

ACTION REVIEW

The City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina convened for an Action Review Meeting on Monday, May 13, 2019 at 4:10 p.m. in Room 267 of the Charlotte Mecklenburg Government Center with Mayor Vi Lyles presiding. Councilmembers present were Tariq Bokhari, Ed Driggs, Larken Egleston, Julie Eiselt, Justin Harlow, LaWana Mayfield, Greg Phipps and Braxton Winston II.

ABSENT: Councilmember James Mitchell

ABSENT UNTIL NOTED: Councilmembers Dimple Ajmera and Matt Newton

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ITEM NO. 1: MAYOR AND COUNCIL CONSENT ITEM QUESTIONS

Councilmember Phipps said I would like to comment on Item Nos. 51 and 52.

Mayor Lyles said Councilmember Mayfield had Item Nos. 23, 31, 32 and 38 for a separate vote. The only other that I would like to ask Council to consider is Item No. 17, Nominations to the Charlotte Mecklenburg Public Access Corporation. We are asking you to defer those appointments, because we've gotten some issue around the Board and the members of the group and the City Attorney has begun to help us sort some of that out and before we put new Board Members into something that is not having agreements, we thought it would be best to defer until after we get the report from the City Attorney. We will withdraw Item No. 17.

Marie Harris, Strategy & Budget said Item No. 48 is deferred to the next meeting for a plat revision.

Mayor Lyles said Item No. 17 and on Item No. 48 the map is an issue and will be back on May 28, 2019 for the correct maps.

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ITEM NO. 2: AGENDA OVERVIEW

There was no Agenda Overview presented.

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ITEM NO. 3: AIRPORT ELECTRIC BUSES

Jack Christine, Aviation Deputy Director said we are happy to be here today to talk a little bit about an action that is going to come before you for approval on May 28, 2019 regarding one of our sustainable initiatives. This is a particular project that we've been working on for quite a bit of time now in evaluating some of our rolling stock, particularly our public buses that we use for transporting passengers to and from the Terminal. This afternoon Scott Kincaid, our Fleet Maintenance Manager is going to talk with you about the way that we came to the recommendation that is going to come before you at the end of May on where we would like to go with our public buses.

Scott Kincaid, Aviation said it is a pleasure to be here and present to you some of the exciting things we are doing at the Airport. I am the Aviation Fleet Maintenance Manager. We have been evaluating our ground side transportation options for the last year. Current situation: we have 70 traditional low-floor buses that we have been purchasing for the last six-years. Our contract is coming up for renewal; out of those 70 buses we average about 13 out of service each day. The majority reason they are out of service is due to the emissions restrictions on these buses. Everything is tier four and for those of you who don't know, those are the restrictions on the diesel buses that reduce the particulate matter released into the atmosphere. Our issues primarily center around that. We use

1,500 gallons of fuel every night, 365-days a year. Right under 550,000 gallons a year, and we are getting about two million miles a year on those 70 buses. That is doing a mile and a half loop on the Airport property, so you can imagine the number of trips we are doing. Current buses have an eight-year life cycle.

This is just a little comparison between the three different options that we looked at; staying at what we are doing with diesel, looking at compressed natural gas buses and then looking into a battery electric bus. This chart really speaks for itself; to transition to electric we would go from having very in-depth repairs on the buses centered around the emissions to minimal preventable maintenance, tires, brakes, and that sort of thing.

Technician training: we have a very well-trained staff at the Airport that maintains these buses. Transitioning into electric and even into CNG would require substantial amount of training and possibly even some job reclassification to get them some additional skills that would be needed. We would be able to reduce the number of buses so we have 70 currently and we are looking at paring that down to about 50, so up to 20% to 25% reduction in the number of buses that we currently own. Our range, we actually increase our range by 100 miles transitioning from diesel to electric. The big kicker here is the emissions so, we go from our black smoke pouring out of the tailpipes to zero emissions; there is not a tailpipe on these new buses.

Financial comparison: currently, we are set up for diesel; we've got 12,000-gallon storage capacity of diesel at the Airport for our buses primarily. CNG and electric infrastructure we are estimating at about \$1.5 million. We use the CNG station down off of Ott Street for Solid Waste as a comparison for that. You can see the purchase of electric buses is twice that of traditional diesel is still substantially higher than compressed natural gas. The compressed natural gas buses would be the exact same manufacturer, just with a CNG engine, so we would still be using the same buses.

Maintenance: CPM is cost per mile, we are currently at \$1.21 per mile for each bus that we have which is pretty high; \$.85 was our estimate on the CNG again, using Solid Waste numbers. The electric we are looking at \$.60 per mile and part of that \$.60 is a mid-year battery replacement at \$100,000. So, there is battery pack that needs to be swapped after six-years and that is factored into that \$.60 per mile.

Fuel cost: we are \$1.24 a mile right now on fuel and that includes our labor, our maintenance of the infrastructure, getting fuel to us; we have to pay a premium particularly in bad weather to get the fuel to us. We would reduce that from \$1.24 to \$.15 per kilowatt hour, and that is peak rate charging. We do the majority of our charging off peak rate in the middle of the night which would probably bring it down to about \$.07 or \$.08 per diesel gallon equivalent.

Total cost of ownership: currently for eight-years, 50,000 miles a year we are looking at \$1.3 million for diesel per bus for the life cycle of the bus; \$1.2 million for compressed natural gas, so there is a little bit of cost savings with CNG. Then \$1.1 million on the electric. It is worth noting that the electric buses have a 12-year life cycle; so, we would be able to extend the life of the bus from eight-years to 12-years, and as you can see the majority of the cost is in the purchase of the bus. So, as diesel and natural gas continue to go up with their maintenance and fuel the electric would stay relatively flat.

We tried to find somebody near us, like us that had a similar footprint and a similar operation. We used Clemson University; they have been running Proterra Buses which is what we are looking to do since 2014. They have raved about how dependable they are; they started with eight-buses, and they have replaced all 20 of their buses this year so, they are a full electric fleet down at Clemson University. They have a similar operating style, so a lot of idling, a lot of stops, very similar environment with air condition and heat and that sort of thing. They are a really good campus style environment like we are at the Airport for us to benchmark ourselves against.

Mayor Lyles said are you sure it doesn't say ACC fans are now the most-noisy system?

Mr. Kincaid said only if they are from Chapel Hill. So, based off of these numbers and just kind of looking at the total cost of ownership and the operations piece of it too, I don't want to miss the operational use. Operation of these buses will a much better fit for us at the Airport. We have decided to move into Proterra Buses. From an environmental standpoint, the emission reductions will have the same impact as removing 2,900 cars from the road for a year. So, to put that in a little bit of context, that is three times what the CMGC deck has spaces available. So, you take three of the CMGC decks off the road a year and that is your emissions reduction. It is substantial.

So, how are we going to pay for this? With Airport money, so starting in FY2020 we would purchase five electric Proterra Buses and begin to transition our fleet. After that first five in year one, which will allow us to get our feet wet, get our technicians trained, get our drivers trained, we would move into purchasing 10 per year for the next four-years. By FY2026, we would have the full complement of 50 electric buses, totally replacing the diesel fleet that we currently have. It is a huge environment impact. It is a huge financial impact, as you can see the return on investment is substantial even with the increased purchase price. We are real excited about it and hope you all are excited about it. That is the end of the presentation, if there are any questions or anything I can answer I will be more than happy to.

Councilmember Ajmera arrived at 4:22 p.m.

Councilmember Winston said you said there are going to be fewer buses in the fleet in general; is that due with the reduced need for the number of buses because of maintenance?

Mr. Kincaid said correct. With a more reliable bus and the extended range, we will be able to reduce the number of fleet. It will not impact any staffing levels; staffing levels will still be the same. We typically run about 35 buses per shift; right now, we are two buses per one drive per shift because of the reliability issue.

Mr. Winston said in the total cost per bus did you consider those cost in the overall reduction and price in terms of what one bus actually needs?

Mr. Kincaid said we, absolutely.

Mr. Winston said I think if CATS is in the room; as we look at trying to make policies and practices in line with the SEAP that we might want CATS to look into this as a laboratory of how we might be able to do this on different routes, because like you said, this is pretty stop and go traffic, this is as rough as you can get, as the bus is probably going to see in terms of use. So, there might be some cost reductions on implementing this further with CATS if they could learn from what we are doing at the Airport so I would encourage that. I would also encourage us again, just thinking about how we implement the SEAP; I don't know if there is a policy kind of approach that we need to look at where we are replacing models and fleets that we need to think about, because this is what they are doing within their own business models, good faith and probably some [inaudible] there but we want to be in line. I think this is a perfect opportunity to take advantage.

Mayor Lyles said I agree. I think the SEAP first two-years is focused on our internal operations and this kind of decision making; so, this is a part of it right now.

Councilmember Egleston said I love this idea; thank you for the presentation. If you are playing the devil's advocate what indicates against it? Is it just [inaudible] or the University in case Clemson doesn't have the upfront capital to pull the trigger and/or that they don't have the employee skillset to perform the maintenances on the buses. Is there any other argument to make?

Mr. Kincaid said I think is the combination of both of those as far as playing devil's advocate, no to answer your question. The diesel; the tier four emissions, for those of you who are not familiar with it, have put in an incredible restriction on diesel. Ten to 15-years ago you could sit there and let a diesel run and they would and run and run and run

for ever; with these increased restrictions your reliability is going down. That used to be kind of the calling card of anything diesel related, whether was construction equipment or bus or a pick-up truck you can buy it once and drive it until you die. With the tier four emissions restrictions, that is not the case anymore; we are typically seeing engine overhauls and rebuilds at about 120,000 miles to 200,000 miles. That is unheard of; Navistar used to do a lifetime warranty, a million-mile warranty.

Mr. Egleston said that is where the cost analysis flipped and made it, not only the right thing to do but the cost-effective thing to do. Now that the restrictions on diesel are such that their useful life is not as long as it used to be.

Mr. Kincaid said exactly.

Mr. Egleston said with that in mind, what is the value of the buses that we are phasing out, what is our plan with what we are going to do with them?

Mr. Kincaid said we are going to keep them through their life cycle so, we are at an eight-year life cycle is what we've planned on. We will continue to run these for the eight-years as long as we can. I would be surprised if we get eight-years out of them to be honest with you, we are seeing a lot of engines; I think we've done three engines this year at about 200,000 miles. We will continue to run them and then we will phase them out at the end of their life cycle. There is not going to be any free phasing out until the very last year when we get our full complement of electric.

Mr. Egleston said at the end of their useful life cycle to us they have no significant value at that point?

Mr. Kincaid said I believe we will phase them out over six-years as their depreciated value at six-years. I think they typically get about \$15,000 at the auctions.

Councilmember Bokhari said it wasn't that long ago where in Transportation Committee, we had CATS give us a presentation very similar to this, and there was different math presented. I've got to believe that you are in a contained environment of a mile or two and that probably changes things greatly, but my gut tells me there are assumptions built into this because if the same model can churn out what we see with CATS in that environment when they don't have them on the road, the same for you in this. I think it is going to be really important for every budget cycle along the way for you guys to come back to us and say remember the \$1.1 million in total cost of ownership or this or that, we are tracking exactly to that better or worse because there is a significant investment there and making sure that the data matches the assumptions then we just don't kind of forget about it and keep going is going to be important.

Councilmember Newton arrived at 4:27 p.m.

Mr. Kincaid said absolutely.

Councilmember Driggs said who makes these buses?

Mr. Kincaid said the buses we are purchasing off a piggy-back contract are Proterra; they are manufactured in Greenville, South Carolina.

Mr. Driggs said I think you know that historically we had an issue about buses. We are confident this company has enough substance to provide the necessary parts for it and that everything is kind of on the up and up with them, right?

Mr. Kincaid said yes, they are the player in the electric buses. They are the longest tenured in the industry; 2013 was their company launch when they were established and started producing buses. Clemson has had theirs since 2014; we are going to be their pet for Airport for lack of a better term, because we are in their backyard. Raleigh/Durham Airport has just purchased four buses. The City of Greensboro has recently purchased five of these buses and Asheville currently has 10 in their fleet as well. So, they are well

established, not just locally, but nationally and they have a very in-depth logistics and parts management system.

Mr. Driggs said and they are financially strong; so, we are not taking a risk on bankruptcy of anything?

Mr. Kincaid said no, they are headquartered in California; they have some significant investors including Freightliner which is owned by Daimler, Mercedes Benz and BMW who have facilities down in Greenville. They have a lot of financial investors to make sure that they are going to succeed.

Councilmember Ajmera said this is a good model, and I would like to echo Mr. Winston's point about using this model for our SEAP and rolling it out for our heavy fleet vehicles and for all fleet that we are currently using. What I really liked about this presentation, if you look at the total cost of ownership, in the long-run electric vehicle actually is more cost-effective option. I think what was presented to us at the one of the Committee meetings showed the electric vehicles ownership was more, and this is not even considering the environmental impact. So, while keeping all that in mind I do hope that sooner rather than later we start using this model for especially our CATS vehicles.

Marcus Jones, City Manager said I agree with everything that has been said, but I also want to put on the table that in one of our teams we brought in both CATS and the Airport, and this is a very different use of a vehicle than what CATS has, but CATS is back to the table looking at this from a different angle also.

