

ACTION REVIEW

The City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina convened for Action Review on Monday, February 25, 2019 at 5:08 p.m. in Room 267 of the Charlotte Mecklenburg Government Center with Mayor Vi Lyles presiding. Councilmembers present were Ed Driggs, Larken Egleston, Julie Eiselt, Justin Harlow, LaWana Mayfield, Matt Newton, Greg Phipps, and Braxton Winston II.

ABSENT UNTIL NOTED: Councilmember James Mitchell

ABSENT: Councilmember Dimple Ajmera and Tariq Bokhari

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ITEM 1: MAYOR AND COUNCIL CONSENT ITEM QUESTIONS

There were no Consent Item questions.

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ITEM 2: AGENDA OVERVIEW

Marcus Jones, City Manager said we have three items tonight. One is the Housing Trust Fund support request for Sharon Oaks Apartments, then Mayor, I would like to move the One Stop Shop Customer Satisfaction Center up to second, then lastly, we would have an update for the Transit Oriented Development Ordinance.

Mayor Lyles said just to the Council's satisfaction, you have gotten information on the Trust Fund request for Sharon Oaks; do we need to add that to the end of our agenda, or can we go straight to the Council Meeting to the dais with that? Any objection to that? So, we will start off with Item No. 5, One Stop Shop Customer Satisfaction Center.

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ITEM 5: ONE STOP SHOP CUSTOMER SATISFACTION CENTER

Marcus Jones, City Manager said one of the things that we had in the 2019 budget is this concept of how we could be more customer friendly as it comes to our permitting process. So, what we have is staff from Planning that is going to discuss where we are. There are really two steps. We are doing some things immediately, but ultimately, we have a new center that would be focused on our customers and our residence.

Taiwo Jaiyeoba, Planning Director said I would just kind of lead off and then Allison Craig, our Deputy Planning Director has actually been working on this for the last six months or seven months together with staff in Land Development, but I wanted to start by saying that in 2014, some of you will remember the Gartner Study that came about as a result of a community development community interest looking for how we can continue to do our land development business in the most streamlined way in a more collaborative environment with a lot of clarity and to an extent predictability as well.

So, over the last several months, especially since you approved the budget in FY19, we have had a lot of efforts devoted to what is based in terms of how can we begin to implement the recommendations that came out of that 2014 study? Allison Craig came on board in May and has been working with our land-developing group as well as multiple departments within the City to create what we call a One Stop Shop. Now, that is the name today; we are working with Corporate Communications to rebrand it, so we are going to be giving it a better name. As of today, this is what it is. I am going to turn it over to Allison to share with you some of the things that we have done in the last few weeks and then what to expect in the next few weeks as well.

Allison Craig, Deputy Planning Director said I have been with the City for about seven to eight months. Prior to that, I ran the Real Estate program for UNC Charlotte, and in that role, I sat on a number of different boards and committees for a number of different real estate trade organizations. So, I really heard a lot from my development colleagues about what it was like to do business in the City, and they would always say staff is great; the City is great, but trying to find the right person to answer questions was challenging, that sometimes the department comments conflicted with other department comments, that they really did not feel like we were fully in partnership and that there was a lot of room for improvement in providing a seamless development review experience. Frankly, one of the things that kind of concerned me was that I would hear some of the people say that some of their tenants were actually going elsewhere because the process was just very confusing, so I think a lot in the process of the FY19 budget review, I think that you all heard similar things, and that is what really resulted in the creation of the One Stop Shop, and that is really an idea to implement policies and programmatic initiatives to use or change how we do land development business here in Charlotte.

Councilmember Mitchell arrived at 5:14 p.m.

This really in my mind is not about making development easy; it is about making development clear, consistent, and collaborative, and that is really what the purpose of the One Stop Shop is. To me, I think that the One Stop Shop has three different components. There is a new way of looking at customer service. There are some service-level changes, and then finally there is just the physicality of renovating the bottom floor of the Government Center to house staff for multiple departments. I am excited tonight to daube with you all the initial fly-through rendering of what our vision that we see for the One Stop Shop in the lobby to get your reaction and input on what our vision is thus far.

I am going to start with the Customer Service aspect of it. I view Customer Service as really staff being able to respond to questions and provide assistance to customers, but really the goal of One Stop is much more proactive than that; it is really focusing on customer experience that is responsive, collaborative, focused on problem solving, and being very efficient in the manner in which we do that. So, it is really looking at more of customer satisfaction and providing a better customer experience. So, some of the things that we are talking about doing is that we have been working with the Internal Office of Development and Learning, ODL to work with staff to pilot some new ways of thinking about customer satisfaction and customer experience. Starting next month, we will be working with a consultant that has used these techniques and methods with clients like Amazon, Zappos, Disney, and folks like that, so some really strong, more innovative and proactive ways to view how we interact with our customers.

Secondly, we would like to be very transparent and open with those that are utilizing these services, as to how long it takes to get a permit reviewed, how long it takes to go through the development cycle, so we have worked with a vendor to create these dashboard analytics. They are available to the public to see how long it takes to get a permit so they can really plan accordingly in their process. We are hoping that is going to also provide input to staff into the city about where we can make improvements and changes along the way. I wanted to recognize Shannon Fry; She was promoted to be the Assistant Director heading the Land Development Division for Planning but has also been really proactive working with all the different departments across the City, really leading the One Stop Shop efforts. She has assembled what she calls the technical team, and a lot of this stuff is coming from staff. The technical team, these are the staff members that interact with our customers day in; they review the plans. So, a lot of this is really a grass-roots effort coming up about this is what we have heard from the community. This is how we think, as staff, we can respond to that and improve the way that we do business.

The second part then, as I mentioned, are these service-level changes. So, in FY19, you approved a couple of different ways to get plan approvals. One of them is the enhance review. This is a way in which you have sort of a gate keeper and a concierge help you through the permitting system for an additional fee, and so far, we spend a lot of time with staff and the development community last fall hearing what they wanted out of this enhanced review process, and we piloted three projects thus far that have been met with

resounding success. The development teams were very happy with what they have seen and how staff has responded with their comments. The developers that we have worked with thus far have been Terwilliger, Pappas, Crescent, and Lincoln Harris, and they are in conversations with staff about bringing additional projects through this process so about a 55%-50% reduction in the amount of time that it takes to get a plan approved.

There is also some expedited commercial review in commercial plats. The commercial review started last July, which is why we have 31 of them, then the plats are fairly new and have been very popular with the community. I should mention actually, all the images and videos and renderings, these are all specifically chosen by our team and by the architect about this is really trying to convey our vision of what we see this One Stop Shop looking like. So, Mr. Jones, you mentioned earlier that we do not like One Stop Shop name. I have a trouble envisioning the door and having One Stop Shop over the top of it. I like the affectionate name, but we are looking at other alternatives. One we are throwing around right now is Development Services Center. This is something that the development community has said to us is common in other localities, so it makes sense for them. They know when they see that name that is where they go to get their land-development answers.

So, these are the folks that from the different divisions and departments that we really see being housed in the first floor of the Government Center. So, this is a really strong group looking across the entire city, so it is Urban Forestry, Subdivision, Engineering, Charlotte Water, C-DOT, Erosion Control, even looking to have a touch-down spot for NC-DOT, because that has been a pain point I know in the approval process it is just coordinating between locality and the State, Zoning and Plan Review Coordinators and then lastly Fire, we are hoping to also be down there, but it really depends on their enhancement requests that need positions to provide these level services for One Stop.

Councilmember Phipps said is County permitting involved in this in anyway?

Ms. Craig said we are coordinating and conveying the what we are doing with the County, but they really are two different permitting processes. The City is really the horizontal, and the County is the vertical aspect of it, but there is a lot of room for improvement that we can make in that transition from horizontal to vertical.

Mr. Phipps said so basically, they could have a One Stop Shop too, right?

Ms. Craig said they could. In some ways they do, and really this is the City's effort to get our processes and our staff aligned that we could be more efficient and collaborative to ease the process and speed the process from start to finish.

Mr. Phipps said I thought that the whole purpose of the Gartner Study was to get together; we have these disjointed permitting processes to more or less coordinate them better, because when the public goes through this permitting process, I do not know if they really differentiate that much between, oh that was the County's fault or the City's fault. It always comes down to they had a bad experience with getting their projects approved, regardless of who the entity is, so it still seems like we are on a dual track, even after the Gartner Study.

Mayor Lyles said the Gartner Study did not recommend that we be able to consolidate. If you will recall, we are on two different platforms, and there was a discussion about creating a third group of people that would coordinate, so it never did get us to the place. The investment in the software and the platforms are very different, and the study said, we will create a joint committee on top of these one-stop places or Development Service Center to do that. I think over all, I know that many of us that looked at that study realized that the merit of that study was that unless we are ready to invest in the software for a consolidated system with agreement on the governance structure, we are going to at best do what we are doing now, and that may be just putting it over simplified, but I do not really think that they said we could consolidate. I know they didn't say we could consolidate.

Councilmember Driggs said they did have recommendations about how to try to unify and get the two groups to work together. There is such a thing as platform integration software that could kind of present a more unified, but there is a lot of history here. I am with Mr. Phipps on this. I do not want us to kind of do again what we said we were going to do. I engaged in a bunch of meetings with large developers when the Gartner Study came out several years ago. Even then, they were saying, we are tired; we heard this over and over again, and it is still terrible. I am sorry to say that at the Housing Summit that was hosted by UNCC on Thursday, a stinging rebuke was delivered to City and County because of the process, and one of their biggest issues is not only does it take a long time, but they do not have any idea. So, I have heard a couple of them say we have to leave open a five-month window, because we do not know how long it is going to take to navigate through, so I guess my point is that I really appreciate what you are doing for one. It feels like we are kind of moving closer, but it is going to take surgery. This is not something that is solved by applying band aids. We have solved a number of the problems. There were issues in the County in terms of the inspections and so on, but I think the County has resolved, and it sounds like they have made more progress than we have frankly from the antidotal input I am getting. I just hope that you appreciate that to get to the point that people come in and feel confident about what lies ahead, even if it is four months or whatever it is, but just a sense of not having to deal with [inaudible] and really business unfriendly kind of concerns, like the one case, that Adco experienced where they had some wooden steps that went up from a parking lot to another area, and everything had to stop, because the risers were not boarded in. At that point, they just said this has got to be fixed, and you cannot proceed. I will be watching this with interest. I just want you to appreciate it is going to take more than a few phone calls and things to get us to the point where I think that we are truly responsive.

Mayor Lyles said I have to agree with Mr. Driggs on that. We did a number of consultants that came in after the Gartner Study that came in and said we are going to do this. I cannot even remember. One was another one something, and it was a lot of that, and we invested a lot in that study and the studies that followed it, and the issues have been speaking with definitiveness around the permitting process has been lost somewhere. That is the real problem, so I think that we are still kind of let's wait and see. I think that we hear from the customers a lot, as well as I know that you do, and how do we adjust for that? I know that you are talking about showing us a visual.

Councilmember Harlow said I agree with all three of those points. Is this particular One Stop Shop just for certain large-scale developments, or does this have anything to do with special event permits and things like that as well?

Mr. Jones said I want to start by saying that if the question is blowing everything up and starting from scratch, we are not even close to being there. That is two governing bodies; that is something that has predated this conversation. What we are seeing right now is that unlike any time before, everything that we are in control of, we are being more aggressive and more collaborative to make sure that our processes are efficient and effective. So, I want to start off by saluting this group, because this just has not happen before. Now, I am not going to say that the County is doing things better or worse, but this is our first step of getting our house in order, then as we progress down this path, I think that a lot of the questions that are happening now open up a lot of opportunities for further consolidations or collaborations.

Mr. Harlow said as it relates to this, I see Fire up there. Fire does a lot of inspections around things for temporary-use permits. Whenever day one opens and we see those real renderings in real life, is someone going to be able to come do that there, or is that process just for some larger developer and larger development zone?

Mr. Jones said absolutely, this is not just for large development. Somebody from Fire will be there.

Councilmember Winston said I want to speak to my colleagues, hearing about the kind of inter-governmental portion of these things. I think that some of that is on us. It is one thing to ask staff to try to collaborate with a totally different organization's staff, but it is

another thing for us to get our other elected colleagues to give them the guidance to do that. I hear what we are saying. It seems like staff is doing an excellent job on our part, but if we truly do want the County to be at the table, I think that falls on us to bring them to the table.

Ms. Craig said I would like to add too that I was at the Housing Summit too and heard a lot of those comments about how long it takes to get a permit and things like that, and I think this is an initial step alone a journey to improve and be a better partner with the development community to build great projects, and to me, I have a development background, and to me it is always about risks and uncertainty. So, what this is intended to do is provide better collaboration and be much more transparent about this is how long it takes to go through this process, so that is really the goal of this. So, this is just a start, and we will be back and provide additional updates down the road.

So, when we walk in the door, we are really envisioning a place with a lot of technology. There is a lot of ability for staff to come in and meet with folks that walk in the door, they have a question, let's pull your site up on the map. Let's lay out a set of plans. Let's talk through what it is you are trying to accomplish. This is really just the walk in the lobby view. As we move forward with design, we will have a further rendering of the actual space where staff is, but this is sort of our initial thought of creating sort of that wow factor. This is where we are here to be responsive to you and answer your questions. We think that this really accomplishes that.

Mayor Lyles said where is this going to be?

Ms. Craig said this is when you walk in the front door of the newly renovated space in the first door of the Government Center on the step side. Right now, you kind of walk around Water and go around to the Land Development Office, so there is going to be a front door. So, when you walk in the front door of the Government Center, the permitting center or whatever we end up calling it will be on the right, right as you walk in the door.

So, next steps, I wanted to also recognize Nan Peterson. I know that many of you have worked with Nan; she was promoted to be a Business Relationship Manager earlier this year. That is really part of that proactive customer service strategy, so we want to be out in the community. We want to have a single point of contact for what is happening in the community and with development and also with staff. So, she is really intended to be this very externally focused individual working with the development teams coming into the City. Right now, we are working with Corporate Communications on a communication plan, so this includes, what is the name of this center? What is the logo and also talking about printed materials and how to articulate the changes that the City is making to the community and again being very proactive about that.

Around March, we will start doing some preliminary work downstairs, and that is when we will bring the folks from the first floor up to the eighth floor, so starting in March, we will essentially have a temporary One Stop Shop on the eight floor. When you walk on the eighth floor, you go to the left, and there will be Alice who is sitting there to answer rezoning questions, then you will go to the right, and there will be the Land Development Office. At that point, we will have renderings, signage and we will have that on the first floor and eighth floor so people really can anticipate what is coming down the road. We will have pricing information after we get sort of your reaction to design down the road, with the idea that probably in May there will be some type of Council action related to bids and contracts and things like that. Construction beginning in May to June and completing in November with a grand opening of the One Stop Shop in November.

