update on when we can get that update?

Mr. Jones said we can work on this; this is interesting. I thought we were making a giant leap today with getting the first 30-days out, but we will continue to take the Planning tool that we have that is 30, 60, 90 and make sure that that falls somewhere in that timeframe.

Ms. Eiselt said the other item that we had, which I think would fall within 60 or the 90, was the Clean Air Resolution. I believe it was to go back for 60-days and then at that point – I don't think we resolved how long it would take staff to come back to us with some answers in terms of some kind of a plan as to whether or not we could achieve such a resolution.

Mr. Jones said I believe where we left that off was basically when the Committees came back this would be one of the first referrals to the Environmental Committee.

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ITEM NO. 11: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL TOPICS

Councilmember Phipps said I just wanted to thank everyone who came out this past Saturday to our second annual Reconcile Charlotte Event sponsored by Samaritan's Feet and public charities. As you know, Samaritan's Feet has been a great partner with the City of Charlotte in helping us to heal after the civil unrest in 2016. They had this event at Martin Luther King Middle School last Saturday, and I'm pleased to have the Mayor to attend and Councilmember Mitchell was there. I was there and a host of clients there in that Hidden Valley Neighborhood and surrounding neighborhoods. We had a good turnout and a good program, and I just wanted to thank everyone for coming out to support Samaritan's Feet and what they are trying to do in sustaining a reconciliation effort here in Charlotte.

Councilmember Mayfield said I want to give an update to my colleagues; I'm working with the Manager's Office and staff. I had the opportunity to attend a conference these last few days, and one of our topics around transportation is specifically looking at some communities that have successfully identified how to connect their light rail to the airport and for it to be more accessible. We are looking at a couple different options, and also I will be having a meeting on Friday with trying to strengthen the relationship with AARP. We had a really good starting conversation during the conference specifically around senior housing and senior price point housing and also looking at senior housing for the LGBTQ community, because we are seeing a number of issues that are arising for all of our working class senior when it comes to affordability, so I will be working very closely with our Housing Director and our City Manager's Team and Director Campbell to see how we can implement some best practices here as we move forward with surpassing our goal of 5,000, which we are more than 66% towards our goal in our first 11-months.

Councilmember Ajmera said I would like to recognize two local teens that are traveling to Silicon Valley later this week for entrepreneurship boot camp. This is the first program that was implemented outside of California to bring opportunities for our youth to give them an opportunity to build their business at a young age. These are all high school students, who have done an amazing job of presenting their business plan, and they were selected to go to Silicon Valley to compete and potentially get some seed money and develop this large company that employs folks right here in Charlotte. Don't be surprised if you see the next wave of technology leaders right here from our City, and I am very excited to actually have those two local talents right here and I would also like to recognize Councilmember Egleston for coming to support over the weekend as well as Councilmember Eiselt, and Councilmember Mitchell for their support of this program.

Councilmember Mitchell said on Saturday, December 16, 2017, we will celebrate the first ever black entrepreneurship in the City of Charlotte. The Carolina Small Business Development out of Raleigh is hosting this event. It will be Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Camp North, and you will enter off Statesville Road. Admission is free and our own Kevin Dick will serve on the panel to talk about entrepreneurship in the City of Charlotte. If you would like to register please go to www.carolinasmallbusiness.org.

Mayor Lyles said just a few things that I wanted to mention, one when we have our speakers come down and that sense of urgency around affordable housing, transit, and transportation options, we understand it and sometimes we get into how are we going to do it, and what are we going to do? Sometimes we are reminded by people how important that is, heart felt every day. That is the good thing about hearing from our citizens.

This past week I had the opportunity to go to Washington to meet with our Delegation basically to introduce myself and to say that we look forward to working with them and we will get some information about that meeting. I also had an opportunity to meet with a member of the President's Administration on the infrastructure bill, so it was quite a full day

and a full visit. The next day I went to the Metro Mayor's Meeting, which is comprised of cities over 50,000 mayors that are there, and if you will remember we've participated in that group since its founding and they are trying to determine how best to make that organization work and there are some things that we do, but it was good hear the discussions of their strategic plan going forward. Just as a note tomorrow I'm going to be going to Raleigh to meet with NCDOT, particularly around some of the issues that we have in our long-range transportation plan and to follow up with them on some of those things. These are primarily introductory meetings that I'm participating in, and somewhere along the line we will get you some written materials about what the key points are, and we will try to do that before the end of the year.

Councilmember Eiselt said I just want to mention briefly, some of you are involved in Room in the End, which helps our houses of faith and our schools that help house the homeless during this very cold season. Urban Ministries is also looking for help with collecting tarps, blankets, sleeping bags and tents, so if you have any extra things like that, if you could bring them to Urban Ministries they would be much appreciated and pray for a little warmer weather for our homeless neighbors.