Councilmember Phipps said will these buses be able to go a full day on a charge or long is the interval before they have to be recharged for use?

Mr. Kincaid said we are estimating it depends on air-conditioning and grade ability and all that stuff, but we are estimating about 350 miles. Our typical route per day that each bus runs is about 125 to 145-miles per day so, we are looking at every other day charge. While we will have 50 buses we are only going to have 25 chargers. We are able to charge a bus from zero percent to 100% in 3.5 hours. So, if we are at zero percent on all of our buses, which we hope to never be, but if we are there we can have the entire fleet charged up by the 5:00 redeye that comes in.

Mr. Ajmera said when we are looking at the routes and I understand the Airport has more shorter routes but also more structured versus detours that CATS' drivers are having to take. So, when you have an electric vehicle it is not so much on- I'm trying to recall the method that we use for electric vehicles. The miles are important, but at the same time what is more important is the speed, especially for inner-city vehicles where we are taking passengers from point A to point B, this is mostly inner-city, where you are getting more for electric vehicles. I don't know if that has been considered for our CATS because I think that is an important equation. When I drive an electric car, I will have less a battery mile if I were to drive on freeway versus inner-city, because I'm driving at a higher speed. I think if we were to take that into consideration for electric formula, it will still be a better option than going the diesel route.

Mayor Lyles said when will this be on our agenda, sometime in the next procurement cycle?

Mr. Kincaid said May 28, 2019.

Mayor Lyles said a reminder again if you have something when you were not here when we started, we asked if you had comments on anything on the consent agenda for separate vote. We will withdraw Item Nos. 48 and 17 from the agenda.

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ITEM NO. 4: ARTS AND CULTURE INVESTMENTS

Phil Reiger, Strategy and Budget Director said tonight the Manager has asked me to give the Council a brief overview of the investment that the City makes in our arts and cultural community. You are all aware that a vibrant arts and cultural community is essential to a vibrant Charlotte, and so I would like to just briefly walk you through some of the investments that we as a City make every year. So, specifically I'm going to talk quickly about our one percent public art program, about our financial partner's contribution to the Arts and Science Council, about the City's investment in City-owned cultural facilities, about our Art in Transit program and then finally just a little information or a brief update on the additional quarter-cent sales tax that the County is considering for arts.

Our one percent public art program was a program that was established by ordinance in 1981; it was updated in 2003. What it does is provide one percent of the projected construction costs at the time that a project is included in the City's capital investment plan. The money that is generated from this one percent is then made available to the Arts and Science Council as administrator and City Council, along with the County Commission, have nominated folks to sit on the Public Arts Commission that helps manage the funds. As you can see in the bottom chart the amount of money made available by the one percent program and specifically you can see how the bond years affect the amount of money made available. In 2017, which was a bond year, you see a higher amount of money made available for arts where 2018 was not a bond year and the same thing for 2019.

We also contribute to arts and culture through our investment in the Arts and Science Council and in particular the grants and whatnot that they make available to our arts community. They are one of our financial partners; they've been a financial partner for many, many years. You can see the contributions we've made since 2017 and what is proposed in 2020 and in 2018 and 2019 the Arts and Science Council to support Studio 345 made a request of our Out of School Time Partner money and was granted those funds. Maybe one of the most substantial investments that the City has made in the arts and cultural community is through our city-owned cultural facilities. We have seven of them, and they include the Bechtler Museum, Blumenthal Performing Arts Center and that particular facility includes the Belk Theater, the Stage Door Theater, and the Booth Playhouse. We own Discovery Place, the Harvey B. Gantt Center, the Knights Theater, and the Mint Museum, both the Randolph Road and Uptown. These facilities in total represent a real estate value of about \$240 million and each of these require maintenance on an annual basis and then the Levine Avenue of the Arts or the Levine Arts Center Facilities, we are still paying debt service payments on. So, you can see how those on the chart on the right, the investments that we make there.

So, in total over the last years we've made approximately \$55.4 million in investment in the arts and culture and in addition to that we also have a program called Arts in Transit so, this is a little bit different. It is separate and apart from the City's one percent ordinance. The MTC actually adopted a one percent Art in Transit Program; this is different, because it is subject to federal guidelines related to the grants for the Blue Line Extension and the Blue Line. It is managed by an Art in Transit Advisory Committee, and you can see some of the examples where art was established as a part of the projects there.

Finally, there has been a lot of discussion about the additional quarter-cent sales tax that is available to the County and a request from the arts community to dedicate some of that sales tax to the arts. A quarter-cent sales tax is projected to generate about \$50 million for the County and the arts community is asking to dedicate about 40% of those proceeds to the arts and in order to evaluate that request the County hired a consultant to conduct a community survey to test the community sentiment around this. Those survey results were presented to County Commission in April and the County Commissioners are currently deliberating over the next steps. In order for the County to put that quarter-cent sales tax on the November referendum they will have to make a decision sometime this

summer in order to draft the language that would go on the ballot in November by late August of September. So, that is sort of the schedule the County is on. That is a brief overview, and I'm certainly willing to answer any questions you might have.

Councilmember Eiselt said Mr. Reiger could you go back to the page that has the overall graph of funding? Do we have this where we are getting this information? I don't think we have this; do we beyond this presentation?

Councilmember Driggs said it is on the website.

Ms. Eiselt said if the quarter-cent sales tax goes through, which my understand it hasn't been determined if it goes to the Arts and Science Council or just some new way of giving out that money to the arts community; then what happens with presumably there are columns there that don't go away, right. Our maintenance and our debt service is still there, correct?

Mr. Reiger said that is correct.

Ms. Eiselt said and public art stays so, it would impact financial partner In Out of School Time, which at the moment we don't have any Out of School Time in this current budget so, we are really talking about \$3.2 million that it would impact in our budget. Is that right?

Mr. Reiger said that is correct, but I'm not sure that that has totally been determined at this point.

Ms. Eiselt said right; we can kind of assume that we if we were to support that quarter-cent sales tax if they ask us then we would assume it would be funding for all of the arts operating budget and that would replace our financial partner. We would free up \$3.1 million in our own budget.

Mayor Lyles said I don't that is fair to say, unless we have an agreement with the County, which is one of the things that I would ask that we do begin to negotiate with the County that if they are going to approve, because the quarter-cent sales tax will come, we are 80% of their population. So, it is going to come from our citizens as we say from the City and it seems to me it would only be appropriate to recognize that contribution should be folded in the quarter-cent sales tax. I don't know if that requires a vote or just a discussion, but I don't know what the Council feels about that.

Ms. Eiselt said I think it should be on our radars right now that that is really what we'd be talking about.

Mayor Lyles said I think we should be doing it before on our radar; I think we ought to actually make the ask when they make the decision so it is very clear to the public what is going on if the Council decides to do that.

Mr. Reiger said I think Ms. Eiselt is correct; however, in that that \$3.19 million represents general fund dollars and so if such an agreement was struck that would be general fund dollars that would be available for reallocation.

Ms. Eiselt said I just want to highlight that because I don't want to get into a position where we are losing funding for the arts. We assume that would be in the quarter-cent sales tax and we don't move forward and say well, we could take that out if the County were to pass that, and we don't have control over where that money goes.

Mr. Driggs said it seems to me that they are moving ahead with this idea without any consultation with us; so, I don't see why we are not absolutely free to change our investment however we feel appropriate, because you are right. It does come from the same place, and I think a little bit of relief on the taxes for people in Charlotte would be appropriate, and I don't want that to sound too conditional. I think we have the absolute latitude if we feel that it is appropriate to just stop our funding.

Mayor Lyles said I agree. We have that latitude; I think we've always worked in an agreement around a number of things, and I just really believe that if they are doing the projection for the quarter-cent sales tax, and it is \$50 million total. If they need to know it needs to be \$25 million instead I think it is only fair to give them a heads up if the Council decides to do that.

Mr. Driggs said heads up sure, it is not a question of getting them to agree to anything.

Councilmember Mayfield said I want to make sure that as we are having this conversation recognizing that the City and County are separate entities, I don't want us getting too far ahead in this conversation with the idea of okay, if the County moves forward with the quarter-cent sales tax then that means we should reduce our funding. We all have heard when every headquarters has looked to come before us, as well as relocations, that part of the selling point of the City of course, our International Airport and our climate but also our arts and culture. When we travel and we go on these inner-city visits and these other things, almost every inner-city visit has the component of the arts and culture in that local community. Charlotte is growing, and we are becoming much more well-known because of our arts and culture scene because of the quality of plays and events. Just this past week we had a week of events for Charlotte Shout; it makes a difference when there is an investment from local government of the arts community.

Now, for a disclaimer: yes, I'm on the Board for the Arts and Science Council as representative of the City of Charlotte, but also recognizing that when I do travel for personal and/or professional conferences and meetings, it is the arts and culture that drives a lot of the conversation when it comes to business development headquarters relocation. I don't want us to around this space to get too far ahead with the conversation, well if the County moves forward then we should look at how we reduce our funding. County and City should be looking at the benefits of our arts and culture and our Arts and Science community, because it is more than just the big events and the cultural facilities. It is also a lot of local events that impact our schools, impact after school and pre-school programs and that is creating a culture of welcoming to the arts community so, I just want to throw that out there while we're having this conversation of possible reduction or as we are discussing funding I hope that all of my colleagues recognize that government, and I believe Mr. Driggs, it was one of our previous Republican Presidents many years ago that saw the benefit of supporting arts and culture throughout communities. So, I think we have to make sure that we are having a conversation that benefits all of Charlotte and not just some aspects of the City.

Mr. Driggs said I think it would be wonderful if we cooperated with the County and we were always in coordination with them, but isn't it true that their two cents of property tax increase actually shifts the distribution of sales taxes a little bit?

Marcus Jones, City Manager said my understanding is Mr. Driggs, it won't impact us in the 2020 budget, but it does have an impact in 2021.

Mr. Driggs said it does and the numbers I saw suggest that is maybe a million dollars but the point is that was something where we actually felt the financial impact from an action they took, and I don't remember any coordination or any cooperation in terms of why don't we collectively try to ensure that we deliver the full spectrum of City and County services and that is why I'm reacting to this, because if they move ahead with a quarter-cent sales tax, and they've got \$20 million spoken for the arts and \$30 million for unspecified purpose I feel we are absolutely within our rights to react.

Councilmember Winston said carrying on with what Ms. Mayfield was saying, in full disclosure, I have always worked in the arts sector, since I started working and paying taxes and paying bills in 2004. I am of the strong belief that people will move here to Charlotte for the jobs, or move anywhere, for the jobs and opportunity, but where are they going to stay? They are going to stay for the culture of the places that they are in. You see that time and time again, not just in this country, but the history of cities from all around the world throughout history. I think we as a City should find ways to be strong partners with the private sector in the arts, and the public funding really does play an

important role, not just in the arts, but equity in the arts. We have to remember while sometimes it gets seen that the patrons of the arts are of a certain class that a small minority of people get to enjoy, that is just not true, especially on the flip side. The people that are producing arts in this City, they are the workforce level and below. These are people that are struggling to make the art or work in the art. I don't make art; I'm a stage hand, but I depend on other artists to be able to live and work here in Charlotte.

So, when we are making investments we need to make sure that we are investing, looking at it not just as something on the periphery of things, the arts are right there with all our goals around affordable housing and around job creation and workforce development, and we need to remember that we're not just going to invest in institutions but actual artist, and I think that is something we have to think about with our financial partner, the ASC. I think a lot of the discussions around this sales tax and what the strategy is going to be going forward, a lot of it does entangle with what role does the ASC play in this and what role does the ASC play short and long-term or should they play in supporting the arts community, so how effective are they? Where are their resources going; are they going to overhead or are they going to helping the actual arts? So, if this is our number one partner in this I think we should be aware of the conversations that are going on and the potential for change. And again, always try to be the scrip and not be reactive as a government but be proactive. We talked about the investment that we've made in the infrastructure around certain facilities and knowing that art happens in a community and not just individuals but also thinking about how are we investing on the backend.

I believe that CRVA needs to take a different type of approach to dealing with the arts sector and looking at it as the heads in beds deal. I think we also need to find ways to be involved in the middle of who is being represented and what is being brought into our City and what is it being brought into our City that might be able to again better create the City that we want and live in. I know I said a lot and might have said anything at all, but I think we need to be looking at the way things are changing in the arts community in the near future.

Mayor Lyles said I agree with you Mr. Winston, because that is why I said we need to go have that conversation with the County. We are doing \$12 million and if we didn't do \$12 million we'd still be at \$43 million in supporting their everyday needs from maintenance, all of those things, including how they are paying their mortgage and all of that. Those are our responsibilities, but I also agree with you. Many artist that I meet, they say, can you find me a place to live that I can afford? If we could ever get to the place that we are supportive of the community in the sense that we have housing that we provide a place that is welcoming, the facilities that are producing programs that everyone can participate in. I think about this in terms of \$20 million and \$12 million and being taxed twice where we are from our community, and I am sure that this is being negotiated. In fact, I know it is being negotiated; the towns are treating that much differently. They are wanting to make sure that their folks are not going to be taxed and then they have to do things as well. We are the place; we've always done this, it is has always been that way, but being open to change and open to a discussion \$20 million will actually move the dial and that is the kind of thing that I hope the County Commission. We all elect them as well and I think they are really good people; I think the idea that they came up with this around entering into this is a reflection of their commitment to our arts community. It is not taking away from arts. I'm actually trying to figure out how do we go and talk to them about this subject matter in a way that allows us if we are going to have an apprenticeship program in the field that you are in, if we are going to have the opportunity to build housing that would perhaps allow some things, if they came to us and said we want an artist colony and put artist in them, that would be something for housing we could do, but I think this kind of \$12 million out of the \$45 million sometimes gets us like our toe in the water but not enough to go and not enough to learn how to swim.

