

The City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina convened for Action Review and Business Meeting on Monday, June 15, 2018 at 4:09 p.m. in Room 267 of the Charlotte Mecklenburg Government Center with Mayor Vi Lyles presiding. Councilmembers present were Dimple Ajmera, Tariq Bokhari, Ed Driggs, Larken Egleston, Julie Eiselt, Justin Harlow, LaWana Mayfield, James Mitchell, Matt Newton, and Greg Phipps.

**ABSENT:** Councilmember Braxton Winston, II

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**ACTION REVIEW**

**ITEM NO. 1: CLOSED SESSION**

Motion was made by Councilmember Mayfield, seconded by Councilmember Newton, and carried unanimously to go into closed session pursuant to GS 143-318.11(a) (4) to discuss matters relating to the location of industries or businesses in the City including potential economic development incentives that may be offered in negotiations and pursuant to GS 143-318.11 (a)(3) to consult with an attorney in order to preserve the attorney client privilege and to consider and give instructions concerning the handling of Kevin W. Wallin vs the City of Charlotte IC#16-762374.

The meeting recessed at 4:10 p.m. to go into closed session in Room 267 and reconvened at 5:48 p.m. in Room 267.

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**ITEM NO. 2: MAYOR AND COUNCIL CONSENT ITEM QUESTIONS**

**Mayor Lyles** said Item No. 65 has been settled; staff has asked for a deferral on item Nos. 66, 67, and 68 until our next meeting. I need to know if anyone wants to make comments on any Consent items.

**Councilmember Mitchell** said I want to comment on Item No. 34.

**Councilmember Phipps** said I want to comment on Item No. 39.

**Councilmember Mayfield** said I want to comment on Item Nos. 27 and 28.

Mr. Mitchell said I need to be recused on item No. 26. I serve on the Governor’s Crime Commission.

**Councilmember Ajmera** said I want to comment on Item No. 31.

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**ITEM NO. 3: AGENDA OVERVIEW**

**Marcus Jones, City Manager** said it would be great, in terms of our time, if we could start off with the UNC-Charlotte Conference Center.

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**ITEM NO. 5: UNC CHARLOTTE CONFERENCE CENTER**

**Randy Harrington, Chief Financial Officer** said I want to introduce Dr. Phil DuBois, who will be giving a presentation on a potential partnership proposal between UNC-C and the City of Charlotte, as it relates to a potential conference center, and it is a great opportunity to expand hospitality and tourism, as well as also to really help UNC-C in its quest and efforts to really become one of those premier destinations for academic conferences in the nation and the world, so with that Dr. Phil DuBois will start the presentation and then Ron Kimble will have some comments at the end.

**Dr. Phil DuBois, UNC Charlotte** said thank you for giving me this opportunity to present to you information about our plans to build a major, full-service Marriott Hotel and Conference Center on the main campus of UNC-Charlotte. Before coming here tonight, I was talking with my wife Lisa about my presentation tonight and I got the kind of spousal advice you get after 42-years of marriage; make sure you don't talk too long, don't try to be too charming, too witty, or too intellectual; just be yourself. We have a PowerPoint I'm going to go bristly through as outlined here; I will present most of it, and as was mentioned Ron Kimble will help out at the end. As I outline our project and the partnership we seek with you, let me note that we have a strong historic set of partnerships involving the City and the University. All of these were made possible by trust, goodwill and shared with financial responsibility. Obviously, the most recent of these, the development of the Blue Line Extension may be the most transformative in the University's history. That line would not have been built but for the City's commitment to build it and the University's willingness to bring the train onto campus to insure the ridership volume necessary to meet federal transit funding requirements and to grant CATS a cost free easement worth about \$6.5 million to complete the line.

After Ron and I have had a chance to present this partnership concept, we will certainly welcome the chance to answer your questions and for that portion of the discussion if we need them I am joined by two colleagues, Nile Sorensen, he is the Vice Chancellor for University Advancement, but in the context tonight, President of the University Foundation and Jim Stormont of Stormont Hospitality. Jim builds and manages hotels on his own, but for this project he is serving as our representative and managing the work of our partners, both for building the hotel/conference center but also for managing it once it is open.

For about 30-years, a provision in the Master Plan for UNC-Charlotte has called for the development of a full service hotel and conference center on the main campus. As you know as you travel around the country, this is a common feature at major Research Universities, whether it is the Nittany Lion Inn at Penn State; or the Blackwell Inn at Ohio State; the George Tech Hotel; and Conference Center in Atlanta; or the new State View Hotel at NC State in Raleigh. Not only do these facilities serve as important amenities for the alumni and friends of the Universities but they are integral to building and sustaining the strong academic reputation of these institutions as they compete for talent to serve on their faculties and in their administrations and to expose their institutions to visitors, as Randy said, from around the country and around the world who attend academic conferences and meetings that are organized and offered at these facilities. UNC-Charlotte recognized this a long time ago, but two things have stood in the way of building a Hotel/Conference Center. First market studies of the University City area historically have indicated that our area could at best support only one full- service hotel, which we already have, the Hilton at University Place. Secondly, as you may know the economics of hotel development are such that developers expect a relatively high rate of return on their investment, and we were concerned about engaging with a developer who might want to flip that hotel in just five to seven years, and we couldn't be assured of the future ownership and operations. Three things have changed all of that; first the passage of time. Overtime, University City has grown both in size and character becoming the City's second largest employment hub, and I'm going to later show you a visual that will detail that much more powerfully than I can describe it, but it is [inaudible] it to say that University City is a much different place than it was when the University Hilton was built in the late 1980's. Secondly, light rail, the Blue Line Northeast Extension gives University City a connectedness to the Center City and even beyond that we have never had before. Light rail makes a stay at a first rate full service hotel and conference center at University City a reasonable proposition when the cultural and recreational amenities of the Center City are just 22 minutes away by the train. Third, an important change, the UNC-Charlotte Foundation, our Foundation's leaders have come to share my view, and in fact they thought of it first that the only conceivable owner for a hotel/conference center at the University would be our Foundation, and why, principally because the Foundation does not need to see a return on their investment. Net profits from the hotel and conference center will be used as they become available for scholarships and to address other important University needs, but the Foundation does not need to realize a short-term return.

Importantly, the Foundation will be in this for the long-term haul. We want a high quality hotel that will remain under their control over a long period of time. The Foundation's only interest is in promoting the University's long-term reputation as one of the nation's leading urban Research Universities.

That brings us to day and the conversation this evening. Many of you know you on the Council and Mayor Lyles attended the Charlotte Chamber's Inner-City visit to Atlanta this past week, and I think all of you will be able to attest to the importance that the leadership in Atlanta placed upon the important role that higher education has played in Atlanta's economic development, specifically in preparing the talent a growing city needs to recruit and retain businesses whether they are large or small. In Atlanta's case: George Tech, George State, Emory University, and some important historic black colleges and universities like Spelman and Morehouse had been key to feeding Atlanta's talent pipeline. For the greater Charlotte region, we benefit from having about a dozen higher education institutions in this region, and each of them plays an important role in preparing talent, but UNC-Charlotte is by far the largest and most comprehensive of those institutions. In fact, just this past year we awarded over 8,300 degrees more than all of the other institutions in our region combined, and notably 85 percent of our graduates stay in the Charlotte region to work after they get their degrees. Our preeminent role in producing talent for the City will only increase. We expect to reach 30,000 students this fall and 35,000 students by 2025. With that said, we remain a young Research University having only secured approval for our Doctorial Programs in the mid 1990's. Today, we have 23 of those Doctorial Programs, and that growth has allowed for impressive related growth in research and development. This last year we passed \$50 million in our funded research, and we've set an ambitious goal to double that in time, but whether and how soon we can reach that goal will depend upon attracting the faculty and administrative staff that we need and the key to that is building the academic reputation of our University.

It is also clear from our recent experience with the Amazon Headquarters competition and as we learned from the Inner-City visit to Atlanta that we need to build, not just our reputation, but our capacity, and that could mean a much larger UNC-Charlotte than 35,000 students. None of the cities in Amazon's top 20 had enrollments in their Research Universities of fewer than 50,000 students, and as an example in Atlanta the combined enrollment of Emory, Georgia State, and Georgia Tech exceeds 72,000 students. Of course, I don't imagine that we will be 72,000 students, but we could easily be 50,000 in time, and as we grow in size we seek also to grow in reputation, and we see the hotel and conference center as one key element in doing that. We've put together a major team to make the hotel/conference center a reality reflecting its status as our most important capital project at the University right now. Both the Board of Trustees and the Foundation Board are deeply engaged and committed as are a team of professionals, we have assembled working on the design, operation and financing of the facility. The project itself takes full advantage of the Blue Line Extension by being located as the first of the two stops that serve the University on light rail. That first stop is JW Clay at North Tryon Street. The total project is committed to cost \$84 million with 226 hotel rooms, a parking deck and 24,000 square feet of conference space. The key point of our being here tonight is that a 24,000 square foot conference space is about double the size that a normal 226 room hotel would be expected to need. Since a 24,000 square foot conference space will support conferences of up to 500 people, there will be a need for additional room nights to be purchased for conference attendees. We would expect that most of this business would benefit University City Hotels, but the light rail access from University to Center City means that we will see additional patrons for the bars, restaurants, museums, and sports facilities that are to be found in Center City as a result of this project. With your support and what we are seeking as an investment of \$8 million from City tourism funds, we can build a conference center that is much larger and more technologically sophisticated than the 12,000 square feet of conference space that a 226-room hotel would ordinarily support, and I hope you will agree that this is a great potential partnership again between the City and the University.

I'm sure most of you can picture the site for this City, if you have been on light rail, but let me just show you two slides to cement that in your minds. The first slide shows you North Tryon Street on the left with an intersection of JW Clay Boulevard; it shows you the CATS Park and Ride facility on the west side of North Tryon Street and the hotel/conference site on the east side. That site is owned by the University Foundation, and you can see from this slide the proximity of this site to our football stadium and to key academic facilities most notably the Portal Building and the Epic Building, our energy production and infrastructure center.

The second slide is the ground level shot showing the station platform at JW Clay Boulevard, the Park and Ride on the left, the hotel/conference space on the right and the bridge that

spans the parking deck to the station platform and then across to the University Hotel/Conference Center site. That part of the bridge, that second part from the platform to the University, was brought about by a partnership again between the University, CATS, and in this case the Atrium University Place Hospital. We all participated in building that additional linkage over to our side of the street. Now, what follows is an early rendering of the hotel/conference project, this time looking at it from the campus side, looking toward North Tryon Street kind of on the right side of the hotel just beyond you can see the edge of the parking deck from the Park and Ride over there across the street. We've circled the Conference Center portion in green because at UNC-Charlotte we see no other colors but that is the 24,000 square feet of conference space. During our due diligence process we identified more than 60 academic conferences involving state, regional, and even international organizations that could bring top scholars, researchers, and administrators to our campus. With CRVA's assistance, we were able to identify more than 80 conferences and companies that match the fields of study available at UNC-Charlotte.

There are also many existing conferences that align with our core research strengths in fields such as data science, cyber security, energy production and advanced manufacturing that could be recruited to Charlotte, and the same can be said of the many administrative organizations that relate to higher education such as registrars and admissions officers. These conferences and meetings are not generally coming to Charlotte right now, because they are higher education institutions, and typically they want their meetings in very close proximity if not on the campus of a university and that is true of Penn State, Ohio State, Georgia Tech, NC State, and all the others. For a relatively young institution like UNC-Charlotte, getting these top folks to our campus allows us to show off our campus, show off our capacity, show off our City and using a good experience as a platform for future opportunities to recruit top faculty members and administrators. It also remains the case I think everybody would know that this will be a particular interest to us on football weekends and family weekends for our alumni, anything that brings the campus visitors will benefit from this hotel/conference center.

