

The City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina convened for a Dinner Briefing on Monday, June 11, 2018 at 5:10 p.m. Room 267 of the Charlotte Mecklenburg Government Center with Mayor Vi Lyles presiding. Councilmembers present were Dimple Ajmera, Tariq Bokhari, Edmund Driggs, Larken Egleston, Julie Eiselt, LaWana Mayfield, Matt Newton, Greg Phipps, and Braxton Winston.

ABSENT UNTIL NOTED: Councilmembers Justin Harlow and James Mitchell

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ACTION REVIEW

ITEM NO. 1: MAYOR AND COUNCIL CONSENT ITEM QUESTIONS

Mayor Lyles said so far we have number 33 has a speaker; 47 has a speaker, and two items have been moved to the Business Agenda, probably consent agenda. Those are items 30 and 44. Both of them have to do with the stadium and Rail Trail, so those will be on your business agenda.

Councilmember Winston said I would like to pull item number 35 for a separate discussion and vote please.

Councilmember Phipps said the one that is talking about the Tuckaseegee airport voluntary annexation, I just wanted to know, how many acres are there of airport owned public land that has not been voluntarily annexed yet?

Mayor Lyles said we can get that information in a report. Thank you for following up on that.

Mr. Phipps said why hasn't it been annexed? I want to know that too.

Randy Harrington, Chief Financial Officer said if I could just point out one item at your place setting, you have a revised write up for Item Number 10, the South End Vision Plan, revised action plan. Essentially, what happened was a final version didn't get uploaded in the original information that you got, and there were some references to the vision plan and some separate amendments, and it was maybe a little bit confusing how it was worded. So, there were some revisions made just to condense the action and simplify it just a little bit, so that is what you have before you tonight.

Councilmember Driggs said I did have one question on the South End Vision Plan; is that business?

Mayor Lyles said it is on our policy agenda; it will come up for questions, but if it is something that you need researched.

Mr. Driggs said I will just mention, the question is whether there is any funding associated with this, because we have seen situations where we agree to a plan like sidewalks, then suddenly something pops up and they said, well you approved this, now are just carrying it out, so, I would like to know what kind of funding commitment could be applied by our acceptance of this plan.

Mayor Lyles said we will have that answered how we manage that, because we know we do not have the money to do everything.

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ITEM NO. 2: AGENDA OVERVIEW

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ITEM NO. 3: SUSTAINABLE AND RESILIENT CHARLOTTE BY 2050 RESOLUTION

Councilmember Ajmera said Mr. Phocas will walk us through the presentation that will include a resolution that was approved by the Committee. It is a bold step forward with the sustainable and resilient Charlotte, and this is a resolution that does not only focus on energy but also focuses on environmental sustainability, and it was vetted by over two-dozen stakeholder groups, which includes environment organizations, faith and business communities, and this is the first time that we have also had Duke Energy at the table, and we heard it very loud and clear last year that we did not want a resolution that was aspirational, but with this resolution you will see it is very inspirational, not aspiration, inspirational and achievable. I hope that you will support this when it comes up for a vote on the 25th, and if you have and technical questions, that is why we have Rob Phocas here for that.

Mayor Lyles said before Rob starts, I would just like to recommend Mayor Jennifer Robbers for being here. This is something that was very important to her, and I am glad that she is hanging tough with this, and I know she has a posse with her as well. We say hello to all the posse members.

Rob Phocas, Energy and Sustainability Manager said as Councilmember Ajmera said, tonight we are going to talk about the sustainable, resilient Charlotte by 2050 resolution, but another goal that we have is not only talking about the resolution but setting the larger context of all the work that staff has been doing towards setting targets for the year 2050, so the agenda for tonight, I want to touch on some history and especially some terminology, because this is some very complex area. I want to talk about the targets that we will be proposing, talk about the strategic energy action plan, talk about the resolution of course, and then touch on next steps as well. So, this work in particular dates back to 2015, when Mayor Clodfelter signed onto the global covenant of mayor's commitment. As part of this commitment, I will mention that Mayor Roberts also signed onto that as well when her term began, the City agreed to accomplish four things that are listed here: register the commitment, which we did by the Mayor Signing on; complete a greenhouse gas emissions inventory and report this to a group called the Carbon Disclosure Project, which is a group that works internationally both with businesses and municipalities to help them measure and report their greenhouse gas emissions. We wanted to create greenhouse gas emission reduction targets and establish a system of measurements, which is incredibly important to the work that we are doing, then finally establish a strategic energy action plan, which will detail the actions that we as a community will need to take to achieve those targets.

By accomplishing these four goals, Charlotte is going to be able to join a global community of cities that are striving to meet the goals that have been spelt out by the Paris Climate Agreement. So, this work really began in earnest back in the summer of 2017, when we partnered with Envision Charlotte to collect the data and to develop our greenhouse gas baseline and to formally report it out to CDP. So, as Mayor Lyles mentioned, back in November 2017, Mayor Roberts introduced to the Council a resolution that among other things would commit the city to 100 percent clean energy by 2050. The City Council voted to send the resolution that worked back to the Environment Committee for further discussion. There were two charges that traveled with that request. One was to draft a resolution that was appropriate and tailored for Charlotte, recognizing our unique regulator environment and just the uniqueness of Charlotte and also to develop an action plan for how those goals would be achieved. Staff developed a draft resolution that was presented to the Environment Committee April 30th. We had feedback from the committee; we had feedback from stakeholders, then just this past week, we have presented an edited resolution to the committee that was passed by a vote of four to one.

I want to talk a little bit about how this work aligns, because there have been lots of other efforts that staff and the community have undertaken. In light of Council's feedback in November and their charge to the Environment Committee, the requirements under the global Covenant of Mayors, Council's desire to be a global leader, which is spelt out in the Environment Focus Area Plan and the desire to work not only on just internal operations but as a whole community towards this plan, we began working toward a much more comprehensive strategy than was first outlined in that first outlined in that November resolution. So, we saw an opportunity to align the focus area plan goals, the Covenant of Mayor goals, and the desire to be a leader in this field, and set a low carbon future for that city. So again, beginning in

November 2017, we started working very closely with Envision Charlotte, who has been a partner of the City, as you know, in many leading efforts, especially in energy, and the blue print for our work is to complete the commitment requirements under the Global Covenant of Mayor's to deliver that greenhouse gas base line and the strategic energy action plan and other plans as well that impact the emissions that we have in Charlotte. For example our circular economy work that we are doing under our comprehensive plan. It is important to note that all of these different plans are interconnected, that they just cannot stand alone.

Councilmembers Harlow and Mitchell arrived at 5:20 p.m.

Mr. Phocas said before we get into the terminology here, I wanted to provide a little context, which I think is really important and really came to light as we were working with the environment Committee and the stakeholder groups, so a few points before we get into that. Charlotte has always desired to be a global leader in this field, but this is the first time that we as staff and a community have undertaken an energy action plan or any plan that sets goals to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions. It is also the first time that we were ever undertaking a circular economy strategy as well. As I mentioned, that is connected. The importance of this work across the world really I think was emphasized when Mayor Bloomberg announced a new challenge to the 100 biggest cities in the United States. It is call the American Cities Climate Challenge, and Mayor Bloomberg is putting up \$70 million to work with 20 cities in the Unites States for over two years, to provide them with not only human resources but also technical resources, and the goal is for that money for this community that has developed to help those 20 cities achieve their greenhouse gas reduction goals by 2050. One of the first requirements for that is for the City to show its commitment through a letter from that City's Mayor, and we have talked both to the Environment Committee and to Mayor Lyles about submitting that letter, which is due on the 19th, so that is in process, then the larger application is to do July 18. We do not know what the questions are. Those will not be released until June 19, 2018, but again, I think that it just shows the significance of the work that we are undertaking and how important it is for us to be a global leader. Secondly, as with all of the cities that are undertaken this work-

Councilmember Eiselt said how many cities do you think would be competing for that?

Mr. Phocas said it is open to 100. I would suspect almost probably 100 of those cities will be applying for it. In my experience, when it comes to the area of sustainability and there is an opportunity for money and for strategic alliances, that cities jump at that opportunity. I think that it will be very competitive. I think that we are in a very good position to apply for it though with the resolution, the strategic energy action plan with the circular economy work. If this opportunity came a year ago, I would be hesitant for the City to apply. As I was mentioning, the approaches to these challenges that we have to take have to be new approaches. The have to be innovative. They have to be creative. They are going to involve partnerships with private partners, with non-profit partners, with other municipal entities as well, and it is going to take persistence, and it is going to take commitment. We are going to need to think out of the box to achieve the goals we are setting. To that point, this is a very long-term timeframe. We are talking about goals to be set in the year 2030 and the year 2050. There will be intermediary requirements, but it is a very long-term frame work that they are developing. It is also important to notice that it is not just focused on energy. As I mentioned, there are other sectors that impact our greenhouse gas emissions.

Finally, it is important to note that Charlotte faces its own unique challenges and idiosyncrasies, as appose to some cities that we will be competing with, we do not own our own energy company. Some cities do. We have a regulator environment that is different from a lot of other cities. So, we need, as we are doing this work, to recognize that and to factor it in as well.

Let's touch on the terminology a little bit. The terminology can be very confusing. It is very technical. There are terms of art, but the terms that we have chosen to use are ones that are recognized not only nationally but internationally as well. So, just quickly running through these; renewable energy includes: wind, solar, geothermal, hydro, and bioenergy. It also includes storage. When we are talking about clean energy, we are talking about renewables, but it can also include nuclear. It is also important to note that some groups, especially in the United States, when you are talking about clean energy, take that to mean clean coal and

natural gas. We are not including that in our definition when we are talking about clean energy. Zero carbon, which you will see referenced throughout the resolution, includes renewables and nuclear where necessary, and it is important for us to recognize that. We have two nuclear power plants that provide a significant amount of our power, and they will for several decades to come. Finally, the term low carbon spans across all greenhouse gasses in all sectors of energy, waste, industrial processes and agriculture as well. One of the most important terms is this one here, Co2 equivalent. There is a difference between just Co2 and Co2 equivalent. The main difference is when you include that little e, the equivalent, you are covering all the greenhouse gases. So, for example, methane, which is a very potent greenhouse gas, more potent than carbon dioxide is covered when you see Co2E, so when you are reading the resolution and you see some references in the PowerPoint forth coming, you will see that E. So, what does it mean? It is a way to express the impact of the different greenhouse gases in terms of the impact of Co2. So, if you look at that last bullet point, one kilogram of methane is equivalent to 24 kilograms of carbon dioxide over a hundred years.

So, the first thing that we did, as I mentioned earlier, was work on developing a greenhouse gas base line and some future targets. The data collection that we undertook included data work that we had done in the past around greenhouse gases. But like I said, in November, we began in earnest to get the best baseline that we possibly could. The past efforts were not as detailed. They were not as comprehensive, and there were also new takes and methodology that allowed us to get more specific. Another point that I would like to make is that Duke Energy has provided much more detailed data than we have ever had before. They have come to the table like we have never had them come to the table before. We have had a great working relationship with them, and that is something that we expect to continue, and our goals, this work cannot be achieved if Duke Energy is not actively participating in the work that we are doing. So, we used the CDP spreadsheets to input the numbers, and our baseline year compared to other cities is the year 2015. Other cities strive to start earlier. We believe that 2015 is the year that we can get the most accurate data for the work that we want to do. One last point there, 12 tons of carbon dioxide per person, per year, is what each of us produces right now. So, we are looking at this on an individual basis, and I think that one of the reasons that is really powerful is because that makes it a much more personal goal. We all have a role in the work that we are going to do here, and when we are able to talk about tons of carbon dioxide that each of us is omitting per year, I think that it really emphasizes that role. You will see there, it says that the national figure is 16 tons of carbon dioxide per person, per year, so Charlotte is lower. One of the main reasons for that is that we do not have a lot of industry inside the city limits, whereas when you look at other cities, they do. That is what is driving up their annual total.

So, here are initial targets, what we are striving for. I mentioned, as of 2015, 12 tons of Co2 per person, per year. Our goal by 2030 is to get that down to seven tons and by the year 2050 is to get that down to less than two tons of carbon dioxide, and as you can see there, that puts us in line with the goals of the Global Covenant of Mayors. The second thing that we are working on is developing the Strategic Energy Action Plan, which was of key importance to the Council back in November, when we were initially discussing the resolution. So, this document is going to lay out the roadmap for how we are going to achieve our 2030 and 2050 goals, how we are going to have a low carbon future. We have partnered, as I said, very closely with Envision Charlotte. They have brought in an international expert, Doctor Sebastian Carney, who has developed a model that cities around the world have used to set these targets, and we have been working very closely with the stakeholder group, as Mayor Lyles mentioned earlier.

Mayor Lyles said I want you to recognize your assistants; will you please stand? Thank you so much for your work and helping us do this.

Mr. Phocas said the work that we have been doing with Dr. Carney and Envision is outlined there in bullet point three. We have been hosting, we are calling future scenario workshops, where we had city staff, Duke Energy personnel, really understanding what we as a community are going to do to achieve these goals, then we have also hosted and will continue to host meeting with community stakeholders. Councilmember Ajmera pulled together stakeholders who have had an opportunity to have at least two conversations with us to discuss what we are doing in the resolution.

So, the framework for the SEAP as we call it, there are four pillars that are focused on the building sector, transportation sector, how we generate our industry, then the piece that underlines all of these again is innovation. Innovation is going to really be driving what Charlotte is doing, what cities across the world are doing. We will continue to build strategies as we move forward that will make up the Energy Action Plan, and this will all be presented to the City Council in the fall.

So quickly, why a low carbon future, again recognize that when you are talking low carbon, it is not just the energy, but we are talking about circular economy, the waste, and industrial processes. The SEAP cannot deliver on all these things; it will take different plans to get there, but the Energy Action Plan is a huge piece of this. Why are we doing this? I think that the main reason is we want to be a globally competitive city. Charlotte cannot compete with, not only cities in the United States, but also internationally if we are not undertaking work in the community to recognize our greenhouse gas emissions and how we are going to reduce them. Of course it increases the quality of life to our residents. Air quality for example, as you are decreasing your emissions, you are improving the air quality for your residence. The goals of the resolution, we wanted to demonstrate Council's commitment to a low carbon future. We wanted to set end goals, and we wanted to do this through the Energy Action Plan and the circular economy. We wanted to be responsive to what was in the original resolution but also the comments that we heard from Council back in November and that we have heard from the committee as we have gone along. We wanted to keep the resolution high level, which is our norm and not get into specific details, and we wanted to use this as a call to action for our partners and our community. The details will come in the plans that we are putting forward in the Energy Action Plan for example. So, in summary, the resolution that you have before you encompasses our commitment to the Global Covenant of Mayors. It is a broader resolution than what Council saw in November, but it does include renewable energy in the goals that we are setting. It identifies and specifies that the SEAP will be completed. It will provide an action plan that will be coming back to Council in November. Importantly, it includes a municipal goal for the year 2030, but it also has a community goal for the year 2050, and it mentions that we are going to continue all the great work that staff has been doing already to reduce our carbon foot print. One point I want to make is that as I said, the resolution was passed in the committee four to one. As we continue to work on it and get it ready.

Ms. Ajmera said I would just like to clarify, even though it was passed four to one, it was because of some technical questions, but I did have a conversation with Mr. Phipps, and he is on board with it. I just wanted to clarify that he is not against sustainable initiatives. He is very well supportive of it.

Councilmember Phipps said the way that the motion was constructed, they had language that we wanted to change and had two options, but instead of voting for those things separately, they included as one lump sum.

Councilmember Winston said you can blame me for that.

Mr. Phipps said had they just wrote it for that and that went away, I would have been in favor of advancing forward. I just thank my colleague Mr. Winston.

Ms. Ajmera said so we can count on your support, so that is five votes.

Mayor Lyles said I do not think that I heard him say that, but if you heard him say that, I am going with you. The Chair has ruled that it was a five to zero vote coming forward.

Mr. Phocas said the last point that I would like to make before we get to next steps is that we did identify one technical clarification that we wanted to make, just to make sure that the language is clear and I know that Councilmember Ajmera has talked with the Environment Committee members and gotten their blessing to move forward, in particular if you go to the very last clause in the resolution where it says, "now therefor be it further resolved," you will see towards the end that says, "we are going to address our buildings and fleet from zero carbon sources, including renewables and nuclear, by 2030." That phrase will be removed when this is presented in the RCA to the Council for the final vote on June 25, 2018, which is the next step for this. Cross out, "including renewables and nuclear."

Councilmember Driggs said on the initial targets, 12 tons of Co2 in 2015, are these the quantities generated by activity of the City, or is this the City's total production?

Mr. Phocas said this is the City, 300 square miles total production.

Mr. Driggs said so, when we set these goals in the future, we are not only talking about managing ourselves, we are talking about a plan that includes everybody else.

Mr. Phocas said that is correct.

Mr. Driggs said I assume that is based on the voluntary participation of all of those parties and not some legislative action that we intend to take. Is that right?

Mr. Phocas said that is correct.