Councilmember Phipps said I just wanted to know as far as the maintenance costs, so this proposed referendum or bond or whatever, a portion of that money will be used to help defray maintenance costs. I know back in 2005 when I was on Council we had the cultural campus and all the different, Discovery Place and the City was responsible for a

substantial portion of the maintenance costs for those facilities. So, none of this money would be going towards that?

Mayor Lyles said no.

Ms. Eiselt said that is why I bring it up. Unless anyone thinks that I'm saying, hey good news, we don't have to support it. My point is everything to the right of that column that is still going to be our responsibility, the bond doesn't cover it. The financial partner funding has not changed much; we bumped it up in 2018, but that number has remained pretty much steady for the last decade and in fact the City kept our operating funding steady while the County dropped theirs during the recession. So, that is great that we kept it that way, but on a per capita basis funding that our community gives to the arts for operating purposes, for programming has dropped on a per capita basis. That is the bucket right there. I really hope that we are able to get to a place where we can support that bond and make some substantial investments in our arts community. We say this weekend; it brought out this community. Everybody was out on the streets together, and it was really a great opportunity to see how Charlotte benefits from the Arts.

Councilmember Ajmera said the way I see this, it is an economic development issue. Yes housing, there are so many other pieces that are tied to it, and I agree with some of my colleagues point about how this brings visitors into our City, creates jobs for folks who work in the industry and we have worked with the County to recruit businesses coming to our City. I think this is a fresh start for us to start collaborating with the County now to support our arts and cultural initiatives. I think this is a good start to start having those conversations.

Mayor Lyles said I will go ahead and follow-up with the County Manager and the County Commission Chair at our next joint meeting to talk about what their plans are because I don't know what their plans are really in terms of what they've been thinking or thought that we would do, what the other six towns going to do and what is all of that going to look like and we will come back with some options and information to have a discussion that is more data driven.

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ITEM NO. 5: IMMIGRATION COMMUNITY COMMITTEE CLOSEOUT

Councilmember Egleston said I do want to confirm to have the Manager outline for us or if Federico wants to, just what our timeline is here, but if we had a good discussion in the Committee two weeks ago, and there were some additions made based on feedback from Mr. Newton and Ms. Ajmera and Mr. Mitchell in Committee to the Charlotte Compact. I've said before I do hope that these recommendations are things that we've created in Committee that are within the purview of the City or things that we can take action on and are things that we can support unanimously and bipartisan on Council, and I think that they are. I would ask that after Mr. Rios' presentation if you've got any questions feel free to ask them now but if you want to dig into the Charlotte Compact or some of this other stuff or if you've got any qualms about any of the wording and the language please find a time to grab Mr. Rios or grab me between now and the time this comes up for a vote. Mr. Jones if you will confirm for us when that is, and we could have those discussion ahead of time. I'm confident that the majority of Council will overwhelmingly support this; I think would send a really strong message if we are able to do so unanimously. If you've got concerns about being able to support any portion of this let's have those conversations in advance. Mr. Jones; what is our timeline for bringing this to Council now for consideration?

Marcus Jones, City Manager said right now where we are it would be the last voting meeting on June the 24th.

Federico Rios, International Integration Manager said I will attempt to go through this expeditiously recognizing our time constraints. The first couple slides are just review to again look over the purpose we were charged with, listening to the immigrant community and identifying strategies that we could implement given our jurisdictional purview. We

hosted eight community conversations throughout every District in the City and one of those eight was a conversation with immigration attorneys. What we heard back from community members was the desire to really mitigate some of the community fears that had arisen in February, a statement of support for immigrants was very much championed in all of our sessions. We also heard that that we as a City could do a better job on information sharing, regularly communicating with the immigrant community members especially in the languages that they speak and then we also heard a desire to create a legal defense fund.

From that come these recommendations, I know that our Committee members have seen this; the three that are present here today but everyone else has not so I will spend some time just going over each one. I know you all can read but just to say them out loud. Again, we will endorse the City Manager; we would ask that you all consider endorsing the City Manager to promote a city-wide language access plan. That plan is already in the pilot phase within community engagement and assess our current multi-lingual staffing. An organization of our size we do not have a current full assessment of how many staff we have that speak a second language.

We would utilize Granicus which is our system for applications to Boards and Commissions to afford us a demographic breakdown as you all select individuals to serve on Board and Commissions. We would add immigration issues that were brought up by the community onto the next Federal Legislative Agenda, and we would also direct the Charlotte International Cabinet to share some of the advocacy agenda items that have come up during these conversations with CMS and Mecklenburg County. We did have several items that were tied back to those entities. And lastly, you have a copy of this. We would look to sign a Charlotte Compact; you have an initial draft of what that document would look like. We would be advocating and this is again conversations that would be had in community to have not just the Council to sign this but also other governmental entities, non-profit business and faith organizations to do so.

Mr. Egleston said if I could interject two things on that slide Mr. Rios; the Granicus tool I will briefly point out is something like what we have done in asking the Boards to review the applications they receive and submit suggestions. This would just simply be more information to help inform the decision that will still ultimately be Councils but will help us, and I now this has been in the case, not only when looking at our ethnic diversity on some of these Boards but male and female balance on some of these Boards. Racial balance on some of the Boards in many cases is very skewed or off for whatever reason. I think would help us to analyze where there might be deficiencies in those Boards across all those demographic points and address it and then on the Compact, and everyone should have it in front them now, read this later and then ask questions or set up some time with Mr. Rios. This effectively is a proclamation; we've talked about and have been asked to make proclamations. This I think will be much, much stronger for the reason Mr. Rios just outlined which is that this would not just be the 12 of us saying this is what we believe.

We would be asking from many of our non-governmental partners and associates in the community to co-sign on this with us and their signatures at the bottom of this, whether it is a Fortune 100 Company or it is an economic development organization in the community or a church or whatever it might be, would strengthen this far beyond the strength it would have simply being a proclamation from the 12 of us sitting at the dais. This is a much stronger way of going about that.

Mr. Rios said these are initiatives that we are already leading; I mentioned that we are in the process with the city-wide language access plan. We are continuing to serve our naturalization providers and we are cataloging that on the shared website we have with Charlotte Mecklenburg Library which is welcomeclt.org. We are looking at standardizing our language incentive across departments and continuing to target recruitment efforts for multi-lingual staff recognizing that there are some needs; those needs would be better show cased after the assessment that we asked to be endorsed would be conducted. We are also looking to develop that Culture Concierge program, a touchpoint with community members to regularly hear back from them to improve our communications. Civic Leadership Academy will be occurring in Spanish; we are in the process now through the contract phase with that. We are working on a Know Your Rights presentation that

hopefully will be occurring in mid-June in collaboration with community relations, CMPD and outside providers and HR is in the process of creating and H1B hiring program specifically looking at hard to fill positions, positions where we do not have talent for here locally.

Partner Led Initiatives: Foundation for the Carolinas has agreed to provide some additional funding with the Charlotte Center for Legal Advocacy to address some of the needs that immigrant residents have expressed. This was based off of the conversations that we had during this process; the Foundation stepped up and said that they would like to take a proactive step in helping do their positioning to assist a non-profit organization working through these. Also, Committee members have begun to step up and ask ways that they could support beyond just their position here on Council and so, we have had conversations where general contractors could work with non-profits and also how we can get more of the organizations that were represented, especially at the CBI meeting we had focusing on immigrant owned small businesses, getting those through our MWSBE and DBE processes. United Way of the Central Carolinas is looking at establishing a leadership development and advocacy platform for immigrant leaders; this is modeled after the Immigrant Advisory Council that has been established in Greensboro that we have spoken to with Committee members extensively and Charlotte EAST also wrote a statement of support for immigrants.

Upcoming Opportunities: things that are occurring in the near term we are going to be producing a city-wide survey so this goes out to all City employees again, the beginning of that overall assessment to determine how many staff are multi-lingual. I'm glad to report that we have received the New American Economies Gateway for Growth Immigrant Economic Impact report grant and that will be coming out in June 2019. That will give us a clear indication of our immigrant landscape in regards to the economic impact that they have. Civil Leadership Academy, as we mentioned, would start in Summer of 2019 and Emily Yaffe and I will actually be leaving tomorrow for Pittsburg to the 2019 Welcoming Interactive and Welcoming Economies Conference, and we hope to hear there that we have been selected to host the 2020 Conference.

Next Steps for Council would be to consider the draft compact language, and that discussion would occur as the City Manager has stated, at the last voting session in June and also consider immigration issues brought up by the community to place in the next Federal Legislative Agenda.

Councilmember Winston said you said we would vote on this in the last meeting in June; I was going to make a suggestion, I know we have a city-wide language initiative that we are considering, but if there is a specific place, I think it really makes sense to focus our efforts, I think it should be around the Comprehensive 2040 Plan and the type of outreach that we need to do in all different parts of Charlotte if we really do want it to be comprehensive and the kind of timeline we are on. If we could really focus our efforts around that being there are so many different pieces. This is not just the Planning Department that needs to be involved in this but so many different cross departmental conversations and input and citizen engagement that we need to do. I would like to see kind of specific plan around that should the overall plan be voted on.

Mayor Lyles said we will get that referred and go back to the Manager and have him reply to that.

Councilmember Mayfield said Mr. Rios thank you for the work that you've done with leading this conversation. Going back to slide #6 where we have the City Led Initiatives, going down to the third from the last, Implement the Civic Leadership Academy in Spanish; while the conversations have been happening in the surveys; have we looked at what our largest and second largest non-English as a first language and/or second language community is. I know we are about 12% Latino, and we lump everyone together regardless of where you originate from and our aging specific Islander community is the same as far as around 10%, but we also have an extremely quickly growing African and Caribbean community as well, so I'm trying to also get an idea of the future goal, because

I can understand English and Spanish, but what are other largest populations of non-English speaking as first language?

Mr. Rios said if you think back to some of the initial presentations I did and we spoke about language; Vietnamese is our third largest spoken language. It is significantly smaller. Emily is the expert in this, but it is a significantly smaller population share than our Spanish language, and that is part of the reason we decided to go Spanish first.

Emily Yaffe, Housing and Neighborhood Services said to your point the third one is French and then it gets progressively smaller from there. We spoke with Mr. Ajmera before, and Tolulu is on there so there is quite a large list of languages and the federal standards around that really describes how you identify those languages, and we have a really diverse community here in Charlotte.

Ms. Mayfield said thank you that you did take the additional steps to look at our other growing, so as we move forward we are trying to be as inclusive as possible. When we go to slide #7 and we are looking at 'the United Way of Central Carolinas is interesting and creating a leadership development advocacy platform for rising immigrant leaders,' it will be helpful to get more information on what that looks like because unfortunately we also have a challenge in our community where we have those that have been identified as immigrant leaders in the community. They have hurt the community more than anyone else can, because we are dealing with an immigrant and in some cases refugee community then there is a lot of fear with coming forward.

We all received an e-mail recently regarding the work of [inaudible], and he is well known and well respected in the community and has received funding over the years from different groups. I want to make sure that however we move forward that we have all the steps in place to do our due diligence in order to truly be able to help the immigrant community so we are not in a position where we are looking at young people and because of a person's relationship or appearance of a relationship with government can put them in financial strain. So, it will be helpful as you provide us a little bit more information before we have the vote in June, give a little detail of what is considered a rising immigrant leader, and how is that identified for those who may be in the community doing amazing work but also to ensure that we are protecting our immigrant and refugee community?

My last question is on the following page on Page 8, and that is the last applied to host for the 2020 Welcoming Interactive. You said you are getting ready to head out next week, so this is something that happens in May or June every year?

Mr. Rios said it happens between April or May; they bounce between dates. They just started taking it on the road last year; last year it was at Louisville, Kentucky. This year it is in Pittsburg, so we are actually leaving tomorrow for the convening and they have anywhere between 400 and 600 individuals that attend. This is geared towards municipal governments; it is really directed around immigration integration work and how we work to be a welcoming community. So, it gives best practices around that particular focus work.

Ms. Mayfield said it would be really interesting to hear the report once you all return, especially since later in 2020 we are hosting a very different type of event and to be perfectly honest these are two very conflicting convenings, so it will be interesting to hear what is shared in the space and how would they foresee if Charlotte is chosen what that would look like and the type of conversations and directors that will be expected.

Mr. Rios said I can share that.

Mayor Lyles said if you have additional questions Mr. Egleston, and Mr. Rios, thank you, are available for questions.