Councilmember Mayfield said you may have asked the question. We are saying that this is not the current lobby that we are looking at? The current lobby is going to continue looking like it is looking, and what we are talking about is constructing this new space on the outside if we were to go through the current lobby, heading over to the other building like in the courtyard?

Ms. Craig said it is going to be behind the Council Chamber, that space where the Water counter is, and the current Land Development Office is, it going to be expanded.

Ms. Mayfield said so, the current lobby desk, is where everybody goes for all questions, so still that will be the first stop, then they will be directed over to this new space which will be the catch all for everything City related.

Ms. Craig said correct.

Ms. Mayfield said I personally have concerns regarding this timeline with looking at potential construction, since this is the first time that we are receiving a presentation on it. We have no idea what the costs are and just getting bids along we way, I am not comfortable with. If we haven't identified what the total, just so we are very clear and the community is very clear, as well as what line item it is coming from as we are having our budget discussions, since this is the first time that we are seeing this presentation and we are already have this construction timeline in here with the expectation of a grand opening in November, but one of the questions that I have for you is that with the team that helped to identify what the needs are, do we also utilize our current customer service desk based on the questions that they have received when people have come in looking for which department they should head to? Do we utilize those individuals, since they really are the first point of contact and receive the majority of the questions for anyone who comes into the Government Center?

Ms. Craig said I cannot say who had that conversation for sure, but we have been looking at what has really been done on other floors in terms of how staff space would be utilized; we have talked to the customers that come into the door. We have talked to staff. We really have tried to be very comprehensive about getting input and feedback of what this should look like. I feel certain that we have.

Ms. Mayfield said so Mr. Manager; we are thinking about the question that I just asked, and we said that they have attempted to be very comprehensive with trying to get involve and talk to staff, the main staff that sits at that lobby desk; if they were not included in that conversation, that is a bit of a challenge, for the simple fact that they are our first face when you come into the building, and if you do not know where you are going, they are the ones who get the majority of the inquiries in terms of maneuvering. So, it will be helpful, while we are figuring out the team that has figured out these really great ideas, if we do not have the people who are most likely the ones that have this interaction, at least have their voices at the table when we are working to be this Inclusive City. That could cause a challenge later on as we try to create something that is encompassing if we do not have the first level of entry as a part of the development.

Ms. Craig said we will make sure that is considered.

Mr. Driggs said I want to point out that this also has a bearing on our affordable housing ambitions, because we often hear that there are barriers to the creation of affordable housing as a result of the difficulty, and at that conference, somebody said to me, you guys should just loosen up. Relax a little bit on all of these requirements, and my response was, either they are there for a reason, in which case there is a cost associated with relaxing them, or they are not there for a good reason, in which case we should get rid of them, but we need to look carefully at how many of the barriers need to be there and whether we are applying them in the interest of our affordable housing goal.

The other point I wanted to make was a lot of the people that I am talking about do not need some hand holding. They know exactly what they are doing; what they need is for the people at their desks or on the site to be responsive. Some of the biggest problems in the past had to do with plan review; it would come in, get sent back, and so on back and forth, and there could be weeks. So, we really need to have a tight time line on the second and third turn around, and the other point that struck me when I was going through this before was, a lot of the time these guys did not speak up, because they were afraid of retaliation. When I heard that, granted I think that it had more to do with the County than it had to do with us, but they said that if we come forward and we start criticizing

people and pointing at them then our lives are just going to get more difficult, and I think that is a bad reflection on us if our customers or if the people we are trying to serve feel that way. I hope the people who work here for example can be entrepreneurial and advocate for, understanding that the benefits of development advocate for and kind of intervene when barriers are erected so that things can move along quickly.

Mr. Jones said year one we had all of these conversations, so we reacted to what you told us, and that is why we created this. Everything that you said Mr. Driggs, that is why we are having these consultants come in and work with people about customer satisfaction. In terms of the budget, this is our building, and Mike Davis has renovation money for all of our buildings. So, in the budget that you approved last June, there is capacity in that budget for this renovation, so again, I feel like we were catching up to some of the concerns that you felt you heard through the community, and the concept here; and I love what Angela Lee said once, we can build a One Stop Shop, but it is really about how are we being more efficient with what we do? There is something special about everybody being in the same space, being able to collaborate and move things through. So, we think that we are on the right track.

Mayor Lyles said I think that it is the old adage that you get a complement once and a complaint travels very far. That is a complaint that we have heard a lot, and I do remember the budget discussions about the One Stop Shop. I think that what I see is the opportunity for people to be in closer proximity to move more quickly to resolve issues, whereas before it was a lot easier to say I am going to send it somewhere; it goes somewhere, and then it comes back. I hope that synergy works. It is something that we continue to wrestle with, and while I would say what I would often hear here is that people will avoid one person, then there was always one person they always went to. What we are trying to seek is that one person they always went to in a multitude in one location so they are always there. I think that is a really high goal for us, especially with the construction that is going on right now. You are tackling this at a time that we are busier than ever. I guess what we are saying is we understand. We know what the complaints have been, and we know where we are trying to go and know you are we want to see you get there successfully.

Mr. Phipps said heretofore these different pieces of the permitting processes were handled in different places, did you all have to come to the Government Center, or were they in other locations where they could go?

Ms. Craig said correct, they have to go to various floors to answer their questions. They are not working together, and the idea is to have everyone there but even thinking more innovatively and looking across silos of departments that we are even considering when we organize ourselves downstairs that maybe it is by staff assigned to different geographies or work groups. It is not just Planning is over here; Engineering is over here. Water is over here, so even just physically location of staff that we think would enhance collaboration and problem solving.

Mayor Lyles said thank you for the presentation; you can tell that a lot of us have a lot of history, and we are trying to let it go, but sometimes we just have to have some action taken to make sure that we can do that.

Mr. Winston said I did have one question about the consent agenda. I think it was number 30. It was about Orr Road Extension. It was a little tangential a bit. My question was about when we are building roads and the very Charlotte thing of roads changing their names as you cross one street to the other, and I asked about this, and it said this was being taken care of, but it is not. Orr Road crosses Tryon Street and becomes Elgywood Lane. Obviously, there is no solution coming. Especially as we are trying to connect better some of these old subdivisions and stuff like that, is this something that we can look at in the Comprehensive Vision Plan or the UDO at some point in time? It is an oddity of Charlotte. It is something that we laugh about, but we talk about a modern-day City, a worldly City. Names that just change arbitrarily on streets is something that I think we really do need to fix, especially as we continue to build roads and connections. I do not know if it is a policy, if it is part of the ordinance or anything like that. I would really like to look at this.

Mayor Lyles said let us just get you some answers about how that works, then we will go back to it.

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ITEM 4: TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE

Taiwo Jaiyeoba, Planning Director said we presented this to the Transportation and Planning Committee earlier today. I don't know if Councilmember Eiselt wants to say a few words before Monica and I present this update to you.

Councilmember Eiselt said we did talk about this today in the Transportation and Planning Committee, but the Council has seen several updates on TOD, which I hope everybody has a chance to read the emails when planning sends this our way, because this is going to be a significant change in our City and could really define what we do going forward with the UDO. We are set to have a public hearing on March 18, 2019 at the City Council, regarding the draft for TOD, which is pretty much set now. So, Councilmembers, it would be great to be able to have everybody have a look at that before the public hearing. We had a presentation today on updates to the bonus structure and the early findings of the economic analysis report that looks at the detail for major concepts that are in the TOD hearing draft. Staff reviewed the positive changes to the bonus structure. We think we are at a comfortable place. There is always going to be some people who prefer one thing over another, but the weighted nature of the different elements of the bonus structure, staff has given a lot of thought to.

The standards in the Economic Analysis Report indicated that there is not a negative impact on future development, and staff will review in detail the findings of the report on March 4, 2019, with City Council, in preparation for the public hearing. In short, the consultant that we have working on the TOD focused on the major concepts on the draft, as well as how they tie into specific key areas of the bonus structure, which includes sustainability, mobility, adaptive reuse, and jobs for the whole TOD rewrite. While detailed in nature, the standards in the ordinance provide a frame work to make other city goals more attainable.

Mr. Jaiyeoba said Monica and I will try to spend the better part of 15 minutes just to kind of walk you through where we have been and also where we are headed. Earlier today, Councilmember Eiselt alluded to that when we presented, we actually had a consultant [inaudible] who has been working on a Unified Development Ordinance, [inaudible] who has been with us and I know many of you have met our UDO Consultant, but she was able to go into details in terms of what this really would look like once it is implemented. So, if there are any questions related to that tonight, based on experience and elsewhere, I am sure that she would be glad to share with us.

Tonight, I just wanted to share with you that typically when we mention cities that we compete with, there are some names that come to mind. We think about Denver, Nashville, Pittsburg, and Raleigh, among others. Two of these cities already have very robust investment in rail transit systems. We are going to talk about Denver or Pittsburg, but all four of them have a comprehensive plan that is very sensitive to transit supported development but also, they have the Unified Development Ordinance as a form of transit oriented development, including even Raleigh and Nashville that do not have the type of transit system we have, just to have the regulations in place that will help implement the type of transit supportive development or city that they will want to be.

This journey started back in 2003, and the current ordinance that you have right now was adopted back in 2003, and to think that 16-years later, we are finally making perhaps the most transformative and innovative and I will say the most responsive transit oriented development ordinance that we have seen in almost two decades. I think it is a great achievement for us as a City. We are at that point in an evolution obviously where in 2012, we talked about raising the bar, but now I am saying that we should go from good to great, and there are some areas around the transit stations that are not even at the point of good, and we need to get them to that place and even some of our best transit oriented development areas, they can be better than what they have today. If we had this

ordinance in place two years from now, we would not be talking about missed opportunities around our transit stations along the BlueLine. In a number of years, we are going to be implementing the Silver Line. It is very important that we have this ordinance in place so that we do not miss the opportunity to deliver on a number of commitments that we have.

To date, we have four drafts of the ordinance released. The most recent one, the fifth version, was actually released on Friday, that is the public hearing version, and that has been very responsive to what we've heard. This is almost like a Zoning 101, and you know, but some of our audience may not necessarily know that when we talk about zoning, it is really the law. It is the regulation that it helps to implement the policy or the vision, so while the policy sets the vision, the Transit Oriented Development Ordinance, for example, helps us to implement that vision, so that is why you begin to connect the dots. Since I started here about a year ago, we have been hearing a lot of things. We have heard about the South End Vision Plan. We heard about the Blue Line Station Area Plan, of course the Comprehensive Plan, Charlotte's Future, and all of these plans, how did they even relate to what we are talking about today? So, unless we have the vision in place, the regulation itself doesn't make sense, so we already have an adopted South End Vision Plan. We have an adopted Blue Line Station Area Plans. We have the Blue Line Extension Station Area Plans, then we have the University City Area Plans. All of those plans do talk about transit supportiveness. They do talk about what areas around that transit station should look like.

This TOD Ordinance is that zoning piece that helps to implement all of those things that are adopted in those plans. In a couple of years, I am going to come back and ask you to adopt a Comprehensive Plan, Charlotte's Future 2040, and then also, we will talk about Citywide how we want Charlotte to really look in the next 20 years in our Unified Development Ordinance will be the [inaudible] that will implement that. So, let's think about it in the fact that the vision has to come before the regulation. So, what we are going to be presenting to you today, and what we are going to be sharing to you and the public also on March 18, 2019, in front of our Transit Oriented Development Ordinance is how can we really implement some of those lofty goals that we have in adopted plans? How can we also make those areas better, especially as we go into our comprehensive plan process?

Monica is the guru on this; she has been living through this whole Transit Oriented Development Ordinance for the last several months; some of you may not know that she was actually identified as one of the 50 Most Important Women in Charlotte by The Mecklenburg Times. Kudos to her, because she has been working on this. She also worked on the South End Vision Plan. So, pay attention to what this lady says tonight. I think that she is going to really take us to the future that we want to be in as a City.

Monica Holmes, Planning said I am really going to focus tonight on process and what is going to happen. So, you are not going to see a whole ton of content around what is actually in the hearing draft. We will be back in front of you both next week and on the 18th for the meat of that content. I want to make sure that everybody is very clear about what has happened and what is going to happen as we move forward. So, first, let's just do a quick review of where we have been. So, we have had four public meetings around the Transit Oriented Development districts. Three of them have been broad information meetings, and one has really focused on the translation and what does it mean for property owners that currently have Transit Oriented Development zoning on their property.

We have also had over 30 meetings with our Ordinance Advisory Committee. Our Ordinance Advisory Committee is made up of 40 members. There are 20 members from the neighborhood in the sustainability sector and then 20 members from the development and design sector. These 40 people are the people who have really taken a deep dive into the ordinance. They understand the nuts and bolts, and they have provided over a thousand comments in addition to those from the public on really what are the standards and what should they look like. In addition to that, we have had many stakeholder meetings, and I will show some of our partners as we kind of go through this. We have

also been in front of you all, as Councilmember Eiselt mentioned, with Transportation and Planning Committee. We are currently in the very final changes of the Economic Analysis Report. We will be back before you to kind of share those reports next week and talk through some of the details in that, so I want to let you know that you will have ample opportunity to kind of get into the weeds on that a little bit, then again, the comments that we have received.

So, some of the partnerships that we have engaged in, members that we have represented on our Ordinance Advisory Committee are Charlotte Center City Partners, University City Partners, the Apartment Association, Sustain Charlotte, REBIC. We have really been working with these groups to not only work at the Ordinance Advisory Committee level but also at the stakeholder level, so meeting with their members, talking through what the standards mean, having marathon sessions for multiple hours where we really dive into very specific issues like parking and the bonus structure and really work through those compromises, we know that at the end of the day, everyone is not going to be happy with everything, but that is compromise, and we have been trying to find where is the common ground that we can all work together on.

You can see here across the top, those are the public meetings; the Ordinance Advisory Committee engagement in yellow and where we have been engaging our Planning Committee and Transportation and Planning Committee. In the bottom, the draft says that we have rolled across. Our first full draft release was in July and then we had the hearing draft released on Friday. We will be getting you all copies of that hearing draft in your packages this week so you can see where the markups are, what has been changed and where the public hearing draft is. So, stay tuned for that. Give note, it is 90 pages, so pace yourself. Highlight things that you have questions on and let us know. You will be getting that hearing draft and the economic analysis before the public hearing on March 18th. We will be going directly to our Planning Committee for discussion and recommendation on this item immediately following that hearing. Obviously, timelines can change, but we really want to stay on track for an April decision. That will require us to be at the March 25, 2019 Transportation and Planning Committee also for that recommendation, then we will be at the April Zoning Meeting for a decision. So, we are really working hard to deal with and address any issues that we need to prior to these dates, so we have been holding one-on-one sessions. We are continuing to host those with members of both the committee and any other members of the public that request. We can kind of button up any issues that we feel like we might have.