This project is also of particular value for University City; I made reference to this earlier, but University City is home to a large number of significant businesses that bring in visitors, and they need and use conference space. From our market analysis and from our anecdotal experience with many of these organizations many of them take their business elsewhere, often just north across the City line into Concord. We think that a first rate facility in University will add and address this leakage of important business out of our City. There are also clear benefits to the City. I've referenced the potential symbiotic relationship between the hotel/conference and Center City, including larger conventions and meetings that might be taking place downtown and that need additional rooms and in this context think national political conventions.

As we've indicated on this slide, we will also take steps to insure that the businesses associated with constructing this new facility are equitably treated with respect to sub-contractors and suppliers, and we can envision the creation of one or perhaps several scholarships for hospitality workers who might want to advance their education at UNC-Charlotte, and as that last bullet indicates once the hotel and conference center is up and running there will be approximately 210 new jobs available for Charlotteans. The \$8 million investment that we are asking you to make in City tourism funds is paid back relatively quickly. Using relatively conservative assumptions developed not by us but by our market and financial advisors, we believe the hotel/conference center will have returned the City's investment within the first six to seven years, in hotel occupancy tax, the local share of the state sales tax, the food and beverage tax and the half-cent transit tax. I should note that the tax calculation does not include the additional tax benefits that will be realized by other University City or Center City hotels and businesses that will generate business from our conference center and hotel patrons. The \$84 million project has a multi-layered capital stack. The University's Foundation will borrow \$45 million as the biggest portion of that. We do have skin in the game with \$9 million in cash from our Foundation and \$20 million we are assembling in private contributions from donors and friends using charitable gift annuities as the interment. Marriott has provided \$2 million in what is called key money, and you will see there our request for \$8 million from the City.



**Ron Kimble, City Manager's Office** said I think you have heard a very detailed presentation from the Chancellor about how this came to pass, why it is such an important asset that they want to see in this part of our City, and how it does contribute to the rest of our City as well, because there are many great things that can come about because of this partnership between the City, the CRVA and the University, and we believe that this project can carry us forward into the future very well.

The agreement terms that we have talked about to date with the University, because we would put in tourism money, and it would be proceeds from a financing, probably linked to other financings that we would do at the same time, the \$8 million would come out of that financing, and by virtue of that we would most likely own a condominium interest in the conference portion of this project equal to that \$8 million investment. I think it was important to note that the Chancellor said this is a long-term holding; this is one in which the University Foundation will hold it for a long period of time. Through facility operations, the University will be responsible for operating and maintaining this facility that is condo minimized. They will operate the hotel; they will also operate the conference center that the City of Charlotte would bring forward with tourism money. In addition to that particular facility, through the operations of the Foundation commits to the internship, the mentorships and scholarship opportunities for the community. Dr. DuBois also talked about the minority small women business enterprise goals that would be achieved through this interaction and this partnership between the two entities and also the agreement between UNC-Charlotte and the City would include access to the facility on a certain number of rent free use days on an annual basis for the duration of the financing that we would have in the particular project. We believe that this adds to the landscape of both the University City Area of Center City. It has the ability also to technically and electronically and digitally connect this conference center facility to the UNC-Charlotte Campus Building in the Center City and also connect to our uptown Convention Center as well so that you could see the same kind of presentation that would occur in any one of those facilities, you could see it from the other two facilities through digital connection among the three. Very powerful to present an opportunity like this that we don't have in our community today, and that is another reason why we see value in the partnership opportunity between and among us.

The timeline is fairly quick. You know that you have seen a rezoning filing by the University for this property. The public hearing on that rezoning is going to be on July 23rd. We are here tonight talking about the presentation and talking about the request for funds by the University. Sometime in the July/August timeframe, we will complete our negotiations with the University on the conference center portion of it, and if we do that in a faster way we could be back as early as July 23, 2018, but if we can't do it within that timeframe we would want to come back to you in August. The Council consideration of the rezoning would take place on August 27, 2018, because the public hearing would be on July 23, 2018. You are in a shortened summer season with fewer Council Meetings, so we've got to make sure we meet the obligations of all of the rezonings that you have in the pipeline, and your two meetings are July 23, 2018 and August 27, 2018. If the Council were to approve this financing, and this funding as a partnership they would begin construction in January 2019, and the August 2020 would be the anticipated project completion date for this facility, kind of resonating with some other things that you are hearing about that might be happening in the August to September 2020 timeframe. We are cutting it close on a lot of different things in order to be prepared for that potential event in 2020.

That is our presentation combined between the University and the City, and now we would like to entertain any questions that the Council might have as we move forward next month proceedings.

**Mayor Lyles** said Chancellor, I went to a conference recently, and they had a whole thing on the growth of E-sports, and that conference center looks like an ideal location to start our first amateur team that we want to go pro with. Actually, all your students will be there doing that team work.

**Councilmember Mayfield** said Mr. Kimble, two slides back when we were looking at the agreement between UNC-Charlotte and the City to include access to the facility on a rent free basis was that the opportunity for CBI, because I know we noted that your work with Charlotte Business INClusion, but for the rent free basis if there was an opportunity for CBI

would that be an example of what can be used there, or are you just thinking like graduations or something?

Mr. Kimble said I think it would be events and activities that could occur in that facility on a rent free use basis. We would have to pay the expenses associated with that, but I think we could determine together what kind of events we would want to have in that facility as the usage of our rent free use days.

Ms. Mayfield said what I'm thinking about is one, I think this is a great idea it is a great opportunity when we've gone to Boston and other places and you see what they have as far as education. What I'm thinking about is UNC is already a partner with the City through our small business programs and to have a conference center and to know that through CBI, if there is a workshop opportunity if that could be considered as one of the days before they are all identified for the free rent days, it would be good to know. I just thought I would ask.

Mr. Kimble said I think that you could do that, but remember again that we are using tourism funds as the source of funds for investment in this facility, and by their very nature tourism funds are intended to grow the economy from a visitors spend, so as long as that CBI seminar was bringing in people from a region and from an area, I think you could then say that you are bringing visitor spending into this community and marrying up the needs of this community with the visitor spending that they bring.

Ms. Mayfield said just for clarification the last example would be Black Enterprise. We hosted Black Enterprise here a couple weeks ago, and the hope is to lure Black Enterprise back again. This will be a great opportunity, because that is all about tourism but it is also about business development.

Mr. Kimble said I think you are on the right track to marry those two thoughts and achieve both when you do it.

**Councilmember Driggs** said Chancellor DuBois, we really appreciate the relationship with UNC-C, and I think we should always acknowledge that, and this is another good initiative. I have a couple questions. For one, if the City is a condominium owner, does this facility in any way tie into our other City conference facilities, or do we have any role, for example choosing events that might occur there, or are we kind of a passive investor?

Mr. Kimble said they are the operator of the facility. I am sure they would listen and cooperate and coordinate with the CRVA and the City on the types of events and activities that could come here. By virtue of the rent free use days, we would have the ability to more or less dictate on those particular days, but I think it is cooperation/coordination and finding ways in which we both benefit from working together in a partnership fashion.

Mr. DuBois said just to be clear the Foundation is the owner, but our operator is Sage Hospitality. They are located in Denver, and we've come to know them well. They would be the people actually working with CRVA and trying to get bookings into the hotel and conference center. I think you have a very large say over the kinds of events that would come here.

Mr. Driggs said the other question I think we should address is it is referenced in the presentation to the fact that because the conference center exceeds the capacity of the hotel was a benefit to other hotels for bookings, which is a plus, but the question also arises as to whether this funding structure creates a competitive advantage that might enable the hotel for example to offer lower rates, because they are not working against the same ROA targets and goals. Can you just sort of respond to that, because we've heard people say that public money is supporting what is basically a competitive enterprise and the market could create an uneven playing field.

Mr. Kimble said that is what some of the other hotels could say but the uniqueness of this particular hotel and the design of how it is being constructed with the conference center oversized as a result of the City's investment of tourism funds, it does create the opportunity for spillover into the additional hotels that otherwise wouldn't be there for a smaller type conference center and smaller type hotel and the fact that they can bring in academic

conventions and conferences that we have not yet been able to do will grow the base for not just this hotel but other hotels in the area. We've got the opportunity to go and showcase that and talk about that in the University City Area. By virtue of the fact that you have a letter on file by the University City Partners that talks about the advantages this creates, not just for this small footprint, but for the entire University City I think is also proof that this will have throw-off benefits to more than just a very nominal sphere around it, it will have benefits to the entire University City Area.

**Councilmember Phipps** said as the District Rep representing the location of this facility, I have a keen interest in the approval of this measure, and I'm encouraged by the discussion I've heard so far from my colleagues and looking in that direction. Someone mentioned that the number of academic conferences that we are currently not being considered for as a result of our lack of facilities like this could you just comment briefly on that; the business that is going other places because of our lack of such infrastructure?

Mr. DuBois said there are many, particularly in the southeast and this is actually true of most regions around the country. Disciplinary organizations for example, a group of political scientists or sociologist or engineers or whatever, they have frequent meetings almost on an annual basis and they typically like to be located on university campuses. I guess it is just sort of the nature of the beast; they don't necessarily want to go to a City and be stuck in a downtown hotel. They want to be near a university campus where they can meet colleagues and see the facilities and learn something about what other institutions are doing in their area. Like I said when, we did the market analysis that was pretty well born out; our department heads and Deans could identify as I mentioned 60 kinds of conferences that they would welcome the opportunity to market to Charlotte, but they haven't been able to get them. They are going to other places in the southeast. We don't want contact with real people; we want to be clustered among ourselves.

**Councilmember Ajmera** said Chancellor, thank you for a very detailed presentation. I was very impressed with the detailed financial projections. Being a CPA, I always enjoy that and the return on the investment we are making. Also, I appreciate the participation by minority and women owned businesses. I think that is a big plus and also the ability to build economic reputation. I know we often talk about how we don't have a research institution, but we do have one it is just the support that we need to build around that institution to attract more research funding, so I appreciate this proposal.

Mr. DuBois said as I mentioned, we are aggressive; we are competitive. We are ambitious, but we are also young and we are relatively small, and we seek to change that.  
Mayor Lyles said we appreciate it, and you will be on the agenda in July.

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**ITEM NO. 6: LAND ACQUISITION FOR GATEWAY STATION**

**John Lewis, Transit Director** said I am here before you this evening to give you an update on a very important and exciting project that we along with our partners North Carolina DOT and the Federal Railroad Administration have been working on for a number of decades, and that is the Charlotte Gateway Station. I have been before you on several occasions to ask for your input and execution of several agreements that we've had with our partners to move this project forward. I just want to give you a brief update; as you know, the Gateway Station will bring Amtrak service from the old station on the outskirts of the City into uptown at the location of Trade and Graham Streets creating a multimodal connection and most importantly establishing a new activity center and transit oriented development at the location. We've been working on this project for several years; we've established a Station Vision Plan. We've interacted with the community and talked with our neighbors to insure that the goal of this meets, not only the expectations of the community from a mobility standpoint and a development standpoint but also to insure that we are good neighbors in that regard.

In the green, you have the properties that we have acquired along with our partners at North Carolina DOT to assemble the required right-of-way so that the infrastructure portion, which will be the linear aspects of this project can move forward. Phase I of that has been fully funded between our TIGER grants, city money and state funding and the contractor was

chosen and that work will begin in July. What I'm here before you this evening is to talk about property that we continue to assemble to help us meet the goals of transit oriented development along that. These properties as I mentioned earlier were acquired so that the rail infrastructure and the bridge work can be done as we separate passenger rail from freight rail along this corridor. The station will go along the main block, a new bus facility will go somewhere in Area B. This is currently county owned land that we are interested in purchasing and to go into a little more detail, we've gone through; there are five county parcels on this property that have been assembled, and we are looking to acquire. This corridor right through here is actually City owned land that the City acquired a number of years ago. We've gone through the federal process; we've established a verified purchase price around \$6.8 million. Our intent is to use about \$2.3 million in federal funds; the rest will come from City funds to acquire this property. This will enable us to assemble multiple blocks for development of the station and the vision that we've established for transit oriented development in that regard.

**Councilmember Driggs** said is this funding coming out of a Phase I money, or are we already crossing over into Phase II?