Mr. Driggs said so, the other thing that I cannot see from this is this could say the goal is six or the goal is nine, and basically, you do not have a plateau like that. You have a tradeoff between the investment that you make and the outcome that you are willing to achieve. You can go for the super high efficiency air conditioner, which is more expensive, or you could get one that is an intermediate SER price point, and therefor in order to judge this and its feasibility would be interesting to know, how did we incorporate the cost of attaining those goals into the definition of this particular program?

Mr. Phocas said so costs, as with everything that we do, are very important. When we are working on the Energy Action Plan, there will be an opportunity for us to have much more discussion about costs. I think that one of the issues with cost is because it is such a long timeline that it is often very difficult to understand what the costs are going to be, especially when you are thinking of the innovations that will be coming about, but you are exactly right Councilmember. As we always have and is part of the resolution, there is a balance between costs and value and the benefits that we are getting and that is part of the discussion that we have to have. I think that it is also important to recognize, in addition to the cost, there is a huge value to what we are doing here and will work to do our best to quantify that.

Mr. Driggs said I recognize that value. I just would repeat what I said before, we adopt this frame work, which is a good goal and is something that we should pay attention to, but that does not imply that everything that comes forward later is deemed to be merely administrative approval pursuant to this adopted plan. There are many important decisions that still have to be made, and they are not going to be made in the context of some presumption because we agreed to this target, but we also have to be ready to agree to such and such cost, right? We will have further conversations about individual steps that will be taken towards that when we know more about the details.

Mr. Phocas said absolutely.

Councilmember Bokhari said I share all the same elements that Councilmember Driggs just said; the specific question that I have is along those lines and the same exact one that I asked you last week, so you have a heads-up. So, we know that we cannot quantify a lot of the evolutionary items in technology that will occur in the 2050 plan, which is somewhat out of our control, because that requires a lot of partnership when you get to that point but more of the 2030 plan direct in our control. So, the question is, did you quantify in some form, even if it was loose, for the manager to be able to see what he is up against each year in the budget between now and then to actually bring this to fruition by using today's technology, estimating what it would take, then the idea that I gave you was look back over the last 20 years and how much technology has evolved there and just use that as a proxy for the percentage and cost efficiencies that would occur, because I would like to know if it was 100, 100 million, or 100 billion, right? I mean, just some relative percent so were you able to do that?

Mr. Phocas said we did not have an opportunity to do it at that level, for example sit down with the Manager. I think that what we can strive to do is, as I mention in the last meeting, provide you with an idea of what some of the shorter term goal costs have been in relation to projects that we have already undertaken. Even when we look at a 2030 goal, it is going to be very difficult to quantify, even for our own internal operations of what that cost will be, but we have

been doing work, for example, to cost out things like what would the cost of bioenergy be if we were to use bioenergy in our fleet as oppose to diesel. We didn't have the time to get that together.

Mr. Bokhari said with all the estimation that could possibly do, if you look at the midway point between half a million and have a million, which one was t closer to?

Mr. Phocas said I would not want to pick a particular number on that.

Mr. Bokhari said that is the only thing that makes me uncomfortable, that we cannot even ballpark it within that realm right now. I love the idea; I love the work you put into it. I think that it is a brilliant approach for us. I just think that we have to get more disciplined in how we quantify these numbers, at least at some high level.

Ms. Ajmera said so, I know that Mr. Bokhari had brought this up at our Environment Committee meeting, so when we put together the Strategic Energy Action Plan, which is under way, we are visiting all developments, our internal city departments and coming up with our short-term, mid-term, and long-term plan that will give you some idea as around how much it is going to cost, and I think that it will give you more details as to what you are looking for Mr. Bokhari. That will be addressed in the Strategic Energy Action Plan, which will come out in the fall.

Mr. Winston said I will give you one high-level quantification is that this will cost less than it will cost should we not adopt it and we do not aspire to these goals. I do not have the numerical value for that, but I will submit that as fact. I just want to talk in favor of this to my colleagues. I do believe that this is an inspirational piece of policy, as Madam Chair framed it earlier today. It really does allow us to utilize our bully pulpit as a city, as an organization, that has tremendous buying power and influence over what kind of products come to our market and what kind of technologies are explored in this area in any kind of field but specifically as it pertains to the environment and sustainability. So, with this resolution we will do along with the subsequent action plan, it will put pressure on the market and other folks that play in the spaces that we play to bring new and innovative solutions to achieve these goals. I think that we are doing it in the right order, and this can be sort of a mini framework of where we need to go without comprehensive vision plan and UDO process to say hey, this is what we want. Now, we are going to put the tools in place to get there. Even kind of thinking about that comprehensive vision and playing it the UDO, this resolution is going to shape that vision. How did we develop that city in the long run over the 2040 or 2050 kind of time frame that we look to? How do we build our roads? How do we build buildings? What do we expect developers to look at when they are coming to us for rezonings? These are the types of big, bold steps that we can take to really shape the future of our City and just as Mr. Phocas said, not simple as it pertains directly to sustainability models but how we do business all across really every department in this organization. I encourage you guys who have not been able to look at it like we have been able to look at it on the Environment Committee and have the conversations that we have been having to do that. I really wrap your heads around it to figure out how to again really use our bully pulpit to influence a different charted path for the City and this region.

Ms. Ajmera said to all my colleagues on this Council, I think that this is an opportunity for us to leave a lasting impact. I mean, you are talking about environment. You are going to be talking about the impact that we are going to leave for 30, 40, 50 years, to improve the quality of life for all Charlotteans. I think that this will have a lasting impact, as you can see, until 2050 and even longer for clean air for our next generation and clean water and so many other sustainability initiatives, so this is a bold step forward, and I think that we must take it.

Mr. Winston said just to complete my thought, a good example I think of this how we would have to use our pulpit also not to demand but also gain partnerships, part of the decision that we had to make, we had an option to include all of our city fleet vehicles or just our light duty trucks, and we decided to go with all. It is going to be difficult. It is going to be challenging, especially when we look at some of our heavy fleet vehicles like dump trucks and garbage trucks. Let's be honest, the feasibility in technology do not match right now where we stand in 2018, but to get there, in which we are hopefully going to approve moving forward, we are setting higher goals for future Councils, not just to come up with solutions to what we are putting on the table, but to partner with other stakeholders in this community that will have like-minded situations in helping us reach our aspirations, whether it is perpetuating the

construction industry that we are filling right now. These are the types of difficult border marks that we are setting, but they are so necessary, and it really does continue to play into the way that we do business with public/private partnerships, but I really do think pushes it a step further and really puts us in the driver seat.

Mayor Lyles said thank you for the work of the Committee; I would just ask that we try to use some words like citizens and the entire community in some of this. Capital C, Capital C often means just us, small thing, but the work has been phenomenal, and I look forward to the plan.

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ITEM NO. 4: BOND REFERENDUM SCHEDULE AND CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS

Randy Harrington, Chief Financial Officer said it is my pleasure to walk you through briefly tonight the 2018 General Obligation Bond Referendum overview, and really this is a process overview, and before I give it, I have to say that there is one really big assumption build into this presentation. That big assumption is that you adopt a budget tonight The Community Investment Plan, so I am just going to preface that right out of the gate, but assuming you do that, there are a series of steps that are required by general statute that the City Council has to follow to actually put the General Obligation Bond Referendum in process and to insure that we follow all legal components. I just want to walk through those here with you this evening. With that, I will provide you a little bit of an overview of the schedule, some of the required actions that the Council must take, then discussed briefly the roles really around what is the role of the City then what is the role of the partner, really the Chamber of Commerce who is a partner in this particular process for the 2018 bond referendum.

The actions, again these are what I would describe as routine. They are consistent with what Council has seen and done in prior years, and again they are prescribed in general statutes, and there is no flexibility around it; they are just basic components that all cities and counties have to follow in North Carolina. So, some of the key requirements, there are four actions by City Council. I am going to touch on those in the next slide. Within this, there are elements of public notifications as well as a required public hearings on each of the three bond components. The submission of the ballot language will go to the Board of Elections by August. I will tell you a little bit more why August is such an important date. Obviously, there is a bond referendum vote by the citizens of Charlotte. Let me outline here the timeline from now through November. When this pops up, the blue will denote Council Actions per the North Carolina General Statutes. We will start in June. Tonight, what we will have before you, after you adopt the budget, will be an action to approve resolutions to apply to the local government commission for the 2018 bond referendum. With that, there will be a publicized notice of intent to apply to Local Government Commission that will be in the public, then you will actually authorize the City Manager and myself to actually apply to the Local Government Commission before you take your next action. The next action in June at the end on June 25, 2018 will be what we call formally introduce the bond orders. This is the bond language for the three components that voters will see around: transportation, neighborhood improvements, and affordable housing. As well, you will also set a public hearing for those three components at your July meeting.

We move into July. You hold the public hearings. You have to hold three public hearings, one for each of those components on the transportation, housing, and neighborhood improvements, then you will formally set the bond referendum date for November 6, 2018. Now, you will wonder why does it line up this particular way, and I eluded to this just a little bit earlier but in early August, we are required to provide the Board of Elections with your approved bond order language, what the voters will see when they go to the ballots in terms of what they vote on. The reason for August 6, 2018, you may think my gosh that is early, the Board of Elections has to design the ballots; they have to build them. They have to print absentee ballots and prepare for early voting, so that ramps up that schedule into the late summer timeframe. When we get to November, there will be two components. One is obviously the bond vote, and this will be done by the citizens of Charlotte, the following that you will receive from the Board of Elections information about the vote, and you will have to adopt the resolution to certify and declare the results of the referendum, and at that time, the City Clerk will read for the record, what those vote tallies were, then you will adopt that formally into the record.

Those are the four key steps that Council will take. Again, these are routine and prescribed and quite explicitly by general statute. Just as a reminder, what types of investments and I already alluded to this in my previous comment, voters will see three components; they will vote separately on transportation investments, neighborhood investments, and as well on housing investments, a total of \$223.1 million in bond referendum will be before the voters. What roles will you play, and what roles will our partner, the Charlotte Chamber, play? These are really important components for the City. As I mentioned, the Council approves the plan investments for the 2018 bond referendum, which again assuming that you will do tonight, and the Mayor and Council, you can engage in advocacy. So, advocacy being in the nature of your political role in the community, you can advocate for or against or any type of way of how you think that voters should vote for the bond, but the City cannot use any funds to endorse or oppose the referendum. Also, staff cannot engage in any advocacy, but we can help provide educational information, factual information, what is the project, how much, what are the goals of that particular project. Staff can provide that type of information, again neutral, fact based, and information oriented.

The partner, the Charlotte Chamber runs the bonds campaign, the advocacy component for that, then as well the Chamber will do fund raising from the private sector to actually run that particular campaign. I know that tonight we have Keith Kelly over here on the left side with the Charlotte Chamber, who is with us tonight. Those are the key roles for the City and for staff in the process that you will see here over the next several months. I am happy to answer questions that you might have.

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

Mayor Lyles said are there any other items that you would like to comment on or have a separate vote on for tonight’s agenda before I ask for a motion to go into closed session?

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ITEM NO. 6: CLOSED SESSION

Motion was made by Councilmember Winston, seconded by Councilmember Egleston, and carried unanimously to go into closed session pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 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 or settlement of City of Charlotte v. 8600 Charlotte Properties, LLC - 13-CVS-5535.

The meeting was recessed at 5:57 p.m. to go into closed session in Room 267. The meeting returned to open session at 6:03 p.m. in Room 267 and immediately recessed to move to the Meeting Chamber for the regularly scheduled Business Meeting.

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BUSINESS MEETING

The City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina reconvened for a Business Meeting on Monday, June 11, 2018 at 6:44 p.m. in the Meeting Chamber of the Charlotte Mecklenburg Government Center with Mayor Vi Lyles presiding. Councilmembers present were Dimple Ajmera, Tariq Bokhari, Edmund Driggs, Larken Egleston, Julie Eiselt, Justin Harlow, LaWana Mayfield, James Mitchell, Matt Newton, Greg Phipps, and Braxton Winston.

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INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Councilmember Driggs gave the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

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PUBLIC FORUM

Education and Young Leaders Subcommittee

Michael Smalenberger, 2406 Sawyer Drive said I am the Chair of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Community Relations subcommittee on Education/Young Leaders. Tonight, I have a couple of members with the Education/Young Leaders subcommittee with me here tonight, and I would like to acknowledge them. The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Community Relations Committee is the Human Relations Agency of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County. The Education/Young Leaders subcommittee in particular has a mission of developing and strengthening coalitions in our community that are centered around education and the development of young leaders. I think that today, more than perhaps in recent memory, the work that we do is important since we deal directly with Education/Young Leaders. Recently, the Harvard University and University of Berkley bring Charlotte 50th out of 50 of large U'S cities in the United States in terms of intergenerational mobility, and are also subsequently the Opportunity Task Force report highlighted a couple of specific areas that we can address in order to increase that ranking. All of these pertain to Education/Young Leaders. Those three determinants were: early care and education, college and career readiness, and child and family stability. What we have done since March 2017 is we have invited and spoken with well over 60 non-profits on a monthly basis, and instead of trying to prescribe some sort of a solution that we thought would alleviate that issue, what we have asked them to do is to tell us what their strengths are, what their challenges are, and where they see opportunities. Now, since I am only allotted three minutes tonight, that is hardly sufficient time to convey the message that we have received from those non-profits to you here tonight, so what I am asking of you here tonight is we would like to establish a more informal but consistent dialog with all of you. One of the things that we hear most consistently from these non-profits is that they simply want to know that their work is acknowledged by our elected officials and also aware of in the community. So, the thing that I am asking of you here tonight is when I reach out to you via email or phone, please take that email or phone call and please, please, please, allow us an opportunity to talk to you so we can continue to convey that message from these non-profits.

Mayor Lyles said thank you so much. We really appreciate your work and what you are doing in education and the idea of collaboration for our children's success. We have spoken, and I look forward to having everyone be completely aware of what you are doing

Transportation for Low Income Children

Pastor Brenda Stevenson, 3900 Gossett Avenue said I sound like I have a cold; I do. We have been working with summer camp. We just got out, and the reason why we are here, we need a van. We are talking children with Medicaid, free summer camp \$125 basis. These parents need to be picked up, and I do not have ample transportation along with feeding in my neighborhood with the seniors. That is why I am here; thank God I came here right on time.

District 7 Business and Residents

Ray Eschert, 11013 Spice Hollow Court said I am here on behalf of South Charlotte Partners Inc., a non-profit advocacy organization for south Charlotte. We are here this evening to share appreciation for the increase in this year's budget for our area. To begin, we would like to recognize our District 7 City Council Representative Mr. Driggs, who has worked very hard in supporting our efforts in obtaining some of this money; thank you Ed. You each have a copy of the letter; I am going to read it to you. I write this on behalf of South Charlotte Partners and the Ballantyne Breakfast Club to express appreciation for the funding allocated for South Charlotte in the 2019 proposed budget. South Charlotte Partners is a new non-profit advocacy organization formed as a unified voice in response to issues impacting the area related to community, continued growth, and development. Our goal is to advocate for the needs of our area in a positive way. We express our appreciation on behalf of the area's residents and the businesses for the increase in this year's budget allocation to south Charlotte. This includes \$20 million in funding of the extension of Bryant Farms Road, which was needed, then an additional \$5 million, we hope, for additional public safety projects. We sincerely hope that the City will continue to consider funding for improvements in the area as the area continues to grow. The goal of South Charlotte Partners is very simple. It is to work very closely in the coming years with the City in the identification of value added projects in this area that will

contribute to the economic growth of all of Charlotte. Thank you again for your financial support, and we truly do appreciate it. You have done a great job, and again I have to commend Ed, Way to go.

Councilmember Driggs said may I also recognize Victoria Nwasike, who is in the room and is a member of the Board of Directors at South Charlotte Partner and has been a major contributor; thank you Victoria.

Police Accountability/Transparency

Antoine James, 3601 Statesville Avenue said we need to see the footage of Operation Avalanche. They go too far; that is not how officers’ temperament should be in basic traffic stops. Just because citizens live in supposed high-crime areas does not mean that police should be harsh towards folks in those stops. City Council should view the footage, see how far off LaWana Mayfield really is. After viewing it, you will easily see she is pretty much on target. Millennials change ages. Will we have to wait and see as your predecessors have said, through the years, for you to take action? It is about race. Do not be afraid to say that it is. True and beyond believe of the constituents of Ed Driggs and Julie Eiselt, surely Councilmember Harlow does not believe his colleagues go home to call him a nigger or worse, based on his race, but many of the constituents do, and the police are an extension of the arm of that bigotry, hate, and bias to folks who are just making a living, wanting to enjoy lives like the people in Myers Park and south Charlotte. True and beyond the belief of some constituents that support terrorizing protocols of CMPD in high-crime areas. You cannot separate us living in a society where more anger is displayed over protests of unequal treatment, than mass murderers. We know that you know that there are currently members in the department who do not walk with people of color at all. They do not hang out with any; they do not break bread with any, and that leads to aggressive temperaments that you would see if you saw the footage of Operation Avalanche. That type of behavior comes too easy. It is not fair to anyone to be policed by someone who already has a bias against you. I encourage City leaders to watch the footage of this operation. It was good enough for the officers to publish the results in the Charlotte Observer. Why not allow City leadership to view the inner workings of this operation. Where is the integrity and transparency that we expect from CMPD? City Lab just reported more whites get tickets than blacks, because when an officer pulls a white person over, they actually have done something. The whites in our community are not preyed on by police like people of color are, and that is not the way that it should be. What does this world class City want from this police force, one of terror or one of hope. If it is hope, it remains elusive. If it is terror, then we have it, and I also would like to ask a question, and I do not need an answer for it. I just want to ask a question publicly. Who does City Manager Jones work for? Thank you.