What happens after April? That is what I really want to take a couple of minutes just to make very clear for you all. What happens once the TOD Ordinance is voted on? So, the existing zoning, those that have existing TOD zoning, they will immediately be translated to the Community Center District. They will be immediately going to one of the new districts. That is about 600ish properties, about 250 different owners. They will be translated to that. They will have a grace period to file their zoning permit up until June 30th. So, up until June 30th, they can file for either one, so they can file to build under the community center standards or the existing TOD-M standards. So, they will have that grace period. We want to provide certainty that people know the day that it is going to change so that it is not just upon adoption day; it is upon this June 30th. As of July 1, you can only use the new districts, so any new rezoning that is filed after that decision date though will have to use the new districts. The old districts will be taken off the books and you will have the new districts in place. Following that, you all will help us establish the Alternative Compliance Review Board, which will be an appointed board. That is where people with alternative design solutions will go to kind of show what those might be and make a recommendation. That board will be established with the April decision. We will begin to seat that board immediately following that April decision. I wanted to put that on your radar so you know what it is when it is coming. Also following the April decision, we will begin unveiling the process guide for mapping and kind of talking through what does mapping look like? How do we get these districts in action? How do we put them on the ground? Following that, once we have done engagement, we will begin to have city sponsored rezonings in our station areas to use the new zoning districts.

Timeline wise, we are looking towards a summer ability to file those rezonings. We will be doing engagement between the adoption time and the filing time to unroll maps, really talk about what does this mean for my neighborhood? What are the standards for the new districts? What is appropriate? What does the area plan recommend? Then, we will file those. Note, that is for the Blue Line, because that is where we have adopted policy for Transit Oriented Development.

Ms. Eiselt said could you just state again the point of having that overlap?

Ms. Holmes said what we heard was that people was; and it goes back to what we were just speaking of, the certainty so knowing for the certainty of when it is going to change. If you tie it just directly to that decision day, and let's say that date changes by a month, people really wanted to know what is the date set in stone. If for some reason, we adopted after that June 30th date, it would be adoption date, but we want to give people the certainty to know that from now until June 30th, that is your window, then after that day, the window closes.

Ms. Eiselt said we will have approved the policy in April, then they have until June 30th?

Ms. Holmes said note that no rezonings will use the old districts, only people that have current entitlements with the old districts can use it, so if you are going through a rezoning process, you would use a new district. It is only people that might have TOD-M for 10 years. It is going to affect a small handful of people who are in the process of developing right now. They wanted the certainty to know this is when I have to switch basically.

Councilmember Egleston said you said the number of property owners that will be impacted. Have we done any sort of an inventory to identify the size of the group of property owners that might be impacted, negatively impacted, or might feel like something is being done to them that is not in their best interest?

Ms. Holmes said yes, we hosted a meeting in December. We sent post cards to every property; it is about 635 properties. It is about 220 specific owners, so there are obviously owners that own multiple properties. So, we hosted that meeting; we will be doing another round of notice. They were also notified of the last public meeting. The other round of notice will be coming on the heels of this public hearing, and we will also have listed Transportation and Planning in March and the Planning committee.

We can continue to do outreach in other ways. We have been kind of pushing it through the development industry as much as we possibly can, but we would love to kind of do further outreach. The new zoning ordinance is favorable in many ways. It is a plus/minus. We think that it is more favorable than it could potentially be less favorable. It would really depend on exactly, specifically what you were developing.

Mr. Egleston said even if you are right, someone will disagree. [inaudible] proactive outreach.

Ms. Holmes said once it is adopted again, I wanted to just spend a moment focusing on what the alignment rezonings will be like. Just a reminder, this will roll out immediately following adoption. That will include the process guide and it will include in detail community outreach all along the Blue Line, so we will be meeting with each neighborhood all along the Blue Line to go over those maps and talk about what the recommendations and rezonings will look like. That is also alignment rezoning will apply to everything that is not conditional, so I just want to put a reminder that if you all have seen it and you have approved it as a conditional rezoning plan and it is an urban district, so a TOD district or a MUD district, it will not fall into this alignment rezoning.

I also want to do a quick reminder of what are the major concepts in the TOD ordinance. This is just broad brush. The new ordinance really focuses on intensity and form. It has simplified graphics. It really sets the stage for the new UDO. It is easier to understand and use. It has updated design standards so a lot of form elements, and they are keyed to different what we call frontages, so types of streets, greenways, rail trail, what did the

form elements look like that front on those? It includes increased transparency; it really creates a very clear process for what the alternative solutions are for designs, so that is the Alternative Compliance Review Board and also the bonus structure and clarity that provides for the additional height. We feel like that is transparency both for our neighborhoods and also for the development community, because it is very easy to understand how and why you can get these public benefits and how and why you can go taller or wider.

I also want to note, which Mayor Pro Tem Eiselt did as well, that you will see in the new bonus that it is not just height, but it also accounts for size, so what I am calling a horizontal bonus. We feel that we have come to that conclusion through working with people in both the private development community and the affordable housing development community, and we think that is going to be a great solution for us to get units built. Also, our new bonus structure includes the sustainability items, which we have also spent some time talking about. Just a reminder, this is the timeline that we are setting forward on, so we will see you on March 4th to talk about the economic impact analysis. We will also be with you at public hearing on March 18th, then we will be quickly after that going to discussion and recommendation with the April decision. With that, that is all that I have for tonight, if there are any other questions.

Councilmember Winston said this Alternative Compliance Review Board, it is the first time that I am hearing about it, but it seems like we are going to be creating another Council dominated board. We have talked a lot about our concerns about how we choose boards or the processes that aren't there, so maybe as we create this new one, this is something that could go into Budget and Compliance Committee until we can discuss better ways to move forward with it so that we are more comfortable. I could imagine that there would definitely be expertise that we would want on a committee like this.

Also, I would like to see on this review board, representatives from neighborhoods coming to this, because although it seems like we have had a diverse group of stakeholders, they were all from kind of interest group areas, and I did not really see the community kind of hone in on from the neighborhood level. So, maybe this is a place where we can really get them involved.

Ms. Holmes said you will see the guidelines around the Board in the text amendment, and there are four development professionals that can be design, landscape, architect, civil engineer. It is a seven-person board, then three neighborhood representatives. So, it is meant to be a diverse board. Obviously, there is a certain level of expertise when you are dealing with very specific design standards, but we agree that there should clearly be neighborhood representation from Transit Oriented Development areas on that.

Mr. Winston said like I said, some of this is for us as we kind of think about better ways to approach our Boards and Commissions, since we have a brand new one coming at us in the next few months.

Councilmember Mayfield said I think our slides may be a little bit different from I'm what I'm looking at but I'm looking at slide #6, the Economic Analysis Report update, I did not see that one in yours, but the slide that I have is #2, Project types tested, High Rise Office Buildings and TOD Urban Center District, Surface Park, Multifamily Buildings and the TOD Transit District and a photo of a number of high rises. I am trying to get a better understanding, my colleague and I were talking about it earlier, when we look at South End and we look at taller buildings that are coming in now, and we also had the conversation outside of uptown where high rises are identified. I am trying to get a better understanding of how this Economic Analysis Report update really helps us better understand our goal around where high rises will go. I know that we have in there the language where you can have both length wise and potentially height wise if there is an affordability component, but I am trying to get a better understanding of what this means with high rise, office buildings, and the TOD urban center district, surface park, multifamily buildings and the TOD transition district, how that would play out in neighborhoods along the rail.

Ms. Holmes said just to clarify and my apologies for that, we were giving an update to Transportation and Planning earlier, so that was a slide. Those are the project types that we were testing, and we will be presenting those next Monday, but basically the goal of the economic analysis was to say feasibility wise are these types of projects feasible? Ultimately, where they are actually placed and in what neighborhoods those types of projects are in is a mapping question in how the districts are mapped, and it is based on the adopted policy as well as engagement with the community. So, those projects are tested purely as an economics test, not as a where they are appropriate and where they are not appropriate.

Ms. Mayfield said with thinking about how we move that conversation forward, I agree that we need to make sure that there is a way on the front end for community input, because we have not necessarily aligned the market's idea of development and the community's idea of development, so there is an opportunity, especially as our City is growing and we are doing a lot of infield, since we are not adding any miles to the City, making sure that we are creating real opportunities and not triggering more displacement.

Ms. Holmes said we completely understand and agree with that, and that is the main reason why we really wanted to have four districts, because it is really important to have four different levels of intensity and types of development TOD districts to meet the community needs in where they are at, because exactly to your point, where the market is might not be where the community is, and there cannot be really a one size fits all approach. We have learned while that is great for some areas, it is not great for everyone.

Mayor Lyles said thank you very much, work in progress and a lot of it.

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ITEM 6: ANSWERS TO MAYOR AND COUNCIL CONSENT ITEM QUESTIONS

Mayor Lyles said staff has deferred the following items: Item Numbers 53, 54, and 60. They will be deferred until March 25th. The following property transactions have been settled: Item Numbers 52, 56, 57, 59, 67, 70, and 72, and we have one item that was included that was already adopted by the Council, and that is Item Number 64. Those items will be taken off of our Consent Agenda. Do we have any consent items that the Council would like to have comments before we take the overall motion?

Councilmember Mitchell said Item Number 29 and 30, just a generic comment.

Councilmember Phipps said I would like to comment on Item 30 as well.

Councilmember Mayfield said Item Number 34.

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ITEM 7: CLOSED SESSION

There was no closed session.

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The meeting was recessed at 6:16 p.m. to move to the Meeting Chamber for the regularly scheduled Business Meeting.

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BUSINESS MEETING

The City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina reconvened for a Business Meeting on Monday, February 25, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Meeting Chamber of the Charlotte Mecklenburg Government Center with Mayor Vi Lyles presiding. Councilmembers present were Ed Driggs, Larken Egleston, Julie Eiselt, Justin Harlow, LaWana Mayfield, James Mitchell, Matt Newton, Greg Phipps, and Braxton Winston II

ABSENT: Councilmember Dimple Ajmera and Tariq Bokhari

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INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Councilmember Newton said at this point in time, we give a solemn word or expression of faith to unite us as we move forward as a Council and take on the responsibilities and duties of the Council, but I think tonight, I might switch things up a bit, because we have quite a presence of folks here in the audience that are here for the same reason. I think what is important to note as we move forward is that we are a community together. We are stronger as a community together. We are more unified when we look out for our neighbors, that including our immigrant community. Our immigrant community, they are hard-working, decent, honorable people, and we can take all of that to heart. I want to thank you all for being here tonight. I want you to know that I appreciate it, that we appreciate what you do for our community, and we would not be who we are but for your contributions, but for your heart, and but for all that you provide us to support business, industry, innovation, to support education, and it is ashamed the disruption that has been experienced in our immigrant community. We are committed as a Council to work with you moving forward and to make sure that we are all stronger together, so that will be my invocation, and if you will all join me for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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MAYOR'S COMMENTS ON CHARLOTTE'S IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY

Mayor Lyles said before we begin our Public Forum I would like to take an opportunity to speak to our audience and those that are in attendance as well as those that are watching or on Facebook Live or television. What I would like to really talk about is a follow up to what Councilmember Newton really started and just to say, over the course of the last few weeks, our City has been an emotional rollercoaster. It was only a week prior to this week that our immigrant community was overcome with feelings of apprehension and anxiety. The increased enforcement by federal agents has been substantiated and is now the new normal that we have. At the same time, I have been asked as Mayor what is important for me to speak to this community and what I would like to say is that I believe that I have, as Mayor and will continue to have as Mayor, is the ability to act on the priorities of all of our residents.

I have always believed and said constantly that we are a City that is welcoming and we are a City that is diverse. Over the past year, we have committed and demonstrated this commitment as an organization as we begin to work on the recommendations from the Immigrant Task Force and the hiring of Federico Rios as the City's first International and Integration Manager. I want for every resident of our community to be safe. I have said that a neighborhood is only a neighborhood when we all share the idea that we can have a home, job, sidewalks, trees, and a sense of safety in our neighborhoods. That is what I believe is important for our City. I also know that our City is often at the center of national and regional coverage and presence, and we actually stand as a leader across this country, and we do it proudly, and that is why a week ago, I asked the City Manager to help me think through how we could address the issues that are causing this apprehension and anxiety within our immigrant community. So, we have created a Council Committee that is chaired by Larken Egleston that includes Dimple Ajmera, James Mitchell, and Matt Newton, to serve over the next several days, working with Federico Rios to go out and talk to the immigrant community, and I tell you why I did this.

It was just a happenstance of a day. I was in an elevator with City staff, and someone said we were trying to make contact, but the phone call was never returned, and there was some fear that it was not returned because this was a non-English speaking family and that we had left a government number. That is unacceptable. We are here to serve this community, and that is what caused this committee to be formed. I know that there are lots of other reasons that people would say we are reacting, but we are reacting off of the basic premise that every resident of this community should have the ability to have services delivered, our Police Officers, our Fire Fighters, Building Services, Storm Water, Water, all of those are governmental services that people pay for, sometimes in fees, sometimes in taxes, or sometimes they do not, but it is about building that community, because all of us need to do that.

So, it is my expectation that this Committee will not only go out and listen to the needs that people are saying that we had in the immigrant community, but they will create actions that can be taken by our community that are within our jurisdictional preview, which is a very important thing. We should not make promises that we cannot keep. We should make promises to the community that we can keep. That is why this is such an important time for us right now. I say to all of you that are coming to speak today, we are glad to hear your voice, but I would like to actually ask Federico Rios to come in and share with you some of the plans that he has worked with the Council Committee to move forward around the issue of immigration and the apprehension and anxieties being experienced now.

Federico Rios, Office of International Relations said we truly appreciate your voice. I was asked by the Mayor a little over a week ago now to serve as the Staff Liaison for this Committee, and we wanted to make clear tonight what all we would be working on. So, the four members of Council who have been designated for that Committee would be assisting in going out to the community. One of the challenges that we recognize that we consistently face is that individuals are asked to come here and to hear from you all, so we wanted to turn that upside down and go to where immigrants are to hear their voice. We will be having meetings in each one of the seven City Council districts. All Councilmembers are obviously asked to come if you can. These meetings will take place mostly on Saturdays but also during the week, depending on the venue and availability of Councilmembers. They will be structured so that we co-create solutions. Our goals are to listen to the affected community members challenges and co-create those possible solutions to the issues. Inform Councilmembers on policies and best practices that they can the advocate for implementation within City government.