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ITEM NO. 6: ANSWERS TO MAYOR AND COUNCIL CONSENT ITEM QUESTIONS

There were no outstanding Consent agenda item questions.

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CLOSED SESSION

Motion was made by Councilmember Egleston, seconded by Councilmember Mayfield and carried unanimously to go into closed session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(4) to discuss matters related to the location of industries or businesses in the City of Charlotte.

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RECESS

The meeting recessed at 5:18 p.m. to go into closed session in Room 267.

The meeting returned to open session in Room 267 at 5:28 p.m. and immediately recessed to move to the Meeting Chamber for the regularly scheduled Business Meeting.

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BUSINESS MEETING

The City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina reconvened for a Business Meeting on Monday May 13, 2019 at 5:34 p.m. in the Meeting Chamber of the Charlotte Mecklenburg Government Center with Mayor Vi Lyles presiding. Councilmembers present were Dimple Ajmera, Tariq Bokhari, Ed Driggs, Larken Egleston, Julie Eiselt, Justin Harlow, LaWana Mayfield, Matt Newton, Greg Phipps and Braxton Winston, II.

ABSENT: Councilmember James Mitchell

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INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

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

Mr. Egleston said you will note that everyone at the dais tonight has joined me in wearing a Niner Nation Unites Pin and with that in mind this is the first Council Business Meeting we've had since the tragedy at UNC-Charlotte and just take a moment to reflect on that. On Tuesday, April 30, 2019, two innocent students lost their lives on the campus of UNC-Charlotte; four others were injured and are still physically recovering. While they and countless others will forever bear emotional scars from this tragic incident. In the wake of this event, our community has come together to show the world we are Charlotte Strong. I would like to share excerpts from the family's remembrances of Reed Parlier and Riley Howell, the two students whose lives were taken in the attack.

Reed Parlier was born in Charlotte, North Carolina on October 2, 1999; he attended Porter Ridge Elementary and Middle Schools and was a 2017 graduate of the Central Academy of Technology and Arts, where he studied in the Information Systems Academy. Reed was a Sophomore at UNC-C pursuing a computer science major at the time of his death. From an early age, Reed was interested in anything involving technology; he often helped his family members with technology fixes with much patience and tutored middle school students. Reed will be remembered for being an intelligent, independent thinker with a great sense of humor and a sweet quiet loving soul. Gifts in honor of Reed may be made to a scholarship in his name at UNC-Charlotte.

Riley Howell was a native of Haywood County, graduated from T. C. Roberson High School and was a Junior at UNC-Charlotte. Riley was an adventurous guy, who loved the outdoors whether that was kayaking through inlets on the ocean, canoeing down cold mountain rivers, or screaming with excitement as he tried to do a front flip off the rope swing at Fontana Lake. His home was a place he cherished for the same reason. The ponds, tall trees and mountains that he was surrounded by where he could run with dogs or where he would have light saver fights in the yard with his 14-year old brother Teddy.

He has his own unique and close relationship with each sibling, family member and friend where he reflected his deep-seated bear hug love. On top of the passion he had for life and all living things he valued being self-taught whether that was in regard to learning about cars, cooking, weight-lifting and fitness, loony tunes, plants and animals of anything Star Wars and super hero related. He would read his entire car manual just for fun. He had a wonderful sense of humor with his own quarks, cracking jokes all day and making anyone feel better no matter the circumstances. He had several part-time jobs through his life including working at the Corner Kitchen, where he could fulfill his love of food, BB Barnes where he fulfilled his love of all things living and growing and his job at UNC-Charlotte where he worked with housing to keep other students safe.

He sought out hard work and enjoyed hands-on work. Even though sometimes he burned it, he loved making fried chicken in the cast iron skillet and trying out new receipts with his friends and family. As much as he loved to cook, he loved to eat even more; he could eat an entire extra-large pizza and be hungry enough to polish off everyone else's leftovers and still he managed to keep up that [inaudible] physic.

Riley died the way he lived, putting others first. His example of loving, living large, being kind always and finding laughter in the little things will be remembered as Riley's gift to us all. Riley liked to take care of people, animals, and the planet so memorials in his name may be made of the following: The Southern Highlands Appalachian Conservancy, Red Cross, Wild Life Warriors, March for our Lives or [inaudible] Animal Rescue Foundation. I would like the families of those two young men who lost their lives to know that Charlotte stands with them, and we are thinking of them.

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AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

ITEM NO. 9: ANTHONY HAMILTON DAY PROCLAMATION

Mayor Lyles said a couple months ago Kim Ratliff called me and said something about recognizing people in our own community; that it was an important thing to do. When Kim called, she is very serious about most things; So, tonight we are going to take a minute, and we are going to take a picture too, so just be ready for that. We are going to recognize Anthony Cornelius Hamilton.

Anthony Cornelius Hamilton, an American singer, song writer, record producer started out on a road to fame with a platinum selling, second studio album, Coming From Where I'm From, which features the title tract single and the follow-up Charlene. Nominated for 17 Grammy Awards, he is also known for the song Freedom from the sound track of Django and Chains co-written and sung as a duo with Indy Soul singer Alona Boykin, but most importantly Anthony Hamilton is from Charlotte, North Carolina, and last week I had along with about 400 children, with Ms. Mayfield and Mr. Egleston to have a band that they played his music. He had two spoken words created originally from the students at his Alma Motto write poetry and read for him. He also had in the audience the oldest of six sons to be there to recognize him, and I tell you we had a good time.

The Gospel Choir, which he reminded them he used to sing in at Harding University, his Alma Motto. Those young people were so impressed, and I was so impressed with what they were doing and the creativity that they showed him. Now, he doesn't just go to Harding; on February 24, 2019, Hamilton performed at the final end performance at the White House hosted by President Barak Obama and First Lady Michele Obama and the

tribute to the iconic singer Ray Charles. I also have to say on October 9, 2017, he was recognized by this body with a Proclamation declaring it Anthony Hamilton Day in the City of Charlotte. I have to say something about this; I've seen Anthony Hamilton in person more this week than I have [inaudible]. He opened for Charlotte Shout, and the crowd was swaying and dancing, and I even something on Twitter where a young woman that we all know said I was mad at my boyfriend, because he wasn't holding me close enough. I think that is the kind of impact that you have on people, your music, and what you do.

At the same time, there is a serious part of him and what we would like to do is recognize him today for staying true to his values, staying true to his City, staying true to our young people and the opportunities that they have, because he has shown them that in the music business there are many opportunities and he said this. He said, you don't have to sing. You don't have to do this. You can be a producer; you can be like Mr. Winston, a stage hand. You can be someone that leads the band. All of those things he encouraged them to do, but there are two young ladies in this audience and boy they were singing every song he sang. He had to get up and sing with them. I think it was trio or something like that. Today, we would like to recognize Anthony Cornelius Hamilton with a bigger honor by presenting him a Key to our City. He told me that he had keys to many cities, and it wasn't fair that his own home town did not give him a key to the City and today we do just that.

Anthony Hamilton said I would like to thank you all; this is a big honor. I know it doesn't happen quite often. It has been 30-years since someone received a key to the City, and I'm honored. I'd like to thank the Mayor, the City Council, Kim Ratliff, and all these great people who fight for me to acknowledge my City. I'm so in love with you, and everywhere I go I shout out Charlotte, North Carolina. It doesn't matter if I'm in Chicago, New York, or wherever, South Africa. I'm still screaming Charlotte. This has been home for so many reasons, home because I'm taken care of here, and I've been protected here, and I started here. I was fed here and groomed here, and it is very important to come back here and let everybody know that you can do anything you want. Kids can do whatever you want and even grownups. I think sometimes we get to a certain age we stop living and dreaming, and that is not the case; we can do anything with great people behind you and a great City, great team the sky is the limit. I'm so honored to have this, and I think I'm going to have a nice good whiskey when I leave from here. I'm not driving!

Mayor Lyles said earlier this week we presented Anthony with his Proclamation declaring Anthony Hamilton Day on May 8, 2019 and that seems to be fitting that we did it on the 8th, because we did it around young people. Thank you very much.

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ITEM NO. 10: ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION AWARD

WHEREAS, urban forestry is a very important municipal responsibility, providing countless benefits to the city of Charlotte, including enhancements of the quality of life; and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate temperature, cool the air, produce oxygen, and provide for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of our business areas, and beautify our community; and

WHEREAS, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal; and

WHEREAS, Charlotte has been recognized for the 38th consecutive year (2017) as Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation and desires to continue its tree planting ways.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Vi Alexander Lyles, Mayor of Charlotte, do hereby proclaim Friday, March 22, 2019, as

“ARBOR DAY”

in Charlotte, and urge all citizens to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, support our city’s urban forestry program, and plant trees to gladden the hearts and promote the well- being of present and future generations.

Mayor Lyles said it is my great pleasure to receive on behalf of the City of Charlotte the Arbor Day Foundations 2019 Champion of Trees Award, which recognizes that Charlotte has demonstrated exemplary leadership in implementing new policies and practices for municipal tree care and natural area stewardship. Specifically, the awards honors Charlotte for our tree canopy preservation program which preserves natural areas in the City through voluntary purchases or easements paid for by fees collected from developers.

Since 2014, Charlotte has protected 221 acres an area three times larger than what would have been protected through traditional tree preservation codes, with acquisitions targeted for their environmental attributes. I would like to recognize two staff members who have worked to make the preservation program what it is today. Tim Porter, our City Arborist and Amanda Byrum, formerly on our Real Estate staff and now a member of our Procurement Office.

Today, we had a delegation of five Ambassadors from Africa, [inaudible]. We had the opportunity to walk into the office, and we looked at all the tall buildings but what did they ‘oed’ and ‘aahed’ over, the tree canopy so, thank you very much for the work that you do; we really appreciate it.

Tim Porter, City Arborist said I want to thank our community leaders, the folks sitting in front of me now and their predecessors for their long-term value and recognition of the community’s value on trees and the benefits that trees provide in this community. It is something that put Charlotte in a class all by itself. So, thank you to Council, Mayor, City Manager Jones and all your predecessors and to the Charlotte community for really valuing their environment and the tree canopy.

Mayor Lyles said now I would like to recognize Katy Loos, Vice President of the Arbor Day Foundation who was here today to present the award for the City. We want to say that we are grateful to the Foundation as a City Council and every member and resident of our City for the recognition that you have for our ongoing commitment to the

preservation and care of our urban forest which is so much a part of what we consider our own identity as a community. Thank you for being here today, and thank you again for the team that is doing all this great work.

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ITEM NO. 11: MECKLENBURG DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE WEEK

Councilmember Bokhari read the following Proclamation:

WHEREAS, on May 19, 1775, Charlotte Town’s founder, Colonel Thomas Polk, called for a convention of the Mecklenburg County militia leaders to be held in Charlotte; and

WHEREAS, those 26 men, upon hearing of the Battles of Lexington and Concord, unanimously adopted resolutions to declare themselves “*a free and independent people*” in a document that came to be known as the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence (“MecDec”); and

WHEREAS, at on May 20, 1775, Colonel Polk read the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence from the County Courthouse to the assembled citizens; and

WHEREAS, on May 31, 1775, members of the Mecklenburg Committee of Safety adopted 20 additional resolutions, which came to be known as the Mecklenburg Resolves; and

WHEREAS, a local tavern owner named Captain James Jack was called upon to deliver the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence and Mecklenburg Resolves to North Carolina’s delegates at the Second Continental Congress in Philadelphia; and

WHEREAS, Captain Jack delivered the MecDec, telling the delegates that “*Gentlemen, you may debate here about reconciliation and memorialize your king, but, bear it in mind, Mecklenburg owes no allegiance to, and is separated from the crown of Great Britain forever!*”; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina has chosen to recognize the significance of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence by placing the date of its signing, May 20, 1775, upon our State Flag and Great Seal; and

WHEREAS, this May 20, 2019 is the 244th anniversary of the MecDec:

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, Vi Alexander Lyles, Mayor of Charlotte, and George Dunlap, Chair of the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim, May 20–24, 2019 as

“MECKLENBURG DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE WEEK”

in Charlotte/Mecklenburg County and commend its observance to all citizens.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Councilmember Egleston, seconded by Councilmember Harlow, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented with the exception of Item Nos. 23, 31, 32 and 38 which were pulled for separate votes and Item No. 48 which was pulled by staff and will be brought back on May 28, 2019.

Councilmember Phipps said Item No. 51: Property Transactions - Oneida Road Sidewalk, Parcel #3 and Item No. 52: Property Transactions - Oneida Road Sidewalk, Parcels #6 and 7 deal with a sidewalk project on Oneida Road and Graham Street, and

I'm pleased to announce that after spending several weeks in the summer of 2015 that we are finally getting to a point now where that sidewalk project is coming to fruition. I just wanted to thank the staff and members of the Mayfield Memorial Senior Apartments on Oneida Road that helped to secure those necessary signatures to be able to get the petition and get on the list for this sidewalk project. Thank you very much.

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

The following items were approved:

Item No. 24: Traffic Signal Construction

Approve a contract in the amount of \$6,178,480 to the lowest responsive bidder Whiting Construction Co., Inc. for traffic signal construction.