Mr. Lewis said we are crossing over into Phase II.

Mr. Driggs said do we have any idea what the rest of the funding requirement for Phase II looks like or what we are kind of working toward there?

Mr. Lewis said tomorrow we will be hosting an Industry Forum where we will begin our conversation with development community in that regard, but our intent at this point is to bring the property to the table as the City contribution to development. We know we have some needs in terms of the bus station and the train station that additional funding that was identified for Phase II can go towards, but we are looking for a development partner that will work with us to achieve that goal.

Mr. Driggs said it is about \$4.5 million; is it actually from CATS or from general fund?

Mr. Lewis said the \$4.5 million of the \$6.8 million is from City funds.

Mr. Driggs said it is kind of all City, but is it within the enterprise fund or is it enterprise capital funds?

Mr. Lewis said capital funds.

**Marcus Jones, City Manager** said it is my understanding that it is CIP money specifically related to the Gateway Project.

**Mayor Lyles** said meaning it was it appropriated to the project but it is a source of funds general capital fund or is it from CATS as an enterprise fund?

Mr. Driggs said as we just passed a budget with our kind of hierarchy of needs in the CIP in the general fund I just wonder if we are making room for this.

Mayor Lyles said let's just make sure we get it right and get the right answer.

**Kim Eagle, Assistant City Manager** said it is from the General Capital Improvement Program; there are several sources that flow into that as a part of the Capital Program, but it is not CATS specific.

Mayor Lyles said when were the appropriations made?

Ms. Eagle said about three years ago; I could double check the exact fiscal year.

Mr. Driggs said so this is not something we are having to make room for in the budget that we just approved?



Ms. Eagle said no sir it was appropriated several years ago as part of the budget process then.

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**ITEM NO. 4: VISION AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN - TRANSPORTATION AND PLANNING COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Mayor Lyles said we will plan to have this update at another time and we will talk about when that other time will be at the end of our meeting tonight.

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**ITEM NO. 7: ANSWERS TO MAYOR AND COUNCIL CONSENT ITEM QUESTIONS.**

There were no Consent Item questions.

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The meeting was recessed at 6:30 p.m. to move to the Meeting Chamber for the regularly scheduled Public Forum and 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 25, 2018 at 6:37 p.m. in the Meeting Chamber of the Charlotte Mecklenburg Government Center with Mayor Lyles presiding. Councilmembers present were Dimple Ajmera, Tariq Bokhari, Ed Driggs, Larken Egleston, Julie Eiselt, Justin Harlow, LaWana Mayfield, James Mitchell, Matt Newton, and Greg Phipps.

**ABSENT:** Councilmember Braxton Winston II

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**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

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

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**PUBLIC FORUM**

**Non-Profit Organization**

Leslie Dwyer, 2528 Laburnum Avenue said thank you for being here and serving in your elected office, and first and foremost Happy Belated Father's Day to my dad, because after all this is really his legacy. My education came from him, his savings, hard work and what he taught me to expect in this world. Last year, I was here because I opposed the Stadium financing; I was accused of not liking a professional sport in particular, but I assure you it was the financing. My professional experience is in public finance, and this year I would like to go on the offense. I am proposing that we create non-profit jobs for CLT, in order to have a non-profit public partnership in order to buy, build and invest in a small business accelerator with a professional kitchen and space for child care in a place with no investment and no transit stops announced. I'm talking about a real catalyst to help people within that community move the needle a little bit, prevent their own displacement and develop small business in their own future. Right now, I'm also asking for us to compete as a private company would for tax incentives in that area. The truth about this that we have to start discussing is that those investment areas directly overlay redlining maps, which is our legacy in race. Between the 30's and the Civil Rights Act, there was no credit available in black neighborhoods. That includes the neighborhoods we are talking about here, and when that became illegal

targeting based on race, it became illegal for the City to do it as well in order to correct anything. It is up to us to do it. I fell in love with Charlotte because of things like PSL's when the City was unwilling, as a City, not meaning the entity the City, but as people and as leaders within banks were unwilling to put the cost of that on a City. Now, it's devolved a lot in 25-years that I've been watching this, because we are expecting to compete. So what I'm saying is pledge your voter registration number; go to jobsforclt.com help us buy commercial real estate. Invest in people that are already there. We will raise money for letter of credit in order to support minority businesses that are there, and we are going to lead with hiring them to do the work. We need to make sure that we no longer have a reason for a concession of only hiring when practical and bring those people on board.

**Republican Convention**

**Lloyd Scher, 9815 Meringue Place** said first as a former elected official, let me thank you and your families for what you put up with as an elected official. Many of you are too young to remember 1968 Democratic Convention. There were about 1,500 protestors there. I don't mind the Republic National Convention coming to Charlotte, but in talking to some of my former elected officials that I know in other communities who have withdrawn the Republican National Convention invitation, the reason why is they are expecting 10,000 to 15,000 plus protestors. We are not geared for that. I watched the bus go to Quail Hollow. I watched the bus go to SouthPark, and I watched it go to the Stadium. We are not going to be ready for 15,000. The effect on Chicago convention business after that was devastating. Our community does not need to have this happen here. I believe that the protestors could, God forbid, get out of hand. The damage that could be caused to our community, to our City, to our citizens could be so devastating that it will take us a long time to recover convention business. I know everyone is excited about the possibilities, but we already learned from the Democratic Convention, small businesses lost out, and they will lose out again. People will not be coming to Charlotte downtown. They will not be coming anywhere near the area. I ask that you please reconsider your invitation; let Las Vegas have it. They can have all the fun they want there, but I'm more concerned about our reputation as a community, as a citizen that incorporates every background, that incorporates those that we may not agree with. I myself am working on a personal project called We Can Do It Too, to include kids, minorities, and kids who are physically challenged to participate in sporting events. This is what this community is made up of. I know what I have to say may be disappointing to some of you, it may be disappointing to others, but I just returned from Washington, and I will tell you there are some Republican North Carolina leaders that do not want the Convention in Charlotte. We are not a key election state next year, we don't have a Senator running at large, Nevada does. I ask that you reconsider and look at that and make a decision that is in the best interest of our citizens. Thank you and God Bless each and every one of you.

**Mayor Lyles** said thank you Mr. Scher, we understand those concerns and understand them greatly and will work with thinking through it and coming up with I hope a decision the community will support.

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**CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion was made by Councilmember Mayfield and seconded by Councilmember Harlow, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented with the exception of Item No. 26 which was pulled for a separate vote, Item No. 65 which was pulled by staff because it has been settled, and Item Nos. 66, 67 and 68, which were pulled by staff and will be brought back to the July 23, 2018 Business meeting.

**Councilmember Mayfield** said I wanted to comment on Item Nos. 27 and 28, which is Movement on Freedom Apartments Bond Issuance Approval and West Tyvola Apartments Bond Issuance Approval. I really wanted to take the opportunity to thank staff, especially our Neighborhood and Business Services staff which is led by Ms. Pam Wideman and working with the community. On Item No. 27, this is the movement on Freedom Apartments Bond Issuance Approval not to exceed \$18 million to finance the development of the new diverse price point housing as we are seeing new growth and development happening along the Freedom Corridor as well as on Item No. 28, which is the West Tyvola Apartments again not

to exceed \$6 million but here are opportunities where we are going into the community and being proactive with making some financial advances to create and continue to have diverse price point housing.. I wanted to say thank you to our team for their leadership and for our community partners which will be developing both of these projects.

**Councilmember Phipps** said regarding Item No. 30, Lakeview Road and Reames Road Intersection Project Grant, what is the timeline for this project? It seems sort of protracted. It states that utility relocations are to start in 2020 with construction thereafter. Why can't utility relocations be moved up sooner than that?

**Liz Babson, Transportation** said I have also asked Keith Bryant, who is our Project Manager on this project, to come down and help me address your question.

**Keith Bryant, Transportation** said the utility relocation follows the real estate phase. The plans are currently at about 70 percent level of readiness, and we are getting ready to enter the real estate phase and then we will get our easements and right-of-way, and once we have those secured we will go into the utility relocation phase.

**Councilmember Ajmera** said with regards to Item No. 31, Street Resurfacing, here is an investment in our aging infrastructure. We do recognize that it is an important part of our responsibility to provide a safe, effective transportation system for all residents whether traveling by car, by transit, by pedestrian or by bike. We recognize that, and that is part of this proposal.

Ms. Mayfield said since I have many a time spoke to the lack of MWSBE goals and chose not to speak on Item No. 31 I do want to acknowledge Item No. 32, that this is the South Tryon Sidewalk Improvement Phase II. So, for the community and the Steele Creek Area where we have seen a lot of growth and a lot of development this project is 1.25 miles of the sidewalk that is on both sides of South Tryon Street between Shopton Road West and Steele Creek Road, and I do want to commend Blythe Development on this project, because staff identified a 16 percent goal opportunity, and they were actually able to exceed that with a 23 percent goal commitment through Small Business Enterprise. I wanted to take the opportunity to update those that live in the Steele Creek Area that your sidewalk development is finally coming and more will be happening over the next year or so and wanted to also acknowledge Blythe Development for on this project not only meeting but exceeding the SBE goal.

**Councilmember Driggs** said colleagues you may recall we deferred the decision on Item No. 34 a couple weeks ago because of questions about CBI, and the way the process through which the goals were arrived at. That gave rise to a major conversation in Economic Development Committee in two meetings in which we recognize that in fact the issues we needed to address were not just a narrow percentage number but a much broader initiative. We've talked about re-examining how the good faith efforts are determined; we've looked at certifying more companies. We've looked at promoting new businesses, and there are a bunch of things in a broader plan that are being considered, so we will continue to work on that. That will take some time but tonight we are moving ahead with this contract that was deterred on the original terms.

Mr. Phipps said Item No. 39 deals with the Mallard Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant Chemical Facilities Improvements, and this project is going to install some piping that will prevent chemical spills or other hazardous materials from entering into the onsite storm drainage system. As you may recall, I think it was back in 2014 that we an illegal dumping of some materials into the Mallard Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant, and so far as I know I think those perpetrators are still at large, so I would hope, and I know my colleagues I haven't heard any opposition to this and really don't understand why. It is \$185,000, but I would hope that my colleagues would approve this particular consent item, so we can move forward with trying to remediate the effects of that illegal spill.

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

The following items were approved:

**Item No. 25: Police Helicopter Searchlight and Control Box**

(A) Approve the purchase of a Searchlight and Control Box for each of the Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department’s (CMPD) two helicopters as authorized by the sole source exemption of G.S. 143-129 (e)(6), (B) Approve a contract with Spectrolab for the purchase of a Helicopter Searchlight and control box for the term of one year, and (C) Authorize the City Manager to renew the contract for up to two, one-year renewal terms with possible price adjustments and to amend the contract consistent with the purpose for which the contract was approved.

**Item No. 27: Movement on Freedom Apartments Bond Issuance Approval**

Adopt a resolution granting the Charlotte Housing Authority’s request to issue multifamily housing revenue bonds in an amount not to exceed \$18 million to finance the development of Movement on Freedom Apartments.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 48, at Page(s) 888-891A.

**Item No. 28: West Tyvola Apartments Bond Issuance Approval**

Adopt a resolution granting the Charlotte Housing Authority’s request to issue multifamily housing revenue bonds in an amount not to exceed \$6 million to finance the development of West Tyvola Senior Apartments.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 48, at Page(s) 892-896.

**Item No. 29: Housing Counseling and Education Services**

(A) Approve contract with the following companies for Housing Counseling and Education Services for an initial term of one year: Charlotte-Mecklenburg Housing Partnership and Prosperity Unlimited, Inc., and (B) Authorize the City Manager to renew the contract for up to two, one-year terms with possible price adjustments and to amend the contract consistent with the purpose for which the contract was approved.