Mayor Lyles said just to answer that question; the Mayor and the City Council each have one vote to hire three people, one of whom is the City Manager, City Attorney, and the City Clerk. Thank you for bringing your perspective to us.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Councilmember Egleston, seconded by Councilmember Newton, and carried unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, with the exceptions of Item Nos. 33 and 47 which were pulled for discussion and Item Nos. 30, 35, and 44 which will be moved to the Business Agenda.

The following items were approved:

- Item No. 29: Hazardous Materials Identification Equipment**
(A) Approve the purchase of new Hazardous Materials Identification Equipment and First Defender RMX equipment, as authorized by sole source exemption of G.S. 143-129 (e)(6), and (B) Approve a unit price contract with Fisher Scientific for the purchase of Hazardous Materials Identification Equipment and First Defender RMX equipment for \$128,896.

Item No. 31: Infrastructure Reimbursement for Belk Greenway Connector Phase II

Approve an Infrastructure Reimbursement Agreement with Lincoln Harris, LLC for the Belk Greenway Connector Phase II.

Item No. 32: Municipal Agreement for the Lakeview Road Corridor Project

(A) Adopt a resolution to execute a Municipal Agreement with the North Carolina Department of Transportation and accept supplemental funding in Bonus Allocation funding in the amount of \$2,000,000 for improvements along Lakeview Road in association with the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NC-DOT) Lakeview Direct Connect Interchange project, and (B) Adopt budget ordinance 9350-X appropriating \$2,000,000 in NC-DOT funds.

The ordinance was recorded in full in Ordinance Book 61 at Page(s) 445.

The resolution was recorded in full in Resolution Book 48 at Page(s) 825-825C.

Item No. 34: Contract Amendment for Idlewild/Rama/Monroe Road Intersection Improvements

Approve contract amendment #1 for \$194,340 to Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for additional professional services.

Item No. 36: Northeast Equipment Maintenance Facility Architectural Services

Approve a contract in the amount of \$1,021,556 with FWA Group, P.A. for architectural services for the Northeast Equipment Maintenance Facility.

Item No. 37: Lease of City-owned Property at the JW Clay Boulevard Parking Deck

Adopt a resolution approving a retail lease agreement with Sabor 12 UV, LLC (Sabor Latin Street Grill) for the lease of approximately 1,850 square feet of the JW Clay Boulevard Parking Deck for a ten-year term.

The resolution was recorded in full in Resolution Book 48 at Page(s) 826.

Item No. 38: Storm Drainage Improvement Services

(A) Approve unit price contracts with the following firms for Storm Drainage Improvement services for a three-year term: D&A Wolverine, PLLC; Armstrong Glen, P.C.; WK Dickson & Co. Inc.; The Isaacs Group, P.C.; and Hazen and Sawyer, P.C., and (B) Authorize the City Manager to approve possible price adjustments and amend the contract consistent with the purpose for which the contract was approved.

Item No. 39: Engineering Services for Streambank Stabilization

(A) Approve a contract with Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc. for engineering services in the amount of \$750,000, and (B) Authorize the City Manager to approve up to two renewals with possible price adjustments and to amend the contract consistent with the purpose for which the contract was approved.

Item No. 40: Printing and Encoding of Magnetic Transit Passes, Transfers and Ticket Vending Machine Stock

(A) Approve a unit price contract with Electronic Data Magnetics to print and encode magnetic transit passes, transfers, and ticket vending machine stock for an initial 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.

Item No. 41: Bus Preventive Maintenance Filters

(A) Award a unit price contract to the lowest responsive bidder MHC Kenworth for the purchase of bus preventive maintenance filters for a term of one year, and (B) Authorize the City Manager to renew the contract for up to two, one-year terms with possible price adjustments and to amend the contract consistent with the purpose for which the contract was approved.

Summary of Bids

A&A Auto Part Stores	\$106,716.52
MHC Kenworth *	\$148,224.72
Cummings Atlantic	\$151,104.59
Advance Auto Parts	\$162,596.50
O' Reilly	\$223,334.32
Clarke Power Service	\$227,977.82

* MHC Kenworth was awarded the contract because they had the overall lowest bids on most items. The complete Summary of Bids is available in the City Clerk's Office.

Item No. 42: Tuckaseegee-Airport Area Voluntary Annexation Public Hearing Date

Adopt a resolution setting the public hearing for June 25, 2018, for the Tuckaseegee Airport voluntary annexation petition.

The resolution was recorded in full in Resolution Book 48 at Page(s) 827-830.

Item No. 43: Old Moores Chapel Area Voluntary Annexation Public Hearing Date

Adopt a resolution setting the public hearing for June 25, 2018, for the Old Moores Chapel voluntary annexation petition.

The resolution was recorded in full in Resolution Book 48 at Page(s) 831-833.

Item No. 45: Refund of Property Taxes

Adopt a resolution authorizing the refund of property taxes assessed through clerical or assessment error in the amount of \$34,724.66.

The resolution was recorded in full in Resolution Book 48 at Page(s) 834-835.

Item No. 46: Meeting Minutes

Approve the titles, motions, and votes reflected in the Clerk's record as the minutes of: April 30, 2018, Special Meeting/ Oath of Office-Fire Chief Reginald T. Johnson; April 30, 2018, Legislative Action Review; and May 7, 2018, Strategy Session/ City Manager Recommended Budget Presentation.

PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS

Item No. 48: Property Transactions - Goose Creek Pump Station - Part 2, Parcel #34

Acquisition of 6,502 square feet (.149 acre) in Sanitary Sewer Easement, plus 8,108 square feet (.186 acre) in Temporary Construction Easement from James P. Tyndall and Christy A. Tyndall for \$10,500 for Goose Creek Pump Station - Part 2, Parcel #34.

Item No. 49: Property Transactions - Hinsdale - Tinkerbell Drainage Improvements, Parcel #49

Acquisition of 1,296.63 square feet (.03 acre) in Storm Drainage Easement, plus 931.22 square feet (.021 acre) in Sanitary Sewer Easement, plus 1,564.47 square feet (.036 acre) in Temporary Construction Easement, plus 1,132.36 square feet (.026 acre) in Existing Drainage Accepted as Storm Drainage Easement at 3415 Champaign Street from Graham C. McPaul and Karen J. McPaul for Hinsdale - Tinkerbell Drainage Improvements, Parcel #49.

Item No. 50: Property Transactions - Hinsdale - Tinkerbell Drainage Improvements, Parcel #177

Acquisition of 8,250.14 square feet (.189 acre) in Storm Drainage Easement, plus 4,654.95 square feet (.107 acre) in Temporary Construction Easement, plus 1,058.57 square feet (.024 acre) in Utility Easement, plus 2,908.73 square feet (.067 acre) in Existing Drainage Accepted as Storm Drainage Easement at 3632 Woody Grove Lane from Ray A. Morrison and Amy Y. Morrison for \$42,050 for Hinsdale - Tinkerbell Drainage Improvements, Parcel #177

Item No. 51: Property Transactions - Little Sugar Creek Tributary to Fairview Road Sanitary Sewer Improvements, Parcel #8

Acquisition of 1,835 square feet (.042 acre) in Sanitary Sewer Easement, plus 3,504 square feet (.08 acre) in Temporary Construction Easement at 6000 South Regal Lane from Roger

Schulz, Marie Schulz and Royal Crest at South Park Homeowners Association, Inc. for \$30,800 for Little Sugar Creek Tributary to Fairview Road Sanitary Sewer Improvements, Parcel #8.

Item No. 52: Property Transactions - Little Sugar Creek Tributary to Fairview Road Sanitary Sewer Improvements, Parcel #9

Acquisition of 3,106 square feet. (.071 acre) in Sanitary Sewer Easement, plus 3,234 square feet. (.074 acre) in Temporary Construction Easement, plus 460 square feet. (.011 acre) in Sanitary Sewer Easement Overlapping Existing Permanent Utility Easement at 5615 Glenkirk Road from Donnell Cooper and Karen B. Cooper for \$42,000 for Little Sugar Creek Tributary to Fairview Road Sanitary Sewer Improvements, Parcel #9.

Item No. 53: Property Transactions - Statesville 6001 Sanitary Sewer, Parcel #4

Acquisition of 3,858 square feet (.089 acre) in Sanitary Sewer Easement, plus 3,606 square feet (.083 acre) in Temporary Construction Easement at 6007 Statesville Road from Felton P. Matthews for \$17,525, for Statesville 6001 Sanitary Sewer, Parcel #4.

Item No. 54: Property Transactions - Storm Water Design Maintenance Gun Street 1534, Parcel #1

Resolution of Condemnation of 2,019 square feet (.046 acre) in Storm Drainage Easement, plus 818 square feet (.019 acre) in Temporary Construction Easement at 1534 Gunn Street from Charles Edward Campbell, Tommie Lewis Campbell, John Edward Campbell, Jr. and Danyell Clay Campbell for \$3,950 for Storm Water Design Maintenance Gunn Street 1534, Parcel #1.

The resolution was recorded in full in Resolution Book 48, at Page(s) 836.

Item No. 55: Property Transactions - Sugar Creek Road Streetscape, Parcel #1

Resolution of Condemnation of 18,337 square feet (.421 acre) in Fee Simple at 3945 The Plaza from Bird Dog Holdings, LLC for \$123,000 for Sugar Creek Road Streetscape, Parcel #1.

The resolution was recorded in full in Resolution Book 48, at Page(s) 837.

Item No. 56: Property Transactions - University City Boulevard Water Main to serve 11820, Parcel #1

Acquisition of 22,241 square feet (.511 acre) in Waterline Easement, plus 2,103 square feet (.048 acre) in Temporary Construction Easement at 1844 Cabarrus Farm Road from Highway 49, LLC for \$42,762 for University City Boulevard Water Main to serve 11820, Parcel #1

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ITEM NO. 33: PARKING CITATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AND RELATED SERVICES

Kelsey Owners, 128 South Tryon Street Suite 2200 said I am the Sales Director for the Southeast Region at Passport. We recently worked with the City’s procurement team on an RFP for a citation management for a parking platform for both the City and the Aviation Department. So, first and foremost I wanted to say thank you to the procurement team. They did a wonderful job throughout this entire RFP process and we really appreciate all of their hard work. As some of you guys may know, Passport is based here in Uptown Charlotte, so we are really excited about the opportunity to work with the City on all of the unique needs that we currently have. All of Passport’s 130 employees work here, live here, and play here in the Queen City, and they are all very thrilled for this opportunity to work with our City. Because of this RFP opportunity, Passport is actually going to be able to hire two additional employees right here in uptown Charlotte. We just wanted to come here tonight to say thank you to the hard working team at the City and to all of you as well.

Mayor Lyles said since I do not have a vote in this matter, I am going to go ahead and say blatantly, I really love your office space and what you have done and how you have created what I think is part of our new economy. You have got great team members working together

in very open environments and in a way that I think was not even imagined five-years ago, and I am just thinking you guys are in London now.

Ms. Owens said we are.

Mayor Lyles said that is very cool.

Ms. Owens said thank you so much; we really appreciate you saying that.

Motion was made by Councilmember Eiselt and seconded by Councilmember Mayfield to (A) Approve a contract with Passport Labs, Inc. for the purchase of software and managed services and equipment for a parking citation Management System in an estimated amount of \$621,000 for a three-year term, and (B) Authorize the City Manager to renew the contract for up to two, one-year terms with possible price adjustments and to amend the contract consistent with the purpose for which the contract was approved.

Councilmember Winston said I understand that we contract our parking citation duties to Park It. Is that correct?

Kathy Dennis, Transportation said the Park It program falls under my Division. The answer to your question, we have a couple of different contracts. We have a contract with a vendor who provides the actual computer technology and the handheld units that produce the citations. So, when the agents are out on the street, they are using these units and that is what Passport would be providing in this case. We do also contract with an operations consultant, and that would be Republic Parking, and they would be the ones who provide the customer service and also the agents that are doing the work, so it is two separate contracts. They do not contract with each other, but they do contract with us separately.

Mr. Winston said if we contract our services out and the folks that we contract those services out would be using this software, why would they not be the ones to purchase this?

Ms. Dennis said this opportunity is one of those where it is the Airport and Charlotte DOT who both have parking enforcement programs, and the selection of that software could potentially be a conflict of interest because the contractor that we use to provide the Park It services, they also have under their umbrella company, they provide this kind of technology, so we separate them for that reason.

A vote was taking on the motion and was recorded as unanimous.

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ITEM NO. 47: IN REM REMEDY: 10620 INDEPENDENCE HILL ROAD

Catherine Maxwell, 2218 Roberts Street, Raleigh said we appreciate the opportunity to speak on behalf of our family to request that you either do not approve or allow an extension of the demolition ordinance on our former home at 10620 Independence Hill Road. My brothers and I grew up in this home; it was beautiful and our parents kept it pristine for 40 years or more. After our father passed away and our mother went to a nursing home, we tried renting the house several times. Unfortunately, between renters, the HVAC system and other items were stolen. After multiple thefts, we decided to board up the house to prevent further damage to our home until a better solution could be found. Approximately a week later, my brother went to check the house. The screws had been removed from the plywood blocking the doors. They stole the plywood and the plundering began. We reported this to the police several times, but it is out in the country or was, and the thefts continued. They took the door knobs, stoves, dishwasher, plus and metallic objects. They tore out the copper and plumbing under the house. They removed the copper gutters and the cap to the chimney. They pulled the bathtub through the walls and tore the drywall to find more copper wiring. With the gutters removed, the chimney cap gone, the house began leaking and eventually the ceiling caved in. At this point, we felt hopeless in trying to protect the house. We all live 30 miles or more away from home and could not monitor it. We could not monitor it constantly enough anyway. We build gates, and the tore them down. We tried multiple times to secure the plywood barriers, and

every time they were removed. I might also mentioned that the old historic homestead on the property, our grandparent's home, was burned to the ground by vandals, and we worked with the City to clean that up at our out-of-pocket expense of over \$10,000. Since being notified by the City of Charlotte, we have worked closely with City of Charlotte representatives throughout the deferral process of the proposed demolition. They have been excellent to work with, and we really have appreciated their help and clear communications. We are now under contract to sell the property to Mattamy Homes, which plans to build a residential development on the property. We anticipate closing within the calendar year, and the first thing that they intend to do is tear it down; therefore, since the house will be demolished soon by Mattamy Homes and since the demolition prior to that will be a financial hardship to our family, we request that you do not approve the demolition order at this time. We are grateful for your time and your consideration and for the on-going communication from the City officials.

Tom Maxwell, 3115 Sunset Drive said I believe that my sister has already covered all of the pertinent items that we wish to make sure that you are aware of. The only item remaining is the reason that the property became so difficult to manage was because a large portion of the property was taken for the path of I-485, and as a result of that, it made it impossible for us to protect it. It was not of our making that this happened. This was forced by the taking of the right-of-way and the construction work that took place. We want to thank you for your consideration of this matter and hope that we will have a nice end to this mess as soon as Mattamy tears that house down. Thank you.

Mayor Lyles said what I hear you ask is for seven months. You said by the end of the year you expect to close on the property, and they would tear it down after you have closed? I just want to clarify. How long will the closing take for the property to sit where it is sitting today?

Ms. Maxwell said we anticipate that the closing will be complete and the house will be torn down by the end of the year. That is my understanding. I cannot guarantee that, but we know what they have assured us is that they anticipate closing within the calendar year and that they intend to tear the house down immediately.

Councilmember Eiselt said it is not Huntersville is it?

Mayor Lyles said it is in an unincorporated area of Mecklenburg.

Ms. Eiselt said what is the size of the piece of land that it is on?

Mr. Maxwell said there is a total of 60 acres, 50 of which are under contract.

Ms. Eiselt said the piece that you are selling to Mattamy is how much?

Mr. Maxwell said 50 acres, and it includes the house.

Ms. Eiselt said so, the house is in the middle of 50 acres, and there are no other houses around there?

Ms. Maxwell said that is correct.

Ms. Eiselt said I was going to ask why it is taking so long to close on the sale, but presumably they are looking at the 50 acres.

Ms. Maxwell said yes.

Councilmember Egleston said if Mattamy is going to have to bear the cost of the demolition at some point anyway, could the demolition take place now and it just be held as a lien against the house that Mattamy would have to pay, that way the current owners are not burdened by it but it is remediated then to Mattamy if should be about a wash. I am just trying to figure out if that is something that we could do.

Ben Krise, Code Enforcement said to answer your question Councilmember, if the property was to be demolished, a lien would be placed on that property and could be part of the closing, and it could be negotiated to be part of the responsibility in that closing. Yes Sir.