Councilmember Winston said I wanted to speak on a topic that I first became aware of last September, 2016, as I became more involved in City Council business, and it rings even more true now. This is a part-time job, and Charlotte City Council from what I can tell in the research that I have been doing, operates under a very similar structure that it was chartered under back in the late 1920's. We changed strictly from at-large make-up to districts in the late 70's I believe, but that is really the most significant change. I know Mayberry is set in North Carolina, but Charlotte is no Mayberry. The people of Charlotte should have a full-time government advocating for their needs day in and day out. As one of my colleagues has said, this is just not enough time to deal with all of the issues that need to be dealt with and having to decide whether to go to work and provide wages for your family or do the business of serving the people of Charlotte. Not only that, but the way it is structured every two years you have to run for office and raise money. You are only working for a year really serving the people. I hope that we would consider looking at this over these next couple years. I would love to see a four-year staggered term where we look at district races in one cycle and city-wide races in another. This is not just something about job security here; this is about do the business of the people, and it is a full-time job. We are one of the top ten cities in the country; we are financial capital of the world. We have one of the busiest most important airports in the transportation infrastructure of the world. We are an emerging growing City; the people deserve it. Businesses deserve it; our staff deserves it, and I hope we will be willing to consider and have this politically potentially difficult conversation and make this truly a full-time job.

Councilmember Driggs said I would like to thank the Temple Bethel Brotherhood group for inviting me to speak to them yesterday. It was a very enlightening conversation, similar to the one I had a few weeks ago at United Methodist Church, and what it drove home to me was the lack of information, in spite of all of our efforts, about much of what goes on in City government. I think there is scope for us to continue to promote awareness of our activities, and I say that particularly, because on the issue of economic opportunity, for example, a lot of people are going how can that be still or else they are saying I'm concerned about that but what can I do? Maybe the faith community and these are two different faiths can be harnessed in a larger scale way to try to address those issues. There was also a lot of concern about infrastructure investment and the congestion problems we are facing. This is very near to people's heart, and frankly for my district, I don't have a good answer. It feels as if we are kind of strangling. I had some work done on traffic congestion in conjunction with a rezoning that I've been considering for the last few months, and when you look at the most congested intersections in Charlotte plotted on a map they are highly concentrated in Districts 6 and 7, and I can't point to any infrastructure investment that promises some kind of relief to people there. I can't even get a sidewalk approved, so I hope that in this term we will recognize the need to balance our investments in such a way that we maintain the prosperity that funds much of the things that we do. That was my take away and again thanks to Temple Bethel for giving me that opportunity to speak, and I hope I will have other occasions to go out and interact with the community.

Councilmember Harlow said I would like to highlight the historical West End initiative and the West End Director, Alysia Osborne; Social Justice Creative, Janelle Dunlap; Culinary Artist and Chef, Greg Collier for a successful event that they held at the Wadsworth Estate last week called Art, Soul, and Gentrification. It was an alternative form of an open house where people would gather in the house, see the house, but also tour it and have conversations around the housing market in Charlotte, particularly on Charlotte's west side. I hope that this term that we continue the conversations around affordable housing. We've heard tonight about senior housing and the need for that; we've got to do more in my opinion around protecting neighborhoods. I think we are always playing from behind. The conversations that were had at this open house around gentrification really led to what I consider the real problem and that is displacement. We talk a lot about the buzz word gentrification, but we have to talk more about displacement and who that is effecting; the working poor, our fixed-income senior citizens. If we don't start looking at the real cause of that around property tax, around increasing rents and how we can help provide gap funding for that, how can we look at more municipal service districts, the MSD model that we already have to make sure that some of those tax dollars can come back into the community that they are meant to serve. I'm going to continue to bring this up Council, Mr. Manager and staff and I hope the community will continue voicing those concerns. We know what the issues are; we have voiced it and we now have a mandate via this election around what those issues are, and it is up to us to do something about it. We've got to create some solutions through our committees and this Council. I look forward to helping with it.

Councilmember Egleston said three quick things I want to echo: Councilmember Ajmera's encouragement to the youth team that is headed to California this week. We had the opportunity to see a brief version of their presentation yesterday; these are very energetic, very intelligent young people in middle school and high school that I'm certain are going to represent us well in California, so best of luck to them. I want to send condolences to the families and friends of people; we had two violent tragedies this weekend in Charlotte, one in the Woodland Park Neighborhood of District 1 and one in southwest Charlotte, so we want to send our condolences to those people who lost or were impacted by those tragedies this weekend and in that same vein would want to invite people to the Domestic Violence Memorial Tree Ceremony that is being held Thursday, December 14, 2017 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the CMPD Law Enforcement Center, 601 East Trade Street in the main lobby. It is free and open to the public and will commemorate the more than 70 lives lost to domestic violence in Mecklenburg County and across North Carolina during 2017. That number went up this week-end; the Woodland Park tragedy was a domestic violence incident, and it is an increasing problem in our community and something that we need to address head on. I would invite you to join me at that on Thursday.