**Item No. 30: Lakeview Road and Reames Road Intersection Project Grant**

(A) Approve a resolution to execute a municipal agreement with the North Carolina Department of Transportation accepting Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Funding for intersection improvements in the amount of \$1,000,000, and Bonus Allocation Funding in the amount of \$1,000,000, and (B) Adopt Budget Ordinance No. 9356-X appropriating \$2,000,000 in North Carolina Department of Transportation funds.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 48, at Page(s) 897-918.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 61, at Page(s) 458.

**Item No. 31: Street Resurfacing Fiscal Year 2018**

(A) Award a contract in the amount of \$5,047,666.41 to the lowest responsive Bidder, Blythe Construction, Inc. for the Resurfacing Fiscal Year 2018 project for an initial 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**

Blythe Construction, Inc.	\$5,047,666.41
Blythe Brothers Asphalt Co., LLC	\$5,984,519.00
Red Clay Industries	\$8,435,070.69

**Item No. 32: South Tryon Street Sidewalk Improvements Phase II Project**

Award a contract in the amount of \$912,000.32 to the lowest responsive bidder Blythe Development Company for the South Tryon Street Sidewalk Improvements II Project.



**Summary of Bids**

B & N Grading, Inc. *	\$908,221.60
Blythe Development Company	\$912,000.32
Sealand Contractors Corp.	\$917,843.03

\* The project was approved by City Council on February 26, 2018. B& N Grading, Inc. was selected as the lowest responsive, responsible bidder. Prior to the City issuing a Notice to Proceed, B& N Grading, Inc. requested release from the contract due to extensive personnel changes.

**Item No. 33: Security Gate and Fencing Maintenance**

(A) Approve a unit price contract with Hartsell Bros. Fence Company, Inc. for the Security Gate and Fencing Maintenance project for a three-year term, 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. 34: Construction Manager at Risk Services for the Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department Central Division Station Project**

Award a construction manager at risk contract in an amount not to exceed \$20,203,777 with Edifice, Inc. for the construction of the Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department (CMPD) Central Division Station project.

**Item No. 35: Digital Photography Services for Construction**

(A) Approve a unit price contract with ProjectLink, LLC for digital photography services for construction for a three-year term, 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. 36: Contract Amendment for Storm Drainage Improvement Projects**

Approve contract amendment #3 for \$950,000 to HDR Engineering, Inc. of the Carolinas for additional engineering services.

**Item No. 37: Wastewater Lift Station Improvements – Phase I**

Award a contract in the amount of \$2,609,250 to the lowest responsive bidder The Harper Corporation – General Contractors for the Wastewater Lift Station Improvements Phase I.

**Summary of Bids**

Harper Corporation	\$2,609,250.00
State Utility Contractors	\$2,844,450.00
James E. Harris	\$2,863,350.00

**Item No. 38: Field Operations Zone 4 Facility Replacement Pre-Construction Services**

Approve a contract for up to \$175,616 with Rogers Builders, Inc. for the Construction Manager at Risk Pre-Construction Services for the Field Operations Zone 4 Facilities Replacement.

**Item No. 39: Mallard Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant Chemical Facilities improvements**

Award a contract in the amount of \$184,806 to the lowest responsive bidder BW Service Solutions LLC for the Mallard Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant Chemical Facilities Improvements Project.

**Summary of Bids**

BW Service Solutions LLC	\$184,806.00
Harper	\$189,979.20
Wharton	\$190,860.00
State	\$291,528.00

**Item No. 40: Contracts for Water and Wastewater Treatment Chemicals**

(A) Award unit price contracts to the following lowest responsive bidders for the purchase of Water and Wastewater Treatment Chemicals for the term of two years: Allied universal Corporation, Brenntag Mid-South, Inc., Chemtrade Chemicals Corporation, Donau Carbon

US, LLC, Lhoist North America of Virginia, Inc., Pencco, Inc., Polytec, Inc., PVS Technologies, Inc., Univer USA, Inc., Water Guard, Inc.\*, (B) Approve the purchase of magnesium hydroxide as authorized by the sole source exemption of G.S. 143-129 (e)(6), and (C) Approve a contract with Premier Magnesia, LLC for the purchase of magnesium hydroxide for the term of two years.

\* The complete Summary of Bids is available in the City Clerk’s Office.

**Item No. 41: Water and Wastewater Treatment Polymers**

(A) Award unit price contracts to the following lowest responsive bidder for the purchase of Polymers for a term of two years: Solenis, LLC, and Polydyne, Inc.\*, and (B) Authorize the City Manager to renew the contracts for up to two additional two-year terms with possible price adjustments and to amend the contracts consistent with the purpose for which the contracts were approved.

\* The complete Summary of Bids is available in the City Clerk’s Office.

**Item No. 42: Franklin Water Treatment Plant Roof Replacement**

Award a contract in the amount of \$593,804 to the lowest responsive bidder Mecklenburg Roofing, Inc. for the Franklin Water Treatment Plant Roof Replacement Project.

**Summary of Bids**

Mecklenburg Roofing, Inc.	\$593,804.00
DAVCO Roofing & Sheet Metal	\$628,850.00
Rike Roofing Services	\$640,650.00
Interstate Roofing Company	\$646,450.00
Tecta America	\$697,220.00

**Item No. 43: McAlpine Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant Roof Replacement**

Award a contract in the amount of \$451,424 to the lowest responsive bidder Mecklenburg Roofing, Inc. for the McAlpine Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant Roof Replacement Project.

**Summary of Bids**

Mecklenburg Roofing, Inc.	\$451,424.00
Rike Roofing Services	\$478,800.00
DAVCO Roofing & Sheet Metal	\$488,390.00
Interstate Roofing Company	\$567,125.00
Teca America	\$591,400.00

**Item No. 44: Treatment Process Control Preventative Maintenance Services**

(A) Approve unit price contract with Hach Company for Process Control Equipment Preventative Maintenance for an initial term of three years, and (B) Authorize the City Manager to renew the contract for one additional two-year term with possible price adjustments and to amend the contract consistent with the purpose for which the contract was approved.

**Item No. 45: Charlotte Water Industrial Access Control and Video Monitoring Maintenance Services**

(A) Approve a unit price contract with SAF Technologies, Inc. to provide Industrial Access Control and Video Monitoring Systems Maintenance Services for an initial term of two years, and (B) Authorize the City Manager to renew the contract for up to three one-year renewal terms with possible price adjustments and to amend the contract consistent with the purpose for which the contract was approved.

**Item No. 46: Elevated Water Storage Tank Site Identification and Geotechnical Professional Engineering Services**

Approve a contract for the amount of \$350,000 with AECOM Technical Services of North Carolina, Inc. for Professional Engineering Design Services for New Elevated Water Storage Tank Sites.

**Item No. 47: CATS Purchase of Parts Organizer**

Approve the purchase of Kardex Remstar Shuttle XP form Alternative Handling Technologies in the amount of \$103,057.80.

**Item No. 48: Wilson Air North Terminal Design and Construction Services Contract Amendment**

Approve contract amendment #1 in the amount of \$182,000 with the Wilson Group Architects, PA for additional design and construction administration services for a new general aviation charter terminal.

**Item No. 49: Airport Concourse E Design Services Contract Amendment**

Approve contract amendment #5 in the amount of \$3,472,875 with LS3P Associates LTD for additional design services on Concourse E Phase VIII project.

**Item No. 50: Airport East Terminal Phase II Design Contract Amendment**

Approve contract amendment #2 for \$549,445 to DAS Architecture for East Terminal Expansion Phase II.

**Item No. 51: Airport West Ramp Expansion Phase II Design Contract**

Approve a contract in the amount of \$3,132,522.67 with Talbert Bright & Ellington, Inc. for design services of the West Ramp Expansion Phase II, West Lavatory, and Ground Support Equipment Project.

**Item No. 52: American Airlines Line Maintenance Hangar Expansion Change Order**

Approve change order #1 in the amount of \$375,000 to Messer Construction Company of Charlotte, NC, for additional scope items added to the American Airlines Line Maintenance Hangar Expansion project.

**Item No. 53: Federal Aviation Administration Reimbursable Agreements**

(A) Approve a Reimbursable Agreement in the amount of \$90,928.77 with the Federal Aviation Administration for the relocation of Federal Aviation Administration-owned facilities, and (B) Approve a Reimbursable Agreement in the amount of \$159,828.88 with the Federal Aviation Administration for relocation of navigational aids.

**Item No. 54: Airport Concrete Selective Slab Replacement**

(A) Award a unit price contract to the lowest responsive bidder Hi-Way Paving, Inc. to provide concrete services for initial term of three years, and (B) Authorize the City Manager to renew the contract for up to two, one-year terms with possible price adjustments and to amend the contract consistent with the purpose for which the contract was approved.

<u>Summary of Bids</u>	<u>Base Bid</u>	<u>Base Bid + Alternate</u>
Hi-Way Paving, Inc.	\$1,202,175.00	\$1,212,175.00
Granite Contracting, LLC	\$1,905,600.00	\$1,908,100.00

**Item No. 55: Feasibility Consultant for Airport Revenue Bonds**

Approve a contract in the amount of \$250,000 with Newton and Associates, Inc. to conduct a revenue bond feasibility study for the upcoming long-term financing of Airport capital projects.

**Item No. 56: Contract Amendments for New and Retread Tires, Related Products and Services**

Approve contract amendments with the following companies for New and Retread Tires and Related Products and Services for a term of six months: Snider Fleet Solutions and Parrish Tire Company.

**Item No. 57: Information Technology Business Planning Research and Advisory Services**

Approve a contract extension for a term of three years with Gartner, Inc. for information technology business planning services and resources, including licensing for Gartner's research knowledge base, benchmarking analytics, and diagnostic tools; and for Gartner analyst consultants, training and other related advisory services.

**Item No. 58: Ongoing Software and Server Maintenance and Support**

(A) Approve contract with the companies listed below to provide ongoing software and server maintenance and support for the software systems and servers associated with each of the companies, as detailed in Attachment A: Open Text, Inc., Service Express, Inc. dba SET Inc., Environmental Services Research Institute, Inc. dba Esri, The 400 LLC dba Whitlock Infrastructure Solutions, The Teneco Group, HIC Network Security Solutions, LLC, ED America, Inc., Certent, Inc. (B) Approve the purchase of Check Point Software Technologies LTD. Internet security firewall and Palo Alto Networks intrusion prevention support and maintenance from a federal contract as authorized by G.S. 143-129(e)(9a), (C) Authorize the City Manager to approve the purchase of maintenance and support for as long as the City uses the system and servers, and (D) Authorize the purchase of such additional software licenses and services as needed from time to time to optimize the City's use of the system, and to approve other amendments and contracts consistent with the purpose for which the contracts are approved, including price adjustments.

**Item No. 59: Refund of Property Taxes**

Adopt a resolution authorizing the refund of property taxes assessed through clerical or assessment error in the amount of \$1,074.60.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 48, at Page(s) 919-920.

**Item No. 60: Meeting Minutes**

Approve the titles, motions, and votes reflected in the Clerk's record as the minutes of May 9, 2018 Special Meeting and May 14, 2018 Business Meeting.

**PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS**

**Item No. 61: Property Transactions – Beckwith-Meadow Drainage Improvements, Parcel #3**

Acquisition of 15,006.21 square feet (.344 acre) in Fee Simple at 1832 Shamrock Drive from Redeate, Inc. for \$350,000 for Beckwith-Meadow Drainage Improvements, Parcel #3.

**Item No. 62: Property Transactions – Doby Creek Sanitary Sewer improvements, Parcel #5**

Acquisition of 29,675.63 square feet (.681 acre) in Sanitary Sewer Easement, plus 17,430.12 square feet (.4 acre) in Access Easement at 8900 Research Drive from Polymers Center of Excellence, Inc. for \$75,000 for Doby Creek Sanitary Sewer Improvements, Parcel #5.

**Item No. 63: Property Transactions – Lincoln Heights Drainage Improvements, Parcel #26**

Resolution of Condemnation of 788.85 square feet (.018 acre) in Storm Drainage Easement, plus 256.4 square feet (.006 acre) in Sanitary Sewer Easement, plus 971.27 square feet (.022 acre) in Temporary Construction Easement on Holly Street from American Towers LLC for \$275 for Lincoln Heights Drainage Improvements, Parcel #26.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 48, at Page(s) 921.