Councilmember Mayfield said Mr. Krise; with the statement that you just made; we are hearing a request from the homeowners. I am wondering if it really would be in the best interest of the City to spend funds to demolish a home, when we know that they are in negotiation contracts of selling the land and the home. Would this be an opportunity for us not to spend the cost that would be associated and wait for it to be paid back at a later day, because we do not charge homeowners immediately for any demolition? It just goes on to the cost and on to the deed, so I am wondering if we have an opportunity not to expend the funds to do a demolition, if my colleagues decided they wanted to extend this, as appose to us paying for it then have to wait to be reimbursed for it.

Mr. Krise said we do bill upon the demolition. If that bill is not paid, a lien is placed on the property, and it will subsequently hold a priority place, with regard to taxes and so on, the priority of where that lien would fall. It is my recommendation, after having been out there today, that the Maxwells will still own the property if the structure was demolished and can still broker their deal with Mattamy. It is an extremely unsafe structure. I personally, in my professional opinion, would not enter that structure today. The roof is collapsing. The floor is collapsing. There is active dumping on site, and there is evidence that someone is shooting off of the back porch, because there are spent shotgun shells. It is my recommendation to Council that we proceed with the demolition and allow the owners who would still have the land, to negotiate that cost into their deal with Mattamy homes and whatever that private negotiation will be.

Councilmember Ajmera said I think he clarified my questions.

Motion was made by Councilmember Ajmera and seconded by Councilmember Mitchell to Adopt Ordinance No. 9351-X authorizing the use of In Rem Remedy to demolish and remove the structure at 10620 Independence Hill Road.

Councilmember Driggs said a question for the Maxwells; it looks like there are 10 of you or so who have an interest in the property. Why would you not just pay the \$10,000 or \$12,000 dollars that it says here for the cost of demolishing it and sell the land free and clear for a little more money and recover that cost?

Ms. Maxwell said I understand. The 10 to 12 include minors, the children not just my three brothers and I. It is their sons and our spouses. Our understanding is that it would cost significantly more than that.

Mr. Driggs said but the intention is- your expectation is that the house will be demolished. We are not talking about preserving something of sentimental value. We are just talking about the mechanics of the transaction through which the land transfers to Mattamy. If the City is prepared to demolish the house and wants to be paid back when the sale is consummated, I do not see why that is a bad outcome. Your option otherwise is to go ahead and do it yourselves and remove the action that has been started by the City then sell the land free and clear, which presumably actually fetches a slightly higher price, because then the new owner does not have to deal with the demolition.

Mr. Maxwell said the perspective purchased already has equipment on the border to the property at the rear, because they are contiguous with our property and will not have to do anywhere as near as much transportation and the logistics in order to accomplish this task compared to what the City would have to do. It is going to cost us probably more than \$10,000 and that comes out of our pocket before, and that is what we are concerned about.

Mr. Driggs said I do not know why the sale price doesn't reflect that.

Councilmember Phipps said in my conversations earlier with I guess the attorney, I thought that they made mention of the fact that there was some sentimental value in wanting to preserve this structure for demolition under the yearend, as appose to doing it right now. Are you saying that you are conducive of the demolition sooner than that?

Mr. Maxwell said the only reason that we would prefer to let them do it is because it is \$10,000 to \$15,000 more.

Ms. Maxwell said I have heard a quote of \$50,000.

Mr. Maxwell said my brother-in-law is quite versed in this area, and he has the opinion that it is going to be closer to \$50,000 to do this demo. I do not know; I am not an expert, but I do know that it is coming out of our pocket, and our purchaser is not going to charge us any.

Mr. Egleston said I just wondered what our police was if we estimate the demolition cost. You are saying that you think it is going to cost a good bit more. If we have estimated \$10,960, do we have an obligation to come within 10% of that plus or minus, or how do we- surely we cannot estimate essentially \$11,000 and come in at \$30,000. Is that a pretty set number?

Mr. Krise said that are extremely accurate. I am not going to say that it is always exactly a number, but having visited that site today and the number of years that we have been doing demolitions, I project that the \$10,960 is fairly accurate. We will take bids from the multiple, qualified vendors that we have through our RFP process, and we will award that way.

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

YEAS: Councilmember Ajmera, Bokhari, Driggs, Egleston, Eiselt, Harlow, Mitchell, Newton, Phipps, and Winston

NAYS: Councilmember Mayfield

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 61, at Page(s) 446.

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POLICY

ITEM NO. 9: CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

Marcus Jones, City Manager said tonight is that time of year where we recognize the employee of the year. I have two items under the City Manager’s report. One is the recognition of the employee of the year, then we will have a brief update on the South End Plan prior to that vote on the policy. With that said, I would like to spend just a couple of minutes as Mike Davis makes his way down. It is not Mike Davis; Mike and I will tag team on this. I do want to talk a little bit about the last year, in terms of what we are trying to do related to employee engagement. So, what we have done is outside of just having a couple of meetings a month as it relates to the Leadership Team and the Department Heads, we are also trying to bring more employees into the loop in terms of the things that we are trying to accomplish as a City. As a matter of fact, this Wednesday, we will hold our first City Manager’s Connect where it includes 175 employees at varying levels throughout the organization, where we talk about just not vision but some of the projects that are occurring, so we are very excited about the Wednesday meeting, but even before that, we had a great deal of input from our employees, including the Queens Team, which is a group of employees, about 80, that no-one is in management or supervisory level. It is the folks that are on the ground and working each day, and we have quarterly meetings with them. I think that you remember the Meet and Eats that we had throughout the community. We also had one for just the employees, where we had 1,000 employees come by and break bread with their fellow work mates. We also have had GovPorch that has been outside of the building over the course of the last year. First Fridays are an opportunity for employees to get together, and also we have our innovation labs that have been working on the CLT 250 and how we can really talk about community engagement and community building.

With that said, what we have at this time is a great opportunity to announce the Employee of the Year. That is William “Bill” Bibby. We are very excited to have the opportunity to introduce him tonight, and instead of me reading some of the notes that are in front of me, there is no-one better than Mike Davis, who William works with, to talk a little bit about William.

Mike Davis, City Engineer said thank you for the opportunity to introduce Bill Bibby, who is this year’s Employee of the Year. Bill is an employee of the Engineering and Property

Management Department, and he is the City of Charlotte's Cemetery Operation's Manager, so from my perspective, the best employees are often the ones who are excited about what they do and can make you excited about what they do as well. Bill is that guy. I got to know Bill shortly after I became City Engineer about a year ago, and I learned that the City operates and cares for seven public cemeteries. Bill gets me excited about cemeteries, which I would not have thought was possible.

Bill was brought on as Cemetery Operations Manager three-years ago and has brought with him deep knowledge in his field. He is an innovator, and he is constantly bringing new ideas forward. He has gone to work with an ambitious agenda to operate more efficiently, restore dignity to cemeteries that have damaged monuments, and engage with the public to help tell Charlotte's history through its cemeteries. Bill is an avid student of history, and if you ever get the change, I encourage you to talk to him about it. I learn a lot every time I talk to Bill and I think you will to. Lastly, you should know that Bill is also our reigning champion in corn hole for our annual department appreciation picnic. Mr. Manager, thank you for the opportunity to say a few words. I turn it back over to you.

Mayor Lyles said I have heard that he gives some really good tours.

Bill Bibby, Cemetery Operations Manager said I have done a lot of tours, let me tell you. I have probably done about 200 tours since I have been here over the last three years. I get very passionate. I know that Gina Shell is somewhere. Gina, just let me know when I am done. That is usually when she tells me that it is time to quit. I get very passionate about cemeteries. I feel they are the outside history books. Not one family is the same. I give pleasure with the people that I work with. My nine crew members unfortunately or fortunately we take it as about 500 deaths a year. This ranges from little babies to people who are 110-years old, but to manage 182 acres is difficult, but my biggest thing is for everybody in here, if I had something really to say is that death comes really at any time. I like to tell people that the best thing about death is life. Life is the best thing that God has given us to everybody, and we are all unique. With some of the problems that we have going on in the City they are just growing problems, and I see it. I was here in the 80's and I have seen it grow very big in a short amount of time. I thank everybody who voted for me. I thank the individuals who actually took the time to write it all up. They knew more stuff about me than I did, but thank you very much.

Councilmember Eiselt said I would like to know how you can get on one of the tours.

Mayor Lyles said I know that many people around this dais celebrated Meck Deck Day, but there is a historical group, and they actually ask of those tours, and that is how I became acquainted with it, so thank you for what you are doing. Too often, we forget that the people who work for us, that live in our City are our citizens, and that makes a big difference. I want to say that about every one of our employees. They are not people who are just here for a paycheck. They are just out there getting the same services that everybody else gets, and I think that it brings both accountability and responsibility, but I like that it brings forward people like you. Thank you very much.

Mr. Jones said in terms of agenda item 10, the South End Vision Plan, I believe that Taiwo is making himself available if there are any questions, not necessarily a presentation, because there was an update at the last Strategy Session Meeting.

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ITEM NO. 10: SOUTH END VISION PLAN

Councilmember Phipps said it brings me great pleasure to bring the South End Vision Plan to you .We all got a copy of this massive book here. I know that we have all gotten a chance to read it by now and become familiar with it, and we have had some great discussions. I would like to start off by thanking Charlotte Center City Partners and Mr. Michael Smith and his team. Would you all please stand for a minute to be recognized; they did some hard work. I would also like to thank the Planning staff for the tremendous work that they did on this plan, along with the stakeholder group who helped them put this plan together. This South End Vision Plan focuses on the area surrounded four station areas, envisioning a South End that continues to be on Charlotte's leading edge of urban livability, technology, and sustainability. The South End Vision Plan is a highly graphic new format for area plans that would serve as a model

moving forward. As a matter of fact, I was talking to Taiwo; I think that this plan really is a precursor to what we are trying to do with our UDO process and the level of detail and vision that is embodied in these pages and this work. It has really comprehensive public engagement, a vested steering committee, and additional discussion in committee, and in Transportation and Planning Committee we recommended the plan for adoption at our last meeting. The Planning Committee of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Commission has reviewed the plan, and they also recommended approval at their May 15, 2018 meeting. As I said, we recommended approval and movement to you all's consideration at our May 29, 2018 meeting. Just to highlight key areas of the committee's discussion and support for this plan includes reducing barriers to affordable housing and incorporating incentives for affordable housing and the current update to the transit oriented development zoning district; recognition of the shifting demographics of the neighborhood and the importance of including amenities and daily services for all ages and socioeconomic levels. We think that adoption of this plan is timely and the recommendation of this plan is currently guided by the development and update of the transit oriented development zoning district, review of development and rezoning proposals and prioritization of public investment. So, the recommendations from the South End Vision Plan are already in motion with short-term corridor improvements by Charlotte Department of Transportation, the new transit oriented development zoning districts, a new pedestrian rail crossing, and several initiatives underway by Charlotte Center City Partners. So, I encourage my colleagues to adopt it; this plan has been worked on I guess for over like 20 months, and Taiwo you might be able to add some highlights to what went into this overall project in terms of how we got to this huge document here, a lot of work that has been employed to get us to this point for adoption tonight.

Taiwo Jaiyeoba, Planning Director said you are right, 20 months, but I only got here five-months ago. The people who really did the heavy lifting under direction of Ed McKinney, Assistant Director and also Monica Holmes who really did the heaving lifting. So, I came at a good time to be able to get it in front of you at this point, so yes a lot went into this, a lot of community meetings but also working with our Center City Partners to really be able to make sure that we took care of all of the things that needed to be taken care of, but prior to us coming to TAP on May 29, 2018, I believe that we met with a number of you just to make sure that certain things were highlighted and beefed up for the affordable housing. The language in the document was to strengthen that but also to show you that eventually when we have area plans in the future, even our comprehensive plan that we have been back on, this gives us a taste of what it will look like at the end of the day, and this is what really sets the tone for how effective the unified development ordinance will be.

Motion was made by Councilmember Mayfield and seconded by Councilmember Ajmera to Approve the Transportation and Planning Committee's recommendation to adopt the South End Vision Plan, with proposed revisions.

Councilmember Eiselt said thank you to the Planning Department and Center City Partners for their hard work on this and to all the citizens that got engaged in this process. I know that a lot of work went into it. This is a really critical area because of the light rail and the investment that we have in the light rail, and it is changing quickly. I think that we mentioned somewhere in there, there is almost \$4 billion worth of investment that has either happened or is happening since 2005. So, my question is, Mr. Phipps alluded to it, that this is a precursor for the UDO, and to me, it is sort of a really important snapshot of this area. That is the part that I have a little anxiety over, because this area is changing so fast. We are approving conventional rezonings in this area. To me, conventional rezonings are sort of close your eyes and vote, because we do not really know what is going in there, and I am worrying because this area had changed so quickly as people get in their conventional rezonings before we can take a look at the rezoning, the TOD language. I know that you are looking at that draft, but you mentioned it here in this plan that the review identified areas of the current TOD regulations that need to be strengthened to fulfil the purpose set out in the TOD ordinance. I would like you to just comment on that on how this will connect to the work that we want to do and in particular do we have the will to then go back after TOD-A is written, go back and do corrective rezonings in this area so that we can get it right and really follow through on the vision of this plan?

Mr. Jaiyeoba said the plan actually is to see where we can do corrective rezonings, even before you adopt the TOD ordinance in the future. We had a conversation earlier today that the plan is sometime in the fall. We will bring opportunities before you to do corrective rezonings to certain station areas so that things can begin to happen prior to even getting a UDO adopted. What you have in front of you is simply a vision, a vision and aspiration of what the community wants. What happens with the TOD, whether A, B, C, D, depending on level of intensity, A being the most intense and D being the least intense. What this does is allow the TOD ordinance and subsequently the unified development ordinance to be able to implement this vision, but prior to us getting to that, there are certain zoning districts right now around some of these TOD station areas that are not transit supportive. The goal is to be able to do some corrections to those even before you get to adopt the TOD ordinance in the near future, not after.

Councilmember Ajmera said I just wanted to make a brief remark on an important step that we had taken with this South End Vision Plan to incorporate diverse price-point housing in our recommendation. Thanks to staff and Chair's leadership and all of the Committee members for taking an important step forward on this.

Councilmember Winston said I just wanted to kind of point that out as well. While this plan it is not perfect and leaves a lot of room for interpretation, which plans are in a way supposed to do, I will say it does include in the final version, much more forceful language. After this was initially presented to us in the Transportation Planning Committee, I voiced my displeasure. I thought the initial plan that we were presented with was more of a status quo that kind of tap danced around the need for affordable housing or diverse price-points, but I went right to Taiwo and Michael Smith with Center City Partners, and we had some pretty frank discussions, and I think that we are able to get closer to what we need. I do not think that it is perfect. I think that it speaks to what the Mayor Pro Tem was talking about, and until we get this vision, until we get this comprehensive vision, we are always going to kind of being played from behind. We cannot stop the business of growing our City until we get there, but we need to get there pretty quickly. I also wanted to give a shout to the Planning Commission, because in this final version, the Planning Commission took a pretty bold step in adopting the statement and vision on affordable housing for the City of Charlotte, so I thank them for giving us this tool that helps us chip away and further get to where we need to get to. Still a lot of work to do but definitely a stronger final version than the initial version we were presented with a couple of months ago.

Councilmember Mayfield said I wanted to take a moment to commend Michael Smith and his team. We have been out in the community at numerous meetings throughout South End for good two-years plus, having this conversation. Taiwo, long before you came, as you mentioned you have only been here a couple of months, staff knows that I have not been a fan of TOD, because I felt like it was too expansive and the amount of development when you look at light rail, those who we hope would have an opportunity are the ones who honestly have been displaced, and when you look at South End, when you look at Wilmore, when you look at all of the development that is happening in the community, those who are more likely to use public transportation or where public transportation is the most economical form of transportation for them, have been put in a position where they needed to identify new housing, and I have had concerns regarding how we much forward. So, I am thankful that you saw an opportunity with working with Center City Partners and specifically, not only for this South End Vision Plan but for the neighborhood, because the South End Neighborhood Association is extremely active, and I want to, even though I only see one or two people here, I want to make sure that all of you that were a part of all of these multiple meetings that have happened at different times of the day, different days of the week. Thank you for being at the table in order to create this plan that hopefully will guide us as the City will continue to grow and we continue to figure out transportation connectivity, which is why I moved for us to approve it, because I have not been a fan of TOD at all. So, I am glad to see that we are making some steps in the right direction.

Councilmember Driggs said I just wanted to reiterate a point that I made earlier during our dinner session that this plan has many good things in it, and I appreciate the work that went into it. It is not actually supported by a commitment of resources on a part of the City and one assumes that there would need to be one that there are things that would arise from this that we are going to want to include in our capital plans. So, I would just like to avoid a situation, as

we have had a couple of times, where we adopt a plan, then the resource commitment comes along and we are told oh you guys were agreed to do this. We have not agreed to spend any money yet, and I hope that when the time comes closer and we are able to get specific about where the City engagement should occur, that it comes to us with an open range of possible decisions and not of something that we have already basically bound ourselves to, because it is not here, the extent to which this particular plan will be supported but in the CIP in future cycles is not laid out so this gives us a clear guidepost, a direction, and I get that, and I look forward to seeing the implementation, but I will just note that the question about what resources we commit and when has not been asked or answered yet.