Mayor Lyles said I want to say this is something that while we have a Council Committee of four, that every member may participate in this effort. I am certainly going to be accessible as well as many others, that we want to build on our relationships. We are not about tearing things down. We are talking about building things up, and we really appreciate all of you being here tonight to help us do that as well.

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ITEM NO. 8: PUBLIC FORUM

Mayor Lyles said we have a Citizens' Forum, and I would like to let you know that we are going to change our rules. When we have a number of people that would like to speak to us, we ordinarily have 10 people speak for three minutes. At this point, we are going to have 15 people, but we are asking you to hold your comments to two minutes. I have a list that has been put before me by the City Clerk of speakers and I will follow them in the order. If someone is not in attendance, we go to the next person on the waiting list, so thank you very much for your patience with us.

Affordable Housing

James Lee, 3501 E. Independence Boulevard said first of all, I was born and raised in Grier Heights. I love Charlotte, but I have been doing some reading. The Harvard Berkley Study, the CMS study, even your study, and the NAACP study on affordable housing, upward mobility. We are going to give you all a hand in Griertown because we are having

a movement over there where people who grew up over there, we are doing some investing over there, so I cannot tell you everything tonight, but I just want to let you know to keep an eye on Grier Heights. There are new things going on over there; we do not want to be left behind. We do not want to be displaced. We want to be included in what you all are doing. Thank you, Mayor; for everything that you all are doing. Councilmember Larken will be working with you, but I just want to say that I know you guys have a hard job. You have a lot on your plate, and all of this is not your fault. There has been a lot of decisions that have been made before, so I am not here to bash you. I want to work with you. We are working with the Stan Greenspon Center, the Affordable Housing Coalition and also my own organization, Quicker than Today, Sooner than Tomorrow. That is the focus of what we want to do in the Grier Heights Community. I look like this, because I represent the hood, because they cannot be here. I am here for them. When you see my face, I was on drugs last year, homeless in your City. It was not a pretty thing, so I represent those people. When you see me and you see people that look like me, do not be afraid, because we are your citizens too. We deserve to be taken care of too.

Charlotte Black Film Festival Impact

Tommy Nichols, P.O. Box 33367 said I am the founder of the Charlotte Black Film Festival, which started in 2010 so when the economic train of film and media come through this City, diversity and inclusion would take place and people of color would not be left behind. Being one of the worst Cities in the nation for upward economic mobility, you would think that our efforts would be celebrated. Since 2013, we have been communicating continuously with CRVA, and for the last two years, we have been trying to get a meeting with the Economic Development Chair Councilmember Mitchell, but to no avail. The only goal was to discuss the possibilities on how could we expand our efforts like the Winston Salem Black Theater Festival, which draws 60,000 attendees. The only time that I will ever get a response from Mr. Mitchell was when it was about the Black Enterprise Summit. Over eight years, thousands of attendees have come to Charlotte from all over the world and have probably spent close to \$400,000 in direct spending in this City, but we cannot somehow get a conversation.

We conduct year-round workforce development training and technology media to prepare minorities with 21 Century job skills, but we cannot get a conversation. We provide youth tach film camps in low-income areas. Councilmember Dimple came to over there on the east side and Councilmember Harlow; you've seen the work that I have don't on the west side with youth there and adults at Johnson C. University. Last year, the City's economic development logo was placed clearly on the second annual Asian Film Festival. I was very discouraged when I saw that, but then I got a call from Councilmember LaWana Mayfield and I just want to let you know publicly that your words that you spoke to me encouraged me and gave me life, and that is why I am continuing because of what you said to me. In addition, we know that black enterprise owns the American Black Film Festival. So, my staff told me that, I questioned is that why we cannot have a conversation, because the big support for Black Enterprise in that festival somehow affects what we do here in Charlotte.

Illegal Parking

Edward Bradford, 2330 Tipton Drive, Suite 100 said my family owns Victory Lane Indoor Carting, Pit Road Bar and Grill, and Gasoline Alley, a little place just over off the I-77/I-85 interchange area behind the Pilot Truck Stop, just trying to draw a picture for you. I am here asking you that you remove the delineators and 18 wheelers from Tipton Drive, not for any favors, just the law. It is illegal to park on Tipton Drive. The North Carolina Department of Transportation has stuck these plastic things in the road narrowing the road, so now, our customers are head on to each other going down the road. Not recent, 12-years. I have been talking to City Council going back years now, Mayors, Department of Transportation the Police Department, and nothing happened; it has gotten worse. Twelve years, my grandchildren think that it is a joke; my daughters think it is a joke, but we all everyday get up seven days a week and go in there, love on our customers, but the first thing that we here is wow, we almost got killed coming down the street. Come on, 12 years, truckers have a problem. That e-log takes them off the

highway, and they park on our street. I cannot solve your e-log problems with the Department of Transportation. I have no effect on that. You cannot let things go for 12 years and not even attempt to solve the problem, shoot me back a letter and I look at the letter and I say man, I cannot show this letter to my family. That is embarrassing, no attempt to solve the problem.

Mayor Lyles said we are working on that; let us get back to you again. I understand. I hear we have had these complaints a number of places right now, and we will get back with you with what we are trying to accomplish.

Mr. Bradford said so, the head-on traffic is okay for now, no problem?

Mayor Lyles said I did not say that. I understand. I have to be respectful of other people's time.

Escalations of ICE Raids

Jorge Millares, 2436 Kensington Station Parkway said due to the escalation of ICE raids in our community, last week, the Board of County Commissioners passed a resolution in full support of our immigrant community and Sherriff McFadden's end to 287-g. We are all here to say that it is time for the City to step up to the plate. While we value the efforts of Federico Rios and the Office of International Relations, we feel that immediate action needs to take place. Tonight, you will hear the stories of how an entire community is being terrorized by ICE on the streets here in Charlotte. While that may not bring you some level of discomfort, and maybe it will, maybe this will get your attention. Let's talk about the economic impact of the undocumented community here in Charlotte. In recent years, undocumented residents have paid over \$277 million in state and local taxes. If they were granted a path to citizenship, that number would go up by 34% to \$371 million in state and local taxes annually. If that was not enough, there are over 34,000 construction workers in Mecklenburg County. Do you know how many of them are undocumented? Over 13,500 of them, that is almost 40%. Can you imagine what would happen if almost 40% of the construction workforce in Charlotte were to be deported? It would be detrimental to our local economy. In addition to that, but what can the Council do, right? That is what we think about; it is a federal issue. I beg to differ. The first thing that we can do is release a statement condemning the ICE raids like seven other cities in North Carolina have done. Additionally, we amend the Federal Legislative Agenda to include immigration reform. Two weeks ago, there was a motion to discuss this, only four votes: Councilmembers Winston, Egleston, Newton, and Ajmera. Thank you, but what about the rest of you? Are we afraid of what Raleigh is going to say? We have got to stop worrying about what Raleigh thinks and place more concern on the wellbeing of our residents here in Charlotte.

CMS Issues

Gemini Boyd, 12611 Frank Wiley Lane said I came down to speak about an issue, but before I say anything, I want the Hispanic community to know that I stand with you in everything that you do. I support you in anything you do, and I love the fact that you are here to fight what is right for you.

To move forward on my issue is that Project Vote is putting together a youth townhall, and it is a youth townhall predicated around five individuals, which are students, to give us solutions and ideas about the violence in the school system that we cannot seem to solve, because we cannot seem to allow them to have a platform to discuss issues that tell us what is going on in the school. I supported a lot of individuals sitting up here on this panel; some of you all I do not even know that I helped individuals vote for you, and I ask one thing is that I need support now. I do a lot of stuff in this community. Every one of you all who know me knows that I do a lot of stuff in the community. I fight for the rights of the youth and the returning citizens of this community. Right now, I am in need of help with my youth townhall that is going to be placed March 24th, which is on a Sunday, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Delta House. Right now, we are in limbo of searching for help. We have no sponsors. I am doing everything on my own, but we have to solve these

issues in our school system with the gun violence, bullying and everything else. We cannot sit back and allow this stuff to continue to happen, because everything that has been discussed with you all privately doesn't seem to work. What we have to do is close our mouth for a change and allow the students to tell us what the issues are that they are going through. I look for support for my City Council. I look for support from all of you all if there is any way possible. I spoke to Mr. Winston about this issue; he is on board with it. Thank you for your support.

ICE Raids

Melba Evans, 6601 Woodmont Place said I am the President of the National Organization of Women in the Charlotte Chapter, and tonight we are angry and very disappointed. Last week, the Mecklenburg County Commissioners unanimously passed a declaration for support for our immigrant community praising Sherriff McFadden. Mayors of Durham, Greensboro, Fayetteville, Ashville, Chapel Hill, Carrboro, even Salisbury, and 17 elected officials of the Triad made public declarations in support of their immigrant communities, yet you have remained silent. Silence is complicity. Charlotte cannot claim, as you say, to be a welcoming, loving community, when you are absolutely silent to families being forced to hide in fear. Immigrants are your constituents too. They are our brothers, sisters, neighbors, and friends. Most immigrants live in mixed-status households, and two-third of our immigrants are women and children. Children are being traumatized and afraid to go to school. ICE focuses on the males, thus leaving the mothers and the children at home to fend for themselves and destabilizing families. Racial profiling is happening right here on the streets of Charlotte. You talk about it when it is somewhere else, but when it is right here on our streets, you have been silent. It is your responsibility to listen and react to the concerns of all communities. Human rights are not optional, and it is a human right to live in our community and expect to not be profiled and terrorized on the streets. It is a human right to expect you to support all of our communities and alleviate those fears and terror. When you refuse to speak out and show support for our immigrants, you are not standing up for human rights. Someone said, this is the new normal, and I say no, we will never accept this as normal.

Immigration

Sil Ganzo, 3925 Willard Farrow Drive said yet again, even our families are being torn apart, community members arrested in the neighborhoods, places of work, and our streets without cause. Yet again, terrified parents are hiding their children who are crying in a tight, dark closet, because uniformed agents are banging on the door. This is a horrific narrative that not only this country but humanity has vowed to not ever repeat. The hardest part for me is knowing that I cannot tell the children that I work with what they need to hear. I cannot tell them that they are safe in Charlotte. I cannot tell them that they belong here, because the City is not showing us that they do. You may think that your words do not matter, but we are here to tell you ICE can hear you and your silence loud and clear. Your silence is saying there is nothing that we can do, take them. You are telling us there is nothing you can do. All you can do is hide. On February 16, 2019, I had the opportunity to ask Councilmember Mayfield why won't the City Council, and Mayor defend our families? She said well, we have not heard from you. We are here today to change that. We ask that the City Council recognize the ongoing trauma our community is facing and make a statement supporting Sherriff McFadden ending 287-g, a proclamation on our side and include immigration to the Federal Legislative Agenda. To Mayor Lyles I ask why didn't you sign that letter? What was it about that you did not agree with?

Mayor Lyles said I will answer that question for you, a letter to you especially, and to the community. Thank you for asking for that.

Ms. Ganzo said I really appreciate it and if you want to, share it now.

Mayor Lyles said I will share it now, but we have a list of people who are in order, and we follow our rules for the public hearing, but I would be glad to address it at the end of the public hearing.

Ms. Ganzo said this is about human decency, our community has the right to not be terrorized in this so called welcoming city. We appreciate Federico and the team, and we are going to be here to help them and support them in any way that we can.

ICE Raids

Ruth Perez, 8412 Douglas Drive said first of all, I am here standing with my community; everyone here has a voice. We all voted for you all. You all are working for us, so we deserve an explanation. We deserve a letter like any other City has done throughout North Carolina. I do agree with mostly everything that was written. Ms. Lyles, you and I had a conversation, and I hope that really works, and I want to see it in public. Do not make me come out and throw everything out there.

Mayor Lyles said I promise I will not make you come out.

Ms. Perez said please, just the way that everyone works hard for the votes to put you all in that seat, we deserve for you all to give us the protection that we need. Our kids are traumatized. My child is 11 years old. He looks Hispanic, but he is a U.S. citizen, and he deserves to walk into school safely. He deserves to be in the streets and not be in question if he is an immigrant or if he doesn't have any papers. We deserve protection from each and every one of you all, because my taxes pay your check.

ICE Raids

Stephanie Hamrick, 6436 Jerimoth Drive said I would tell you all that I would make this quick, but my daddy was a preacher's son, and I have a word for you. You have heard today about the emotional and economic impacts of the ICE raids in our City. I am here to tell you this failure to support our most vulnerable neighbors is a moral outrage. I have chronic pain. I am hurting more days than not. Last Monday, I marched alongside our immigrant neighbors despite the pain. This Council has had opportunities to make real changes just by raising your hands, and most of you could not be bothered. Last week when we hosted a food giveaway, I personally invited several of you via Facebook to donate food, donate money, show up, anything, zero response. Meanwhile, immigrant owned business, Manolo's Bakery, even with the massive financial hit that they have taken, they gave us bread for 100 people. Mayor Lyles, you have once again thrown together a short-term taskforce. I have total 100% faith in the people on that taskforce, but this City has learned through bitter experience that when they bring their recommendations, you are going to ignore them. You are calling us on Sunday afternoon when you have known all week we are coming isn't good faith outreach; it is damage control. It should offend every person of faith in this room. The members of this Council voted on a Monday not to even discuss adding immigration reform to the Federal Agenda then sat in church on Sunday like they have done nothing wrong. Leviticus 19:34 says that the foreigners residing among you must be treated as your native born. Love them as yourself, for you were foreigners from the land of Egypt. I am not here to tell you that you are going to hell for your failure. I am telling you that they are going through hell right now. We owe it to them to use every single tool at our disposal to get them safety and peace. I am going to close with one more verse. Deuteronomy 27:19, Cursed is anyone who withholds justice from the foreigner, the fatherless, and the widow. And let all the people say amen.

ICE Out of Charlotte

Tera Long, 11226 Stony Path Drive said I am an adoptive mother of a Mexican immigrant. This topic is near and dear to my heart. The immigration laws here are atrocious and need correction. I understand that City Council is not in charge of these federal laws, but we can have compassion and mercy for our immigrant community. Parents sacrifice all they have to come here and offer a better future for their children. Children come here as young as infancy. These children have grown up in U.S. schools, only speak English, now as a grownup, they are at risk for deportation to a land that they do not know and a language they do not speak. What is City Council doing about it? They

Mayor has created a board with Federico and Councilmembers Larken, Mitchell, Newton, and Ajmera. I think that this board is a great idea. I am requesting that they have frequent updates with key community leaders, like Sil, Jessica, and Estefania. Every day, they work as advocates in our immigrant community and can identify the community needs. Immigrants need to feel safe using items that City Council oversees like Fire. When immigrants do not feel safe calling agencies like Fire, it threatens the safety of the entire community. Lastly, use the power of your voice to speak out onto unjust issues. Thank you Councilmembers Newton, Winston, and Ajmera for speaking out against this unjust situation.