**Item No. 64: Property Transactions – Lincoln Heights Drainage Improvements, Parcel #86**

Resolution of Condemnation of 1,810 square feet (.042 acre) in Storm Drainage Easement, plus 10,584 square feet (.243 acre) in Temporary Construction Easement at 1710 Odessa Avenue from Wisdom, LLC for Lincoln Heights Drainage Improvements, Parcel #86.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 48, at Page(s) 922.

**Item No. 69: Property Transactions – Tuckaseegee-Berryhill-Thrift Roundabout, Parcel #11**

Resolution of Condemnation of 2,253 square feet (.052 acre) in Sidewalk and Utility Easement, plus 3,711 square feet (.085 acre) in Temporary Construction Easement, plus 664 square feet (.015 acre) in Utility Easement at 2401 Tuckaseegee Road from Ivan-Eva Properties, LLC for an amount to be determined for Tuckaseegee-Berryhill-Thrift Roundabout, Parcel #11.



The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 48, at Page(s) 923.

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**ITEM NO. 26: JUVENILE DIVERSION PROGRAM GRANT**

Motion was made by Councilmember Mayfield, seconded by Councilmember Newton, and carried unanimously to recuse Councilmember Mitchell from Item No. 26.

**Mayor Lyles** said Item No. 26 deals with a grant from the Governor’s Crime Commission for Juvenile Diversion Program, and Mr. Mitchell is a member of that Commission which is why he is recused.

Motion was made by Councilmember Mayfield and seconded by Councilmember Harlow, to authorize the City Manager to accept a grant in the amount of \$106,692 from the North Carolina Governor’s Crime Commission for the Juvenile Diversion Program to fund two existing positions and expand the program to serve the Town of Matthews.

**Councilmember Phipps** said I wanted to know how is this grant affected by the revision to the CMPD Interlocal Agreement affecting the ETJ areas of Matthews and Huntersville and Mint Hill, if it is affected at all? I just wanted to get some clarification on it.

**Lieutenant Gene Lim, Police** said I don’t see any agreements that will be infringed upon. The goal was to provide the youth service to all of our youth, and that is why the position has grown into Huntersville, Matthews, and now Mint Hill.

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

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**ITEM NO. 10: PROJECT QUATTRO**

**Mayor Lyles** declared the hearing open.

There being no speakers, either for or against, a motion was made by Councilmember Mayfield, seconded by Councilmember Harlow and carried unanimously to close the public hearing for the Tuckaseegee-Airport voluntary annexation.

Mayor Lyles said all of this is about Project Quattro which we now call Amazon.

A motion was made by Councilmember Mayfield and seconded by Councilmember Mitchell to (B) Adopt Annexation Ordinance No, 9352-X with an effective date of June 25, 2018, to extend the corporate limits to include these properties and assign them to the adjacent Council District 3, (C) Adopt a resolution authorizing the conveyance to CF Hippolyta Charlotte LLC City-owned property tax (tax identifications 055-371-23 and 055-371-21 located along Tuckaseegee Road for \$7,500,000 (inclusive of closing costs and fees), and authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents necessary to convey the property in accordance with the Resolution, (D) Authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute an Infrastructure Reimbursement Agreement with CF Hippolyta Charlotte LLC in an amount not to exceed \$4,400,000 for the design and construction of Todd and Tuckaseegee Roads realignment between I-85 and Wilkinson Boulevard, which will be reimbursed through the Aviation Community Investment Plan Fund, (E) Adopt Budget Ordinance No. 9353-X in the amount of \$4,400,000 from the Aviation Discretionary Fund to the Aviation Community Investment Plan Fund, (F) Authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute an Infrastructure Reimbursement Agreement with CF Hippolyta Charlotte LLC in an amount not to exceed \$9,000,000 for public infrastructure improvements, consistent with the terms set forth below, which will be reimbursed through 45 percent of incremental City and County Property taxes from a designated area over 10

years, or until fully reimbursed, whichever occurs first, (G) Adopt a resolution ratifying an Interlocal Agreement with Mecklenburg County, (H) Adopt a Resolution of Intent to abandon a portion of Tuckaseegee Road, (I) Set an abandonment Public Hearing for July 23, 2018, (J) Adopt a Resolution of Intent to abandon Todd Road and Clark Place, and (K) Set an abandonment Public Hearing for July 23, 2018.

**Councilmember Ajmera** said this project is an exciting opportunity for our region; it will bring over 1,500 good paying jobs with full benefits and capital investment of over \$200 million, and I support this project.

**Councilmember Bokhari** said I just wanted to clarify, because I think there was some miscommunication in the public about what exactly this is and how I have wrapped my head around it, and why I will be supporting is because this was an opportunity of somewhere around \$16 million in infrastructure and road improvements that were on our list as a City to do anyway, but it was not yet in the prioritized list where it was funded, came up as an opportunity for us to go in and take again the leverage of this expenditure that we are going to make, which is less than that total amount, get that done and in the meanwhile also get 1,500 jobs. I think this is a great example of leveraging what we needed in infrastructure anyway with something that brought us jobs.

Mayor Lyles said I think there was an on-line article posted that said that the City was offering over \$21 million incentives, and it was deeding the land to the firm. All of that has been corrected with this action, and this action really is as we described it, the company's investment is expected to exceed \$200 million, \$100 million in real property and \$100 million in business personal property as well as the jobs that Mr. Bokhari just mentioned.

**Councilmember Phipps** said at the last Council Business Meeting I asked a question about how many acres of Airport owned property that is yet to be annexed into the City of Charlotte, and I thought someone was supposed to try to get than answer.

**Brent Cagle, Aviation Director** said of the 2,000 acres available for commercial development, approximately 400 acres would need to be annexed eventually into the City, or are not currently in the City boundaries.

**Councilmember Mayfield** said as representative of the area, I am excited about the fact that a long with the financial investment this is bringing 2.5 [inaudible] into our tax base. One of the other things I think we ought to think about is probably transportation; CATS has done a great job, because earlier this year Amazon made an investment, but it was right outside of the City limits on Wilkinson Boulevard going into Gastonia. We worked with CATS to make sure that there was public transportation access. This will bring this project into our City Limits where we will actually see the benefit but because of the relationship and the negotiations and because of the leadership of CATS we are still going to make sure that you don't necessarily have to have private transportation in order to have access to these jobs and this particular project what I'm excited about is bringing and expanding a different technology into our community, because it is not a regular warehouse based on what we see today, so it is going to give an opportunity for all of those that have been going through technology training and looking at certifications and being a part of our Project PEACE; this is going to really help them in the logistics area with expanding their knowledge base.

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

The ordinances are recorded in full in Ordinance Book 61, at Page(s) 447-452.

The resolutions are recorded in full in Resolution Book 48, at Page(s) 838-856.

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**ITEM NO. 11: PUBLIC HEARING ON OLD MOORES CHAPEL AREA VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION**

**Mayor Lyles** declared the public hearing open.

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

A motion was made by Councilmember Egleston and seconded by Councilmember Mayfield and seconded by Councilmember Mitchell to adopt Annexation Ordinance No. 9354-X with an effective date of June 25, 2018 to extend the corporate limits to include this property and assign it to the adjacent City Council District 3.

**Councilmember Phipps** said inasmuch as we've seen now a lot of properties being annexed into the City affecting District 3, at what point will all of this affect other Districts in terms of redrawing district lines?

**Bob Hagemann, City Attorney** said I anticipate your next adjustment to be following the 2020 Census. You are legally required following decennial census to consider redrawing Districts. You may recall Council used to do this much more frequently, every two years, but that was back when we were authorized to do involuntary annexation and would change the population. Annexations today only being voluntary they are typically unoccupied properties, so it really doesn't affect population in your district at the time of annexation.

**Councilmember Mayfield** said this is really a request to our Transportation Department; with looking at this potential development I actually had a conversation with residents off of Moores Chapel Road this past weekend regarding lighting, because this area has been unincorporated, and we've incorporated some of it but we still have a lot of rural area that does not have proper lighting, street lighting and other things so here is an opportunity as we move forward with closing this to really have a conversation about when we are going to get in and provide street lighting in the area because a lot of the area now residential wise has turned over to the City for new development. I hope we use this opportunity to go out and start our studies to look at specifically off of Moores Chapel Road at the roundabout getting some street lights out there for better protection for the residents.

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

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 61, at Page(s) 453-456.

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**POLICY**

**ITEM NO. 12: CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

**Marcus Jones, City Manager** said I'm going to ask Debra Campbell, Assistant City Manager to come forward, and I believe the last time she stood before you she had a particular forecast, and it seems that her forecast may have come true, and I would like for her to share that information with you. I see Councilmember Mitchell has put on a new T-shirt, so I think she is going to add to a little handoff to Mr. Mitchell.

**Debra Campbell, Assistant City Manager** said I'm so pleased and honored to provide you with a Plaque from the National Civic League designating Charlotte as an All-America City. Since 1949, the National Civic League has recognized and celebrated the best in America Civic Innovation and the Prestigious All America City Award. As I said I'm so pleased that Charlotte is one of the 10 communities selected for this year's award. The National Civic League stated that each of the winning communities demonstrated civic engagement practices that are inspirational, inclusive, and promising in their ability to unite members of the community to collectively and collaboratively help solve our country's most pressing and complex issues.

In order for us to go this event, we needed to have a story that we needed to tell about our community and the efforts that are currently underway. The reason that I'm so proud is because of all of the good work that is going on in this community, not just by the City of Charlotte, but the entire community, public and private sector, and non-profits so it really enabled us to just simply tell a story of all the great things that we are doing. As part of the presentation we highlighted three initiatives: Level Up, which is the partnership between the YMCA and Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department; North End Smart District, which you all know about that one, innovation and community collaboration; and Project PEACE which is jobs and employment initiative. I would like to recognize the team that worked on this effort and as I said represented both public and private sector. From City staff I want to first start with Traci Ethridge. I want to express our deep appreciation and gratitude to Tracy. Tracy coordinated everything. She first brought the idea to apply to the City Manager and the Manager said yes, go for it. She then coordinated the application, formed the community partner team, arranged travel, the exhibition, and as I said she did everything. Other City staff included Sabrina Colon, Kevin Dick, Lieutenant LeBraun Evans, Sarah Hazel, Willie Ratchford, Officer Reginald Richardson, and Karen Whichard.

This event happened this weekend, and we were in Denver, and there is a time difference and lots of people caught a flight at 6:00 a.m. Denver time, but we couldn't get them all here.

**Mayor Lyles** said we will make sure that they know how much they are appreciated.

Ms. Campbell said thank you I appreciate you doing that Mayor. From Level Up, Symone McGee with YMCA, Quentin Norman was one of our youth and Cher Xiong as one of our youth. From North End Smart District Jess George with Goggle Fiber and Winston Robinson, who is Vice-President of Lockwood Neighborhood Association. For Project PEACE Jennifer Joyner-Talbert with Goodwill Industries and other community partners, we call him Bluz; he is a community member and poet and Martha Thompson who works for Duke Energy. She participated actually as a part of our presentation team but also donated funding for the trip for our team.

I would also like to thank the sponsors for the support and their generosity because we did fund raise to support the travel. I first would like to start with Ron Kimble, who actually led all of the fund raising efforts and we are so, so grateful for Ron. We received support from Duke Energy, Bank of America, Wells Fargo, Charlotte Regional Visitors Authority, and Charlotte Center City Partners. All America Award Winners will all be provided with 25 complimentary banners. That is why I went; I just want the banner; All America City on the light pole and our utility poles; thank you Mr. Manager for allowing us to do that; we greatly appreciate it and glad we were able to win.

Mayor Lyles said when do we get to fabricate the signs at the entrance of the City Limits? That is what I want to see, tonight.