Councilmember Phipps said after reading this plan and having traveled to South End, it does give you a better perspective on how badly this plan is needed, so even tonight, in one of our consent items, I think that it was item number 30 that we did approve \$11 million I think for the South End Rail Trail that is an important link, a bridge there that connects the uptown and south. It is still a lot of development going on there too that is going to be contributing to making this plan, bringing it to fruition. I support the motion.

Mayor Lyles said before we take the vote, two things that I think that are important: Councilmember Driggs mentioned resources, and Councilmember Eiselt mentioned will to act, and what we have here is a plan, and sometimes I wonder if it would be something that we would actually come back to you and say if in the next five years you had to lay out an action plan that would either require the will to act or resources or both, what would those things be to make this plan work? I think that is an important part of what we are trying to struggle with now, is that we cannot allocate resources if we do not know what is on first to get done. We approve these area plans, and they are really well done. Often we talk about do we have something for the entire City, I bet if we actually laid out something that was from the most recently approved area plans, we would have a good idea what our vision was. And I think we would have a good idea how to plan for it and resource it. I mean that in terms of the physical space that we want people to have and how we wanted them to feel. I am going to say to both of our fabulous Planning Director and our Manager that I think that these plan sought to come back with the top 10 things that you could do just by a vote, as well as the top 10 things that you should do that require resources, because we are never going to get to the point, I know that we are going to approve the budget next, but we are never going to get to a place where we know that we will be able to put all of that out on the table based upon the adoption of the plan without your help.

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

Mayor Lyles said thank you all to the people who participated in this plan and chose to live in South End before it was South End. I hope that at some point vision zero is absolutely essential over there.

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BUSINESS

ITEM NO. 11: FISCAL YEAR 2019 OPERATING BUDGET AND FISCAL YEARS 2019 -2023 COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PLAN

Mayor Lyles said what I would like to say to the community is that we started this process in February when we started talking about what were our greatest needs and priorities are, and those things have changed since February, and we have adjusted to that change. I would say that I expect everyone around this dais has something that they could really be proud of that is in this budget, and there is probably something that you would like to do differently. That is why we have 11 people working together to put together something that is a document that plans for our future, and if everyone was happy, that would be great, but I would tell you, I think that everyone should understand the depth of work that went into this document and the preparation that it takes, and I think that it puts us on a solid footing, not doing everything that we want and addressing some of our greatest needs. With that, I am going to ask Mr. Phipps to talk to us a little bit as Budget Chair.

Motion was made by Councilmember Phipps and seconded by Councilmember Mayfield to Adopt the Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 Appropriations and Tax Levy Ordinance 9348-X, the Community Investment Plan Resolution for FY 2019 - 2023, the FY 2019 Total Rewards Compensation and Benefits Resolution and associated Human Resources contracts, and other items related to the Annual Budget Ordinance adoption: (A) The FY 2019 Operating Appropriations and Tax Levy Ordinance, (B) The FY 2019 - 2023 Community Investment Plan Resolution, (C) The FY 2019 General Solid Waste Fee for Single Family and Multi-Family Residential Units, (D) The FY 2019 Storm Water Services Fee, (E) The FY 2019 Transit Operating Budget and Debt Service Budget, which was approved by the Metropolitan Transit Commission on April 25, 2018, (F) The Charlotte Water Rate Methodology by Revising the Revenue Manual, (G) The FY 2019 Charlotte Water Rates, (H) The FY 2019 Total Rewards Compensation and Benefits Plan Resolution and associated Human Resources contracts, (I) Outside Agencies and Municipal Service Districts Contracts, and (J) Other Budget Items.

Councilmember Phipps said this evening we vote to adopt our fiscal year end 2019 operating budget and the fiscal year 2019-2023 Community Investment Plan. This represents the combination of over six months of work from staff and us around this dais. A following discussion and preliminary votes meeting on June 4, 2018 staff has now compiled the necessary documents for us to adopt the budget. I will again like to thank the members of the Budget Committee, Mr. Driggs the Vice Chair; Ms. Mayfield; Ms. Ajmera; and Mr. Bokhari, and the full City Council for all of the time and effort put into this budget process. Collectively, the two groups have met nine times solely focused on this budget. I would also like to thank the City Manager for his approach to this year's budget and his critical eye to how we operate and plan our Community Investment Plan. I applaud his efforts to change the siloed approach and how we operate into something that helps us provide services under one City with a unified mission. I also want to think our Budget Office for all of our hard work and the countless hours spent responding to Q and A's and coordinating the Budget Committee Meetings and Council workshops. We all know that it takes many people to put together a budget, and this year was no exception. I particularly want to thank my fellow Councilmembers who contributed to the discussion to make an already comprehensive budget presented by the City Manager even better. Some of the key takeaways of this budget are that this is a \$2.6 billion budget. That is with a B. This is a big budget. It is a huge budget. Of that, \$694 million is dedicated to the general fund, which provides for our Police, Fire, Solid Waste, and a whole host of other services for our residents. It contains a one cent property tax adjustment, which helps public safety and promotes our affordable housing strategies and other CIP projects. This means a modest increase of about 83 cents a month for a house assessed at \$100,000.

We are also helping to create great neighborhoods and maintain great neighborhoods. This budget provides funds to enhance affordable housing strategies, creates a pilot program for seniors at risk of losing their homes due to a rising tax burden. It completes the City's \$10,000 commitment for Away Homes funding. It also expands the investments in SouthPark and south Charlotte neighborhoods more than what we had original planned when we had adopted the budget last year. It supports our initiatives in the historic West End. It joins the efforts to enhance Workforce Development in collaboration with Goodwill, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools and Central Piedmont Community College. As far as community safety goes, it doubles the funding for streets, sidewalks, pedestrian safety, and it enhances public safety services with compensation, vehicles, additional support, and implements the community policing crisis response team. It creates a retiree health investment account for sworn police officers and firefighters and completes funding for six police stations and plans funding for a new fire station. It makes this budget easier for businesses to do business in our City; it revamps the land development permitting process and implements enhanced reviews. It establishes the community businesses cafes and concierge program. As far as being an employee of choice, it provides a health-care premium holiday this August, which means that employees will not have to pay for healthcare for a whole month. It also provides a three percent merit based raise for salaries employees, provides an overall increase of an average 3.5 percent for hourly employees, and City employees will be eligible for an all access transit pass with CATS for as little as \$33 a year. This is a savings of over \$1,400 annually.

As far as global leadership goes, it sets a goal of becoming a national leader in the circular economy and begins our work with Envision Charlotte in this area. This budget includes a

modest increase to Water and Sewer and Stormwater and Solid Waste fees, no increase to the base transit fare to CATS, and it continues to fund the needs of the Airport by maintaining lower plane-passenger rate among all large hub airports. So, through vision, strategy, and action, this budget makes the necessary investments that we feel to maintain operation and infrastructure, while taking strides towards insuring that Charlotte is well positioned as a Winning City of Tomorrow. With that said, I would encourage my colleagues to support this budget. I would encourage all of my colleagues to support this budget, in as much as we have taken the time to listen to the community and to understand what the needs are, and this is a way that we feel we can begin to address the needs in some of the things that have been laid out before us by the Opportunity Task Force, and with this document, I think this makes us well on our way to helping to do those things.

Councilmember Driggs said I have made some of my opinions about his known, so I am going to be brief right now. I think that there are many good things in the budget, and I certainly commend the Manager and the staff for putting together a great financial plan. I would also like to acknowledge Deputy City Manager Sabrina Joy-Hog and Deputy Director Phil Reiger, who have spent a great deal of time with me during the formative stages of the budget.

A centerpiece is clearly the housing investment, which I think is an investment in the social health of our community; it is a partnership with the private sector, which leverages the investment and brings in other parties, a good approach. I was pleased that we were able to specifically address the situation with CMPD, where the officers had really reached a point where they felt under paid; we were not able to do everything that they wanted for them, but I hope they appreciate the significant investment that we made there and in all of our only employees. It wasn't limited to CMPD, although that was a pressure spot. Other employees should be pleased that their health costs aren't going up and that they are getting a month off in August from their premiums. It is quite a significant benefit for them. I also recognize that for once, my district is recognized in the budget, and we have \$5 million, which we appreciate and a road project, which will eventually fund \$20 million, so there is a lot to like. I wish that I could sort of stop there and say congratulations.

The concerns that I have are for one that I cannot accept the fact that a tax increase is necessary in order for us to continue providing city services at a time when the economy is booming, and our property base is growing rapidly through construction and organic growth. I would prefer to at least see a budget it which we did not have a tax increase and understand what that might look like. The other concern that I have is, as I have noted a number of times, the capital investment that we are making \$290 million in total, is much larger than we are going to be able to make in coming bond cycles, and I have a concern about our capacity in the future to maintain the momentum that we are establishing with this budget. For those reasons, in spite of my appreciation of the good things that are in there, I am afraid that I will not be able to support it.

Councilmember Bokhari said I can tell you from a new Councilmember's perspective, having been on only six months with the other newly elected folks I will speak for myself. This was a very interesting and special process to go through. I got to see staff working at their best; I appreciate what you guys did. I got to see my Council colleagues really work hard, work a lot of hours, and come up with some creative and innovative ideas, and I am grateful to have experienced that with you, and I also saw my council colleagues collaborate, and they did not necessarily have to all of the time. So, I appreciate that, and it is amazing what we can accomplish when we work together. Mr. Manager, you have done an excellent job on the budget; you have done a lot of great things. I think I can honestly sit here and say that for police officer pay for steps one through 12, you stepped to the plate and did something extraordinary, and I appreciate and I know that this community appreciates you for doing that. SouthPark CNIP and getting an additional \$5 million there is going to put a lot of infrastructure capital spent where it is desperately needed, so I thank you all for doing that. I appreciate you joining us all and taking a bold stance on affordable housing. I think that is going to be something that is going to be something that hopefully will pay huge dividends to a huge crisis that we have. I also, after much soul searching, have decided through that with all of those great things that I love, I am not going to be able to support the budget. It is not because I do not think that those are awesome and incredible things, that I am obviously well behind; it is because when I look at the cons here, I cannot support a one cent tax increase. I think that we could have done all of those things. It was within our power to priorities and make some tough

cuts and tough decisions. I just go back to that quote that I said earlier where governments do not raise taxes to fund their top pressing priorities. They raise taxes to keep funding their lowest priorities. So, because of that and because to some extent I think that we had an opportunity to finish the master piece of police officer pay this year with step 13 and bringing that to 6.5%, I would say that I look forward to working with the Manager and all of my colleagues and staff after this budget vote to finish that off. I am a no vote, but I do not want anyone to get the impression that there isn't a lot in this budget that is to be proud of.

Councilmember Ajmera said just like my colleagues, I would like to recognize the work that staff has done, countless hours. I recognize the number of hours that you have put in over the weekends, overtime I appreciate that and our Mr. Manager. This budget reflects our values as a City. As we take a bold step forward in addressing many challenges and issues that our City faces, from affordable housing to good paying jobs to safety to smart infrastructure to being a global leader in environment sustainability and also insuring that we are taking care of our employees. Mr. Phipps, Chair of the Budget Committee did a pretty good job of going over all of the details, so I am not going to repeat any of that, but I would like to highlight one important program that we were able to include in our budget, which is the sliding scale affordable healthcare, based on wages, to insure that all of our employees can afford to participate in our healthcare benefits, especially those who make less than \$55,000 a year, which includes our Water, Solid Waste, Police Department, and our Fire Department. We heard very loud and clear from many employees, who spent over 10% of their salary on just paying premiums. So, our budget includes that we want to appreciate the work that you do. You work very hard for our City, and we recognize that. So, I see many of our employees here of Charlotte Water, Solid Waste, so I want to say thank you for all that you do, and with that I support this budget.

Councilmember Harlow said I am glad that Ms. Ajmera spoke and I wanted us to end on a positive note, so I will echo some of the sentiments. What I believe as a new Councilmember and dealing with our first budget and our Mayors consistently reminding us the most important policy document each year, so I was proud to be a part of the deliberations and adding some things to it. I think where you can always look at where people's priorities are by where they are spending their money. Mr. Manager, kudos to you and your team, and all of our staff are really kind of taking a variety of opinions and priorities and jamming them into this budget I believe that good policy is genuinely when everyone wins a little bit. There is always going to be a little bit more winners than losers, and that is a good thing. Not everyone gets everything that they want, but everybody gets something. I think this certainly is a housing budget without a doubt. We know that, so credit to the community for stepping up and really voicing your opinions on where you all feel that we should be making these large scale investments. We know that \$50 million around housing is only a drop in this larger billion dollar program bucket, but we think that this commitment and hopefully voters will approve that commitment in November, will really help sent a strong signal to our non-profit and private sector partners who are ready to get into this game with us as it relates to our housing problems but also our infrastructure investments, our creative investments around sustainability and the environment. I am proud to support this budget because of all of those things. District 2 is highly served in this budget, the investment continued partnership with Center City Partners and the Historic West End initiative. I will continue to advocate for more and more funding in the future for aging in place and how we can continue to turn a pilot into a permanent, sustainable program in the long term to support anti-displacement efforts for our fixed-income seniors and those affected by gentrification; our CNIP investments around the Beatties Ford Road corridor and Sunset, West Trade, and Rozzells Ferry and all over this City. I believe that this budget is a good budget; it is fair. It certainly speaks to our priorities. I will support it.

Councilmember Winston said I am proud to support this budget, because it takes something that we do so well as a City and really turns it up a notch, and that is the public/private partnerships. I think that we are taking the bold steps that we all said that we would as it pertains to affordable housing or building neighborhoods in a different way, but we did it in a way that we are getting buy in from our corporate partners and other stakeholders in a way that has not been don't in this town before. I look at Dr. Harlow's, spurred by Mr. Bokhari's idea of getting more public funding by tying that with the ability to get more funding from other partners with in the community, within his aging in place initiative and Mr. Bokhari is trying to get more capital funds into District 6. I think that is a good modeling tool that we will look to work with in future Councils, we will look to use in the best manner going forward. I look at what Mr. Mitchell and I have done to get \$50,000 put in to really solidify Charlotte as a My

Brother’s Keeper city and get that buy in from all different parts of the community to really give focus to young, black men in our community who are historically underserved, to really try to raise that level for all people to say that if we do not deal with the least of us, we are not going to deal with the larger problem, so in the end, I feel like this budget works to make this City more equitable and does it by making it more accessible, and we are doing this by working together in an interconnected fashion. I thank everybody for the work that we did to get here.

Councilmember Eiselt said my colleagues have talked a lot about this budget process, which was really quite different for those of us who have been on Council. It was different than it was the past two years. There was a lot of creative thinking that went into this budget process. The staff worked awfully hard on it, as did Councilmembers. I appreciate all the efforts that went into this, and I do want to address the notion of a tax increase. We are a City that is growing at an incredible rate, and I know that I as a citizen and a lot of people will say to me, if we are adding someone every day or 60 people every day, aren’t they bringing that tax revenue? In theory, that happens, but it gets to this breaking point to where now, you are not talking about adding a police officer per capital. As some point you have to add a police station or you have to build a new pump station to serve new neighborhoods. So, you have got to make these capital investments. I feel like a lot of this budget reflects that need to really step up some of our capital investments to be the kind of City that attracts businesses, that attracts people at all income levels, and I think that we have reflected that by saying, we know that we need to invest in housing. We know that we need to invest in work force development. I just want to go back to the Opportunity Task Force that ranked us so low in access to economic opportunity, and that is because the way that it is measured was how hard it is to get from the bottom rung of the ladder to the top end, and in Charlotte, that top end has moved so fast that it creates a bigger gap and makes it more difficult to makeup economically. So, I think that this budget reflects the fact that we are trying to get people more access to opportunity, train people so that they can have better jobs, put a roof over their head so they can have a stabilized life, and I really look at that minimal tax increase as an investment to the future of our City. I will be supporting this budget.

Mayor Lyles said if there are no further comments, again commendations to the City Manager and the entire City team for the work that you have done; we appreciate you. We respect your work on this document and bringing it together so that we can all have an opportunity to talk about what the City can be and see the future for it. With that, I think that we have all had a chance to comment if we choose to.

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

YEAS: Councilmembers Ajmera, Egleston, Eiselt, Harlow, Mayfield, Mitchell, Newton, Phipps, and Winston

NAYS: Councilmembers Bokhari and Driggs

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 61, at Page(s) 429-443.

The resolutions are recorded in full in Resolution Book 48 at Page(s) 796-799.

Mr. Phipps said I would like to invite my colleagues tomorrow morning. We will be rolling out this budget to the Tuesday Morning Breakfast forum, and you can join me, as well as the Strategy and Budget team, for their presentation tomorrow at the Belmont Center at 8:30 a.m.