Summary of Bids

Whiting Construction Company, Inc.	\$6,178,480.00
Brooks Berry Haynie & Associates, Inc.	\$9,947,475.00

Item No. 25: Delane Avenue Storm Drainage Improvement Project

(A) Reject the low bid by WSH Construction, Inc. for 1321 Delane Avenue Storm Drainage Improvement Project, and (B) approve a contract in the amount of \$937,773.25 to the lowest responsive bidder OnSite Development, LLC for the Delane Avenue Storm Drainage Improvement project.

Summary of Bids

WSH Construction *	\$ 894,511.00
OnSite development, LLC	\$ 937,773.25
United of Carolinas, Inc.	\$ 976,970.14
Eagle Wood, Inc.	\$1,066,083.40
North American Pipeline Management, Inc.	\$1,096,941.30
Blythe Development Company	\$1,136,309.25
Zoladz Construction Co., Inc	\$1,168,002.10
Sealand Contractors Corp.	\$1,174,790.55

* WSH Construction, Inc.'s bid in the amount of \$894,511.40 was found to be non-responsive as a result of failing to meet the City's Charlotte Business INCLUSION (CBI) Program goal.

Item No. 26: Land Acquisition for Tree Canopy Preservation Program

(A) Approve the purchase of an approximately 19.43-acre parcel (parcel identification number 043-106-27) located at 4732 West Sugar Creek Road for a purchase price of \$670,000, and (B) Authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute any documents necessary to complete these transitions.

Item No. 27: I-277 Pedestrian Bridge Design

(A) Authorize the City Manager to negotiate and approve a contract up to \$1,200,000 with Thomas & Hutton Engineering Co. for design services for the I-277 Pedestrian Bridge, and (B) Authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute sponsorship agreements that commit private funds towards the completion of the project.

Item No. 28. Bradstock Lane Storm Drainage Improvement Project

Approve a contract in the amount of \$1,297,545 to the lowest responsive bidder Zoladz Construction Co., Inc. for the 6730 Bradstock Lane Storm Drainage Improvement project.

Zoladz Construction Co., Inc	\$1,297,545.00
United of Carolinas Inc.	\$1,298,107.35
Sealand Contractors Corp	\$1,486,939.08
Onsite Development LLC	\$1,686,794.70
Blythe Development Company	\$1,734,214.49

Item No. 29: Accela Database Technology Maintenance and Hosting Services Contract Amendment

(A) Approve contract amendment #10 with Accela, Inc. for license, maintenance and hosting services for the land development permit and enforcement system for up to five years, (B) Authorize the City Manager to renew software licenses, maintenance, and hosting services for as long as the City uses the system, and (C) Authorize the City Manager to purchase such additional software license, maintenance, hosting, and other services, and to amend the contract consistent with the purpose for which the contract was approved.

Item No. 30: McMullen Creek Interceptor and Sub-Area Sanitary Sewer Improvements

Approve a contract for up to \$1,247,008 with Brown and Caldwell for the McMullen Creek Interceptor and sub-area sanitary sewer improvements engineering services.

Item No. 33: Bypass Pumping Services

(A) Approve unit price contracts with the following companies for bypass pumping services for an initial term of three years: Western Oilfields Supply Company, Xylem Dewatering Solutions, and Sunbelt Rentals, Inc. and (B) Authorize the City Manager to renew the contracts for up to two, two-year terms with possible price adjustments and to amend the contracts consistent with the purpose for which the contracts were approved.

Item No. 34: Water Distribution System Program Management Services

Approve a contract in the amount of \$2,011,969 with Brown and Caldwell for water distribution system program management services for the Water Master Plan Program.

Item No. 35: Honeywell International, Inc. Hangar Lease

(A) Approve a 15-year lease agreement with Honeywell International, Inc. and (B) Authorize the City Manager to amend the lease for three, five-year lease extensions consistent with the purpose for which the agreement was approved.

Item No. 36: Wireless Communications Services and Related Products

(A) Approve the purchase of wireless communications services and related products from federal contracts as authorized by G.S. 143-129(e)(9a) and from state contracts as authorized by G.S. 13-129(e)(9), (B) Approve the purchase of wireless services and related products through the listed federal and state contracts: AT&T Mobility (GSA Contract No. GS-35F-0297K), AT&T Wireless (State ITS Contract 915A), AT&T Government Solutions (GSA Contract No. GS-35F-129GA), Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless (GSA Contract No. GS-35F-0119P), Cello Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless (State ITS Contract 915A), Sprint Communications Company (GSA Contract No. 47QTCA18D00K0), Sprint Solutions, Inc. (State ITS Contract 915A), T-Mobile USA Inc. (GSA Contract No. GS-35F-0503M) and T-Mobile USA Inc. (State ITS Contract 915A), and (C) Authorize the City Manager to extend the use of the contracts for as long as the contracts are in effect, at prices and terms that are the same or more favorable than those offered under the contracts.

Item No. 37: Video Management System Services

(A) Approve a contract with Advanced Digital Solutions, LLC to provide, implement and maintain an enterprise Video Management System, (B) Authorize the City Manager to approve price adjustments and amend the contract consistent with the purpose for which the contract was awarded, and (C) Authorize the City Manager to purchase such additional software licenses, services, and hardware or amend the contract as may be required for additional enterprise implementations of this solution, consistent with the purpose for which the contract was awarded.

Item No. 39: Refund of Property Taxes

Adopt a resolution authorizing the refund of property taxes assessed through clerical or assessment error in the amount of \$19,876.50.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 49, at Page(s) 488-489.

Item No. 40: Meeting Minutes

Approve the titles, motions, and votes reflected in the Clerk's record as the minutes of March 18, 2019 Zoning Meeting, and March 25, 2019 Business Meeting.

PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS

Item No. 41: In Rem Remedy 2817 Dalecrest Drive (Acc Bldg)

Ordinance No. 9555-X authorizing the use of In Rem Remedy to demolish and remove the structure at 2817 Dalecrest Drive ACC Bldg. (Neighborhood Profile Area 160).

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 62, at Page(s) 202.

Item No. 42: In Rem Remedy 4236 Freedom Drive

Ordinance No. 9556-X authorizing the use of In Rem Remedy to demolish and remove the structure at 4236 Freedom Drive (Neighborhood Profile Area 346).

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 62, at Page 203.

Item No. 43: Property Transactions – Bryant Farms Road Sidewalk, Parcel #4

Resolution of Condemnation of 700 square feet (.016 acre) in Storm Drainage Easement, plus 2,209 square feet (.051 acre) in Temporary Construction Easement at 9300 Briarwick Lane from Jack Jaimes and Ruth L. Jaimes for an amount to be determined for Bryant Farms Road Sidewalk, Parcel #4.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 49, at Page(s) 490.

Item No. 44: Property Transactions – Bryant Farms Road Sidewalk, Parcel #9

Resolution of Condemnation of 1,582 square feet (.036 acre) in Fee Simple, 145 square feet (.003 acre) in Storm Drainage Easement, plus 193 square feet (.004 acre) in Sidewalk and Utility Easement, plus 1,054 square feet (.024 acre) in Temporary Construction Easement at 8722 Bryant Farms Road from Dana Hoegh-Guldberg and Niels Hoegh-Guldberg for an amount to be determined for Bryant Farms Road Sidewalk, Parcel #9.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 49, at Page(s) 491.

Item No. 45: Property Transactions – Chandworth Drainage Improvements, Parcel #41

Acquisition of 710 square feet (.016 acre) in Storm Drainage Easement, plus 1,118 square feet (.026 acre) in Sanitary Sewer Easement, plus 3,391 square feet (.078 acre) in Temporary Construction Easement, plus 179 square feet (.004 acre) in Existing Drainage accepted as Storm Drainage Easement at 3819 Chandworth Road from Matthew Papandrea and Meredith Papandrea for \$24,000 for Chandworth Drainage Improvements, Parcel #41.

Item No. 46: Property Transactions – Chandworth Drainage Improvements, Parcel #42

Acquisition 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 Stoudemire for \$18,375 for Chandworth Drainage Improvements, Parcel #42.

Item No. 47: Property Transactions – Chandworth Drainage Improvements, Parcel #9

Acquisition 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 \$18,000 for Chandworth Drainage Improvements, Parcel #9.

Item No. 49: Property Transactions – Five Points Plaza Improvements, Parcel #3

Acquisition of 2,169 square feet (.05 acre) in Fee Simple plus 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.

Item No. 50: Property Transactions – Hinsdale-Tinkerbell Drainage Improvements, Parcel #20

Acquisition of 44.76 square feet (.001 acre) in Storm Drainage Easement, plus 403.47 square feet (.009 acre) in Temporary Construction Easement, plus 1,186.06 square feet (.027 acre) in Utility Easement, plus 546.47 square feet (.013 acre) in Existing Drainage accepted as Storm Drainage Easement at 5517 Sharon Road from Oliver J. Carias for \$14,700 for Hinsdale-Tinkerbell Drainage Improvements, Parcel #20.

Item No. 51: Property Transactions – Oneida Road Sidewalk, Parcel #3

Acquisition of 15,227 square feet (.35 acre) in Fee Simple plus 2,226 square feet (.051 acre) in Storm Drainage Easement, plus 8,370 square feet (.192 acre) in Sidewalk and Utility Easement, plus 12,005 square feet (.276 acre) in Temporary Construction Easement at 2901 Oneida Road from Mount Vernon Missionary Baptist Church of Charlotte, Inc. for \$48,675 for Oneida Road Sidewalk, Parcel #3.

Item No. 52: Property Transactions - Oneida Road Sidewalk, Parcels #6 and 7

Resolution of Condemnation of 26,096 square feet (.599 acre) in Fee Simple plus 8,831 square feet (.203 acre) in Sidewalk and Utility Easement plus 3,546 square feet (.082 acre) in Temporary Construction Easement on Oneida Road for \$29,200 for Oneida Road Sidewalk, Parcels #6 and 7.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 49, at Page(s) 492.

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ITEM NO. 23: POLICE BODY WORN CAMERAS

Motion was made by Councilmember Bokhari and seconded by Councilmember Egleston, to (A) Approve contract amendment #5 for \$2,979,066.69 with Axon Enterprise, Inc. for hosting of Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department body worn camera video, licensing costs, and Taser Assurance Plan, (B) Authorize the City Manager to approve price adjustments and amend the contract consistent with the purpose for which the contract was awarded, and (C) Authorize the City Manager to purchase such additional software licenses, services, maintenance, and support as required to maintain the system for as long as the City uses the system.

Councilmember Mayfield said I was trying to get clarification; this is a request for amendment #5 but it is actually only the fourth financial amendment, but I'm trying to get a better understanding of the cost. Amendment #3 increased the contract value to \$6,645,801, and that was the addition of 1,800 body worn cameras and increased the annual maintenance from \$906,000 to over \$1.25 million. We spoke on this earlier, and I'm trying to verify the cost as well as how many cameras do we currently have that are active if this is an additional 1,800?

Marie Harris, Strategy and Budget said the additional 1,800 was a couple years ago, and that was for amendment #3. Right now, we have 3,200, and the full cost is what is listed, basically just under \$3 million and that is for the cost of two additional years. It is not for any service or any new items; it is just extending the current service on those items for an additional two years.

Ms. Mayfield said so, we are saying from the initial contract amount and transferring and updating all the information this request today is just an additional two-years with also requesting for the City Manager to approve any future price adjustments and the contract.

Ms. Harris said yes ma'am, consistent with what you are approving tonight.

Ms. Mayfield said I also want to make sure that we are not tying the hands of future Councils; is this an example of this one company is the only company that does this or are we looking at having the ability for an RFP to be issued?

Ms. Harris said we are looking for continuity of services right now prior to the RNC but there is opportunity to rebid it at a later date.

Ms. Mayfield said but today is specifically an additional two-years at this additional expense of almost \$3 million.

Ms. Harris said yes ma'am, to continue the existing services.

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

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

NAYS: Councilmember Mayfield

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ITEM NO. 31: STEELE CREEK GRAVITY SEWER CONSTRUCTION

Motion was made by Councilmember Mayfield and seconded by Councilmember Winston, to approve a contract in the amount of \$12,445,990.86 to the lowest responsive bidder Dellinger, Inc. for the Steele Creek Gravity Sewer Construction Project.

Councilmember Mayfield said this is a contract of over \$12 million, and we are in the process of negotiating the MSBE goal. The initial goal was 10%; they initially committed to 3.81%. Through conversations they have identified another three percent and then we have an additional breakdown for another 3.21%. You shared with me earlier the process as we continue the conversation. If you could please share that again just for clarification.

Marie Harris, Strategy and Budget said at the time of bid if they meet the good faith efforts and we have staff that review and audit; who did you contact, can you reach out and contact? So, it is an interactive process staff to validate their good faith efforts and again good faith efforts are within your policy to say they did as much outreach as possible. There wasn't capacity maybe in that particular area for them to achieve the higher participation, but through that process they, were able to achieve higher, and that is an ongoing process as the contract unfolds as well. As you mentioned, today is only 7.02%, but it is ongoing and has good faith efforts with the vendor.

Councilmember Winston said if I am reading this correctly this is in line with Charlotte Water's new program; they anticipated not reaching some of these goals with these big infrastructure projects coming along, but they are implementing this program that trains apprentices in the trade and will ultimately graduate to try to grow capacity in these areas.