Ms. Campbell said we will go into the next event. Between November 2017 and June 2018, I had the distinct pleasure of helping support a volunteer effort for the 23rd Annual Black Enterprise Entrepreneur Summit, which was held at the Charlotte Convention Center June 6th through June 9th of this year. This was a highly successful event that would have not have been possible without the help of City staff from Economic Development, Housing and Neighborhood Services, Council Constituent Services, Charlotte Business INclusion, Aviation, as well as the CRVA team. It definitely would not have been possible without the leadership of Councilmember James Mitchell, so at this point I would like to turn it over to him for further comments and to in particular thank him for his leadership but also to thank all of the volunteers that help support this very successful effort.

**Councilmember Mitchell** said first of all to Debra and Kevin, most of you all don't know it, but it is difficult working with me at times, because I'm so hyper, so I really have to appreciate them taking my calls and then today is Kevin's birthday, so Kevin you are on a roll. There were a group of about 75 volunteers in this community. As Debra mentioned, there were either volunteers; we had a Steering Committee made up of our corporate leaders and then we had ambassadors, and it was a labor of love for all of us. They got paid the big salary of zero, but they were doing it because they love this City. Then we had a special event, and Mr. Cavy gave you total credit. You allowed him to come down here and speak; you reached



out to him and one of the most successful events we had during the Black Enterprise was Black Food Truck Thursday. Mr. Cavy can you please stand and take a bow. Now, will all the volunteers, steering committee and ambassadors please stand and be recognized, and I personally want to thank you for all your hard work.

Mr. Mitchell said because of the success of the Black Enterprise, WSOC Channel 9 would televise Our World with Black Enterprise; its first showing will be Saturday, September 1, 2018 at 5:30 a.m., and we have a Watch Party Saturday, September 1, 2018 at WSOC Channel 9 at 5:00 a.m.

The Mayor started off the event on Wednesday with Mayor Steve Benjamin to talk about the City and how they are growing. Mayor, we appreciate your time and for my colleagues who came by, I really appreciate it, because our goal was 1,200, and we actually had 1,250 attendees at our event, so thank you all so much and once again thank you volunteers for putting the best foot forward for Charlotte.

Mayor Lyles said if that was the City Manager's Report; would you like to add anything Mr. Manager?

Mr. Jones said I can't top that.

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**ITEM NO. 13: SUSTAINABLE AND RESILIENT CHARLOTTE BY 2050 RESOLUTION**

**Councilmember Ajmera** said here is the policy to create a sustainable place to live. Thanks to my very fierce Committee Members: Vice Chair Councilmember Egleston, Committee Members Councilmembers Phipps, Newton, and Winston for moving this forward. We have a Sustainable and Resilient Charlotte Resolution in front of us for adoption which addresses the concerns that were raised by my colleagues last year and since then it has been tailored for Charlotte, and it will be followed by an Action Plan in the fall. I would like to recognize former Mayor Roberts and Councilmember Patsy Kinsey who initiated this conversation last year and their continued advocacy. We do appreciate your continued hard work. Over the past few months, we have worked with over 40 community stakeholders; I know many of you are here in the room, so would you please stand so we can recognize you. These are some of the 40 members that we have worked with which includes the faith community, business community, and non-profit community. Thanks to staff that is a two member team Mr. Rob Phocas, Assistant City Manager Kim Eagle, Karen, and many more. Envision Charlotte, Amy is here with us today and Dr. Carney for their hard work over the past few months and developing a partnership with Duke Energy. We all know that our children and grandchildren, cities in our great nation and countries around the world will need clean air, water, and energy to not only thrive but survive. By adopting this resolution, we will be taking an important step forward in providing basic needs of clean air, water, and energy for generations to come and business to thrive. In the past few months, I had an opportunity to visit many neighborhoods and understand specifically sources for the air pollution, and thanks to clean air for helping me with that tour. I was troubled with I learned that parts of our City were burdened by more industrial sites than others, which clearly increases the health risk and exposure, and I hope we also take that into account as we develop our strategic energy action plan.

**Mayor Jennifer Roberts, 619 Clement Avenue** said obviously, I'm here to support the City taking a path toward sustainability and resilience and heading toward a clean energy future. The resolution you will consider tonight and the Strategic Energy Action Plan, which is known as the CAP. Our common sense plan is to move the City forward for a number of reasons, and I sent you all an e-mail to outline those, and I'm going to summarize quickly. Clean air improves health outcomes, and as Ms. Ajmera mentioned, we know that those who suffer the most from dirty air live in low-income fragile neighborhoods and can least afford health impacts. Job creation and innovation, the renewables industry is creating jobs that are available to all skill levels. Let's support creating those jobs here in Charlotte. Cost savings and leadership, dozens of US cities have made similar comments to zero carbon emissions; we can join them and also save money because clean energy is cheaper. Severe weather disruption, reducing carbon will help reduce severe weather and drought that is creating climate refugees, not just in our country, but around the world; displacing people from their

homes and their livelihood. Finally Envision Charlotte which started here has become a global forest and energy reduction. The CAP will help their impact grow even more and continue to put Charlotte on the map as a leader. This resolution is only the beginning; I know there is much work ahead to continue to do those things that preserve clean air, water, and soil for future generations. We are already doing a lot of these things, preserving our tree canopy, building bike lanes, increasing recycling, adding a commitment to zero carbon future is an effective next step. I want to thank you to Rob Phocas and the whole team on the City staff who worked very hard with this resolution and in its new form to bring it to Council again. I also congratulate Dimple Ajmera on her leadership. She convened dozens of stakeholders in numerous meetings, and it got a little messy, but that is what democracy looks like, and I appreciate your leadership Ms. Ajmera. Thank you so much for supporting this today.

**Joel Segal, 4568 Randolph Road** said I am Executive Director of the North Carolina Climate Solutions Coalition about 47 organizations across the state. We also include the top scientists in the county, many of them who are the architects of the Paris Climate Accords and the national director of the Justice Action Network which is probably most of the climate organizations across the country. First of all, I want to thank Dimple Ajmera for doing an incredible job bringing us all together. I want to thank Duke Energy, Envision Charlotte, Clean Air Carolina, the Sierra Club, but it is so wonderful to practice Democracy with a capital D, and Ms. Ajmera you are the best of your generation, so thank you very much. Then Mayor Vi Lyles, thank you for your commitment to make this resolution a reality and sticking with us. Thank you so very much. The union of concerned scientists is about 10,306 scientists, which is about 97 percent of the scientists polled found that global warming is real and largely caused by humans, so that is not an issue because climate change is about physics and chemistry, it is not political. We have a lot of private sector involvement now in this issue. Wells Fargo Bank has recently committed \$200 billion in sustainable financing by 2030, 50 percent of it going to renewable energy, clean technology, sustainable transport and green bonds, and Congress, where I used to work, is now a bipartisan clean energy caucus. This is now a bipartisan issue. The Chair of the North Carolina General Assembly Environmental Committee, who is now my friend, is a major proponent of solar energy. I would like to quote from the Fayetteville Observer Clean Energy Conserver which is an organization here in North Carolina. "North Carolina is a national leader in renewable energy. We generate more solar energy than all but a couple of states. We are home to the largest wind farm in the southeast now generating power near Elizabeth City".

**Morgan Lovell, 1216 South Mint Street** said thank you for everything you guys do for the City of Charlotte. I work for LTD an organization here in the City of Charlotte. We advocate for clean energy, and we ask that each of you take our pledge for clean energy for all. We support transitioning to 100 percent clean energy by 2050 to build a pollution free community here in Charlotte. The City of Charlotte deserves clean water, clean air, and clean energy, and we hope you guys take steps to get us there.

**Reverend Dr. Rodney Sadler, Jr. 5902 Marshbank Lane** says Genesis 1:31 says, "God saw everything that God had made and indeed it was very good". I am the President of Mecklenburg Men and the Co-Chair of the North Carolina Creation Care Network, Director of the Center for Social Justice and Reconciliation at Union Presbyterian Seminary. I stand here tonight to commend you on the Sustainable and Resilient Charlotte by 2050 Resolution for 100 percent renewable energy future here in our City. We are truly at a moment in time when it is pregnant with potential and during which there is an urgency that we do the right thing. During such times, we need higher ground thinking to make the hard decisions and to make the best decisions for the world and all of its people. This is one of those cirrhotic moments that we cannot miss. This is our moment of truth, our moment to act decisively and to make a stand for moral, feasible, and economically sound clean energy future. This resolution gives us the opportunity to decide to free ourselves from dangerous fossil fuels that are destroying our world, not destroying God's very good creation making it uninhabitable for us all. It shows us a way forward towards a better future and also this resolution is not a feel good kind of thing, an emotional thing; this is an opportunity to provide new jobs for people who have been left out of our current economic model, and if we are dedicated to fulfilling the goals of this resolution, if we are focused on making those decisions we might hire black and brown and poor people who have been left out of our current mode of economic opportunity and give them a new way forward. I hope that this will give us the opportunity to be the leading City in our nation showing a way forward so that others will follow us. This is our

opportunity as Charlotte to shine and to step forward. I want to thank Ms. Ajmera and her Committee for the good work that they do and thank you all for this great decision that you will make tonight.

**Peter Wherry, 7103 Strawberry Fields Lane** said I am Senior Pastor at Mayfield Memorial Missionary Baptist Church, and first I want to say thank you Ma'am Mayor and Ms. Ajmera and to the rest of our sisters and brothers on the Council. I want to say I appreciate the rigor that you have brought to this process, because it has joined us together and allowed us to gain consensus and deeper understanding, not only of the problems at hand but the excitement of the solutions that are before us and the opportunity for Charlotte to stand as she should as a leader in the country on this issue. I do want to speak briefly I'll not need two minutes I hope but just to support the notion of an equitable transition and that there are communities in our City which have been left out of so much of the progress Charlotte has made, and I think that if we can insure that not only this ethical and moral imperative be met but that green jobs of all stripe and description come to Charlotte that we will move up from 50th out of 50 in upward mobility out of poverty. Thank you so much, we appreciate your vote tonight.

**Nasif Majeed, 540 Rupert Lane** said I am the former President of Partners of Coalition of Neighborhoods, and I hope you will adopt this adopt this sustainable and resilient energy resolution this evening. I am a long time business man in Charlotte and a pragmatist, and this resolution will not only improve on our clean air footprint in Charlotte but it has enormous potential to enhance job creation for those who are left behind and locked out of the upward mobility opportunities. As reported Charlotte is 50th out of 50 US Cities, and we need to be actively seeking avenues to address this deficiency and clear air technology/renewable energy is the way with now and the future. Stanford Professor Mark Jackson, one of the world's leading environmental engineers projects North Carolina have north of 180,000 jobs in the future. North Carolina is now the leading solar panel installation state in the US, so why not production? Manufacturing and maintenance of solar panels, wind turbans, solar water heaters, all of these bring jobs to our community. In April of this year, Wells Fargo invested \$30 billion in sustainable energy, and in April, they upped that because they reached their goal in 2015, which was scheduled for 2020, and that is \$200 billion. Look Charlotte City Council clean energy pays so let's get on board with this resolution. Thank you Ms. Ajmera for your work and your stakeholders for the hard work you are doing on this resolution and we hope you will adopt it.

**June Blotnick, 1112 Harding Place** said I am the Director of Clear Air Carolina; we are statewide clean air advocacy group, and I'm here also to urge you to pass the resolution. As you know, clean air is essential for a healthy community for our residents, for a healthy environment and for a healthy economy. Unfortunately, our community has been plagued by high ozone levels for decades, and it is only recently that we met the standard for ground level ozone, but we are right on the line between healthy air and unhealthy air, and that is not a good place to be. This resolution will make a difference in air quality to really move the needle for us to a cleaner community all over the place. As Ms. Ajmera said, there are neighborhoods in our City that are disproportionately impacted by toxic air pollution. Our organization is working in the northwest corridor to provide portable air sensors for residents so that they know what they are breathing, so we are involved with other stakeholders on these issues. As our City grows, so does pollution, so now is the time to take action to reduce emissions from electricity energy sector and transportation. I just want to thank Ms. Ajmera for leadership and for convening the stakeholders. I've been involved for many years and this was the first time I felt like the City was reaching out and listening. I also want to thank Rob Phocas, and his staff as well as members of the Environment Committee for really doing the hard work over the last eight months and coming together on something I think we can all support.