ITEM NO. 12: GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND REFERENDUM

Motion was made by Councilmember Mayfield and seconded by Councilmember Mitchell to adopt resolutions authorizing staff to proceed with the necessary actions to conduct a general obligation bond referendum on November 6, 2018.

Councilmember Driggs said I just want to point out that notwithstanding the comments that I made and the position that I just took on the budget, it is my position that opposing the procedural implementation of an adopted Council policy is not a constructive stance, so I will

be supporting this without in anyway in my mind contradicting the vote that I just cast on the budget.

Mayor Lyles said I think that we know you well.

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

The resolutions are recorded in full in Resolution Book 48 at Page(s) 800-810.

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ITEM NO. 13: RATIFY AMENDED AND RESTATED 2018 AGREEMENT FOR THE CONTINUED CONSOLIDATION OF THE CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT

Motion was made by Councilmember Newton, seconded by Councilmember Driggs and carried unanimously to adopt a resolution ratifying the Amended and Restated 2018 Agreement for the Continued Consolidation of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department.

The resolution was recorded in full in Resolution Book 48 at Page(s) 811-824.

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ITEM NO. 30: SOUTH END RAIL TRAIL/I-277 BRIDGE AGREEMENT

Motion was made by Councilmember Egleston, seconded by Councilmember Mayfield and carried unanimously to (A) Authorize the City Manager to execute public/private partnership agreements for the South End Rail Trail/I-277 Bridge, and (B) Adopt budget ordinance 9349-X appropriating \$11,000,000 from public funds and private contributions to the General Community Investment Fund for the South End Trail/I-277 Bridge Project.

The Ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 61, at Page(s) 444.

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ITEM NO. 35: CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK SERVICES FOR THE CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT CENTRAL DIVISION STATION PROJECT

Motion was made by Councilmember Egleston and seconded by Councilmember Phipps to Award a construction manager at risk contract in an amount not to exceed \$20,203,777 with Edifice Inc., for the construction phase of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department (CMPD) Central Division Station project.

Councilmember Winston said so, the reason that I pulled this has to do with my concerns around our SBE and MBE goals on this project; our small business entity goal is only 14%, and our minority business entity goal is only 10%, and I think that is weak. I think it needs to be much higher. I do not necessarily have a scientific answer for where that number should be. My gut tells me that I want it to be about 25% to 20%, especially since this is an aspirational goal. We know that if we do not hit these numbers, the project is not going to stop, but I think that 14% and 10% definitely does not even begin to address the equity issues that we have around small businesses owned by women and minorities in this City, and to set the example, when we have projects, especially big projects like this, a police station that should be an iconic structure in a neighborhood for generations to come, we should do our best to raise the bar, especially around this very important identified equity issue, and I do not think that we are doing this right here right now. I understand just in raising this question with staff, if we were at this point I have been told to raise that goal, we would have to go through the rebidding process, so I am bringing this really to my colleagues to see if anyone else shares the concerns that I have or has more experience in dealing with this, to see how we can set our

expectations higher in our construction products and our economic development as we go forward.

Councilmember Mitchell said thank you Mayor and Council and to my colleague Councilmember Winston, thank you for pulling this. I saw the write up; I guess staff, you are responding based on our methodology that this is how we got to 14%. I will agree two things: one, this will be in the ED Committee agenda on Thursday; secondly, staff you need to send out that methodology in advance so that the Committee can review it Tuesday. I do think that when you look over our CMS at-risk projects, even the disparity study said that we get 20% participation, so we need to look at that methodology very carefully and make sure that we have 20% participation, particularly with this type of construction. There are a lot of cranes in our city, which is a good thing, but there are a lot of opportunities in using even our workforce development to create jobs. Councilmember Winston, thank you for bringing it to our attention. ED Committee members, we look forward to the conversation on Thursday to change the methodology.

Councilmember Driggs said I just wanted to note that these numbers are arrived at through a process that is kind of dictated by the legal environment. That is why we need a disparity study in the first place, because it is required to prove that we are not being discriminator in a different way, with the way that we reward our contracts. So, as the Chairman has pointed out, we are going to take another look at that based on the new disparity study that we received. I personally do not believe that saying this is the number that it has to be, is right. I think that we have to follow the procedures that are suggested by the findings of the disparity study and try to aim high in that context.

Mr. Winston asked to defer awarding the contract until the Economic Development Committee until the Economic Development Committee is able to look at the issue to see if there is any other type of guidance or methodology that can be put behind this contract and other contracts moving forward.

A substitute motion was made by Councilmember Winston and seconded by Councilmember Bokhari to defer taking action on this agenda item for two weeks, and allow the Economic Development Committee to determine if there are changes that could improve the SBE and MBE participation goals.
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Mayor Lyles said I am not certain what we can do when we have had a bid or what liabilities it would have if we change that bid.

Mr. Driggs said that is essentially the same question that I had; I think that we need to be prospective in changing our policies about these things, and we have gone pretty far down the road in offering this contract and stating the terms in which we are offering it and vetting the responses that we got in terms of their compliance with our policy. So, I do think that the bidder here would regard it as kind of an unfair reversal and moving of the goal post is we say we want to think about it some more, and we may change the rules. They have to do a lot of work in order to establish their compliance or justify their failure to comply, and we would be pushing them right back to the starting line if we said the rules are now different. So, I would hope that we could visit our policies and make such changes as the new disparity study indicates but not inflict on people that bid fairly and responsibly in the context of our old policy.

Bob Hagemann, City Attorney said I interpret Mr. Winston's motion as a substitute motion to defer, and unless there is some reason that it creates a timing problem, I do not have any legal issue with the deferral. We can take a look at it and answer the questions that have been asked. It may be that there are things that we cannot do for including the reasons that Mr. Driggs articulated, but the motion is simply a motion to defer, which does not cause me legal concern.

Mayor Lyles said let me make sure that I understand it; I thought I heard you say to see if we could go back and take a look at the participation in this particular contract. I don't want us to defer just for deferring; I think if there is a particular intent for it.

Mr. Winston say my substitute motion was to defer approval of this contract and the reason being that the Economic Development Committee is going to have a conversation that is

germane to the issues that I brought up with the problems that I have with said contract. I would like to lean on my colleagues to see if they can provide us with further guidance in taking in context the law and what we are charged to do and what kind of tools we will have with this in moving forward.

Mayor Lyles said the motion is to defer and ask for the Economic Development Committee to determine if there are changes that could better address the issues that you have raised and that was in minority participation. It is really important because people need to know what they are doing when you get it in Committee and nor everybody has a different perspective of well this is what I thought you meant.

Mr. Driggs said I do not know if there is a legal issue here in the sense that I do not believe that we are committed to any particular terms or bound in any way to complete, so I guess that my question is for the Manager. Does it hurt our commercial relationships with contractors when we get this far down the road with them, then inform them that we have decided to apply different criteria for the award of the contract?

Marcus Jones, City Manager said that would be my concern that we get so far down the road with a particular item and it gets to the dais, then it gets sent back for a discussion about the rules of engagement that got us to that far.

Councilmember Bokhari said I would tend to agree with Councilmember Driggs on his point on moving the goal post at this point, but I would agree with Councilmember Winston's broader motion to go back and have a chance to look at, to make sure that the machine that churns out the number had all the right inputs in it first of all, as we explore the perimeter. More importantly for me in the ED Committee would be to get a better understanding of the historical track record of this company sticking to project time lines, sticking to initially defined and agreed upon budgets and actually meeting the defined percentage of MWSBE goals, and I would like to see how that stacks up and how it relates to the decision process that went into this.

Mr. Winston said I hear the down the road sentiment and argument, and specifically in this situation, if I had been made aware of these goals that were set two months ago, I would have raised this, but this is the first time that I am seeing this. So, if we want to avoid this problem at the dais, we should figure out a way to involve Council on these issues before hand. Secondly, if they do not want to build this police station, we are an economy where growth is happening; someone else is going to step in and want to do business with this City, and they are going to continue you want to. You know what; again, this is an equity issue, so there is a large population of our City that is saying that for generations we have been locked out of doing business with the City. So, if you want to talk about changing the goal post for this one particular company, there is a large population that is going to say that goal post has been pushed further and further back with every single project that the City goes forth on. If it is about getting it right for the population at large, versus making it inconvenient for maybe one company here or there, I am going to go with the body at large.

Mr. Driggs said it is a \$20 million contract; this company incurred substantial costs in good faith, abiding by the rules that they were aware of. Imagine that you shop up for a closing on a house, and the guy tells you I changed my mind. It has got to be \$50,000 more or whatever, change the terms. I think that our reputation as a business party is harmed by situations where we take something that is this fully baked and say guess what, now you have to wait until we decide what our new rules are. I do not believe that my colleague is arguing that the rules that we have were wrongly applied to arrive at these goals. I think that the contention is that we need to wait until we have new rules, then tell the contractor that they have to play by those rules, and I just personally would not do that to somebody in a business transaction.

Councilmember Eiselt said the scope of the discussion at the next committee meeting, my understanding is that it is around- is the way that we are going about this appropriate? Could we be tweaking the formula so that we can encourage more MWSBE? To me, that sounds like a pretty big conversation that isn't going to be resolved in one committee meeting.

Mr. Mitchell said do not underestimate our committee.

Ms. Eiselt said well, that is a critical point I think that is something that we have to take really seriously, because I hope that we all have the desire to be able to give opportunity to more people to participate, but I do not want to get sideways with the notion that we could have one committee meeting and have a new set of rules then let this project move forward; whereas, this could go on for quite a while. Now you have got a \$20 million contract on hold that, with all due respect to my colleague, I think that in this environment, it is actually hard to secure these kinds of contracts. So, you are exposing yourself to cost escalations, and I just want to make sure that we are talking about the scope here in this discussion.

Mr. Mitchell said on a serious note, I will say it is our goal to address this by the end of the fiscal year, and for the ED Committee, we actually have two meetings. So, we have Thursday, June 14, 2018 and June 25, 2018. So, I think in that time frame of two weeks we can address this particular problem as well as look at other disparity recommendations that were made.

Mr. Driggs said so that has to be voted on by Council?

Mr. Mitchell said yes.

Councilmember Egleston said I just want to clarify what we are voting for right now, because since Mr. Winston's motion was just to buy two weeks, I would agree if we were voting right now to change the rules mid-stream here; that would be problematic. We are not currently voting to change the rules, right?

Mayor Lyles said I want to read back. I think that it was a deferral to look at the issues raised around minority participation in this contract, then I believe that Mr. Bokhari said let's see how the formula will work with the numbers, how they delivered before, and I think that there was one other portion of the things. I think that it was specific to this contractor, and this contract, as well as knowing that the ED Committee was going to do that. That is why I restated it; it was to look at the minority participation on this contract.

Mr. Egleston said from a technical point right now, the vote is just to defer.

Mayor Lyles said no, it isn't. I am going to say this again. It is a motion to defer but to ask the ED Committee- What would we defer for? That is what I am trying to make sure the answer could come back. I do not want it to come back and you all say well, we just deferred it and no change, so we are trying to get to the jest of what is the intent.

Mr. Egleston said this one does not change the rules that this contract was negotiated under.

Mr. Winston said the action of my motion is to defer this contract, and I gave the reason for doing that is that this Thursday, our Economic Development Committee is going to have a discussion that is germane to the issues that I brought up. Now, I would like to rely on that discussion and the work that my colleagues do to inform me whether or not there is something that they can do with this project and/or future projects, so that is just the reasoning. There is no more action beyond deferring.

Ms. Eiselt said is this an open ended deferral or two week?

Mr. Winston said we can defer it for two weeks.

Councilmember Mayfield said I share Mr. Winston's concerns. A number of us District Representatives had the opportunity to speak at the Black Political Caucus yesterday evening to talk about not only the budget but let the community ask questions, and my colleague Mr. Newton made a very valid point, which I have said many of times. You have the ability to say no. At the end of the day, it is a conversation of political will versus political ability. The Economic Development Committee has been pushing for us to increase minority outreach and partnership. This is not a new conversation. Staff has been charged on more than one occasion if anything comes before Council for a vote, do not keep giving us the excuse where we didn't find enough minorities to do this type of work. Part of their job is to go out and fill those gaps and let the community know, because the community doesn't know what all work the City of Charlotte does. So, if we know that there are gaps, part of the responsibility that was charged, before Councilmember Mitchel took a brief hiatus, was to go out into the

community to fill those gaps in so that we do not keep coming around the dais having to have a conversation about the lack of minority opportunity. You just heard, also we love to throughout the Opportunity Task Force recommendation, and we love to say, well the City was 50 out of 50 in upward mobility. That is never going to change when we award a contract and I pull up, which anyone can, online and you look at the leadership, and the 10 individuals that are in leadership do not reflect the fact that the City of Charlotte as a majority minority community.

We need to either make a conscious decision and stop putting it off until the next meeting to talk about it the next time, that we are going to commit to creating true economic opportunity or we need to stop telling the community that we are going to do that. It is just that simple. It is really political will versus political ability. Sometimes you need to say no. Now, my colleague is being generous by asking for a deferral, because we could have just said move to deny, to kick the whole process back in again, but we received a disparity update, and what the last disparity update said Minority Women Small Business Enterprise, it has been overwhelmingly white women who have excelled and benefited from it financially the most. That is great for women. That is still not addressing the impact that African Americans, Latinos, and others in our community are not getting access to opportunities, and giving \$20,000 out of a multi-million dollar job, that is barely covering one employee, so we have to make a conscious decision that we are either going to move forward and be responsible to the entire community, or we need to stop telling the community that lie. I am going to support us deferring. I am going to support the Economic Development Committee and our Chair on the Economic Development Committee, but Mr. Manager, I hope that you are hearing. Staff needs to honestly not put us in this position where we are having this conversation around the dais, because we have sent a charge out. That charge is more than four years old now, and that was long before you got here, but we have the minutes from the meetings that say there was a charge for the leadership around economic development, and it is supposed to be creating job opportunities. We are supposed to go out and help figure out how to create opportunities within our community, because working for someone is not always going to be the answer. We need to also help, and we have the ability to help to create jobs, because we do it in so many other ways.

Councilmember Phipps said I just want to understand what we are doing with the deferral. Are we deferring with the intent that if we find the methodology should be changed, are we saying that with this particular item that we are going to go back and change the rules to meet that? Is that what the referral is for?

Mr. Winston said I can tell you my thought; if you are asking me my thought, I can speak to it.

Mr. Driggs said what is your motion; in words exactly, what is your motion?

Mr. Winston said I think he is talking about the next steps after the motion, right?

Mr. Phipps said I'm talking about what is the real purpose of the deferral. Are you going to defer based on the outcome of the study of the perimeters of how we choose it and if those perimeters change, does that mean that we are going to apply those to this deferred consent item?

Mr. Winston said I do not have the information to answer that question yet, which is why I am deferring until after the meeting that you are having on Thursday, so that I can be made more aware of the tools that we have and the options that we have. It might come in two weeks where I take Ms. Mayfield's approach and make a motion to deny and start this process over again. I might talk to my colleagues and it makes sense that we need to move forward with this in two weeks and fix it in a different manner. I do not know. That is why I am saying; let's defer this until after Thursday, when we have this information. When we are talking about this specific type of issue that we are doing to face and we have to recon with has we approve contracts moving forward.

Mr. Driggs said I just want to point out that this deferral is tantamount of saying to the Manager, right now, you will suspend all conversations with any contractor that include any component, and you will advise them that the rules for that contract are going to be the new rules, because consistency and fairness requires that. We cannot isolate and target this one contract. We have got to make a decision that we do not want any contracts signed under the

old rules; therefore, we will notify anybody regardless of what stage of negotiation that we are in with them to standby; it could be different. So, otherwise, I do not see why this company gets targeted for this treatment.

Mr. Winston said I am not targeting this company; I am targeting how we award contracts.

Mr. Driggs said it applies to everybody.

Mr. Winston said this is a policy question, and the policy applies to everybody, so this is not about one single contract.

Mr. Driggs said okay, no more contracts.

Mr. Winston said that is not the policy that I suggested.

Mr. Driggs said that is what it has to be if you are going to do this. How can you target this one company?

Ms. Mayfield said then just move to deny it if it is going to be that much of a conversation where we are trying to figure out, because again if you have a company and we are going to make better decisions as a Council that impact our entire community and not just certain segments of the community, there has to be a point where we stop saying that next time we will try to get it better.

Mayor Lyles said we have a substitute motion to defer the contract to go to the Thursday Economic Development Committee to discuss the issues on this contract under the minority business participation and what can be done for this contract based upon that review and concept and to come back in two weeks.

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

YEAS: Councilmembers Ajmera, Bokhari, Egleston, Eiselt, Harlow, Mayfield, Mitchell, Newton, Winston

NAYS: Councilmember Driggs and Phipps

Mayor Lyles said I think that Mr. Driggs asked a good question. If we are going to continue to have contracts that are coming in and there is the idea that we are changing what we have to do to award them. I think that it would be better for us to slow it down until it is done, because there is nothing worse than having a business go through a process like that, which puts them in a very difficult position. So, this is what we are saying, and at the same time, I am going to say that on the other side of this is that we have this disparity study, and as much as I would like to say, and believe me I know this because my brothers own a construction company. I have watched how it works, and I know how it works. If I could say make equity possible today from this dais, that would be easy, but we do not sit here today with that ability, and I am looking forward to the ED discussion to see how can we become more equitable. What can we do? I am hoping that this will in some ways begin the conversation for longer term and especially open conversation, about it, very open about what the requirements are. So, I heard our City Attorney say that a deferral is appropriate to address the questions, and we will do that. I think that the policy question Mr. Mitchell would be how long and how quickly can you come back and with a sense of urgency around this, particularly since the disparity study is several months old now.