Community Defense

Andrew Woods, 26111 Millingport Road said I am immigrant number A39113239; Bishop 22 said, if you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor. It has been weeks. We have begged for your help; the ones that have spoken, we have heard you. The rest of you, I am not here to address you. You are cowards and I have no faith. I am here to address the community sitting behind me. Remember the ones that stood with you, and remember what Karl Marx said, we have no compassion for you, and we ask no compassion from you. When it is our turn, we will give no excuses for the terror.

Immigrant Community

Emily Plauche, 1218 Green Oaks Lane said almost three years ago to the day, I was here advocating for the passing of a non-discrimination ordinance. Now today, here we are advocating for equality and safety advocacy once again for yet another group that suffered from systematic targeting and oppression. I am still not sure why City officials advocating for the most marginalized of our constituents is time after time so difficult, but here I stand again to reinforce again that Charlotte should be a City where all people feel welcomed, and all people feel safe. Immigrants are constituents too. We are all constituents, and our voices should be heard just as loudly in your ears as the wealthy moderates of Myers Park and the banking kinds on South Tryon. Establishing a committee is doing nothing for the families who today are paralyzed with fear and today do not want to be profiled on the way to the grocery store and who today do not feel welcomed or safe in our city. Your one-time photo ops are Manolo's or at Our Bridge or Brie Amigos are not enough. Your excuse that you have not heard from people who do not feel safe to leave their homes are not enough. Establishing a committee while ICE is out day-after-day unjustly profiling my neighbors and paralyzing my community with fear is not enough. When seven other cities across this state can sign a simple statement condemning ICE activity and we cannot, it is the upmost display of cowardness. Your delays on taking real action and your silence outside of this building is defining. If you are not going to be servant leaders washing the feet of the least of these, then you do not deserve to lead. If you are not here for the purpose of serving the marginalized of this community just as equally as you are serving your largest campaign donors or the RNC, then you do not deserve to be behind this dais. Then the ICE raids like the other seven cities did in North Carolina and amend the Federal Legislative Agenda to include comprehensive legislative reform.

Entertainment Club

Shamira Collins, 9510 Huntsham Road said I am here on behalf of the adult entertainment business here in Charlotte, North Carolina. Three of them are owned by Cletus Corey. I forget his last name; he is a pimp, like the rest of these- Anyway, a lot of the dancers are being raped; they are being abused, sexually assaulted. A lot of these clubs- They had one in the news, Club Nikki's, a guy lost his life All-Star Weekend. These clubs are selling fake liquor. Corey is the owner of Club Nikki's, Diamonds of Charlotte, and Candi's Cabaret. We would like for him to get shut down, because a lot of sex trafficking is going on in these strip clubs. A lot of people are not saying a lot of things about it, because our voices are not heard, because we are just strippers, and we have no voice. That is unacceptable, and next time I come there will be more of us strippers up in here, and you are going to see more of us more and more. You aren't going to see us

in two positions face down, behind up. You are going to see us up here standing for our rights, because everyone in here has rights, so do entertainers and strippers as well.

ICE Resolution

Maurice Falls, 11538 Red Hickory Lane said I am here on behalf of the NAACP and as a native Charlottean. I just want to speak to the fact that I stand with the immigrant community here as a person that this community has taught to speak Spanish since third grade, and what disappoints me is the lack of courage here. We are asking you to do simple things. The most important thing that we are asking you to do is to come up with a plan. I understand in the face of governmental bullying tactics that you do not have the authority to do certain things, but you can plan to protect people and stand up for them. That is simple. That is what you are elected to do, and that is what leadership is. So, right now, we are asking for every single person at this dais to show leadership, show compassion, show empathy, and tell this community that this is a place for every person, regardless of your country of origin and that we are here as Charlotteans for one community and standing on one voice for everyone.

NBA All-Star Game

Tameran Davenport, 6811 Rain Creek Way said I am the CEO of Positive Outlook Beard Care, a Tameran Baxter Inc. Company. My focus today is on the City of Charlotte in partnership with small businesses and non-profit organizations when venues come to Charlotte. The world had large expectations for the NBA All-Star Weekend, and so did the City of Charlotte and those that live here. News reporters and media have been very adamant on telling Charlotteans to stay away from downtown, to stay at home and to not be included in this monumental event. Charlotte did such an amazing job in relaying that message that the roads and the airports had less traffic than normal. Those of us who did get a chance to attend All-Star Weekend felt the message to stay at home first hand. Inner Vision, an amazing non-profit organization that caters to assisting our loved ones with mental health concerns and several small businesses, including Positive Outlook Beard Care, gather at a prime location, right below the Spectrum Center, East Trade, and East Caldwell, to give back to our community, welcome the world to Charlotte, and to show what unique value propositions Charlotte and the surrounding area had to offer. We were met with very tall fences and banners blocking visibility and a fencing that will not allow people to walk down East Trade for us to welcome them. We did not have a chance to show our hospitality and show unique proposition and wanting to welcome everyone to Charlotte. We did not get a chance to do that?

Mayor Lyles said that is the end of our public forum for tonight, and you asked me to let you know why I did not sign a letter. I respect the Mayors of the other communities that did sign the letter. It is not always easy to be in this seat, and tonight, I can feel many of you are thinking, well it is better that you are sitting here than I am, but I am sitting here tonight. Let me just go to you with this letter and why I did it. Generally, I try to respect the form of government we have. In fact, not generally, I try to respect the form of government that we have. As Mayor, I have a responsibility to preside over, to try to make sure that our committees and agendas all work, but this is a Council-Manager form of government, and at the time that that letter came was the time that I was also working on setting up the Committee. I thought, I do not send out press releases about a committee appointment. I do not have any big announcements to make, but I thought in my heart and you asked about empathy and compassion, that I was setting up and doing something that would work, but that is one of the reasons that I listen so hard to what you are saying, and I have heard you. I did call many of you when I was out of town and I came back into town, I called, because I wanted you to know that I had set up a system or way to do this, and I thought that would work, but it obviously is not enough for what you expect of us or me. So, what I am willing to do is try to learn more about what you do expect. This is not the first time that this audience has been filled with people who care deeply about issues, and I want you to understand that I have lived here a very long time. I have I spoken with many of you and encouraged many of the activities that you have. I would hope that we would be able to continue to do that, because by continuing to work together, we will all be stronger.

I do not sign a lot of letters. I do not sign petitions that come over, and even sometimes I do not have time to check my Facebook messages. I listen very carefully to every speaker, and I am willing to have a conversation with many of you however we can, but I- I do not vote. I preside. I do have power. That is that power that you grant me, and right now I am saying to you that I appreciate it. I am willing to work with you. The Council committee will continue. I will be there, and we will work through this as a community to be better and stronger, so thank you very much.

Councilmember Winston said there was one topic that Ms. Collins brought up about sex trafficking in the City. It is something that unfortunately we have been a leader at and something that has come up in the past. I think that we should somehow look into this specifically. This is not the first time I have heard it.

Mayor Lyles said also Club Nikki, I have heard a lot about that. We have already started an investigation, and we will get back on top of that.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Councilmember Egleston and seconded by Councilmember Phipps to approve the Consent Agenda as presented with the exceptions of Item Nos. 53, 54, and 60 which will be brought back to the March 25, 2019 Business Meeting; Item Nos. 52, 56, 57, 59, 67, 70, and 72 which were settled; and Item No. 64 which was pulled by staff.
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Councilmember Mitchell said regarding Item No. 29: Louise Avenue Parking Lot Improvements, I just want to thank City staff, Nancy and her staff have been working very hard on CBI and in this agenda item the goal was 19.9% for MBE and they achieved 24.43% and sometimes we need to praise the staff for their hard work so, great job staff.

Mr. Mitchell said regarding Item No. 30; just one clarification on this it lists SBE twice and I want to know if the second part is really a reflection of MBE. SBE is at 22% and we achieved 22.65% and then it has SBE again at 9% and we achieved 9.03%. Is there a typo?

Marie Harris, Strategy and Budget said yes sir I believe that is a type. The second one should be MBE.

Councilmember Phipps said I would like to inform the Hidden Valley Community that this \$1.5 million project extended Orr Road over to Elgywood Lane is going to bring about some good connectivity and traffic flow to a strategic entry point to the Valley. The project will include two travel lanes, bike lanes, curb and gutter, sidewalks, planning strip and street trees, left-turn access on North Tryon Street and it is going to be a good addition to the overall infrastructure improvements to the Hidden Valley Community. I know the community has been briefed on this project several months ago but now it is coming to fruition and I just wanted to make them aware of it.

Councilmember Mayfield said with regards to Item No. 34, I wanted to speak to and I've already had a chance to speak to Mr. Cagle on this. We have a low MWSBE percentage on this, I think it was like 4.21% and what I'm asking is because one of the items is the GIS data development; we split it up between two companies. We need to change the conversation regarding always trying to identify a sub. We have prime that are minority owned companies in IT in the City. This would have been a great opportunity instead of just looking for a sub to do a piece of the work, to have utilized and done our outreach through our partnerships with not only Black Tech Charlotte but the other groups that we have made relationships with where we could have had a prime be a part of this conversation opposed to trying to identify a small amount out of a million-dollar contract

to be split. Here is an opportunity for us to really look at rethinking how we are doing our bid process to not just look at subs but look at prime opportunities as well.

Mayor Lyles said that Ms. Mayfield points out something that I've really been concerned about. Often when we are talking about subs it is a lot easier because the bonding requirements and the insurance requirements are not there. My understanding is that a lot of those requirements are set by state law and I would like for us to really dive down into what is preventing us from having major primes on contracts like this that a minority or women-owned firms and I would really like for us to investigate that in time for us to come back and talk about any specific changes we would ask from the state around that issue of bonding because I think that stands in our way often.

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

The following items were approved:

Item No. 29: Louise Avenue Parking Lot Improvements

Approve a contract in the amount of \$2,070,180.55 to the lowest responsive bidder Blythe Development Co. for the Louise Avenue Parking lot improvement project.

Summary of Bids

Blythe Development Co.	\$2,070,180.55
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Item No. 30: Orr Road Extension/Elgywood Lane Project

Approve a contract in the amount of \$1,549,828.50 to the lowest responsive bidder Blythe Development Co., for the Orr Road Extension/Elgywood Lane Project.

Summary of Bids

Blythe Development Co.	\$1,549,828.50
Zoladz Construction Co., Inc.	\$1,694,000.00
Sealand Contractors Corp.	\$1,720,209.21
WSH Construction, Inc.	\$1,970,472.90
United of Carolinas, Inc.	\$1,978,160.80
Blythe Construction Inc.	\$2,081,956.80

Item No. 31: Sewer Cleaning and Closed-Circuit Television Inspection Services

(A) Approve unit price contracts with the following companies for sewer cleaning and closed-circuit television inspection services for an initial term of one year: Hydrostructures, PA, Pipe Pros, LLC, and (B) Authorize the City Manager to renew the contracts for up to two, one-year terms with possible price adjustments and to amend the contracts consistent with the purpose for which the contracts were approved.

Item No. 32: Water and Sanitary Sewer Repairs

Approve a contract in the amount of \$3,236,895.44 to the lowest responsive bidder Fuller & Company Construction, LLC for water and sanitary sewer repairs.

Summary of Bids

Fuller	\$3,236,895.44
Dellinger, Inc.	\$4,185,182.93
State Utility Contractors	\$7,145,985.00

Item No. 33: Engineering Services for the Pipeline Rehabilitation and Replacement Program

Approve a contract for up to \$1,900,000 with Gavel & Dorn Engineering, PLLC for engineering services for the Pipeline Rehabilitation and Replacement Program.

Item No. 34: Airport South Campus Fiber installation

Approve a contract in the amount of 41,571,200 with Brooks-Berry-Haynie & Associates, Inc. for South Campus Fiber Installation.

Item No. 35: Airport Shuttle Bus Camera Systems

(A) Approve the purchase of Airport Bus Camera Systems, as authorized by the sole source exemption, and (B) Approve a contract in the amount of \$166,322.25 with Carolina Thomas, LLC for the purchase of Airport bus camera systems.

Item No. 36: Airport Entrance Monument

Approve a contract for \$539,000 with C Design Inc. for Professional Design Services associated with the Airport Entrance Monument project.

Item No. 37: Airport Romare Bearden Limited-Edition Lithographs

(A) Approve the purchase of 15 limited-edition signed lithographs by artist Romare Bearden, by the sole source exemption, and (B) Approve an agreement with the Arts and Science Council for the purchase of 15 limited-edition signed lithographs by artist Romare Bearden, in the amount of \$126,700, to add to the art collection for public display at the Airport.

Item No. 38: Financial Auditing Services

(A) Approve a contract with Cherry Bekaert, LLP, for financial auditing services for an initial term of one year, and (B) Authorize the City Manager to renew the contract for up to four, one-year terms, with possible price adjustments and to amend the contract consistent with the purpose for which the contract was approved.

Item No. 39: Set Public Hearing for Convention Center Facilities and Refund of 2009 Certificates of Participation

(A) Adopt an initial findings resolution that makes certain findings for the proposed financing and calls for the execution of various documents necessary to complete the sale of Certificates of Participation (COPs), and (B) Adopt a resolution setting a public hearing for March 25, 2019, for an installment financing contract not to exceed \$142,500,000 to finance the City's renovation of the Convention Center, construction of a Conference Center in partnership with the Foundation of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, and refunding of 2009 Certificates of Participation.

The resolution is recoded in full in Resolution Book 49, at Page(s) 365-369.

Item No. 40: Set Public Hearing on Withrow Downs Phase 3 Voluntary Annexation

Adopt a resolution setting the public hearing for March 25, 2019, for the Withrow Downs Phase 3 voluntary annexation petition.

The resolution is recoded in full in Resolution Book 49, at Page(s) 370-372.

Item No. 41: Set Public Hearing on Lemmond Farms Voluntary Annexation

Adopt a resolution setting the public hearing for March 25, 2019, for the Lemmond Farms voluntary annexation petition.

The resolution is recoded in full in Resolution Book 49, at Page(s) 373-375.

Item No. 42: Set Public Hearing for Riverbent Phase 3 Voluntary Annexation

Adopt a resolution setting the public hearing for March 25, 2019, for the Riverbent Phase 3 area voluntary annexation petition.

The resolution is recoded in full in Resolution Book 49, at Page(s) 376-377.

Item No. 43: Set Public Hearing date for Steele Creek Landing Voluntary Annexation

Adopt a resolution setting the public hearing for March 25, 2019, for the Steele Creek Landing voluntary annexation petition.