Ms. Harris said that is a program that is implemented as well; unfortunately, that doesn't count towards the participation goals but there is a lot of outreach in Charlotte Water and some of the other departments and the City overall is trying to be proactive. That is part of the economic development component as well but that is not captured in what you see at the bottom of the page in the CBI goals.

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

Summary of Bids

Dellinger, Inc.	\$12,445,990.86
Garney Companies, Inc.	\$12,952,685.00
English Construction Company, Inc.	\$14,128,255.87

Hall Contracting Corporation
State Utility

\$14,693,093.45
\$15,119,086.00

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Item No. 32: McAlpine Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant Reliability and Process Improvements Design-Build Construction Phase

Motion was made by Councilmember Mayfield, and seconded by Councilmember Driggs, to approve a guaranteed maximum price of \$57,560,798 to Garney Companies, Inc. for the purchase of wastewater treatment equipment needed for Phase 3 Design-Build Services for the McAlpine Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant Reliability and Process Improvements project.

Councilmember Mayfield said this is an almost \$60 million contract; I spoke with Ms. Harris earlier, because I wanted to get an idea of exactly how much of this contract is for the actual purchase, because this is a combination of the purchase of the actual equipment, and equipment will be purchased all at once to receive significant volume discounts and reduce the risk of future price escalation. I wanted to have a breakdown of how much of this total cost is actually for the equipment in comparison to the MWSBE goals that were set on an almost \$60 million project.

Marie Harris, Strategy and Budget said out of that total \$13,362,486 is specific for equipment and then there is another portion of that total amount that is for an allowance, because they don't know until they dewater and get the tanks out what they are really dealing with. That portion is \$8,562,402, so that brings the total that is the labor part that is part of the CBI calculation to \$35,635,910, and that number is what the CBI goal is based on.

Ms. Mayfield said thank you for that breakdown. So, \$35 million of this is the actual project. I'm still going to issue a challenge for staff, even though staff- I will commend you on doing the outreach for the minority, but this participation specifically in our Charlotte Water Department, but for our staff that is supposed to be focusing on helping to identify and encourage new small business and minority owned business opportunities, we know there are gaps that exist. So, when we say there is a 10% goal and/or when we say that we do not have a vendor that is able to do role that means that for five-years now this conversation has been happening in Economic Development Committee and beyond regarding identifying these gaps and making sure that people know of these opportunities. Mr. Manager, I'm putting this charge to you, because our Economic Development team, as well as our staff, are supposed to be out doing the outreach to create the opportunities. We are missing some opportunities here. This 10% goal was great, but this goal could have been higher on a \$35 million project if we are really going to address upward mobility, because upward mobility comes from creating wealth. That comes from supporting small businesses and not just breaking out contracts, because we say we didn't have a business that did that type of work. Our job is to make sure that those businesses are created.

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

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ITEM NO. 38: CITYWIDE JANITORIAL SERVICES

Motion was made by Councilmember Mayfield and seconded by Councilmember Newton, to (A) Approve contracts with the following companies for janitorial services for an initial term of three years: A & B cleaning Services, Inc., Atalian Global Services, Environmental Services System, LLC, Greens Commercial Cleaning, Inc., Integrated Commercial Cleaning Service, ISS Facility Services, JSL Services, LLC, Paramount Service Solutions, and The Budd Group, 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.

Councilmember Mayfield said I'm going to ask a question of our City Attorney on this, because we've been having a lot of conversations around this dais and in community and our colleague. Ms. Leak on the County Commission has charged and challenged the City to look at how we do our janitorial service. I believe in Durham, North Carolina, where you previously served as City Attorney and Manager, there was a way that you were able to be a little more creative in the language to address the need so that we make sure that people have access to quality pay, since we need our workers to be able to live in the City and the City not become just all high-end community of wealth. We need to make sure our workers have opportunity; can you share briefly recommendations or suggestions on this?

Patrick Baker, City Attorney said we have had that issue in Durham as well; they are still subject to the same laws as here in Charlotte, where you can't do a price fix or require a livable wage, but we looked at a number of other ways to get there particularly putting in an aspirational goal of putting out what the City of Durham paid its employees and then there was a commitment of the City of Durham to pay a livable wage for all of their employees. We would put that in our contracting documents, not as a requirement, but an aspiration that the entity that you were dealing with and negotiating with, this is what we hold as a high esteem for our community and what our expectations are of the people that do work here that they are going to aspire to that as well.

Ms. Mayfield said and that aspiration was received by small business positively?

Mr. Baker said yes, I don't recall having issues with it. Either they came to us with a livable wage provision for their employees or they participated in other programs that pushed the ball forward like they would want as a community in terms of that upward mobility that we are talking about. Again, without requiring or making it a condition of the contract that they pay a certain dollar amount.

Ms. Mayfield said thank you and Mayor and colleagues, I do want to acknowledge that our staff is moving in that direction and had very positive conversations on these, but I did want to have an opportunity to hear what one of our neighboring cities opposed to best practices in other cities and states are doing to hopefully from the Manager's Office see an opportunity in our language where we can continue to move forward and grow.

Councilmember Harlow said I guess hearing what you are saying Mr. Attorney; clearly, we can't require this, and often times with our role at the municipal local level we can only suggest, recommend and aspire. When I see annual expenditures for the contract total of \$2.75 million and understanding that you've got a lot of different contractors and other things that might be associated costs that these companies are going to bear themselves, but we know that we want folks in our cleaning services to have a living wage. It very well may be too late for this budget cycle, but I think when there are possible lanes here where we know we have this aspiration, and we can't quite get it to where we want it to be, because we can't require certain things and this is scenario the larger question is what would it take to role in the cleaning services employees into City cleaning employees as City employees?

Mayor Lyles said I think that is a good question but –

Mr. Harlow said I said that at the beginning; I prefaced it with this and said this is more of a budget conversation, but since we are on this kind of topic, I'm just throwing that over there to him.

Mayor Lyles said I think that is a question that needs some research. I'm not sure in terms of the contract how we do, but I think it is something we can bring up at a budget meeting when we are talking about on the 23rd. Are you comfortable with that?

Mr. Harlow said yes, since we were on the conversation, I just figured I would bring it up.

Councilmember Winston said this is a conversation we had around CATS cleaning services and something that I have already asked to be looked into to come up with a plan where our Solid Waste Services could take on cleaning services that are necessary. We said that we don't have a unit that deals with that, and I have already asked months ago for us to look into that, and I've had no response from anybody on staff.

Marcus Jones, City Manager said I do believe in terms of Solid Waste we quickly came back and indicated that we are not equipped to do that right now. So, if it is the will of this Council to move forward with us reversing something that occurred years ago in terms of privatizing janitorial services we can give you a rundown of what those costs could be internal versus leaving it contracted out. We can do that for the 22nd.

Mr. Winston said that was the response I think Victoria came down and said we are not equipped to do that right now, but understanding that I wanted to know how do we get to the point where we can do that. What is the cost, what is the personnel requirement and coming to this budget time I was hoping to have some type of –

Mr. Jones said I would like to add one thing before we totally flush out the analysis; we have a number of people who are working here under this contract, and I will tell you that things change dramatically if we would bring it in house and some of the very people that we are trying to help could be negatively impacted by this type of change.

Mr. Winston said understanding again that there would be some pain, but again, to Ms. Mayfield's initial point, if we are dealing with equity and trying to provide more opportunities for people to be able to move up in doing the type of work that they do we are going to have to make difficult choices and have difficult conversations. We should not shy away from that.

Mayor Lyles said I think it would be great to have some data around it, and I think until we have some data we don't know what we are dealing with. So, in talking about it I think we all need to understand what is the issue. Let's find out more information and that can be by the 23rd.

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

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PUBLIC HEARING

ITEM NO. 12: PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2020 OPERATING BUDGET AND FISCAL YEARS 2020-2024 CAPITAL INVESTMENT PLAN

Mayor Lyles declared the hearing open.

Marcus Jones, City Manager said I believe there is a budget in brief that has been handed out, so with that said I think it is time for the public hearing.

CMPD Pay and Compensation

Henry Rozell, 9315-G Monroe Road said hello City Council and Mayor Lyles; I appreciate you having us here today. Thank you for your time and undivided attention. I

have worked for CMPD for the last 19-years. Over the last 19-years, I have seen the City changed as well as CMPD. Unfortunately, it is not all positive change. We are currently over 200 officers short and that number keeps getting bigger. How can we keep growing with the Police Department that keeps shrinking? There are several factors that have contributed to this problem; you have control over a couple of those factors, pay, and benefits. You are all well aware of the nationwide survey that was conducted and the results that came with it. Of those 20 cities we compared to, how many of them have hosted an RNC, a DNC, AllStar Game and all the other events this great City brings? If the City of Charlotte was a mediocre city, those results would not be alarming, but the City of Charlotte is and should be a top tier City. If you want to be a top tier City, you must act like a top tier City.

City Manager Jones presented our proposal to you last week and did a great job. This proposal was not created in one night over a beer and burger. We started on this proposal last year; it is designed to focus on recruitment and retention. We have worked alongside Chief Putney, Ryan Bergman, Delane Honeycutt, City Manager Jones, the FOP, and many officers to come up with this logical solution to our problem. We need to all work together to get back on track, aim for above average, and set the standard moving forward. It all starts this year with your approval. We can no longer place a band aide on an artery wound; we have to stop the bleeding. If approved, this proposal is a huge start to correcting a decade long problem that we are faced with today.

Undoubtedly, our officers are way more deserving than anything we can put in a proposal; however, we are not the only ones affected by this problem; the citizens of Charlotte are also affected. CMPD gives the citizens of Charlotte the best possible service we can, but the citizens of Charlotte are not getting the service they deserve. With all the events a top tier city hosts we cannot keep up. Every day we are asked to do a lot with a lot less and our paycheck certainly does not reflect the same. A contributing to this statement is our current 28-day pay cycle, which makes it extremely difficult to get paid overtime. A 14-day cycle would help compensate those officers having to work these extra events.

We cannot keep [inaudible] from our shifts and having officers work on their days off; doing so in ensures those officers on their shift are left to answer any more calls. It also ensures that a tired, frustrated officer will be responding to a citizen's call at some point during their shift. We then expect them to act courteous, make tough mental decisions at the drop of a hat. It just doesn't work; we are not robots. We are human with human emotions. We are not expecting this to be fixed tomorrow; we have brought you an attainable, realistic solutions to be us started in the right direction. We will keep working to ensure we become a Police Department that sets a standard within a top tier city. It starts right here right now. We ask that you approve our proposal and move us to a 14-day pay cycle. City Manager Jones; thank you for your time and your fantastic presentation last week. Mayor Lyles and City Councilmember, let's work together to be a better Charlotte.

Budget Proposal

Craig Brown, 1440 Ventura Way said I work for the Charlotte Water Department out of zone 350, Pineville/Matthews area. I am the Chief Stewart of Charlotte Workers UE Local 150. I've worked for the City for 14-years. Union leaders have reviewed the City Manager's joint proposed budget; we appreciate your recognition that the City employees still find a hard time getting by in a City that has an increasingly high cost of living. The increased proposed by Manager Jones for all general employees is a big step in the right direction. We endorse that proposal. You all have the knowledge from the podium that there is a lack of sufficient affordable housing within the City of Charlotte. This lack of access also applies to City workers. We often struggle to pay out rent with ongoing increases in cost to rent an apartment. Myself personally just had a rent increase by \$125 per month. That alone will eat up 75% of my wages increase that I will receive, not to mention the increase I must pay in taxes, utilities, and food. We have families to support. We wish to continue to encourage the City to fund non-exempt bridge semi-step wage planned that was implemented in 2017. We think this important trend to recognize worker's years of service and pay them accordingly help retain quality workers by paying

us what we deserve. I would like something to that speech. To whom much is given, much is required. Also in the words of a great man, it is not what my City can do for me, it is what I can do for my City.

Dominic Harris, 2724 Polk and White Road said I am a member of UE150. I'm also an employee of Charlotte Water. I am Crew Chief I up in Zone one in Huntersville, and I would like to talk to you today about daily overtime. Today, I would like to address the matter of daily overtime; you may remember it was one of the items UE150 Charlotte City Workers Unions presented in their budget proposal. Daily overtime is when an employer grants overtime for every hour worked after a regular shift. For example, if I am scheduled to work eight-hours on the ninth-hour and every hour afterwards, I'm going to be paid overtime and if I am scheduled to work 10-hours for the 11th hour and every hour after I'm going to get paid overtime for those hours.

California labor laws has a description on how daily overtime is implemented in their state. Colorado, Alaska and Nevada, the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico Labor Laws are also a good reference points. These laws don't violate the federal standard of 40-hours and then overtime. We determine daily overtime would be a great way to show hardworking employees that their time is important and that the City of Charlotte appreciates them for sacrificing time with their loved ones to provide the City with their services. In some cases, an employee may have an emergency later on in the same week that prevents them from reaching the 40-hour window that would make those hours that they worked overtime. The proposal that showed that those employees that their sacrifices would be honored and they would not be penalized for having to attend to personal matters. We are aware that the potential for abuse is something that could happen; an employee may attempt to take advantage of the system to gain extra funds for less work. Fortunately, the City has well educated Department Heads and has hired Supervisors to catch those employees that pay those type of games. We also have a policy in place that can deal with that type of behavior. As an employee that dislocated his knee and tore his meniscus on the job after I worked da weekend and then came in for the rest of the week just not to lose the overtime that I gained, I hope that you consider adding daily overtime to the City's budget proposal for fiscal year 2020.

