

The City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina convened for a Business Meeting on Monday, May 11, 2020, at 5:06 p.m. in Room CH-14 of the Charlotte Mecklenburg Government Center with Mayor Vi Lyles presiding. Councilmembers present were Dimple Ajmera, Tariq Bokhari, Ed Driggs, Larken Egleston, Julie Eiselt, Malcolm Graham, Renee Johnson, James Mitchell, Matt Newton, Victoria Watlington, and Braxton Winston II.

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Mayor Lyles said tonight's Business Meeting is being held as a virtual meeting in accordance with the Electronic Meeting Statute. The requirements of notice, access, and minutes are being met through electronic means. The public and the media are able to view this meeting on the Government Channel, the City's Facebook page, or on the City's YouTube page.

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INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Councilmember Watlington gave the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Councilmember Matt Newton.

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ITEM NO. 1: MAYOR AND COUNCIL CONSENT ITEM QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

There were no Consent Item questions.

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ITEM NO. 2: AGENDA OVERVIEW

There was no Agenda Overview.

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ITEM NO. 4: CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Councilmember Driggs, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, and carried unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda as printed with the exception of Item Nos. 10, 35, and 38, which was deferred until May 26, 2020; item Nos. 31 and 11, were pulled by staff.

Councilmember Winston said I just put full disclosure out there; while I am not required to make it known, Item No. 30, the In-Rem property at 1411 Anderson Street sits right next to a property that I own. I have consulted with Mr. Baker and we are all good, but I just wanted to put that out there.

The vote was taken on the motion to approve the Consent Agenda and was recorded as unanimous.

The following items were approved:

Item No. 12: Water and Sanitary Sewer Service Installations

Approve a contract in the amount of \$6,435,638 to the lowest responsive bidder B.R.S., Inc. for the water and sanitary sewer service installations project.

Summary of Bids

B.R.S. Inc.	\$6,435,638.00
State Utility	\$7,949,885.90

Item No. 13: Bond Issuance Approval for Barrington Drive Apartments

Adopt a resolution granting INLIVIAN's request to issue multifamily housing revenue bonds, in an amount not to exceed \$18,800,000 to finance the development of an affordable housing development known as Barrington Drive Apartments.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 50, at Page(s) 595-601.

Item No. 14: Bond Reissuance approval for Allen Street Residences

Adopt a resolution granting INLIVIAN's request to reissue multifamily housing revenue bonds, in an amount not to exceed \$8,000,000, to restructure the permanent financing of Allen Street Residences.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 50, at Page(s) 602-608.

Item No. 15: Resolution of Intent to Abandon a Portion of an Alleyway between Waverly Avenue, Pierce Street, and Kenilworth Avenue

(A) Adopt a resolution of Intent to abandon a portion of an alleyway between Waverly Avenue, Pierce Street, and Kenilworth Avenue, and (B) Set a Public Hearing for June 8, 2020.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 50, at Page(s) 609.

Item No. 16: Resolution of Intent to abandon a Portion of Charles Avenue

(A) Adopt a Resolution of Intent to abandon a portion of Charles Avenue, and (B) Set a Public Hearing for June 8, 2020.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 50, at Page(s) 610.

Item No. 17: Resolution of Intent to Abandon a Portion of Mt. Holly Road Extension

(A) Adopt a Resolution of Intent to abandon a portion of Mt. Holly Road Extension, and (B) Set a Public Hearing for June 8, 2020.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 50, at Page 611.

Item No. 18: Resolution of Intent to Abandon a Portion of Wallace Road

(A) Adopt a Resolution of Intent to abandon a portion of Wallace Road, and (B) Set a Public Hearing for June 8, 2020.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 50, at Page 612.

Item No.19: Resolution of Intent to abandon an Alleyway Between Westwood Avenue and West Summit Avenue

(A) Adopt a Resolution of Intent to abandon an alleyway between Westwood Avenue and West Summit Avenue, and (B) Set a Public Hearing for June 8, 2020.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 50, at Page(s) 613.

Item No. 20: Resolution of Intent to Abandon an Unopened Portion of Bryant Street

(A) Adopt a resolution of Intent to abandon an unopened portion of Bryant Street, and (B) Set a Public Hearing for June 8, 2020.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 50, at Page(s) 614.