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ITEM NO. 44: MEMORIAL STADIUM RENOVATION PARTNERSHIP

Motion was made by Councilmember Egleston and seconded by Councilmember Mitchell to Authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute an Interlocal Agreement with Mecklenburg County for the City to fund up to \$3 million for the preparation, acquisition, and installation of a synthetic field at Memorial Stadium.

Councilmember Bokhari said I would have preferred to comment on the other one, but it relates. I think that we need to know what this means to the County. This is something that clearly is not a vote to do or not do Memorial Stadium. That vote has already occurred. The County is doing it, and whether we are involved or not, that is going to happen. We have a unique opportunity here to get some things that might have a decent ROI back to us in five days a year in being able to utilize it for paying for this turf, but when I did the quick, rough back of napkin math using super assumptions everywhere, the ROI shows kind of like an over seven year payback period. I am use to approving years that are closer to like a three year payback period for something like this, for it to be good business sense, but even with that, there is the other dynamic of the County wants us to partner. I do not know how much or now little. I would love to be able to hear directly from them if they actually care about this, because this is also a vote of support for us working more closely together in the future. I guess all that I would say is that this is not directly related in our side of this isle here on the City Council to the vote that we just did and the assistant that we are asking for from then for the Rail Trail/pedestrian bridge, but clearly these things are belated, because they are creative uses of different types and mechanisms of funding. So, I feel very uncomfortable being in a position to vote on this, but I have talked to the Manager and others, and since this vote is giving the Manager authorization not just stroking a check, I have gotten myself more comfortable, but Mr. Manager, I and probably several others but I will let them speak for their selves if they do or do not agree, would encourage you to make sure that we understand how the County views this. Is this something that they are grateful and really want and view as a strong partnership move, or is it like eh, I don't know? What are they planning on doing for the over street pedestrian bridge? Again, if we do not get that funding from them on that, we have to take other drastic measures, because that is in our core competency, while this is a nice to have. So, that is my comment.

Councilmember Egleston said I spoke to my support of this in the Economic Development Committee recently, but I think that it is an opportunity for us, as Councilmember Bokhari said, to demonstrate a willingness to partner with the County. I hope and have faith that they will demonstrate that in return on the project that was mentioned so that we- We have always talked about breaking the silos of city and county and school board, and I think that we have got a couple of opportunities here to do it, so I think that it is up to us to kind of extend that first olive branch and say, let's get to work. This is a historic landmark, so you all know that I love it.

Councilmember Harlow said I imagen there were some other conversations. I was a little lost there a little bit. I was just like, we have already asked all the questions about being the project last money in on this thing, so if the County is not in, we are not going to be in. I am just confused. I have read between the lines, so I understand your comment about the bridge is now tied to this. I am getting that. At some point, if we really want to get into this locked hands with our friends a few floors below us, we have to say look there has got to be a little trust. There has got to be a little bit of understanding that says hey, we will do this and get this back on this deal. That is kind of how it has to go, otherwise we will stay in the silos or they will not want to do business with us, because they always know that we are going to maybe second guess it at the end here. I do not want to second guess this. This is a good thing. I will support it.

Councilmember Driggs said I have listened to several explanations, and I have to say that I am still having a hard time understanding why we are putting \$3 million into the stadium and they are putting into the \$3 million into the Rail Trail. I am not generally in support of a project which is completely owned and controlled by one person and then part of the funding for it comes from another. So, I think that further to a discussion that I had with Councilmember Bokhari earlier, I am wondering if we can approve this subject to that subject Council Commissioners to their admission in the Rail Trail, because I was made to understand that these two deals are linked, and we will show our good faith and say guys it is up to you. We can move ahead with this thing if you want .We will put the money out there, but we need to have you do your part.

Councilmember Winston said I struggle with this decision as well. Me and Driggs do not always agree on everything, but I will show my fiscal conservatism on this one. I think that government should be investing in areas of growth and not necessarily just consumption. As I look at the merits of this investment, it is nice to have but not a must have. I look at all of the ways that we are already working to partner with the County. There are some must have things

that we are trying to do, and a lot of areas of must haves where we can build that good faith. So, it is going to go down to the wire for me, but I have not been convinced in either fashion why I should support this. It doesn't make me feel a little better when we look at this rail trail completion and the evening out of things, but like my colleagues said, without some incentive that it is actually going to happen puts me even more on the fence of why I should support a project like this. We do not need it.

Mr. Bokhari said I was just going to follow up with Mr. Driggs, because we spoke earlier then had more conversation afterwards, but Mr. Driggs is talking, so I will say it to you guys then. Mr. Driggs, the thought process was that I was originally in that camp when we talked earlier today and had a few more conversations, and the thought process evolved to the Manager has the authority to spend \$3 million or zero dollars, and clearly he knows our concern that we want a partnership but to not make it look like an ultimatum, we want to really partner with the County in honesty in authentic form, so we do not want it to look like we have thrown an ultimatum at him, rather we want him to know that is important to us. After we talked today we had a few more conversations and I was originally in that camp of putting the contingency but since the Manager has authority to do this and doesn't have to do it, letting our expressed interest known to them that that is important to us but without making it feel like an ultimatum so the County Commission know that we truly want to partner, we don't want to put an ultimatum on them was where we fell out but I'm open to being mind changed.

Mr. Driggs said I would just say on the records, we are authorizing the Manager to enter into discussions with the County and to use his judgement up to \$3 million in the completion.

Bob Hagemann, City Attorney said the Manager and I had a side conversation, and I do not want you to inadvertently put him in a difficult position. When you see authorize to negotiate and execute, historically what I think that staff understands and how we interpret that is that you have approved it, but the documents have not been negotiated and written yet. It is a charge to carry this out. So, if you are intending to give him the digression to do it or not, that is a whole lot different than carry this out, and I am a little bit concerned it would put the Manager in a difficult position.

Mayor Lyles said what would the action be if the idea would be to leave it to his digression. I am looking for the wording. Okay, so we are going as the action that allows and the Manager feels like he has the flexibility. You have all heard from the City Attorney as well.

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

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

NAYS: Councilmember Mayfield and Winston

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NOMINATIONS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

ITEM NO. 14: NOMINATION TO BECHTLER ARTS FOUNDATION BOARD

The following nominations were made for one appointment for a term beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2021:

- Keith Cradle, nominated by Councilmembers Ajmera, Bokhari, Driggs, Egleston, Eiselt, Harlow, Mayfield, Mitchell, Newton, Phipps, and Winston.

Motion was made by Councilmember Driggs, seconded by Councilmember Ajmera, and carried unanimously to reappoint Keith Cradle.

Mr. Cradle was reappointed.

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ITEM NO. 15: NOMINATIONS TO THE CHARLOTTE INTERNATIONAL CABINET

The following nominations were made for one appointment recommended by the Charlotte Chamber Of Commerce for a partial term beginning immediately and ending June 30, 2019.

- Sven Gerzer, nominated by Councilmembers Ajmera, Bokhari, Driggs, Egleston, Eiselt, Harlow, Mayfield, Newton, Phipps, and Winston

Motion was made by Councilmember Driggs, seconded by Councilmember Ajmera, and carried unanimously to appoint Sven Gerzer.

Mr. Gerzer was appointed.

The following nominations were made for two appointments for three-year terms in the Cultural/Ethnic category beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2021:

- Naqash Choudhery, nominated by Councilmember Phipps
- Jamal Cook, nominated by Councilmember Harlow
- Kamal Dhimal, nominated by Councilmembers Ajmera, Bokhari, Driggs, Eiselt, Mitchell, Newton, and Winston
- Nalan Karakaya, nominated by Councilmembers Ajmera, Driggs, Egleston, Eiselt, Harlow, Mayfield, Newton, and Phipps
- William Robinson, nominated by Councilmember Egleston

Motion was made by Councilmember Driggs, seconded by Councilmember Ajmera, and carried unanimously to reappoint Nalan Karakaya and appoint Kamal Dhimal.

Mr. Dhimal and Ms. Karakaya were appointed.

The following nominations were made for one appointment for a three-year term in the International Business category beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2021:

- Johnelle Causwell, nominated by Councilmembers Ajmera, Bokhari, Driggs, Egleston, Eiselt, Harlow, Mayfield, Newton, Phipps, and Winston

Motion was made by Councilmember Driggs, seconded by Councilmember Ajmera, and carried unanimously to reappoint Johnelle Causwell.

Ms. Causwell was reappointed.

The following nominations were made for a three-year term in the Airport Staff Member category beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2021:

- Diane Carter, nominated by Councilmembers Ajmera, Bokhari, Driggs, Egleston, Eiselt, Harlow, Mayfield, Newton, Phipps, and Winston

Motion was made by Councilmember Driggs, seconded by Councilmember Ajmera, and carried unanimously to reappoint Diane Carter.

Ms. Carter was reappointed.

The following nominations were made for one appointment in the Education/ Non-Profit category beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2021:

- Olivia Scott, nominated by Councilmember Harlow
- Rona Chen, nominated by Councilmembers Ajmera, Bokhari, Egleston, Mitchell, Newton, Phipps, and Winston

Motion was made by Councilmember Driggs, seconded by Councilmember Ajmera, and carried unanimously to appoint Rona Chen.

Ms. Chen was appointed.

The following nominations were made for one appointment in the At-Large category beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2021:

- Reinhard Von Hennigs, nominated by Councilmembers Ajmera, Driggs, Egleston, Eiselt, Harlow, Mayfield, Mitchell, Newton, Phipps, and Winston

Motion was made by Councilmember Driggs, seconded by Councilmember Ajmera, and carried unanimously to reappoint Reinhard Von Hennigs.

Mr. Hennigs was reappointed.

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ITEM NO. 16: NOMINATION TO CHARLOTTE MECKLENBURG PUBLIC ACCESS CORPORATION

The following nominations were made for one appointment for a partial term beginning immediately and ending July 1, 2019:

- Jennifer Ames Stuart, nominated by Councilmember Driggs
- Jamal Harvey, nominated by Councilmembers Ajmera, Egleston, Eiselt, Newton, Phipps, and Winston
- Olivia Scott, nominated by Councilmember Harlow

Motion was made by Councilmember Driggs, seconded by Councilmember Ajmera, and carried unanimously to appoint Jamal Harvey.

Mr. Harvey was appointed.

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ITEM NO. 17: NOMINATIONS TO THE CHARLOTTE REGIONAL VISITORS AUTHORITY

The following nominations were made for two appointments in the At-Large category for three-year terms beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2021:

- Kimberly Edmonds, nominated by Councilmember Ajmera, Harlow, Mayfield, and Phipps
- Matthew Hirschy, nominated by Councilmembers Ajmera, Driggs, Egleston, Eiselt, Harlow, Mayfield, Mitchell, Newton, Phipps, and Winston
- Tarun Malik, nominated by Councilmembers Bokhari, Egleston, and Eiselt
- Douglas Singleton, nominated by Councilmembers Bokhari, Newton, and Winston
- Vinay Patel, nominated by Councilmember Driggs

Motion was made by Councilmember Driggs, seconded by Councilmember Ajmera, and carried unanimously to reappoint Matthew Hirschy.

Mr. Hirschy was reappointed.

The remaining appointment will be brought back for Council consideration at the next Business Meeting.

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ITEM NO. 18: NOMINATION TO CHARLOTTE TREE ADVISORY COMMISSION

The following nominations were made for one appointment for a partial term beginning immediately and ending December 13, 2018, and then continuing for a full three-year term from December 14, 2018 until December 13, 2021:

- William Baker, nominated by Councilmembers Ajmera, Egleston, and Newton
- John Durnovich, nominated by Councilmember Driggs
- Jairius McClendon, nominated by Councilmember Phipps
- Zachary Newton, nominated by Councilmember Harlow

This appointment will be brought back for Council consideration at the next Business Meeting.

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ITEM NO. 19: NOMINATIONS TO THE CHARLOTTE WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The following nominations were made for one appointment in the Small Town Representative category for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2021:

- Barry Webb, nominated by Councilmembers Ajmera, Bokhari, Driggs, Egleston, Eiselt, Harlow, Mayfield, Mitchell, Newton, Phipps, and Winston

Motion was made by Councilmember Driggs, seconded by Councilmember Ajmera, and carried unanimously to reappoint Barry Webb.

Mr. Webb was reappointed.

The following nominations were made for one appointment in the Financial Expert category for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2021:

- Leslie Jones, nominated by Councilmembers Ajmera, Bokhari, Driggs, Egleston, Eiselt, Harlow, Mayfield, Mitchell, Newton, Phipps, and Winston

Motion was made by Councilmember Driggs, seconded by Councilmember Ajmera, and carried unanimously to reappoint Leslie Jones.

Ms. Jones was reappointed.

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ITEM NO. 20: NOMINATIONS TO THE CITIZENS REVIEW BOARD

The following nominations were made for one appointment for a one-year term beginning August 1, 2018 and ending July 31, 2019.

The following nominations were made for two appointments for a two-year term beginning August 1, 2018 and ending July 31, 2020.

The following nominations were made for two appointments for a three-year term beginning August 1, 2018 and ending July 31, 2021.

- Henry Black, Jr., nominated by Councilmembers Mitchell and Phipps
- E. Thomas Bowers, nominated by Councilmembers Bokhari, Driggs, Egleston, Eiselt, Harlow, Mayfield, Newton, and Phipps
- Kyle Clements, nominated by Councilmembers Ajmera, Bokhari, Eiselt, Newton, and Winston
- Clarence Darnell, nominated by Councilmember Phipps
- Sandra Donaghy, nominated by Councilmembers Driggs and Phipps
- Antonio Gaither, nominated by Councilmembers Driggs, Egleston, Harlow, Mayfield, and Newton
- Nanci Hightower, Ajmera, Driggs, Egleston, Harlow, Mayfield, and Mitchell
- Paris Hopkins, nominated by Councilmembers Ajmera, Bokhari, Harlow, Newton, and Winston
- Tonya Jameson, nominated by Councilmembers Bokhari, Egleston, Eiselt, Harlow, Mayfield, Mitchell, Newton, and Winston
- Marc Jensen, nominated by Councilmembers Ajmera, Eiselt, Mitchell, and Phipps
- Diane Langevin, nominated by Councilmembers Ajmera, Eiselt, and Mitchell
- Samuel Smith, nominated by Councilmember Mayfield
- John Tartt, nominated by Councilmember Driggs

Motion was made by Councilmember Driggs, seconded by Councilmember Ajmera, and carried unanimously to appoint Tonya Jameson and reappoint E. Thomas Bowers and Nanci Hightower.

Mr. Bowers, Ms. Hightower and Ms. Jameson were appointed.

The remaining two appointments will be brought back for Council consideration at the next Business meeting.

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ITEM NO. 21: NOMINATIONS TO CIVIL SERVICE BOARD

The following nominations were made for one appointment for a two-year term beginning immediately and ending May 15, 2021:

- Parker Cains, nominated by Councilmember Bokhari
- Harold Carillo, nominated by Councilmember Mitchell
- Charlita Hatch, nominated by Councilmembers Ajmera, Egleston, Eiselt, and Winston
- John Tarrt, nominated by Councilmember Driggs
- Paul VanGundy, nominated by Councilmember Harlow
- Linda Webb, nominated by Councilmembers Newton and Phipps

This appointment will be brought back for Council consideration at the next Business meeting.

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ITEM NO. 22: NOMINATION TO THE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

The following nominations were made for one appointment in the Resident Owner of Hermitage Court category for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2021:

- James Jordan, nominated by Councilmembers Ajmera, Bokhari, Driggs, Egleston, Harlow, Mayfield, Mitchell, Newton, Phipps, and Winston

Motion was made by Councilmember Driggs, seconded by Councilmember Ajmera, and carried unanimously to appoint James Jordan.

Mr. Jordan was appointed.

The following nominations were made for one appointment in the At-Large category for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2021:

- Jill Walker, nominated by Councilmembers Ajmera, Bokhari, Driggs, Egleston, Eiselt, Harlow, Mayfield, Mitchell, Newton, Phipps.

Motion was made by Councilmember Driggs, seconded by Councilmember Ajmera, and carried unanimously to reappoint Jill Walker.

Ms. Walker was reappointed.

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ITEM NO. 23: NOMINATIONS TO THE HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION

The following nominations were made for two appointments for three-year terms beginning July 17, 2018 and ending July 16, 2021:

- Jonathan Schulz, nominated by Councilmembers Ajmera, Driggs, Egleston, Eiselt, Mayfield, Mitchell, Newton, Phipps, and Winston
- Lynn Weis, nominated by Councilmember Mitchell
- Edwin Wilson, nominated by Councilmembers Ajmera, Bokhari, Driggs, Egleston, Eiselt, Harlow, Newton, Phipps, and Winston

Motion was made by Councilmember Driggs, seconded by Councilmember Ajmera, and carried unanimously to reappoint Jonathan Schulz and appoint Edwin Wilson.