Kris Barrow, 3017 Sagebrush Bend, Monroe said I am employee for the City of Charlotte; I work for the world's finest light rail system. First, I want to thank you all for what you did for us last year. We have received our prescription safety glasses, and we have received our tool allowance, both long overdue. So, I want to thank you very much for taking care of that for us. Mr. Jones, I read your budget. I also find that to be very fair as far as taking care of the employees this year; however, I wouldn't be here if I didn't think there was an omission.

The one thing I would like to address and hope that we can implement as soon as possible is the absence of a shift differential. As this City grows, we are no longer just a nine to five City; we run 24/7 and having to work 24/7 recruitment, and retention is awfully difficult if the people coming in the door knowing darn well they are going to be sent to a second or third shift and give up weekends of their life. It is hard for you to convince these people to stay. We will hire them but believe me a lot of them start job searching as soon as they get in the door. I do have a very good authority Ms. Simpson, that this discussion has been brought up; however, what I was told is that it is part of the long-term City plan, and I am asking you to shorten that term if not to the immediate term to try to get this take care of.

These are industry standards; I don't think I'm asking for anything that is way out of balance here. We have to give up time with our families and our loved ones to make sure that the wheels keep rolling, make sure that our City streets are safe, make sure that you can flush your toilet at two in the morning and it's got somewhere to go. Charlotte Douglas never closes down; this City keeps on ticking around the clock. So, I don't think that I'm asking anything that is out of balance. My proposal is a shift differential granted to any 24-hour, seven-day operation for second and third shift as well as time and a half for Saturdays and Sundays. I thank you for your time.

Thomas Young, 4312 Commonwealth Avenue said I work for Solid Waste Services, and my fellow employees tonight want to thank you very much for what you have done for us this fiscal year. I want to tell you I know it has been hard and your team did a great job. Mr. Jones, Ms. Lyles, everyone on Council. All my peers at the Solid Waste Department want to dearly thank you for what you've done. Remember Solid Waste is excellent. Solid Waste is hard work. Solid Waste is number one, and you know this City is growing, and you look around SouthPark, Highland Creek. We are the best in the country and then thank you. My heart goes out to everyone on Council, because I know it was not easy to do what you did but your team is number one, and I love the Department I work for. Thank you.

Mayor Lyles said I believe that you are the very best Solid Waste Service in this country, and we hear about it a lot so thank you.

Larry Mackey, 8725 Waterrock Road said I want to thank you for this opportunity; what I want to do right now is thank Mr. Jones for your recommendations. We are heading in the right direction. I volunteered for a lot of the stuff that you have done, and you listened well. Not just you listened well, your staff listened well, because you came up with a good budget. I appreciate you; I appreciate the staff, and I also appreciate Team Charlotte, Queen Team and all the teams that you have because it shows. I wore this shirt for one reason; this is one City. This is one Charlotte and because of everybody in this room here that is why we all won. Yes, we have other issues or other things that is going to come, but by your listening, by your staff working hard you take care of it. I know this, because I see what you are doing now; you have a different way of leading, and it is good for Charlotte. I just want to thank all of the Councilmembers, and I'm praying, and I ask you to pass the recommendation. This is the first time in a long time I've seen labor and trade morale up, and it is up because of the recommendations. I'm happy that my property tax doesn't have to go up to support this budget; that means a lot. The community is getting that Meet & Eat, the questions, and what I see in the budget is not a budget like this; it is a budget of Charlotte, and it is all of Charlotte. Other things you were here and people are going to come and say, but as long as you listen, you will do the right thing. I want to thank all of you.

Mayor Lyles said I think Mr. Jones is going to play that clip of you at his performance review.

Paula Vincent, 227 West Trade Street said my husband worked for the Charlotte Fire Department, retired from there. I am here today as the Board Chair of the Arts and Science Council. Thank you for your continued support from the City for the ASC and the cultural sector. ASC was designated as the City of Charlotte Office of Cultural Resources in 1975, as a partnership between the private sector, the City, and Mecklenburg County. This partnership is critical to the stability and the growth of our cultural community and serves Charlotte residents and visitors. We appreciate your support. In FY19, 86% of the City's funding has been reinvested through grant investment to the cultural organizations, local artist, and increased access to the arts and cultural experience for all residents and visitors for Charlotte. We have reinvested in the operations of emerging and major cultural institutions so that those organizations can do their work in our community. Investments in the community is things like our cultural fees, connect with culture day, our Charlotte Culture Guide, which is an online source that increases the awareness for the programming for our residents and visitors, capacity building workshops and training for organizations as well as individuals. Just as the City/County and our community have focused on the recommendations of the Opportunity Task Force, so have we.

The cultural community and the 2014 Cultural Vision Plan are specifically mentioned in the task force as key to connecting people across differences and strengthening communities by using art and culture to create pathways and build bridges. We created the Cultural Vision Grant Program in 2017 to help align ASC funding opportunities move closely with the community objective. Since the Grants Program began, we have received 229 applications, provided support for 105 projects. Of those projects, we supported 73 different organizations and individuals. Thirty-eight percent of these grantees were first-time recipients of the ASC funding. Examples of this are the Arts Empowerment Project

that has brought together youth and law enforcement officers through shared visual art experiences to improve the community police relationships in Charlotte. We also have our local artist, Rosalina Torres Weiner who has used the grant for senior citizens. We thank you very much for your support.

Valecia McDowell, 227 West Trade Street said I am the incoming Chair of ASC, and I want to echo the thanks that Paula has articulated. This whole meeting kicked off today with Anthony Hamilton and giving him the key to the City. This is a person who lived in this community, who really exemplifies what art can mean. He was here performing on our streets at a free festival that ASC supported that was put on by the Blumenthal; it is the culmination, and he is the living embodiment of all the things that are great about investing in arts and investing in our community, right. So, when you think of arts and culture, everybody is smiling and happy, think about Anthony Hamilton. I think it is important for us to remember what we are all about here. We are about raising people up in this community; we are about supporting our key institutions for economic development purposes and for the good that they are providing the community as well. We are about giving art to people where they live. That is what they told us that they want us to do; you've been helping us do that. You did that in FY18 and FY19; we've been providing apprenticeships through the Studio 345 model. We've had 46 apprentices come through during that period of time. It has been really incredible for them; it is good out of school time for them; they are getting skills that will help them no matter what they do, whether they pursue a career in the arts or like me a career in the law. These skills are transferable, but we are not eligible for that type of a grant this year. We are asking you to increase our funding; the grant that we received in 2018 and 2019 was approximately \$200,000. We are asking for \$250,000. We recognize that your resources are strained, but we are doing good in this community.

As Paula said, we are offering opportunities to build bridges across difference; we are giving people an opportunity to be in the streets and have fun and sway with people that they might not otherwise do that with. There aren't a lot of things that can do that in this community, but the arts and culture can do that. We've had a lot of discussion, and I know you had discussion here today about dedicated revenue; this requested increase, which again, is a \$50,000 increase over the preceding year; this would help us in dealing with some of the issues we are dealing with from a budgetary perspective. I'm happy to come back; I know that you are interested in having a further discussion about that, I welcome that but mostly what we wanted to do today was say thank you. We wouldn't have these beautiful buildings that are sitting on Tryon Street without the support of the City. We wouldn't have the developed cultural sector that we have without the support of the City and we need your support on a going forward basis. Again, thank you and remember Anthony and remember all the little Anthony's that we could be helping if we continue to invest in this work.

Peter Kelly, 2011 Brandon Manor Lane said I'm speaking on behalf of equitable community CLT an affordable housing advocacy group. We would like to thank the Council and Mayor for the opportunity to discuss the proposed 2020 budget. In addition, we want to acknowledge our appreciation for the amount of work that the City Manager and his staff expended to create the budget document. We would like to offer our support for the overall budget as proposed with a new property tax rate set at the revenue neutral rate. This will help to minimize the impact of the recent revaluation. We would like to focus our comments this evening on the issues surrounding affordable housing.

We have two main process improvements that we would like to discuss. We would suggest increasing the amount of detail of the affordable housing spending plan so that citizens can monitor the City's progress on fighting the affordable housing crisis. In addition, we would suggest the documentation of the alignment of the proposed affordable housing actions to the Housing Charlotte Framework passed by the Council last August. We would recommend that the proposed budget detail be modified to show the public dollars allocated to specific projects and how that differs from last year's budget. The budget detail is kept at such a high level there is no mechanism to monitor how the money is being spent on affordable housing. The proposed 2020 budget actually contains less detail than the current 2019 budget. We would request that the proposed 2020

budget detail be redesigned to enable the public to know how much money will be spent on what initiative. For example, a single chart that shows the trend in spending related to affordable housing initiatives and the corresponding outcome goals for each.

Back to the framework, during this year's council meeting there has been much discussion by the Council on the need to develop an action plan to execute the goals of the framework; however, the proposed budget does not detail a comprehensive action plan with targets and funding allocations. Furthermore, the framework acknowledges that the solution to the affordable housing crises is both a long-term goal, and that it requires broad communitywide participation. Again, unfortunately the budget proposed forecast a dramatic reduction in spending on affordable housing beyond 2021. In addition, there is no mention of new efforts being funded to broaden the framework to include other partners such as Mecklenburg County and other community partners. We would ask you to specifically document how the proposed 2020 budget plan is part of a longer-term community based action plan envisioned by the framework. We know that we all have to participate in resolving the crisis of the long-term; we need all of the community participants to share common measurable goals and action plans that are aligned to maximize the value to the community.

Al Dawson, 1147 Marsh Road said if I ask this question out of ignorance please forgive me; I just don't know what the procedure is. What is the situation with the rail platforms on the southern portion of the light rail? They are too small; I don't know if anything is the works to expand them, but we are already shoulder to shoulder and there are a lot of things going on line within the next two years that is going to bring a lot of people riding that rail. You don't want more cars on the street, so with everything that is going on in the northern part of the extension, all the apartment complexes and things and you have on Bland Street office buildings going on line. Scaleybark Road is about to blow up and the growth continues. The gentlemen talked about a top tier City; we are crammed like sardines on the trains every morning and every evening, and if they can add one more section of rail car it would alleviate some of that.

Now three of the rail platforms, I think Seventh Street, Stonewall and Woodlawn have been expended along with the Blue Line Extension and then the project stopped. I understand that was a part of a grant or whatever, I don't know.

Mayor Lyles said I dare not become a construction person for CATS, but I do remember having a meeting with Mr. Lewis, and there is work to be done. So, we will need to get back to you. We will get you an answer but I can't tell you which ones. They are lifting because they have to fit the new Streetcar design.

Mr. Dawson said no, this is for the southern portion of the Blue Line.

Mayor Lyles said let us get you some detailed information that will be accurate.

Mr. Dawson said if anybody would like to take a field trip to the Woodlawn train platform, look over the rail, just look, and if you like what you see fine. If you don't –

Mayor Lyles said you don't like it. We will have to go to Woodlawn.

Mr. Dawson said it is filthy.

Councilmember Mayfield said is that where the fire happened?

Mr. Dawson said it is years of cans and bottles and things that have been thrown over there and whose responsibility is it. I will get out there and clean it up.

Mayor Lyles said we've heard that on a number of places along the rail line that if there is an open space, it becomes a garbage place, and we've heard that from other people so thank you for bringing that particular spot to our attention, and we will have to start addressing that.

Mayor Lyles said that is the last person signed up to speak at our public hearing. We will be continuing our process; our meetings are open to the public and they are live streamed and we have a budget briefing scheduled for May 22, 2019 and then the Council will talk about any adjustments to the budget on May 23, 2019, with our goal to have the budget adopted by June 10, 2019. Thank you for coming out; we appreciate your comments. The Council will get a summary of those comments for our consideration as we continue deliberate in the budget.

There being no further speakers, the Mayor declared the public hearing closed.

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ITEM NO. 13: PUBLIC HEARING ON A RESOLUTION TO CLOSE TWO UNOPENED ALLEYWAYS OFF OF KARENDALE AVENUE

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

Motion was made by Councilmember Harlow, seconded by Councilmember Newton, and carried unanimously to adopt a resolution to close two unopened alleyways off of Karendale Avenue.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 49, at Page(s) 482-486.

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POLICY

ITEM NO. 14: CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Marcus Jones, City Manager said I have before you your 30-day memo, which includes the upcoming budget discussions.

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BUSINESS

ITEM NO. 15: SARDIS LANE BRIDGE SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT

Motion was made by Councilmember Egleston, seconded by Councilmember Newton, and carried unanimously to (A) Authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute a supplemental agreement with the North Carolina Department of Transportation, (B) Adopt a resolution authorizing the City to be reimbursed \$745,600 by the North Carolina Department of Transportation with Federal Highway Administrations funds, and (C) Adopt Budget Ordinance No. 9554-X appropriating \$745,600 in federal funding administrated by the North Carolina Department of Transportation.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 49, at Page(s) 487.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 62, at Page(s) 201.