The resolution is recoded in full in Resolution Book 49, at Page(s) 378-382.

Item No. 44: Set Public Hearing on Sutton Farm Phase 2 Voluntary Annexation

Adopt a resolution setting the public hearing for March 25, 2019, for the Sutton Farm Phase 2 voluntary annexation petition.

The resolution is recoded in full in Resolution Book 49, at Page(s) 383-384.

Item No. 45: Meeting Minutes

Approve the titles, motions, and votes reflected in the Clerk's record as the minutes of: January 28 - 30, 2019 Annual Strategy Meeting.

PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS

Item No. 46: Property Transactions – Chandworth Drainage Improvements, Parcel #12

Acquisition of 2,221 square feet (.051 acre) in Storm Drainage Easement, plus 676 square feet (.016 acre) in Sanitary Sewer Easement, plus 985 square feet (.023 acre) in Temporary Construction Easement at 3914 Chandworth Road from David M. Feldser and Penelope P. Feldser for \$15,150 for Chandworth Drainage Improvements, Parcel #12.

Item No. 47: Property Transaction – Chandworth Drainage Improvements, Parcel #40

Acquisition of 2,777 square feet (.064 acre) in Storm Drainage Easement, plus 2,010 square feet (.046 acre) in Sanitary Sewer Easement, plus 3,020 square feet (.069 acre) in Temporary Construction Easement, plus 179 square feet (.004 acre) in Existing Drainage Accepted as Storm Drainage Easement at 3927 Chandworth Road from Michael T. Aylmore for \$19,175 for Chandworth Drainage Improvements, Parcel #40.

Item No. 48: Property Transactions – Five Points Plaza Improvements, Parcel #2

Acquisition of 1,574 square feet (.036 acre) in Fee Simple, 267 square feet (.006 acre) in Temporary Construction Easement at 1800 Rozzelles Ferry Road from Willie L. Starr for \$147,725 for Five Points Plaza Improvements, Parcel #2.

Item No. 49: Property Transactions – Hinsdale – Tinkerbelle Drainage Improvements, Parcel #54

Acquisition of 981.67 square feet (.023 acre) in Storm Drainage Easement, plus 120.77 square feet (.003 acre) in Sanitary Sewer Easement, plus 1,094 square feet (.025 acre) in Temporary Construction Easement at 3416 Cotillion Avenue from Kevin L. Loftin and Karin W. Loftin for \$12,075 for Hinsdale - Tinkerbelle Drainage Improvements, Parcel #54.

Item No. 50: Property Transactions – Irvins Creek Trunk, Parcel #6

Acquisition of 3,933 square feet (.09 acre) in Sanitary Sewer Easement, plus 2,568 square feet (.059 acre) in Temporary Construction Easement at 11130 Lawyers Road from David Levi and Elaine Levi for \$22,356 for Irvins Creek Trunk, Parcel #6.

Item No. 51: Property Transactions – Irvins Creek Trunk, Parcel #7

Acquisition of 2,847 square feet (.065 acre) in Sanitary Sewer Easement, plus 1,898 square feet (.044 acre) in Temporary Construction Easement at 11200 Lawyers Road from Robert L. Rowland and Brenda H. Rowland for \$17,326 for Irvins Creek Trunk, Parcel #7.

Item No. 55: Property Transactions – Chandworth Drainage Improvements, Parcel #9

Resolution of Condemnation of 556 square feet (.013 acre) in Storm Drainage Easement, plus 644 square feet (.015 acre) in Sanitary Sewer Easement, plus 1,575 square feet (.036 acre) in Temporary Construction Easement, plus 3,324 square feet (.076 acre) in Existing Drainage Accepted as Storm Drainage Easement at 3834 Chandworth Road from Julaine M. Untereker for \$14,525 for Chandworth Drainage Improvements, Parcel #9.

The resolution is recoded in full in Resolution Book 49, at Page(s) 387.

Item No. 58: Property Transactions – Chandworth Drainage Improvements, Parcel #13

Resolution of Condemnation of 2,597 square feet (.06 acre) in Storm Drainage Easement, plus 1,297 square feet (.03 acre) in Sanitary Sewer Easement, plus 1,196 square feet

(.027 acre) in Temporary Construction Easement at 3920 Chandworth Road from Carol C. Soggs Living Trust dated July 8, 2011 for \$13,475 for Chandworth Drainage Improvements, Parcel #13.

The resolution is recoded in full in Resolution Book 49, at Page(s) 389.

Item No. 61: Property Transactions – Chandworth Drainage Improvements, Parcel #42

Resolution of Condemnation of 1,866 square feet (.043 acre) in Storm Drainage Easement, plus 351 square feet (.008 acre) in Temporary Construction Easement, plus 946 square feet (.022 acre) in Existing Drainage Accepted as Storm Drainage Easement at 4020 Sussex Avenue from Deborah Stoudenmire for \$16,875 for Chandworth Drainage Improvements, Parcel #42.

The resolution is recoded in full in Resolution Book 49, at Page(s) 391.

Item No. 62: Property Transactions – Five Points Plaza Improvements, Parcel #1

Resolution of Condemnation of 1,204 square feet (.028 acre) in Fee Simple and 408 square feet (.009 acre) in Temporary Construction Easement at 101 Beatties Ford Road from Mechanics and Farmers Bank for \$69,725 for Five Points Plaza Improvements, Parcel #1

The resolution is recoded in full in Resolution Book 49, at Page(s) 392.

Item No. 63: Property Transactions – Five Points Plaza Improvements, Parcel #3

Resolution of Condemnation of 2,169 square feet (.05 acre) in Fee Simple and 880 square feet (.02 acre) in Temporary Construction Easement at 1801 Rozzelles Ferry Road from Charlotte-Mecklenburg Hospital Authority for \$110,325 for Five Points Plaza Improvements, Parcel #3.

The resolution is recoded in full in Resolution Book 49, at Page(s) 393.

Item No. 65: Property Transactions – Little Sugar Creek Tributary Trunk Sewer to North Tryon Street, Parcel #6

Resolution of Condemnation of 16,882 square feet (.388 acre) in Storm Drainage Easement, plus 15,661 square feet (.36 acre) in Sanitary Sewer Easement, plus 36,052 square feet (.828 acre) in Temporary Construction Easement at 200 Wadsworth from Don R. Reid and Lisa P. Reid for an amount to be determined for Little Sugar Creek Tributary Trunk Sewer to North Tryon Street, Parcel #6.

The resolution is recoded in full in Resolution Book 49, at Page(s) 394.

Item No. 66: Property Transactions – NC 51 Sidewalk (McAlpine Creek to Ridgeloch Place), Parcel #1 and 2

Resolution of Condemnation of 788 square feet (.018 acre) in Storm Drainage Easement, plus 2,909 square feet (.067 acre) in Sidewalk and Utility Easement, plus 12,546 square feet (.288 acre) in Temporary Construction Easement at 6609 Reafield Drive from Fairfield Reafield Village, LLC for an amount to be determined for NC-51 Sidewalk (McAlpine Creek to Ridgeloch Place), Parcels #1 and 2.

The resolution is recoded in full in Resolution Book 49, at Page(s) 395.

Item No. 68: Property Transactions – NC 51 Sidewalk (McAlpine Creek to Ridgeloch Place), Parcel #17

Resolution of Condemnation of 1,188 square feet (.027 acre) in Temporary Construction Easement at 4601 Nora's Path Road from Matthew D. Pikel and Michelle M. Pikel for an amount to be determined for NC 51 Sidewalk (McAlpine Creek to Ridgeloch Place), Parcel #17.

The resolution is recoded in full in Resolution Book 49, at Page(s) 396.

Item No. 69: Property Transactions – NC 51 Sidewalk (McAlpine Creek to Ridgeloach Place), Parcel #25

Resolution of Condemnation of 29,561 square feet (.679 acre) in Temporary Construction Easement at 4100 Pineville-Matthews Road from C & J Enterprises, Inc. for an amount to be determined for NC 51 Sidewalk (McAlpine Creek to Ridgeloach Place), Parcel #25.

The resolution is recoded in full in Resolution Book 49, at Page(s) 397.

Item No. 71: Property Transactions – NC 51 Sidewalk (McAlpine Creek to Ridgeloach Place), Parcel #8, 9 and 10

Resolution of Condemnation of 6,105 square feet (.14 acre) in Sidewalk and Utility Easement, plus 12,807square feet (.294 acre) in Temporary Construction Easement at Pineville-Matthew Road from Challis Farm Homeowners Association, Inc. for an amount to be determined for NC 1 Sidewalk (McAlpine Creek to Ridgeloach Place), Parcels #8, 9 and 10.

The resolution is recoded in full in Resolution Book 49, at Page(s) 398.

Item No. 73; Property Transactions – state Street Pedestrian Improvement, Parcel #13

Resolution of Condemnation of 272 square feet (.006 acre) in Sidewalk and Utility Easement, plus 34 square feet (.001 acre) in Temporary Construction Easement at 401 State Street from KB Holdings, LLC, Patrick Deely and Bradlee Johnson for an amount to be determined for State Street Pedestrian Improvement, Parcel #19.

The resolution is recoded in full in Resolution Book 49, at Page(s) 399.

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PUBLIC HEARING

ITEM NO. 10: PUBLIC HEARING ON AVIDXCHANGE, INC. BUSINESS INVESTMENT GRANT

Mayor Lyles declared the hearing open.

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

Motion was made by Councilmember Egleston, seconded by Councilmember Newton, and carried unanimously to approve the City's share of a Business Investment Grant to AvidXchange, Inc. for a total estimated amount of \$1,237,682 over seven years.

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ITEM NO. 11: PUBLIC HEARING ON A RESOLUTION TO CLOSE CASCADE CIRCLE

Mayor Lyles declared the hearing open.

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

Motion was made by Councilmember Egleston, seconded by Councilmember Newton, and carried unanimously to adopt a resolution to close Cascade Circle.

The resolution is recoded in full in Resolution Book 49, at Page(s) 345-347.

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ITEM NO. 12: PUBLIC HEARING ON A RESOLUTION TO CLOSE A PORTION OF PINCKNEY AVENUE

Mayor Lyles declared the hearing open.

There being no speakers either for or against, a motion was made by Councilmember Egleston, seconded by Councilmember Phipps, and carried unanimously to close the public hearing and adopt a resolution to close a portion of Pinckney Avenue.

The resolution is recoded in full in Resolution Book 49, at Page(s) 348-351.

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POLICY

ITEM NO. 13: CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Marcus Jones, City Manager said you do have my 30-day memo in front of your seats. I would like Pam Wideman to come up to talk about two initiatives that are occurring, one is our Micro Grant Program. You may remember that you approved \$50,000 in the FY2018 budget, as well as \$100,000 in the FY2019 budget, and Pam would like to just give you an update of where we are with that, as well as a little piece of the neighborhood board retreat over the weekend.

Pamela Wideman, Director of Housing and Neighborhood Services said I will start first with the Micro Grant Program; I will remind you all that is a collaboration between CMPD, Community Relations Committee and is run out of the office of Housing and Neighborhood Services. In February 2018, we developed the jumpstart initiative as a grassroots community programing, again around the community empowerment themes, which are: conflict mediation, crime fighting, and providing opportunities for youth and parents. We granted \$500 micro grants to over 60 organizations, and those programs were very successful in the initial phase. Moving forward we have completed the applications for 2019. We have reviewed 135 completed applications; 48 organizations will receive funding between \$500 and \$1,000, and those letters are in the mail to those organizations. The breakdown to those organizations are in front of you. The 31 non-profits, nine grassroots, five limited liability corporations, three neighborhood organizations, and two youth led projects.

We wanted to go a step further this year. We did not want to just put out money to the community, although that is good. We wanted to provide some capacity rebuilding training to the organization so they would be able to apply for grants for other foundations as they build and grow. So, we received 70 applications for that work; we have accepted a pilot of eight organizations who will receive training and some group coaching and \$5,000 to use for capacity building for their efforts. Our first training session will begin on March 23rd. You have examples of the different projects here. The point is just to show you again that the grants are around Conflict Resolution, Crime Fighting Opportunities for Youth and Parents, and we did add this year, consistent with the Leading on Opportunity report addressing racial segregation and family stability.

Again, I know this is very wordy, but I wanted to just say to you that the folks who we are working with in the capacity building, their projects are really clearly aligned around the CEI themes, which are Conflict Mediation, Crime Fighting, and Opportunities for Youth and Parents. Some of these groups are focused on things like addressing bullying in their community, addressing people of color who have been incarcerated. So again, we are really trying to go deep and address some of the issues that are plaguing our community.

That ends the update on the jump start program. What I would say is, before I go any further, I have to give a really, really big thank you to Lacy Williams, who is not able to be with us, but Lacy works on the Housing and Neighborhoods team and community engagement, and she really, really took this project by the horns and has really run with it and has great feedback from the community, so special shout out to Lacy.

Councilmember Eiselt said I just want to reiterate what you said Pam about Lacy, just to go back, these grants really did come as a response from our Community Letter in 2016, and it has a response to the community that says we are there for you when you asked for our help, and now we need your help, so this is filling a void. This is helping organizations that do not necessarily get to go to the big boys for funding. They have said the same groups get that help over and over again, so we really tried to listen and be responsive to that. Lacy has discovered a lot of challenges with trying to put this together, and that is because there is just not model out there that really does this.

As I responded to her, that is the great news and as hard as this is, hopefully we are creating something that can be sustainable. The Mayor Pro Tem of Boston asked me about it. There is kind of a group that talks about what other communities are doing around helping with grass roots level crime reduction activities, so I really think that if we can continue to be supportive of this effort, this could be a really great national model to help these organizations and help them build capacities for the good work that they are doing in our community, so thank you for that.

Councilmember Winston said Ms. Wideman; you mentioned that this had been funded in the budget for the past two years and escalate and track; can we expect the same trend to continue during this upcoming budget cycle?

Councilmember Phipps said that is up to us.

Mr. Winston said they make an ask, and we approve, so I am just asking.

Mr. Jones said we do not plan on removing it from the budget.

Ms. Wideman said moving on to the next slide to talk about the neighborhood board retreat, as they are bringing it back up, I would just like to thank the Council for continuing to support this work. I know that you were there with us in spirit. I also want to give a special thank you to the Councilmembers who were able to make a physical presence. Dr. Harlow, you were there sir. Thank you. Mayor Pro Tem Eiselt, you were there. Thank you. Mr. Phipps, you were there. Thank you. To others who I may have not seen who came in the morning, thank you for being there.