Councilmember Bokhari said an excellent point Larken on that last one. That is our number one priority, and we are well over 80 homicides now, so when we look at these trends I look forward to learning more of the Chief's program, as it relates to dispute resolution, which obviously seems to be a large, if there is a time theme to these large numbers, a large part of that, so absolutely there I will mirror my colleagues sentiments. A shout out to the City staff with leadership from Fran West on the SouthPark C-NIP workshop that happened two weeks ago, I was there every day for a four-day stretch dropping in, and it is incredible work developing a vision for District 6, SouthPark, south Charlotte there into what our identity needs to be to continue the great growth we've had into the next ten years. So, I love what they are doing. I will tag on to Mr. Winston's comments of the four-year staggered terms. You find a supporter in me, especially if we can also make part of that dialogue term limits as a perspective of both ends of that equation, but I like the idea. Big thanks to staff over the last couple of weeks, especially a shout out to Jeff Stovall; we've had a number of great conversations. Thank you for an open mind in partnering and working Mr. Manager on especially the cyber security and IT infrastructure topics that last week with the County's event have been a real wake-up call to everybody. Finally two things, shout out to all start-up tech, Fin-tech, IT or innovative companies here in Charlotte. If you've got ideas for how we can revolutionize and bring City government to the next level, and you have a concept that you've been building what

better way to partner with you directly here in town, so please me via my City e-mail address any of your ideas or concepts, and I will route them to the right folks. I would love to create more of a direct pipeline of using our start-up talent and then finally, I didn't pull the item for discussion in the Consent Item, No. 21, the City's Strategic Research and Consulting Services, because we have more homework to do in getting up to speed ourselves, the new Councilmembers, on what makes sense and what doesn't, but I do want to plant a seed and perhaps for later exploration. I've been staggered by the number of times in meetings that the staff has told me we need to pull in a consultant on this. This was approval tonight for \$125,000 for a consultant; many of us have met him and know his work is solid, but I would love to see a study on how much consulting spend we are having, and what is our approach here? What should we be doing in house with the expertise we have versus actually going out? I'm not saying we shouldn't go out, but I'm wondering what that total spend is and how can we be good stewards of our taxpayer dollars while also getting what we need.

Mayor Lyles said I think we can get the Manager to give you that information; it has been something that we do as a regularly follow-up, particularly around what we do contract out. You are right; I'm not sure. Consultant is a big word these days. Engineering infrastructure, traffic, and marketing it is just amazing what people are doing and our policy around it.

I did want to mention one other thing; Councilmember Eiselt and I were talking about several years ago Councilmember Driggs was here and Mayfield and Phipps. We did a bus tour of the City, and we went through every District and I know that we've been talking a lot about meeting times, but I would like to ask if you would be willing to try to squeeze something in before we go to the Retreat. I don't even know if it is possible; I can imagine the staff is over there groaning at this idea, because it is a lot of work, but when we talk about those intersections of congestion, when we talk about gentrification; when we talk about how District 3 is going to be Asheville and all of those things, the C-NIP Plan in SouthPark. I don't think we all have the same foundation of understanding and if we can possibly, and I don't know how to do it but I think it is always good to visit your own City and hear from the people that know it closely. The people like Mattie Marshall up there that is live streaming us, but the people that are the district members having them organize and work toward that. It may be premature, but if there is anyone who thinks it might be foolish to try to do that before the end of January, and I know it is aggressive and if we can't do it before we go on the Retreat we will have to do it right after, because I really do believe we all need to know everyone's corner of this earth. Everyone that comes down here lives here, and we need to know more about our community.

Mr. Driggs said I would support that; I think the big burden on the staff so we need to know whether the work; I would really be interested to get an update of the information that we each received about our districts. I found that a very useful reference but I realize that requires some lead time, otherwise I'm ready at the drop of a hat to give a tour of my District.

Mayor Liles said I think we hear affirmation of that and Mr. Newton if you are watching us on live stream we can hardly wait for you to get here and be sworn in.

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ITEM NO. 6: CLOSED SESSION

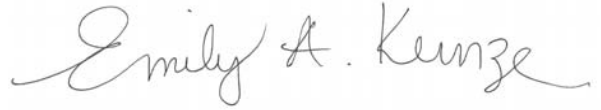
Motion was made by Councilmember Mayfield, seconded by Councilmember Driggs, and carried unanimously to go into Closed Session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) to consult with attorneys employed or retained by the City in order to preserve the attorney client privilege and to consider and give instructions to the attorneys concerning the handling of a claim.

The meeting was recessed at 7:50 p.m. to go into Closed Session in CH-14.

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at the conclusion of the Closed Session at 9:26 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Emily A. Kunze". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

Emily A. Kunze, Deputy City Clerk, NCCMC

Length of Meeting: 4 Hours, 12 Minutes
Minutes Completed: December 19, 2017