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NOMINATIONS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

ITEM NO. 16: NOMINATIONS TO THE CHARLOTTE MECKLENBURG COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The following nominations were made for two appointments for partial terms beginning immediately and ending June 30, 2019; then continuing for full three-year terms beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2022 and eleven appointments for three-year terms beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2022:

- Emma Allen, nominated by Councilmembers Ajmera, Harlow and Winston
- Michael Baker, nominated by Councilmember Phipps
- Patricia Benega Segura, nominated by Councilmember Winston
- James Bello, nominated by Councilmembers Driggs and Mayfield
- Courtenay Beyer, nominated by Councilmember Driggs
- Jesse Boyd, nominated by Councilmembers Ajmera, Harlow and Phipps
- Lucy Brown, nominated by Councilmember Ajmera
- Matthew Choiniere, nominated by Councilmembers Bokhari, Driggs, Egleston, Eiselt, Harlow, Newton, Phipps and Winston
- LaToya Evans, nominated by Councilmembers Ajmera, Driggs, Egleston, Eiselt, Harlow, Mayfield, Newton, Phipps and Winston
- Lucille Frierson, nominated by Councilmembers Ajmera, Driggs, Egleston, Eiselt, Mayfield, Newton and Phipps
- Scott Gartlan, nominated by Councilmembers Bokhari, Driggs, Egleston, Eiselt, Mayfield and Newton
- Karen Gipson, nominated by Councilmembers Ajmera, Driggs, Egleston, Eiselt, Harlow, Mayfield, Newton, Phipps and Winston
- Nakisha Hall, nominated by Councilmember Newton
- Joshua Harris, nominated by Councilmember Harlow
- Gary Leake, nominated by Councilmembers Ajmera, Driggs, Egleston, Eiselt, Harlow, Mayfield, Newton, Phipps and Winston
- Temako McCarthy, nominated by Councilmembers Bokhari and Winston
- Shay Merritt, nominated by Councilmembers Driggs, Egleston, Eiselt, Mayfield and Newton
- Elyas Mohammed, nominated by Councilmember Winston
- Barbara Ratliff, nominated by Councilmembers Ajmera, Driggs, Egleston, Eiselt, Harlow, Mayfield, Newton, Phipps and Winston
- Delores Reid-Smith, nominated by Councilmembers Ajmera, Driggs, Egleston, Eiselt, Harlow, Mayfield, Newton, Phipps and Winston
- Rochelle Rivas, nominated by Councilmembers Ajmera, Driggs, Egleston, Eiselt, Harlow, Mayfield, Newton, Phipps and Winston
- La Becky Roe, nominated by Councilmember Phipps
- Jeffrey Simpson, nominated by Councilmembers Ajmera, Bokhari, Driggs, Egleston, Eiselt, Harlow, Mayfield, Phipps and Winston
- Shalinda Williams, nominated by Councilmembers Ajmera, Driggs, Egleston, Eiselt, Mayfield and Phipps
- Deborah Woolard, nominated Councilmembers Driggs, Egleston Eiselt, Mayfield and Newton

Councilmembers will be asked to vote on appointments at the May 28, 2019 Business meeting.

ITEM NO. 17: NOMINATIONS TO THE CHARLOTTE MECKLENBURG PUBLIC ACCESS CORPORATION

Three appointments for three-terms beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2022.

Councilmembers requested the withdrawal of this agenda item due to pending issues at the Charlotte Mecklenburg Public Access Corporation. Upon resolution, these appointments will be brought back to a future Business Meeting.

Councilmember Mayfield said Mr. Manager, we postponed the Charlotte Access; when can Council expect to receive an update to the request for Council to look into the allegations of harassment and/or discrimination that is at the Charlotte Access Channel that was brought by Representatives when they came here and spoke at the public hearing regarding the work environment?

Marcus Jones, City Manager said it is my understanding this is a document that is going to be sent to you shortly from the City Attorney's Office.

Ms. Mayfield said and that will be prior to this coming back to us for a vote?

Patrick Baker, City Attorney said you will have it tomorrow.

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ITEM NO. 18: NOMINATIONS TO THE CHARLOTTE WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The following nominations were made for one appointment for a partial term in the Contractor category beginning immediately and ending June 30, 2020:

- William Cornett, nominated by Councilmembers Ajmera, Bokhari, Driggs, Egleston, Eiselt, Harlow, Mayfield, Newton, Phipps and Winston.

Councilmembers will be asked to vote on this appointment at the May 28, 2019 Business meeting.

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ITEM ON. 19: NOMINATIONS TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ADVISORY BOARD

The following nominations were made for one appointment for a partial term beginning immediately and ending September 20, 2019; then continuing for a full three-year term beginning September 21, 2019 and ending September 20, 2022:

- Brenda Harris nominated by Councilmembers Eiselt and Newton
- Latrisha Lowery-Johnson, nominated by Councilmember Harlow
- La Becky Roe, nominated by Councilmember Phipps
- Patricia Wiley, nominated by Councilmembers Ajmera, Bokhari, Driggs, Egleston, Mayfield and Winston

Councilmembers will be asked to vote on this appointment at the May 28, 2019 Business meeting.

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ITEM NO. 20: NOMINATIONS TO KEEP CHARLOTTE BEAUTIFUL

The following nominations were made for three appointments for three-year terms beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2022:

- Casey Brewer, nominated by Councilmembers Ajmera, Driggs, Egleston, Eiselt, Harlow and Phipps
- Caroline Burgett, nominated by Councilmembers Ajmera, Bokhari, Driggs, Egleston, Eiselt, Harlow, Mayfield, Newton, Phipps and Winston
- Jon Giles, Nominated by Councilmembers Ajmera, Bokhari, Driggs, Egleston, Eiselt, Harlow, Mayfield, Newton, Phipps and Winston
- Nakisha Hall, nominated by Councilmember Winston
- Linh Quach, nominated by Councilmember Newton
- Sharrone Robinson, nominated by Councilmember Mayfield

Councilmembers will be asked to vote on appointments at the May 28, 2019 Business meeting.

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ITEM NO. 21: NOMINATIONS TO THE TRANSIT SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

One appointment for a partial term in the Vanpool Rider category beginning immediately and ending January 31, 2022.

There were no Vanpool Rider applicants or nominations. This appointment will be brought back to a future Business Meeting.

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ITEM NO. 22: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL TOPICS

Councilmember Phipps said I was pleased on this past Saturday to deliver the welcome remarks for the new Gin Peace Builder's Program, sponsored primarily by the Rotary International District 7680. I was looking for my man Driggs there, but he didn't come that day. I gave you a shout out, but it is a group of young people that are evaluating different alternatives for peaceful outcomes to solve different problems all around the world. We had public and charter schools throughout Mecklenburg County and Gaston County; so, it was a great event. It was on the uptown campus of UNC-Charlotte on Saturday, and I was honored to be able to represent the City of Charlotte in that program.

Councilmember Mayfield said I would like to update the community on two upcoming events; this Friday evening at the Le Meridian China youth will be hosting their reaching out platinum gala. This is a celebration as well as a fund raiser to support our LGBTQ questioning, identifying ally, all youth as well as those that support our youth living authentic lives as well as helping and support of life. There is still opportunities for those that may be interested. You can go to the time out youth website, as well as on Saturday it is that time of year again for the Annual Asian Dragon Boat Festival, and that is always a wonderful event as we talked about the arts and the growing diversity of our community. That will be happening at Ramsey Creek County Park, which is in Lake Norman and the City of Charlotte always has a boat so for all of you that will be participating through your businesses, as well as our City staff, I wish you well. I hope to see you out there this weekend.

Mayor Pro Tem Eiselt said I've got two things; first of all congratulations. We are in the middle of graduation season so congratulations to all of the college grads and coming up all the high school grads. I have one that is graduating from college, so I know it is exciting for a lot of families and good luck to all of them for what they are moving on to. The second thing, I just wanted to say a big Thank You to the City of Charlotte, to CRVA to Center City Partners, to Foundations of the Carolinas for an amazing effort over the past two weeks, starting with the Charlotte Jazz Festival and then running into the culmination of Charlotte 250th Anniversary Charlotte Shout. It really was a spectacular Festival of the Arts performances, music, and it brought people out for a lot of free events in uptown. It showcased our City, what we can be as an Arts Community, and I was amazed at the diversity of the people in our City that were out and having a really great time. So, thank you for everybody who put so much hard work into that.

Councilmember Winston said just listening to the public comments tonight; I was pleased to hear, not just the pleasant reactions from our City staff but that it was a lot of folks from City staff to show up. They don't always get the opportunity; they work so hard, and they don't always get the opportunity to address us and sometimes they don't feel comfortable standing in front of their boss and the Board that makes decisions for them but also want us to recognize and always take a chance to reestablish that we are one of the largest employers in the City, and as we talk about equity issues, as we try to use the tools that we have in place of tools that we don't have to push things to change in our City that we can be the example and use our pulpit to bring people along and set the example. Cheers to Mr. Jones for doing that, and I hope we continue to push staff to do that.

Secondly, I want to take a point of personal privilege and encourage everybody to come out to the Levine Museum of the New South; we have a temporary exhibit on display, Legacy of Lynching, which is an uncomfortable exhibit but it is an important exhibit. It is only the third city in the nation that this exhibit has been loaned out to from the Equal Justice Initiative down in Alabama. Bryan Stevenson will be coming on May 30, 2019 to talk about it, but it explores the legacy of racial terror lynching throughout the United States although many of them did happen in Southeastern United States, they did happen just about everywhere. We also partnered with students from UNC-Charlotte to explore the two-racial terror lynching that are on record here in Mecklenburg County, one of which happened outside of Good Samaritan Hospital, which is now the 20-yard line of Bank of America Stadium. Again, these conversations and these things are important as well talk about equity issues, how do we get here to understand where we are to move forward if 70,000 people are watching touchdowns on Sunday; we need to know that they are on hallowed ground. That exhibit will only be up through the middle of July and then it will go somewhere else.

Councilmember Driggs said I want to make sure that everybody is aware that on Thursday night the 16th, there will be an open house at the South Mecklenburg Presbyterian Church on Bryant Farms Road to talk about the new Bryant Farms Road connector and the South Charlotte Reinvestment Program, which includes projects such as Ardrey-Kell sidewalks, Pineville/Matthews Road and Providence Road improvements, Ballantyne Commons Parkway and Rea Road improvements, Ballantyne Commons Parkway and Community House Road improvements. The project staff from the City will be there; they are going to have exhibits and things; you can drop in and look, but mainly, I want to encourage people to go in order to send a message that we can't let investment in our District stop there. These projects are welcomed and they represent some progress from [inaudible] investment over years, but if we don't take an interest and show up in numbers at an event like this the message that we need to continue these investments is not going to get through. So, again the drop in is from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 16, 2019 at the South Mecklenburg Presbyterian Church.

Councilmember Harlow said there has been a new westside kind of think tank that has been developing over the past four to five months since the beginning of the year. They meet weekly on Wednesday at Faith Memorial Baptist Church. I wanted to put a plug in for that. This new group has really started to develop a lot more collaborative nature on Charlotte's westside neighborhoods. Its home base in the Lakewood Community; they meet at Faith Memorial Baptist Church, 211 Lakewood Avenue on Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. They are talking this week about violence in the community, youth development in the community. There are various topics that go along with this weekly meeting and kudos to Jamal Kinard for starting these meetings called Charlotte Connects earlier this year and it has gained some traction. If you have that type of availability on Wednesday afternoon feel free to go. Also, shout out to my colleague 40 Under 40 Charlotte Business Journal, Dimple congrats. I'll see you Thursday night for our 40 Under 40 Awards.

Councilmember Egleston said Chapter 1, many people in our community on Tuesday have the opportunity to vote and anytime you can vote is a time you should vote. I would encourage anybody in Charlotte or Mecklenburg County who lives in the 9th Congressional District to do your homework. Get out and vote in your primary if you have not already and most of you have not and will not actually. People need to be engaged every time there is an election, not just every four-years when we elect a President.

Chapter 2, I can't believe Mr. Phipps forgot this one, but in northeast Charlotte this past week there was the unveiling of a very cool art project on a water tower off of Mallard Creek Road. I would encourage anybody in northeast Charlotte or anybody who drives I-485 or I-85 in that corridor to look up at the giant blue water tower and see the beautiful green Charlotte Crown and CLT symbol on it now. It looks really cool and is visible from all over that corner of our City. Chapter 3, and least importantly I would like to acknowledge that the Fab Five reunited for a second year in a row in a City Employee Basketball Tournament comprised of point guard Matt Newton, shooting guard Justin Harlow, small forward Tariq Bokhari, center Braxton Winston and power forward yours

truly, coached by James "Smudgy" Mitchell. For a second year in a row, we managed to win at least one game before we were knocked out of the tournament. Coach Lyles was there for our first game.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.



Stephanie C. Kelly, City Clerk, MMC, NCCMC

Length of Meeting: 3 Hours, 59 Minutes
Minutes Completed: June 17, 2019