Mr. Schulz and Mr. Wilson were appointed.

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ITEM NO. 24: NOMINATIONS TO KEEP CHARLOTTE BEAUTIFUL

The following nominations were made for three appointments for three-year terms beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2021:

- Tonya Clarkston, nominated by Councilmembers Ajmera, Bokhari, Driggs, Egleston, Eiselt, Harlow, Mayfield, Mitchell, Newton, Phipps, and Winston
- Tiera Cole, nominated by Councilmembers Harlow
- Sheila Etheridge, nominated by Councilmember Phipps
- Jonathan Giles, nominated by Councilmember Mitchell
- Tarik Hameed, nominated by Councilmembers Ajmera, Bokhari, Driggs, Egleston, Eiselt, Harlow, Mayfield, Mitchell, Newton, Phipps, and Winston
- Taelor Logan, nominated by Councilmember Eiselt
- Jairius McClendon, nominated by Councilmember Ajmera
- Leland McNabb, nominated by Councilmembers Bokhari, Driggs, Egleston, Newton, and Winston

Motion was made by Councilmember Driggs, seconded by Councilmember Ajmera, and carried unanimously to reappoint Tonya Clarkston and Tarik Hameed.

Ms. Clarkston and Mr. Hameed were reappointed.

The remaining appointment will be brought back for Council consideration at the next Business meeting.

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ITEM NO. 25: NOMINATIONS TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD MATCHING GRANTS FUND

The following nominations were made for one appointment recommended by the School Superintendent for a partial term beginning immediately and ending April 15, 2020:

- Doris Shivers, nominated by Councilmembers Ajmera, Driggs, Egleston, Eiselt, Harlow, Mitchell, Phipps, and Winston
- Amy Harris, nominated by Councilmember Newton

Motion was made by Councilmember Driggs, seconded by Councilmember Ajmera, and carried unanimously to appoint Doris Shivers.

Ms. Shivers was appointed.

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ITEM NO. 26: NOMINATION TO PASSENGER VEHICLE FOR HIRE

The following nominations were made for one appointment in the Representative of the Hospitality/Tourism Industry category for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2021:

- Sheila Ethridge-Bodie, Ajmera, Driggs, Egleston, Eiselt, Harlow, Mayfield, Mitchell, Newton, Phipps, and Winston

Motion was made by Councilmember Driggs, seconded by Councilmember Ajmera, and carried unanimously to reappoint Sheila Ethridge-Bodie.

Ms. Ethridge-Bodie was reappointed.

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ITEM NO. 27: NOMINATION TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION

The following nominations were made for one appointment for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2021:

- Cozzie Watkins, Ajmera, Bokhari, Driggs, Egleston, Eiselt, Harlow, Mayfield, Mitchell, Newton, Phipps, and Winston

Motion was made by Councilmember Driggs, seconded by Councilmember Ajmera, and carried unanimously to reappoint A. Cozzie Watkins by acclamation.

Ms. A. Cozzie Watkins was reappointed.

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ITEM NO. 28: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL TOPICS

Councilmember Newton said I wanted to take a moment and thank everyone who attended my town hall on Saturday. By all accounts, it was a tremendous success. We had a fantastic turn out, had a couple of my fellow colleagues there as well, so thank you Councilwoman Ajmera and Councilmember Winston for attending. Your presence did not go unnoticed, and it was really wonderful that you were there. Lots of doughnuts were eaten; lots of coffee was drunk. We had a really wonderful time. I wanted to thank Tracy Dodson as well and our Planning Director Taiwo for being there too. The community very much appreciated the information that they received from both of you, so thank you.

In memory and honor of the passing of Susan Lindsey, who was a very involved, very important member of our community in east Charlotte, we will be holding the 50th annual Hickory Grove Fourth of July Parade this year. I think that there were a lot of questions and concerns as to whether or not that would occur. Many people wanted to maintain the continuity of the oldest, longest standing, most contiguous parade in all of Charlotte, and that is precisely what we are going to be doing, so if you do not have plans or even if you do have plans, come on out to east Charlotte on July 4, 2018, which is Wednesday, at 10:30. We will have a parade route from Hickory Grove Rec Center on Pence Road out to Harris Boulevard, then from Harris Boulevard up to Sharron Amity. You can stand on either side of that parade route and be a part of the best Fourth of July parade in all of Charlotte. Afterwards around 11:00 or 11:30, celebrate with us at the Grove Presbyterian Church; if you are interested in being in the parade, please reach out to me. I look forward to seeing everyone at the parade.

Councilmember Phipps said I would just like to congratulate the graduating class of Vance High School. Their ceremony was this past Saturday on the campus of UNC Charlotte, all 376 of them, and I just wanted to congratulate all of the graduates that have had their ceremony so far. I look forward to attending Mallard Creek graduation tomorrow at the Spectrum Center.

Councilmember Mayfield said I also would like to congratulate the recent graduates. I had an opportunity to attend this past Saturday at Bojangles, the West Charlotte High School graduation, so congratulations to the 2018 class and especially I would like to congratulate an amazing young man who I met when he was 11 years old, Mr. Austin Kiser. We are extremely proud of you and your honor cords, and you are going to do an amazing job when you head off to Livingstone, and we are so proud of you.

I also want to invite my colleagues as well as the community. We will be having a community forum, Police Relations in Neighborhoods of Color. A lot of people do not realize that the City of Charlotte is one of only 15 cities that were chosen through the National League of Cities to be a part of a race and equity pilot. Part of that work is reconciliation work, and this will be our first entry way. The actual title is racial reconciliation through truth and healing police relationships in communities of color. This forum will be happening on June 22, 2018 on 6:00 p.m. at St. Luke’s Missionary Baptist Church, which is located at 1600 Norris Avenue. You can RSVP with my staff liaison Ms. Kimberly Oliver. We will gladly send out the flyer for you to share in your community or your religious institution.

Councilmember Ajmera said I have two items; over the weekend, I had an opportunity to attend the Active Shooter Survival Training that was hosted by an Indian-American community, and we had CMPD Lieutenant Hoover there along with Councilmember Winston. Thank you for joining us. It was a great outreach in the community, and also very important techniques in terms of what to do when you are faced with an active shooter situation. I hope that more residence take advantage of this. If you are interested in participating in this type of training, please email me. I am happy to connect you with our CMPD, or you can directly email CMPD, but make sure to take advantage of this very important resource that we have. Also, the community had raised funding to support the youth programming that is being done by our CMPD. So, I appreciate the community's support with our youth programs. Also, I had an opportunity to attend the sustainability summit that was hosted by Sustain Charlotte, over the weekend. There were discussions on affordable housing, transportation choices, local water quality and water resources, and we had several members from various communities there from environment advocacy groups to transportation advocacy groups to affordable housing advocates. There were over 250 members attending this sustainability summit, and I was very pleased with the presentation that was done by Shannon Binns, the Director of Sustain Charlotte, and he did the presentation on the progress that we have made, not just as a city but as a city, county, and school board and where we need to focus more. I was also joined by our staff Rob Phocas and Victoria Johnson. We provided a brief update on environment sustainability initiatives that we are leading. We are taking a leadership role on this, so from preserving our tree canopy. We had talked also a little bit about circular economy initiative that is in the budget, but we also talked about the resolution that was recently approved by the Committee. So, over all it was really well received and the audience appreciated the efforts of our Mayor and City Council over all, so I just wanted to pass those comments over to you all that the community is very appreciative of the work that we are doing to address various needs.

Councilmember Mitchell said congratulations to the class of 2018 at North Mecklenburg, especially to my youngest blessing Nichole Ashley Mitchell. Daddy is proud.

Mayor Lyles said I wanted to just mention a few things. Every week, we get a memo from the Manager that is on our dais, talking about what is upcoming. So, it is interesting; I know that summer is coming, and it is really good that we will meet in June, then we have a couple of weeks off for break, then the July 23, 2018 we will be talking about our housing framework overview and contracting threshold for the Manager. I want to say that the adoption of this budget tonight really was a milestone. When we talked about doing the housing bonds, no matter how much we talked, we know that we would never be able to do enough. One of the things that I like to always remember is that housing is a community issue, not just a city issue. It is more than just a home. The home is important, that building and stable place to live, but it has to be about workforce wages. So, I am hopeful that as we begin our visioning for the future, we have a lot of things on our list, but we have also got to really look carefully at giving people an opportunity to support their selves and be a part of our community in that regard as well.

I also wanted to just say, I went to the US conference of Mayors. I would like to have said that I had gotten there on time and early to go to some of the workshops, but I had a little bit of mechanical problem, so I go there a little bit late, but I wanted to bring up three things that I found very interesting. The City of Arlington has a huge football stadium for the Dallas Cowboys, but they also host ESports on a regular basis, and this ESports idea is coming through. It is not real regulated or organized right now, but what the sports committee talked about was how could cities begin to form ESports teams and support them. It is something that I would really like to have a little more conversation on. The next one was on the arts and cultural group that I went to speak with. We are not all invited, but if someone would like to go to Burning Man, Charlotte was on their list. They sought me out and asked if we would like to come down and see that. What they were saying is the importance of seeing it is to meet the artist that are there and working that entire time. What I learned from the group- You have to go to Reno to go to Burning Man, not like that is a bad deal. What we talked about is how art can play such a big role, and you remember when we had our retreat and you said let's do something festive and be known for it. Charleston has Spoleto. Nashville has music. We talked about this a lot, and I know this has been a hard year to put numbers on the paper and all the things that we said that we needed to do to recover from a very tough two-years prior, but at some point, we have to start looking at what feeds both our mind and our souls, and I do

believe that it is time now. I know that we have the 250th party coming up. I would like for us to think about a goal of what comes out of that that is really sustainable that we can build on and be known. You cannot be Burning Man all across this country, but people have found ways to take two or three days and turn them into month long festivals, and we need to begin to think about this.

The final thing that I want to say is that there were many national speeches made at this conference, and Charlotte was called out twice. Brian Monahan talked about Charlotte, the \$50 million and the private sector \$50 million, and I liked that he said we are going to do it, and I was like you, you, you, are going to do it, but it was okay. You can do it. The other time was when Barbra Lee, who has worked over 20 years to get women elected to public office, she said I just wanted a woman president, but what I realized is that I have to have women mayors, and she again recognized Charlotte for having an African American woman mayor, and what she was saying is that leadership counts for every part of our government and what we need to do to cultivate leadership is very important, so I just wanted to share that with you from the trip to Boston for a very quick two and a half days.

Councilmember Eiselt said that is hard to follow, but I will say that we have one of our wonderful artists here from Charlotte, Ruth Avalian, who performs at Burning Man every year. So, if you follow her on Facebook, there are some fabulous photos from her performances there. I just want to take the opportunity, I had a town hall two weeks ago, but we haven't had Council topics. Thank you to all of the staff that helped to put that together. We had Chief Putney and Chief Johnson, our new Fire Chief who came out and Lacy Williams from Neighborhood and Business Services. We talked a lot about what the Police Department has done to move forward and work with the community to build trust and relationships, so thank you to everybody who worked hard on that and for everyone who came out or followed us on Facebook.

Congratulations to all of the graduates. It is weird not having someone graduate this year, but it is a big time for everyone's families who have a young person graduating, and happy Father's Day to all of the fathers out there who will be celebrating this Sunday.

Councilmember Bokhari said I just wanted to say, I had an experience of a lifetime, not just in the ride along that I was able to do but in the end of last week spending an incredible amount of time editing all of the film that was captures and putting out the documentary 1018 Officers Need Assistance, and it was a labor of love. It was incredible. Thank you to Metro third shift and Officer John Koukopoulos, who was the star of the show. Thank you to Braxton Winston, who became a bit of a main character in the show and I didn't even realize. It happened organically, and my hope is that it was something that captured not just the sentiment of the police officers and everything that they go through but also the really tough national dialogue around either police accountability or police support, and usually people are on either one side or the other. My goal with this film was to show how you could be both, and we need to have a conversation on both sides of that argument at the same table in this city. If you didn't get a chance to see it, you can go on YouTube and type in Officers Need Assistance, and that will pop up. I just thank everyone who helped me put it together.

Councilmember Winston said I want to say Madam Mayor as the one City Councilmember that actually works in the arts that the Burning Man trip- You know, I could come back with the most professional kind of advice and feedback that is relevant and germane to this issue. Thank you in advance for that. I was actually thinking about skipping Council topics today, but I will keep it short.

I just want to give a shout out to a young lady, Anna Cockrell, who I believe is a Sophomore at the University of Southern California, but she is a Charlotte native and a product of Providence Day High School and track team, and they just one the national championship for outdoor track and field, and they did it in a fantastic fashion. Anna was the second leg of the 4x400 relay, and USC had to win that race to win the national championship, and they did, but they did it in tremendous fashion in a way that I have never really seen. The race looked like it was out of hand and that anchor leg just did something incredible, and I hope that everybody in Charlotte gets to YouTube it. Go to my Facebook page or wherever and watch it. I think there is a lot of sport kind of speaks that art imitates life thing, and this was definitely a race where that is the

case. Folks, just keep running; find your stride. Concentrate on your form and just keep picking up those legs and put them down in front of you. You never know what can happen.

Councilmember Driggs said I just wanted to briefly thank the Manager and City Attorney for spending time today with four members of the Board of Directors of South Charlotte Partners. This new group, as we heard during the presentations, is going to focus on advocacy for south Charlotte but also planning issues and trying to identify the needs of the public down there. I think that you all know I have been very vocal over four years in advocating for more investment, and it has come down to okay, what exactly do you want? We are going to try to get specific about that, and I hope that we can do this, and I feel like we will do this in a way that everybody understands the opportunity for the City of having investments in an area where the return on those investments is substantial and might even meet Mr. Bokhari's three-year time frame for payback period. So, this is meant to be a cooperative effort among all of us to do something good for our city and to general growth that will help to support the other things that we want to do, like affordable housing, so hope we can work with South Charlotte Partners, and again I thank you for spending the time with them today.

Councilmember Phipps said will you all be establishing a Municipal Service District?

Mr. Driggs said we have been talking about that. That would be very modestly funded, basically just in order to support us as in the other instances to support the research and advocacy efforts of the group.

Councilmember Harlow said District 7 likes the taxes. I just want to give credit to some community members, Charles Robinson, Greg Jackson, and a few others. Forgiving not naming everyone, but I got a call last night after I made an announcement the Black Political Caucus made a list of summer camps, and if there was a need for folks who needed to send kids or grandkids to summer camps knowing that school is out now, we want our children and our youth to be productive during their time off, and I got a call from a community engagement officer with Project Lift and say I have seven children here who really need something to do. They parents really have a lot going on, and they have to pay to get them into this camp. I said how much do you need? He said oh, about, \$175 or so. I said okay, we can do that. I offered a donation myself, and I put the rest out on my Facebook post, and I have just been overwhelmed and really excited and encouraged to see the responses so quickly just for these seven, but we have sense because of that, we funded those seven kids in about 30 seconds. Between another hour or so, we found out about another 30 children who needed help and some folks who have reached out and said we have kind of opened up a little can there, but the online community support within an hour has been able to support almost 42 kids to go to summer camps now, just by Facebook posts and one phone call, so I just want to give credit to Gerard Jones, who made the initial call, then some folks who kind of did some social media outreach on our behalf and on those kid's behalf. All those kids are going to be able to enjoy camps going forward for the summer. They still do have a long list of opportunities. I have talked with a few camp directors, and if you just call our office, 704-336-2064, Amanda Burch will pick the phone up. She has the list on her desk; we can direct you to some summer programs for your children or anyone that you may have guardianship over. We want to make sure that everyone has a productive summer. This is all over the City; this is not just for District 2, while a good big of that list is focused on District 2, this list encourages participation all over the City. I just want to say kudos to the community, and if you need something for your children to do for the summer, we have an opportunity for them through some of our partners.

Councilmember Egleston said two quick shout outs: I did want to thank- I received a very kind invitation last week from some new friends who are having a Ramadan Iftar dinner at the Hornet's Nest Park. It was an amazing experience. I got to do my first one of last year, and this was my second. I was joined by Representative Autry and Senator Tart, and we had a wonderful time, a wonderful meal, and met some wonderful people, so thank you to them.

I also wanted to thank the folks at the Arts and Science Council who held one of their culture blocks events right at the intersection of Councilmember Phipps and my district in the Hidden Valley and Farm Crest communities, and it was well attended by folks from both of those communities who got to participate in being a part of some art projects and experiences. There were lots of children from there who got to do some things that you could just see in their eyes that they were inspired and kind of blown away by their ability to create beautiful art. I also got

to see some professional musicians and artists preform their trade. It was a really neat event over at the Sugar Creek Rec Center. I appreciate the Arts and Science Council for all that they do in our community.

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ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m.



Emily A. Kunze, Deputy City Clerk, NCCMC

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