This past Saturday marked our 13th Annual Board Retreat; 14 neighborhoods participated this past Saturday, which equated to 100 individual people being there. We were very pleased that we had nine first-time neighborhoods to present. More than 150 neighborhoods have presented since 2012, and as a result of that, neighborhoods come together, spend a morning, and plan goals for those neighborhoods. Since we have been doing this, over 340 goals have been completed to date. This slide simply is a reflection of where the neighborhoods are coming from so that you can see there, and again, I just want to thank you for your continued support of this work.

Just in terms of next steps related to both of the programs, the next cycle will be in 2019, and the next Board Retreat will be in July of this year. We have not landed on a date in July, but we do these biannually, so we look forward to the 2019 Board Retreat.

Councilmember Harlow said I just want to say, great job to Ms. Wideman and her staff, and also kudos just to the other city staff who are not in the Housing Neighborhood Services department. You have staff committing on Saturdays to help be facilitators at these Board Retreats from a variate of apartments. I saw folks from Strategy and Budget, from the Manager's Office, Community Relations Folks. Just a big up to the staff that are committing to try to help our leaders in our neighborhoods, develop themselves and develop strategies for those communities. I always appreciate the Board Retreats. I

attended a few of them, which helped peak my interest in City government as a neighborhood president, so I think that it is a valuable resource that we do twice a year. I continue to encourage my colleagues to attend these biannually. Just great job. It is always good to see neighborhoods committing on a raining Saturday particularly and the staff as well giving up their time.

Mr. Phipps said it was a very spirited, enthusiastic group, but one thing that I think we need to work on, and I do not know how much of a problem it is, but it has been a recurring theme at other retreats that I have gone to is that almost at the last minute when you have a neighborhood to pull out, then you have a waiting list of neighborhoods that want to attend the Retreat, it really takes a spot away from participation from a neighborhood. So, I was wondering if there is a way we could come up with some kind of process to limit the number of people who pull out at the last minute and just block somebody else from wanting to participate through the waiting-list process. I think that other participants would like to engage and have an opportunity to participate, and it is just not fair that a couple days before neighborhoods might pull out, and those people do not have a chance to engage. I would hope that we could think about a way that we might could mitigate the impact of something like that.

Ms. Wideman said thank you Mr. Phipps, and we will do that. We will over plan or plan additional overflow for our July meeting in preparation for that.

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ITEM NO. 14: HOUSING TRUST FUND SUPPORT REQUEST

Mayor Lyles said this is our first NOAH and our first activity to begin to use our housing bonds for affordable housing to maintain.

Motion was made by Councilmember Mayfield to approve Option B \$1,850,000 with a unit mix of: 20 units at 30 percent AMI; 10 units at 50 percent AMI; 24 units at 60 percent AMI; 24 units at 80 percent AMI, and 20 units unrestricted with current rents at 60 percent AMI.

Without a second, the motion was not considered.

Councilmember Mayfield said there is a challenge with the AMI mix when we have the conversation, and I believe that Ms. Wideman has some numbers for us from the question I asked earlier. This NOAH project is the first since we approved our funding from the community, since the community approved the bond package. It has the total number of units and what we are looking to do is to create the next attainability with the rents, and there was a lot of conversation back and forth earlier today with my colleagues on this particular breakdown, but what we are approving is a dollar amount to move forward with sustaining for 15 years the affordability at this complex. Ms. Wideman, did you get the information on the current rent prices? I believe at Wednesdays Housing and Neighborhood Development Committee, what was shared was an average. I think there was some question among Councilmembers regarding how this breakdown will go, and for the community, if you do not have a copy of it, what we are looking at is one of two options. Option A, which was the \$2.1 million option with a unit mix and Option B, which is a \$1.8 million option. The \$2.1 million, that couple of hundred-thousand-dollar difference that we are talking about, there is conversation regarding this breakdown.

Motion was made by Councilmember Driggs and seconded by Councilmember Harlow to approve recommendation from the Housing and Neighborhood Development Committee for acquisition and rehabilitation to the Sharon Oaks apartments; Option A: \$2,100,000 with a unit mix of: 20 units at 30 percent AMI (Area Median Income); 10 units at 50 percent AMI; 48 units at 60 percent AMI, and 20 units unrestricted with current rents at 60 percent AMI.

Councilmember Driggs said I just want to point out, I am personally very excited about this, because in our conversations about NOAH, we anticipated problems, and being able to pull a funding structure together and get the timing right, it did not look like we could use four-percent money, and here we have something actionable; we have an answer. The deal itself looks as if it were designed around the NOAH policy that we are in the advance stages of drafting. It checks all the boxes, \$20,000 per unit, 15 years of affordability. I think that this is a wonderful example for the ambition that we have to create more NOAHs and to protect properties from being gentrified, and for that reason I think we are all in agreement that we want to do something here. The discussion was around mixed, but I feel the A mix does give us more affordability, and people who live in these apartments can stay there, then we move to the proposed structure over time. For those reasons, I am moving to support A.

Councilmember Harlow said I am in support as well of option A. This is good to see a NOAH development like this and with kudos to Laurel Street for bringing this us and helping us understand, and to the staff as well, why these NOAH investments are important, how they make our dollars go farther with \$20,000 dollars per unit, which is significantly cheaper than some new-construction developments. So, to have this project kind of be the first one out of the gate after our bonds had been passed, though some of the money has already been allocated for, I would still say this is a good standard for future NOAHs as we go forward. We still are developing the true NOAH policy, but this as we have learned, does check all of the boxes. It locks in affordability in a corridor that will continue to change, like many of our Charlotte neighborhoods. This is really a charge to other developers to I would say find stuff like this, where we have an opportunity where folks who live there can stay there, and as leases turn over and what not, we have a commitment to lock in certain affordability in these areas, so I look forward to supporting this one and other future NOAHs that might be like it later.

Ms. Mayfield said as we have this conversation, we need as much transparency in the conversation as possible, so the reason I moved for Option B the \$1.8 million is one, I said what was presented and what was shared, because there was a change at the previous Housing and Neighborhood Development Committee. My Vice Chair Mr. Driggs led that committee meeting, as I was out of town, and there was a change in the presentation. What we have is a percentage breakdown. What we know is the reality is today, we have units in this NOAH. What we need to know moving forward, not on this, because this is the first one, but the questions I asked were what are the current rents? There are no current 30% or 40% rents that are in here. So, right now, for what the rents are going for, these rents are somewhere between 50% and 60% AMI. What we are looking to do is to maintain. Now, if rents come available, the question is, okay can we get 30%? That means that we are going to reduce the rents down. So, if we stop talking about percentages, if we stop talking about AMI and we just look at the numbers, the rent of someone that is 30% or below AMI starts around \$350 to \$370 a month. What these rents are for this complex today for that one or two bedrooms are around \$700 to about \$900 or a little more. So, when we are saying that this is going to be the breakdown, 20 units at this amount or that amount, that is a hope. Moving forward, if people move out, if rental is available but today online there is one rental that showed up, a two bedroom that is renting for \$925. So, if we are going to have accurate conversation and not have miscommunication regarding what we are doing, what we are doing may have a hope of 30%, 40%, 50%, 60%, but what we are approving is the funding to help maintain the rent sustainability and steadiness that we have now, because what we have today is affordable for the residents that are there. So, when we talk about affordable rents, it is the fact of these are the rents that are affordable for the residents today. We may have an aspiration for 30% starting rates in there and these other amounts, but what we are approving is to approve this funding to maintain this sustainability for 15 years. So, we need to be very clear on what it is that we are presenting to the community when we are allocating these funds. This is the first one. We would have opportunities for others, but what we also learned from this one with NOAHs, as we move forward and as our partners are coming to the table and identifying money and funding that is available, we have an opportunity to have some better conversation on the front end to find out what are your current rents that are available, and do we have the flexibility to say that if a rental unit is available in the next three months/ six months, how many of those units are you going to

allow us at this 30% rate off the money that we are giving you now and not ask you for a voucher to help offset that cost, because then you are getting paid twice. That is a very different conversation. Now, I understand my colleagues like the idea of the \$2.1 million. You all are going to vote. You get six plus, and that becomes the lay of the land. I need you to understand as well as for those who are watching to understand that when we present this information out, there is a very clear reason why I support \$1.85 million oppose to the \$2.1 million, because those additional dollars, even though it may be only a couple of hundred thousand, that couple of hundred can do to another project.

Councilmember Newton said I am also supporting Option A. I wanted to thank everyone. I appreciate all of your hard work, the work of all of my colleagues on this. There has been a lot of discussion about this project and the different options, and I feel like we find ourselves in a good place here. As my colleague, Councilmember Driggs, would say, this is a good deal and it sets the standard for us moving forward. It preserves all current units, locking in affordability and rental rates reflective of existing and future AMIs. As you all know, this is in my District, District 5, the powerful east side. So, this helps everyone who lives in my community, stay in my community. This will assure that they can thrive as our community thrives. This being our first NOAH, I think that we have learned a lot in the process, and it can serve as a test case and inform us for future NOAHs and NOAH policy. There is certainly fine tuning that will need to be done, but for the time being, I think that this deal ultimately helps us meet our goals.

Mr. Driggs said I just wanted to quickly add that I think we should especially recognize Laurel Street and also Ascent Capital Partners for pulling this together and bringing to us something novel and actionable that will help us in our future effort.

Councilmember Winston said I would just like to point out that the current rents at this housing development are 60% of AMI. Option B would have 24 less units remain at the 60% AMI, and Option B would drive probably instead of 20 units it would turn into 44 units that would probably rise above that 60% AMI if any development would happen in this area. That is why I am going with Option A. It preserves the most units in the AMIs and price points that we really need in the City.

Councilmember Phipps said I take note of the fact that this is the first NOAH project that we are doing and we are happy to be doing it without a formalized NOAH policy, so my question is how close are we in getting this NOAH policy? I hope that we can avoid the next NOAH being done without benefit of a consistent policy to follow. Not being a member of the Committee, I would be interested in knowing exactly how close are we in getting the NOAH policy approved?

Mayor Lyles said Mr. Phipps, because of the way the Committee reports out, the problem was this week we are having a Business Meeting. Next week the Committee's recommendation will be before you at the first Monday, because we are trying to follow that opportunity. This is a good way to be able to see and have a real-life example to say this is how it was done and checked again. So, next Monday, we will have this presented for the full Council for comment and questions, then the following Monday, we will have it on the agenda for a vote. So, the Committee has already made a recommendation, and this project meets that at the Strategy Session on Monday we can asked or address any questions that we would have as a full Council.

Mr. Phipps said so, the month of March we will definitely have a NOAH policy.

Mayor Lyles said well, I said that it would be on the agenda; I did not say it would be definite now.

A vote was taken on the motion and carried unanimous.

Mayor Lyles said we should be celebrating; this is our first effort under this Council's leadership, under our affordable housing policy to move forward with making sure that instead of increasing the number of units needed that we are keeping folks in housing that is affordable with a plan to go forward. It is no small step; it is a major step and I think

one that we can say we committed to the community to move as fast as we could, and we have taken the time in a wise way to have the bonds approved, the private sector work with us as well as to work with the idea that we are doing to do both, more than create units. We are going to retain those units. I believe everyone on this Council deserves a great deal of thanks for the work that we are doing.

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ITEM NO. 15: SCHOOL ZONE POLICY REVISIONS

Councilmember Eiselt said the School Zone Policy was approved in 2004. The existing policy has conditional requirements for high schools that preempt some of the schools from qualifying from the installation of school zones. This new policy will include high schools so that they will be allowed to also qualify for reduced speed zones on both the main streets and the side streets, as well as pedestrian crossings. Qualifications for school zones are currently determined by the number of student walkers, and that will change as well so that the priority does not go necessarily to the zones that have the most walkers, because we realize that they may not be walking because it is not safe. So, the new policy is also asking to do away with that.

It will allow adjacent streets to be a part of the school zones in addition to the frontage streets and will consider the school location on the high injury network corridor while factoring in traffic volumes and speeds. School speed zones will be established at 25 miles an hour citywide and will seek to work with the North Carolina Department of Transportation to establish school speed zones on state maintained streets in accordance with this policy.

Motion was made by Councilmember Eiselt, seconded by Councilmember Egleston, and carried unanimously to approve the Transportation and Planning Committee's recommendation to revise the School Zone Policy.

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ITEM NO. 16: GUIDELINES FOR THE EVALUATION AND DISPOSITION OF CITY-OWNED LAND FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Motion was made by Councilmember Mayfield and seconded by Councilmember Egleston to approve the Housing and Neighborhood Development Committee's recommendation of the Guidelines for valuation and Disposition of City-Owned Land for Affordable Housing.

Councilmember Driggs said I am in support of this; I just wanted to point out that we already have a portfolio management strategy that governs all of our land use, so I think this is to a certain extent redundant, good principle in terms of the land that we have used for affordable housing, but all of our land needs to be prioritized according to all of our goals that the City has, and this does not in that sense undermine that prior policy.

Councilmember Winston said I am in support of this, but I think that this is one side of the coin; I think that we also need to approach an aggressive acquisition policy to get land and acquire land that will transversely be disposed of and sold hopefully to attain our goals, so I hope that we can move to that other side of the coin after we finish this one.

Councilmember Mitchell said the projects that we had in the hopper; some had four percent and had some of the City-owned land involved; what is the status and what is the process of moving forward?

Pam Wideman, Director of Housing and Neighborhood Services said now that you all have approved your City-owned land policy we could begin to bring those deals forward. I wanted to make sure we had a policy in place.

A vote was taken on the motion and carried unanimous.

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BUSINESS

ITEM NO. 17: KNIGHT FOUNDATION GRANT: CHARLOTTE FUTURE 2040 SALE OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY ON PIAFFE AVENUE AND SHADY OAK COURT

Motion was made by Councilmember Driggs and seconded by Councilmember Harlow to (A) Authorize the City Manager to accept a grant from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation for the Charlotte Future 2040 Equitable Engagement Project, and (B) Adopt Budget Ordinance 9521-X appropriating \$250,000 from the Knight Foundation for the Charlotte Future 2040 Equitable Engagement Project.

Councilmember Harlow said I just want to thank the Knight Foundation for awarding this grant. This grant will actually have a focus in the Historic West End and West Charlotte communities to really try to help promote a lot of community and targeted engagement around our larger comprehensive planning for our 2040 Comprehensive Plan. It will also help us promote the Aging in Place program and our other place-making programs to not just the West End, the larger community, but certainly from an equitable standpoint targeting these neighborhoods in District 2 and in District 3 to give more community participation, so thanks to the Knight Foundation for this grant.

Councilmember Winston said as we reach out to the community to educate them on this and get their input, let's be reminded that there are many different languages spoken in our City, so I hope that we outreach not just in English, not just in Spanish, but look to those other opportunities to totally engage our community in this important process.

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

The ordinance is recoded in full in Ordinance Book 62, at Page(s) 97.