**Michael Zytow, 520 East 18th Street** said I am the Program Coordinator for Sustain Charlotte a community based non-profit organization dedicated to educating, engaging and uniting citizens to solve Charlotte's sustainability challenges. Our mission is to inspire choices that lead to a healthy equitable and vibrant community for generations to come. I'm here tonight to express my organizations support for the Sustainable and Resilient Charlotte Resolution; this resolution calls for the City of Charlotte to source 100 percent of its energy used in its buildings and fleet from zero carbon sources by 2030. It also creates an action



plan for dramatically reducing greenhouse gas emissions in all sectors. This is really great news and if implemented would truly make Charlotte a leading City in the global effort to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. A lot of effort went into the creation of this resolution, and I want to thank all of those involved, our City Council and Mayor for addressing this critical issue, the Environment Committee, City staff and Rob Phocas and Vision Charlotte and all the stakeholders involved including Sierra Club, Clean Air Carolina, 350 Meck Men, and many more. I especially want to thank Ms. Ajmera for including us all in this stakeholder process, which I found to be very transparent, inclusive and collaborative. We need this resolution; we need this resolution because it would improve our air quality and overall health. We need this resolution, because it would grow our economy with high paying green jobs. We need this resolution because we have to address the rapid growth that Charlotte is experiencing; 44 to 60 people move here every day, and we have to be proactive. We need this resolution, because sustainability means meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. We need this resolution, because Charlotte must lead on this critical issue, and in order to make that happen we need you all to support this resolution, and I encourage you all to do so.

**Charles King, 417 Elmhurst Road** said on behalf of 350 Charlotte, we would like to express our appreciation for all the good work done by the Environmental Committee and the City staff over the last several months. This draft of the resolution is a big improvement over the version that was returned to the Committee in last November's City Council vote. I would like to especially thank Committee Chair Ms. Ajmera for convening the Environment Stakeholders Committee and for soliciting the views of a large number of Charlotte's environmental groups. I would also like to offer thanks to Envision Charlotte, for their efforts on behalf of bringing this version of the resolution forward; 350 Charlotte is in strong support of the resolution and we hope you will adopt it without any further revision or delay. We hope to use your approval of this resolution to apply pressure at the state level for further legislation in support of a statewide and ultimately a nationwide transition to renewal energy sources and to transition to much lower carbon emissions in the transportation, waste, and industrial sectors.

**Brian Kasher 613 Ashgrove Lane** said thank you Mayor and thank you to the whole Council as well as specifically Ms. Ajmera. You're convening the 40 plus person Advisory Committee was refreshing, and it gives hope to representative democracy when democracy is under attack in so many areas of this state. This was just a blessing, and it really felt like home. My family moved here from DC; we could have moved anywhere in the country. My wife and I had a pretty good living in DC. We chose Charlotte when our first child came along. I'm a business man; I owned a corporation up there, very successful corporation, worked under both the Bush and Clinton Administrations. We decided to come here, because Charlotte is beautiful, Charlotte has a great reputation outside this community. Sometimes you might not think so here when you watch the news, but it is wonderful. So, what I want to say is I want to let you know that the business case for this is unparalleled in today's society in terms of jobs, health impacts and efficiency in operations. I hope that appeals to everyone here. I professional practice third party [inaudible] environmental management system audits of multi-national corporations both inside the United States and out. Corporations paid dearly for me to go in and scrutinize their environmental management programs, why, because cleaner is cheaper, because it is good for the bottom line and it is good for their employees and it is frankly good for business. I think Charlotte in my view must become the crown jewel in Duke Energy's renewable portfolio. In my charge, our charge to you as our elected representatives is to make it easy for Duke to do just that, make us the crown jewel so their renewal program can be successful and blossom right here at home, our home in beautiful Charlotte, North Carolina.

Motion was made by Councilmember Ajmera and seconded by Councilmember Newton, to adopt a non-binding Sustainable and Resilient Charlotte by 2050 Resolution.

**Councilmember Driggs** said I look forward to supporting the resolution tonight. I think we can all agree that we want to live in a healthy and clean environment, and this isn't a partisan issue. I think it is clear that if you look back you will see that the EPA was actually established during the Nixon Administration. We've made great strides since then in terms of cleaning up cars and water. The air no longer has that sort of dirt in it that you used to see. There is work left to do, so I think we can agree on the goals of the resolution. The only thing



I would like to note is this resolution doesn't yet include the hard part, which is the commitment of resources and how we are going to accomplish this. When the time comes and we have to start making decisions about resources, those projects will compete with our goals of creating affordable housing, public safety, jobs, and transportation. We are operating in a scarce resource environment, so I will say I'm here tonight, I'm with you I think we should do this and we should aspire. There could be times in the future when we don't agree about whether or not a certain investment produces results that are commensurate with the diversion of resources that may occur, but tonight I hope that we can all agree that a cleaner place is a better place.

**Councilmember Newton** I am proud to say that I will be supporting this measure tonight. I want to take a moment and thank the City staff, who were involved in the numerous drafts of this resolution. I want to thank our stakeholders, many of you who are here tonight, I thank my colleagues on the Environment Committee especially our Chair Ms. Ajmera. Some of the rhetoric we've heard is that this going to be something where we are going to have to consider exchanging one thing for another and some of the cost analysis moving forward. I would content that the short-term costs, in the plan that will be worked through with our City staff in the near future, are going to be far outweighed by the long-term benefit. This is a health issue; we are talking about clean air and clean water for the citizens of Charlotte in the future. It is an economic issue; we are talking about job creation in future forward industries. We recently made an investment in the circular economy, because we wanted to be an industry leader in these fields so we are making a commitment with this resolution for a strong Charlotte economy in the future, but I would content that this is also a moral issue. Listening to Reverend Sadler's comments he reminded me of Matthew 25:40 which states "that which you do unto the least of these you do unto me." The ramifications here will adversely impact communities of color and low-income communities, and I can't stand for that. I would encourage all of my colleagues to vote with me and passing this measurer.

**Councilmember Egleston** said is anybody surprised that Councilmember Newton's favorite Bible passage comes from the Book of Matthew? I just wanted to thank all our friends in the audience and at home who have been very active, not only in the creation of this, but in your support and your advocacy for these issues. I do think it is important, and I will be supporting it, but I appreciate this being an entire community effort. Kuddos to the Chair for making it a community and my only suggestion would be the next time we have an environmental issue coming before Council can wear green T-shirts, so we don't have to print on a reams worth of paper.

**Councilmember Harlow** said I too will be supporting this resolution. I think this is an awesome example. We talk so much about public/private partnerships especially around economic development and things, and this is a perfect example of community and public government partnership and really when stakeholders literally have a say and you go through drafts and you go through revisions and we get to a point where folks can agree, not just for the sake of agreeing, but also because this is the right thing to do. Everyone deserves a pat on the back; Chair Ajmera, I know I don't serve on the Environment Committee but being able to hear updates about how this came to be and how this now hits our agenda a lot of credit to you and to the former Mayor and former Councilmember as well for king of getting this ball rolling. As the District Rep, in a District that is certainly plagued by a lot of poor air quality, senior citizens, as a health care provider and as a father knowing what type of impact this type of aspiration to be a totally clean energy, zero carbon footprint and knowing still that the work has to be done but understanding we are making this commitment tonight for our future, for our children's children and their children, so I look forward to supporting this and look forward to the hard work that is going to go into the energy action plan.

**Councilmember Bokhari** said there are a couple things that concern me; one in diving deep into this the 2030 goals, again that is more inward facing our internal City buildings and fleets I had pushed, and I wish there were a little more financial diligence and analysis paid to that, because there were assumptions and proxies that we could have used to have a general understanding of where we would go and what it would costs and how we might start to think about that from a budgetary perspective, without knowing the evolutions and innovations that are yet to occur that we are going to need to capitalize on. Mr. Phocas and I discussed that, and I think that would have been something I would have liked to have seen. I was also concerned in the 2050 part of the resolution; it requires so many other partners than just the

City, and we are signing up even though it is a non-binding resolution this is a commitment we are going to be making not understanding that all the other players are yet at the table so that concerns me. There is one thing that concerns me more than all of those things and that is the potential extinction of the Republican Party in top 20 cities. I think that is because and when you look we just left Atlanta; there hasn't been a Republican City Councilmember there since the 1980's, and when you look at top 20 cities there seems to be an opportunity here, and I've been saying it on the soap box for months and months and years for us to stand up and start getting behind more typical progressive issues that top 20 cities care about and start applying our conservative principles to the things that voters actually want. I will tell you, environmental sustainability is important, innovating in a growing industry is very important, and I am willing, despite my concerns from a financial budgetary perspective and other things to take a leap of faith here and vote yes on this and know that we are going to handle it one year at a time, one budget at a time, one department at a time and one project at a time, so we make a series of sound decisions and maybe actually get something done here bipartisan and of meaning, so it is the beginning of the work, and I'm willing to take that leap of faith.

**Councilmember Phipps** said I was on the dais last November when this was first brought up, and I can say that the product that is before us now is light years much better than that first initial draft, so I'm pleased to be able to support this tonight.

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

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 48, at Page(s) 857-858.

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**BUSINESS**

**ITEM NO. 14: BOJANGLES COLISEUM-OVENS AUDITORIUM CONNECTOR FACILITY – CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK SERVICES**

Motion was made by Councilmember Egleston, seconded by Councilmember Driggs, and carried unanimously to (A) Award a Construction Manager at Risk Contract in an amount not to exceed \$17,000,000 with Barnhill Contracting Company, for the construction phase of the Bojangles Coliseum-Ovens Auditorium Connector Facility project, and (B) Adopt Budget Ordinance No. 9355-X an additional \$1,500,000 from the Tourism Capital Fund.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 61, at Page(s) 457.

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**ITEM NO. 15: GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND REFERENDUM**

Motion was made by Councilmember Egleston, seconded by Councilmember Phipps, and carried unanimously to (A) Introduce each of the three bond orders required for a General Obligation Bond Referendum which includes \$118,080,000 of street Bonds, \$55,000,000 of Neighborhood Improvement Bonds, and \$50,000,000 of Housing bonds, and (B) Approve a resolution setting a public hearing for July 23, 2018.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 48, at Pages 859-865.

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**ITEM NO. 16: WATER AND SEWER GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND REFUNDING**

Motion was made by Councilmember Mayfield, seconded by Councilmember Harlow, and carried unanimously to (A) Adopt a resolution that makes certain Statements of Fact concerning the refunding of General Obligation Bonds Issued in 2008, (B) Introduction of Bond Order authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$29 million

General Obligation refunding bonds of the City, (C) Adopt a Bond Order authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$29 million General Obligation refunding bonds of the City, and (D) Adopt a resolution of the City Council providing for the issuance of the City's General Obligation refunding bonds.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 48, at Page(s) 866-868.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 48, at Page(s) 869-885.

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**ITEM NO. 17: INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE LABORATORY SERVICES TO UNION COUNTY**

Motion was made by Councilmember Egleston, seconded by Councilmember Driggs, and carried unanimously to (A) Adopt a resolution ratifying the Interlocal Agreement to provide Laboratory Services to Union County, and (B) Authorize the City Manager to renew the Agreement for up to five, one-year terms with possible price adjustments and to amend the Agreement consistent with the purpose for which the Agreement was ratified.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 48, at Page(s) 886.

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**ITEM NO. 18: MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH NC-DOT FOR RELOCATION OF WATER AND SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE**

Motion was made by Councilmember Driggs, seconded by Councilmember Mayfield, and carried unanimously to (A) Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a Municipal Agreement with the North Carolina Department of Transportation for construction of water and sewer line relocations, adjustments and improvements (project I-5714), and (B) Authorize the City Manager to approve the final pay request for the actual cost of the utility construction.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 48, at Page(s) 887-887L.