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ITEM NO. 18: SALE OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY ON PIAFFE AVENUE AND SHADY OAK COURT

Motion was made by Councilmember Egleston, seconded by Councilmember Phipps, and carried unanimously to (A) Approve the sale of 3.3 acres of City-owned property located at 4125 Piaffe Avenue and 11915 Shady Oak Court (parcel identification numbers 195-056-48 and 195-181-99) to Daniel P. Vey for \$63,050, and (B) Authorize the City Manager to negotiate and approve all documents necessary to complete the sale of the property.

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ITEM NO. 19: PRIVATE DEVELOPER FUNDS APPROPRIATION

Motion was made by Councilmember Winston, seconded by Councilmember Harlow, and carried unanimously to (A) Approve Developer Agreements with Broadstone Morehead, LLC, Laurel Street Residential, LLC, and CF Hippolyta Charlotte, LLC for traffic signal installations and improvements, and (B) Adopt Budget Ordinance 9522-X appropriating \$257,642 in private developer funds for traffic signal installations and improvements.

The ordinance is recoded in full in Ordinance Book 62, at Page(s) 98.

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ITEM NO. 20: MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT FOR RELOCATION OF WATER AND SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE

Motion was made by Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Harlow, 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, and (B) Authorize the City Manager to approve the reimbursement request for the actual cost of the utility construction.

The resolution is recoded in full in Resolution Book 49, at Page(s) 352-364.

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NOMINATIONS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

ITEM NO. 21: NOMINATIONS TO THE BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The following nominations were made for two appointments for partial terms recommended by the Charlotte Regional Business Alliance beginning immediately and ending April 28, 2021.

- Lindsey Braciale, nominated by Councilmembers Driggs, Egleston, Eiselt, Harlow, Mayfield, Mitchell, Newton, Phipps, and Winston
- Dana Lumsden, nominated by Councilmembers Driggs, Egleston, Eiselt, Mayfield, Mitchell, Newton, Phipps, and Winston

Motion was made by Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Mayfield, and carried unanimously to appoint Lindsey Braciale and Dana Lumsden.

Ms. Braciale and Ms. Lumsden were appointed.

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APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

ITEM NO. 22: APPOINTMENTS TO THE BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The following nominees were considered for one appointment for a partial term beginning immediately and ending April 28, 2019, and then continuing for a full three-year term beginning April 29, 2019 and ending April 28, 2022:

- Antoine James, nominated by Councilmembers Harlow and Winston
- Carol Phillips, nominated by Councilmembers Ajmera, Mayfield, Newton, and Phipps

Results of the ballot were recorded as follows:

- Antoine James, 3 votes, Councilmembers Harlow, Mayfield, and Winston
- Carol Phipps, 6 votes, Councilmembers Driggs, Egleston, Eiselt, Mitchell, Newton, and Phipps

Ms. Phillips was appointed.

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ITEM NO. 23: APPOINTMENTS TO THE CHARLOTTE BUSINESS INCLUSION (CBI) ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The following nominees were considered for one appointment for a partial term for an At-Large member beginning immediately and ending February 28, 2019 and then continuing for a full two-year term beginning March 1, 2019 and ending February 28, 2021:

- Jamal Cook, nominated by Councilmembers Harlow and Mayfield.

Results of the ballot were recorded as follows:

- Jamal Cook, 9 votes, Councilmembers Driggs, Egleston, Eiselt, Harlow, Mayfield, Mitchell, Newton, Phipps, and Winston

Mr. Cook was appointed.

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ITEM NO. 24: APPOINTMENTS TO THE CHARLOTTE INTERNATIONAL CABINET

The following nominees were considered for one appointment for a partial term for an At-Large member beginning immediately and ending June 30, 2021:

- Paula Broadwell, nominated by Councilmembers Driggs and Egleston.
- Gina Esquivel, nominated by Councilmembers Harlow and Mayfield.

Results of the ballot were recorded as follows:

- Paula Broadwell, 5 votes, Councilmembers Driggs, Egleston, Eiselt, Newton, and Winston
- Gina Esquivel, 4 votes, Councilmembers Harlow, Mayfield, Mitchell, and Phipps

Motion was made by Councilmember Driggs and seconded by Councilmember Egleston, to appoint Paula Broadwell.

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

YEAS: Councilmembers Driggs, Egleston, Eiselt, Newton, and Winston

NAYS: Councilmembers Harlow, Mayfield, Mitchell, and Phipps

Since no nominee received at least six votes, this appointment will be brought back for consideration at the March 25, 2019 Business meeting.

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ITEM NO. 25: APPOINTMENTS TO THE CITIZENS' TRANSIT ADVISORY GROUP

The following nominees were considered for one appointment for a partial term beginning immediately and ending June 30, 2020:

- Michael Cataldo, nominated by Councilmembers Driggs and Phipps
- Lisa Rudisill, nominated by Councilmembers Mayfield and Newton

Results of the ballot were recorded as follows:

- Michael Cataldo, 4 votes, Councilmember Driggs, Eiselt, Harlow, and Phipps
- Lisa Rudisill, 3 votes, Councilmember Mitchell, Newton, and Winston

Since no nominee received at least six votes, this appointment will be brought back for consideration at the March 25, 2019 Business meeting.

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ITEM NO. 26: APPOINTMENTS TO THE COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The following nominees were considered for one appointment for a partial term beginning immediately and ending June 30, 2019, and then continuing for a full three-year term from July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2022:

- Wesley Farnam, nominated by Councilmembers Driggs, Egleston, Harlow, Mitchell, and Newton
- Frederick Murphy, nominated by Councilmembers Ajmera, Driggs, Egleston, Mitchell, and Newton

Results of the ballot were recorded as follows:

- Wesley Farnam, 8 votes, Councilmembers Driggs, Egleston, Eiselt, Harlow, Mayfield, Mitchell, Phipps, and Winston
- Frederick Murphy, 1 vote, Councilmember Newton

Mr. Farnam was appointed.

The following nominees were considered for one appointment for a partial term beginning immediately and ending June 30, 2021.

- Wesley Farnam, nominated by Councilmembers Driggs, Egleston, Harlow, Mitchell, and Newton
- Frederick Murphy, nominated by Councilmembers Ajmera, Driggs, Egleston, Mitchell, and Newton

Results of the ballot were recorded as follows:

- Wesley Farnam, 1 vote, Councilmember Newton
- Frederick Murphy, 8 votes, Councilmembers Driggs, Egleston, Eiselt, Harlow, Mayfield, Mitchell, Phipps, and Winston

Mr. Murphy was appointed.

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ITEM NO. 27: APPOINTMENTS TO KEEP CHARLOTTE BEAUTIFUL

The following nominees were considered for one appointment for a partial term beginning immediately and ending June 30, 2020:

- Casey Brewer, nominated by Councilmembers Bokhari and Driggs
- Virgil Hughes, nominated by Councilmembers Mayfield and Phipps
- Linh Quach, nominated by Councilmembers Ajmera and Newton
- Wendy Sellers, nominated by Councilmembers Driggs and Mayfield

Results of the ballot were recorded as follows:

- Casey Brewer, 1 vote, Councilmember Egleston
- Virgil Hughes, 4 votes, Councilmembers Driggs, Eiselt, Harlow, and Phipps
- Linh Quach, 1 vote, Councilmember Newton
- Wendy Sellers, 2 votes, Councilmember Mayfield and Mitchell

Since no nominee received at least six votes, this appointment will be brought back for consideration at the March 25, 2019 Business meeting.

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ITEM NO. 28: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL TOPICS

Councilmember Egleston said I think that the overwhelming asked of us as elected officials tonight from the community was for action, not just words, so I think that I applaud what the Mayor is doing. I understand folks, each of us individually, want her as the Mayor to take certain stands, make certain comments, or sign certain letters, but I think that we have, over the 15 months that we have been serving together, prioritized action over words. I think that is what the Mayor has attempted to do. I think that is what many of us have attempted to do. Words are important; it is important to state where you stand and state what you believe in and stand up for what you believe in, but with those words has to come action, and I think it is the commitment of this Council and certainly the commitment as the Chair of the Immigration Committee that the Mayor has created. I have already had great conversations with Federico and Emily Yaffe and others in that office. I am excited and very hopeful and optimistic about the work that we will do in that Committee. The outcomes that it will yield. It will not be just another task force report or some document that gets put on the shelf somewhere to collect dust. It will be things that are brought back to Council and brought back to Council quickly for us to collectively act on for the benefit of our immigrant community.

I think that I understand the lack of trust that exists, and I do not fault anyone for being skeptical, but I will ask you to judge us on our actions in that time, and we intend to do that quickly.

Councilmember Harlow said this is our last Business Meeting before my Townhall, so I just wanted to announce that on March 9, 2019, Saturday morning from 10:00 a.m. to noon at Friendship Baptist Church, I will be hosting a community Town Hall focusing on topics of economic development and comprehensive planning on the west side. We will have Taiwo Jaiyeoba, our Planning Director, as well as Ms. Tracy Dodson, our Assistant City Manager and the Director of Economic Development as our two lead panelists. They will have short presentations around a couple of updates with Beatties Ford/LaSalle initiative, Urban main and pro neighborhoods, as well as our 2040 Comprehensive Planning and our TOD update. They will also take many questions, as many as we can fit in before noon and before they kick us out, from the community. Please come out; food will be served. It will be kind of a light brunch I guess you could call it.

Councilmember Driggs said my Town Hall meeting is a week before his, and I think it will be better. It is on March 2, 2019 at the Ballantyne Hotel at 9:00 a.m. We are going to talk a little bit about what early research indicates the impact on your property tax is going to be from the revaluation, but most of all, we are going to focus on the City's current planning process, how it affects south Charlotte and in particular what we are doing about congestion issues, so there will be representatives from Planning, CATS, and C-DOT there. I think that residents will find it very informative. Plan to be there please.

Councilmember Winston said I wanted to talk a little bit about violence in our community. I know it was something that we paid attention to last year to really try to do whatever we could do to try to reduce the number of homicides that we experienced in the year 2018, but it really does feel that in 2019 we are going in an opposite direction of where we were last year. I think that we are up to number 20 that we have experienced in less than two months, and maybe even more, 22 at this point in time. This might be anecdotal, but it feels like if we keep on this track, we will set some more records, and that is not where we want to be. I think that this problem, I do not think that we can fix it from up on this dais. I definitely do not think that we can fix it just form a policing standpoint. This is something that we have to do with one another and figure out ways to treat each other better, figure out ways to resolve our conflicts, figure out ways to support one another in the toughest of times. It continues to seem like so many of these homicides occur between relationships where people know one another. So again, I do not know how to fix it from this dais other than to advocate and call attention to it. We are starting off the year in the wrong way when it comes to the number of homicides and increasingly more violent and increasingly unbelievable and the types of stories that we are hearing about. We need all of our community leaders to be proactive, to go out and talk to folks,

especially those that we know are at risk and find ways that we just need to treat each other better moving forward.

Councilmember Eiselt said I wanted to talk a little bit about the next steps for the 2040 Comprehensive Vision Plan called Charlotte Future. As many people know who are familiar with the plan, it is our attempt to really map out the vision for what we want Charlotte to look like into the future, and the first part of that plan, our Planning Department has worked really hard to do data collection and constituent engagement, so the second part of that will be a series of community meetings to identify the values and the vision of the community. So, I wanted to announce that there are three opportunities to participate in this process coming up. The first one is March 5th, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The second one is March 6, 2019 from noon to 1:30 p.m., and the next one is March 20th, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. You can find all this information if you Google Charlotte Future, City of Charlotte. The website will come up, and it will lead you to the Event Brite page that you can click on and register to attend these events. We are trying to really get out to people where people are and at different times of the day and during the week to give everybody the opportunity to participate. We are doing workshops and pop-up events again, where people are, so we really hope that you will participate, because this could be one of the most important things that we do, certainly while many of us serve on Council. It is only successful if the community engages.

Councilmember Mayfield said I would like to have something referred to the Housing and Neighborhood Development Committee. I would like to get information for the committee at the last three to five years of our most frequent categories of code violations that Code Enforcement has reviewed. Also, I would like to have the data on the areas in which we might have conflicting Code Enforcement regulations and to what neighborhoods/individuals may be trying to create i.e. murals that might be on buildings. We have had conversations regarding carports, what is considered graffiti art, different work that might be considered against current code violation but other art has been supported in NODA, South End, other areas. Some of these areas of violation may be staff determine. It would be helpful if we have an opportunity if we had an opportunity to get an idea of the actual model that is being used to determine, to make sure that there is consistency as well as equity throughout multiple areas. Some areas have seen a different level of enforcement on some of the same types of designs or similar designs on buildings, but I would like for them to also outline some of the areas in our Code Enforcement code sections that we could start looking at for improvement. Some of our language is more than 30 years old, so it would just be helpful looking at the reoccurring top issues that have come forward, also thinking about the conversations that we have been having with Lake Arbor. How do we insure that there is a clear process in place when there is three to five units versus before it gets to 100 where there is a process where it has escalated up to management and to Council for us to one be aware and two starts working on plans?

Councilmember Phipps said consistent with the war that has been declared on litter, there is going to be a litter sweep coming up on April 13, 2019 through April 27, 2019. This litter sweep is sponsored by the North Carolina Department of Transportation, but I would encourage all people who have adopted a stretch of road from the North Carolina Department of Transportation to participate and would also encourage people who have adopted a city street to participate as well. My stretch stretches from Pavilion Boulevard to Mallard Creek Church Road, a two mile stretch. I get lots of complaints, and I am sure that some of my colleagues do too about litter in Charlotte. This is an opportunity for people to participate in a united front to help rid litter in our City. That is three Saturdays that you can participate in a row, so I look forward to people coming out and helping clean up our city.

Councilmember Newton said I would like to highlight the great crowd that we had here tonight; all the many of them are gone. Let's not forget them, and let's stay mindful of what they are going through. There is a lot of fear in the immigrant community right now. Families are being separated. Businesses and schools are being disrupted. Reports suggest why the sweeping raids, not all that dissimilar to stop and frisk frankly, and I think that we are all outraged at that. So, I look forward to working with my colleagues, Federico

Rios on our Immigrant Committee moving forward. I am hopeful that we will make progress, and maybe over time, we might even find ourselves reconsidering some of our stances as a Council and our Federal Legislative Agenda. I think there are some common grounds there. If my memory serves me correct, I think Ronald Reagan actually was the first to call for amnesty. I think maybe we can find some common ground.

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ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Councilmember Driggs, seconded by Councilmember Newton, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting.
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The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.



Stephanie C. Kelly, City Clerk, MMC, NCCMC

Meeting Length: 3 Hours, 15 Minutes
Minutes Completed: March 11, 2019