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**APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

**ITEM NO. 19: APPOINTMENT TO THE CHARLOTTE REGIONAL VISITORS AUTHORITY**

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

Kimberly Edmonds, nominated by Councilmembers Ajmera, Harlow, Mayfield, and Phipps.  
Tarun Malik, nominated by Councilmembers Bokhari, Egleston and Eiselt  
Douglas Singleton, nominated by Councilmembers Bokhari, Newton, and Winston

Results of the first ballot were recorded as follows:

Kimberly Edmonds, 5 votes, Councilmembers Ajmera, Harlow, Mayfield, Mitchell, and Phipps  
Tarun Malik, 3 votes, Councilmembers Driggs, Egleston, and Eiselt  
Douglas Singleton, 2 votes, Councilmembers Bokhari and Newton

Since no nominee received six votes, a run-off vote was conducted; results of the second ballot were recorded as follows:

Kimberly Edmonds, 4 votes, by Councilmembers Ajmera, Harlow, Mayfield, and Phipps  
Tarun Malik, 5 votes, by Councilmembers Bokhari, Driggs, Eiselt, Egleston, and Newton

Since no one received six votes, this appointment will be brought back to the next Business Meeting.

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**ITEM NO. 20: APPOINTMENT TO CHARLOTTE TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The following nominee was considered 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

Results of the ballot were recorded as follows:

William Baker, 10 votes by Councilmembers Ajmera, Bokhari, Driggs, Egleston, Eiselt, Harlow, Mayfield, Mitchell, Newton, and Phipps.

Mr. Baker was appointed.

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**ITEM NO. 21: APPOINTMENTS TO THE CITIZENS REVIEW BOARD**

The following nominees were considered for one appointment for one-year term beginning August 1, 2018 and ending July 31, 2019 and one appointment for a two-year term beginning August 1, 2018 and ending July 31, 2020:

Henry Black, Jr., nominated by Councilmembers Mitchell and Phipps  
Kyle Clements, nominated by Councilmembers Ajmera, Bokhari, Eiselt, Newton, and Winston  
Sandra Donaghy, nominated by Councilmembers Driggs, and Phipps  
Antonio Gaither, nominated by Councilmembers Driggs, Egleston, Harlow, Mayfield, and Newton  
Paris Hopkins, nominated by Councilmembers Ajmera, Bokhari, Harlow, Newton, and Winston  
Marc Jensen, nominated by Councilmembers Ajmera, Eiselt, Mitchell, and Phipps  
Diane Langevin, nominated by Councilmembers Ajmera, Eiselt and Mitchell

Results of the first ballot were recorded as follows:

Henry Black, 1 vote – Councilmember Phipps  
Kyle Clements, 1 vote – Councilmember Newton  
Sandra Donaghy, 1 vote - Councilmember Driggs  
Antonio Gaither, 4 votes - Councilmembers Bokhari, Egleston, Harlow, and Mitchell  
Paris Hopkins, 8 votes - Councilmembers Ajmera, Bokhari, Egleston, Eiselt, Harlow, Mayfield, Mitchell, and Newton  
Marc Jensen, 2 votes – Councilmembers Mayfield and Phipps  
Diane Langevin, 3 votes – Councilmembers Ajmera, Driggs, and Eiselt.

Since a second nominee did not receive at least six votes, a run-off vote was conducted between the second and third top vote-getters; results of the second ballot were recorded as follows:

Antonio Gaither, 6 votes – Councilmembers Bokhari, Egleston, Harlow, Mayfield, Newton and Phipps

Mr. Gaither was reappointed and Ms. Hopkins was appointed.

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**ITEM NO. 22: APPOINTMENT TO CIVIL SERVICE BOARD**

The following nominees were considered for one appointment for a three-year term beginning May 16, 2018 and ending May 15, 2021:

Charlitta Hatch, nominated by Councilmembers Ajmera, Egleston, Eiselt and Winston  
Linda Webb, nominated by Councilmembers Newton and Phipps

Results of the ballot were recorded as follows:

Charlitta Hatch, 6 votes – Councilmembers Ajmera, Bokhari, Driggs, Egleston, Eiselt, and Mayfield  
Linda Webb, 4 votes – Councilmembers Harlow, Mitchell, Newton, and Phipps.

Ms. Hatch was appointed.

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**ITEM NO. 23: APPOINTMENTS TO KEEP CHARLOTTE BEAUTIFUL**

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

Leland McNabb, nominated by Councilmembers Bokhari, Driggs, Egleston, Newton and Winston

Results of the ballot were recorded as follows:

Leland McNabb, 10 votes – Councilmembers Ajmera, Bokhari, Driggs, Egleston, Eiselt, Harlow, Mayfield, Mitchell, Newton, and Phipps

Mr. McNabb was appointed.

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**ITEM NO. 24: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL TOPICS**

**Councilmember Ajmera** said I would like to thank all my colleagues for the unanimous support of the Sustainability and Resilient Resolution. I thank you will be proud of the Committee’s work when we bring forward a plan in the fall.

**Councilmember Mayfield** said I would like to take a moment; even though they were out of town accepting an award and representing the City well, I want to take a moment to thank Karen Whichard for her leadership. We hosted our conversation this past Friday evening at St. Luke Mission Baptist Church on Police Relations and Communities of Color. We had more than 100 in attendance as well as unveil a program that former Chief Rodney Monroe has been working on, which is virtual reality program that gives you opportunity of doing one or two things stepping into the light of African American male during the unfortunate riot of sanitation workers or as a 911 Dispatch Operator and that created an opportunity for real dialogue in the community regarding our we police in communities of color. The coordinator and creator of the program is actually from Paris, and she was in town earlier today, and we had a chance for our Assistant City Manager, Kim Eagle as well as Mr. Brent Kelly had a chance to participate in the virtual experience that we are looking to hopefully let Charlotte be a leader on. Tonight, Council took a bold step in being the leader around Sustainability; there is an opportunity not to look for best practices of other communities but to be that best practice when it comes to training as well. So, for also Dr. Peter Wherry, Pastor Clifford Matthews, former Chief Monroe as well as Mr. Robert Dawkins and Mecos, thank you for sharing your stories and being part of the conversation and all that tuned on Facebook and we are coordinating the second one which will actually be at Mayfield Memorial and led by Dr. Peter Wherry.

**Mayor Lyles** said first of all I want to say thank you to all of you have reached out to me on the loss of my brother, and I really appreciate that. I always talk about my five brothers and how they taught me to fight really well and yell really loud, and I’m going to miss this one, my

brother Kenny who is just a little bit older than I am. The other thing I wanted to do is say thank you for the time and energy that you put into this job; it is not always easy, and I know people sometimes say, oh you've got that great cushy job making at least \$15,000 a year, and I know that we don't always handle easy topics. We do a lot of really hard work, and I want you to know how much I appreciate that and I think this meeting was an example of when we work really hard how easily we come together and how the community appreciates that. The other thing that I would like to do and this is going to be work. We need to have a meeting on August 6, 2018. If we don't have a meeting on August 6, 2018 we would go three months without having our Strategy Session where we come in with topics that we talk about, and I just feel like that would be skipping all the way from July until October with the Holiday schedule so I don't know how many of you have made plans.

**Councilmember Egleston** said you are going to ruin my perfect attendance record.

Mayor Lyles said would you be back on the next day?

Mr. Egleston said no I'll be back on the 10th.

**Councilmember Driggs** said at that point I will probably be in Prague, and I'm not back until the 9th.

Mayor Lyles said we will do some polling and see if we can find a day that people are in town and if we have to we will do it on the 6th and miss you two guys. The other polling I wanted to do I know many of us have thought about we are six months in on this job, so we were talking about actually have a Council social and doing something fun, and we were going to try to do that in July. We will ask your assistance to coordinate something that we could all go out solute ourselves in numerous ways. I am going to be out of the office the rest of the week, just to let you know that.

**Councilmember Phipps** said I don't want to take Mr. City Manager's thunder, but I wanted to recognize Ms. Hannah Curlin of Housing and Neighborhood Services for bringing back the championship to Charlotte for the Women's Division II Charlotte Women's Rugby Club. Last week, they were national winners, so I know at some point we are going to be recognizing them on the dais for their accomplishment. If you want to see it YouTube, it is on they how they brought it.

**Councilmember Bokhari** said I have no prepared statement tonight, so I will just say I went to Lumber Jacks; it is a new facility in town where you can throw axes while you can have beverages of craft brew types. I'm not sure of the insurance policy, but they made it work, so go out and try it.

**Councilmember Eiselt** said as a former log roller. I'm sorry that they don't have log rolling there too; it is a lumber jack thing.

**Councilmember Newton** said I want to take a moment and remind everyone of the biggest 4th of July Parade in Charlotte. It will be Wednesday, July 4, 2018 in East Charlotte; it is the 50th annual Hickory Grove 4th of July Parade. Some of my colleagues will be there and for those who have not gotten a formal invitation consider this the formal invitation to come on out Wednesday, July 4, 2018 at 10:00 on the Harris Boulevard Corridor where it meets with Pence Road. We are going to have a lot of fun; there will be a lot of floats, Chief Putney is going to be there. Chief Johnson is going to be there. Britney Johnson from WSOC is going to be there. The Chic-Fil-A cow is even going to be there. You are going to be there. Again, the 50th Annual Hickory Grove Parade in honor and memory of Susan Lindsey.

**Councilmember Harlow** said I just wanted to say we had a fantastic time visiting Atlanta, the City that made me; kudos to the Chamber of Commerce, and I think about half of our Councilmembers that joined and some staff as well. We had a really great time learning and talking about transportation infrastructure, economic development, and how the private sector and public sector can really play in the same sandbox to really benefit the community and just overall a really good trip. Also, while not the largest parade for 4th of July I will shout out to my District 2 Coulwood Community having their annual 4th of July Parade, as well on Wednesday July 4th for Independence Day. Please come out and join that and you can

always hit the Coulwood Parade early in the morning 8:30 a.m. and then run over to east Charlotte at Hickory Grove and enjoy the festivities.

Lastly, CNIP in West Trade/Rozzelles Ferry CNIP there is the Five Points Plaza Community Meeting that currently in the design phase this Thursday at Mosaic Village at 1635 West Trade Street. It is really just a drop-in meeting between 6:00 and 7:30; we will have some City staff out there, I'll be there and some other community stakeholders will kind of see some of the design renderings of some of the input that the community has put in for the new Five Points Plaza. Come out and give your input before that goes into real estate as acquisition phase.


**Councilmember Egleston** said Mr. Harlow stole some of my thunder but it was his hometown so I guess that is allowable. Thank you and Mr. Newton for reminding us when your July 4th Parades are. I always forget that date. On the Chamber trip, I do want to thank Kim Alley, Brian Leary and Irene Vogolsong, who were the three folks that helped to coordinate that trip and that schedule. I think we got a lot done in two and a half days; we saw a lot, and I think we learned, not only some of the things that Atlanta has done that we would like to do differently so that we don't face some of the same problems that they do now but they have certainly done a lot of things in a more progressive way than we have. I looked at the beltline as one of the most extreme examples of what they have done. It was a wonderful trip and yesterday I got to have a pretty awesome experience and hear President Jimmy Carter teach a Sunday School Class in Plains, George which is not close to here, I found as I was driving back. I thought that his message was pretty strong, and he told the story of four lesser known prophets from the Bible and that the impact that they made in their lifetimes and how you don't have to be well known or have some big platform to make a difference in the world and it was a very apropos message and I think maybe anything President Carter says sounds really, really good but it was impactful to me and so I hope it will be impactful to others that you don't have to be on City Council, you don't have to be on County Commission or the School Board to make a difference in our community. I think we saw that with a lot of our folks supporting this environmental resolution tonight, but everybody in our community can make a difference regardless of their standing.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Councilmember Mayfield, seconded by Councilmember Newton, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

  
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Emily A. Kunze, Deputy City Clerk, NCCMC

Length of Meeting: 4 Hours, 6 Minutes  
Minutes Completed: July 31, 2018