Item No. 21: Set Public Hearing on Grier Meadows Area Voluntary Annexation

Adopt a resolution setting the public hearing for May 26, 2020, for the Grier Meadows Area voluntary annexation petition.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 50, at Page(s) 615-616.

Item No. 22: Set Public Hearing on Old Moore's Chapel North Area Voluntary Annexation

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Adopt a resolution setting the public hearing for May 26, 2020, for the Old Moore's Chapel North Area voluntary annexation petition.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 50, at Page(s) 617-618.

Item No. 23: Set Public Hearing on Stoneygreen Area Voluntary Annexation

Adopt a resolution setting the public hearing for May 26, 2020, for the Stoneygreen Area voluntary annexation petition.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 50, at Page(s) 619-620.

Item No. 24: Set Public Hearing on the Butler House Historic Landmark Designation

Adopt a resolution setting a public hearing for June 22, 2020, to consider Historic Landmark Designation for the Property known as the "Butler House" (Parcel Identification Number 07910501).

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 50, at Page(s) 621-622.

Item No. 25: Set Public Hearing on the Derita High School Gymnasium Historic Landmark Designation

Adopt a resolution setting a public hearing for June 22, 2020, to consider Historic Landmark Designation for the Property known as the "Derita High School Gymnasium" (parcel identification number 04704312).

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 50, at Page(s) 623-624.

Item No. 26: Set Public Hearing on the Ford Motor Company Assembly Plant Historic Landmark Designation

Adopt a resolution setting a public hearing on June 22, 2020, to consider Historic Landmark Designation for the Property known as the "Ford Motor Company Assembly Plant" (Parcel Identification Number 07903105).

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 50, at Page(s) 625-626.

Item No. 27: Set Public Hearing on the Nevin School Historic Landmark Designation

Adopt a resolution setting a public hearing for June 22, 2020, to consider historic landmark designation for the property known as the "Nevin School" (parcel identification numbers 04528111).

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 50, at Page(s) 627-628.

Item No. 28: Meeting Minutes

Approve the titles, motions, and vote reflected in the Clerk's record as the minutes of February 17, 2020, Zoning Meeting, February 24, 2020, Business Meeting, March 2, 2020, Strategy Session, March 4, 2020, Budget Workshop, March 16, 2020 Zoning Meeting, April 6, 2020 Strategy Session, and April 13, 2020, Business Meeting.

IN REM REMEDY

Item No. 29: In Rem Remedy 2601 Abelwood Road

Adopt Ordinance No. 9788-X authorizing the use of In Rem Remedy to demolish and remove the structure at 2601 Abelwood Road (Neighborhood Profile Area 70).

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 63, at Page(s) 29.

Item No. 30: In Rem Remedy 1411 Anderson Street

Adopt Ordinance No.9789-X authorizing the use of In Rem Remedy to demolish and remove the structure at 1411 Anderson Street (Neighborhood Profile Area 10).

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 63, at Page(s) 30.

Item No. 32: In Rem Remedy 925 Homewood Place Accessory Structure

Adopt Ordinance No. 9790-X authorizing the use of In Rem Remedy to demolish and remove the structure at 925 Homewood Place Accessory Structure (Neighborhood Profile Area 362).

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 63, at Page 31.

Item No. 33: In Rem Remedy 4730 Thornwood Road

Adopt Ordinance No. 9791-X authorizing the use of In Rem Remedy to demolish and remove the structure at 4730 Thornwood Road (Neighborhood Profile Areas 371).

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 63, at Page 32.

PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS

Item No. 34: Charlotte Water Property Transactions – Dairy Branch Tributary Sewer Improvements, Parcel #14

Resolution of Condemnation of 2,643.7 square feet (0.06 acres) Sanitary Sewer Easement and 4,807.3 square feet (0.11 acres) Temporary Construction Easement at 1544 Clayton Drive from James W. Ford and Leslie Ford for \$44,100 for Dairy Branch Tributary Sewer Improvements, Parcel #14.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 50, at Page(s) 629.

Item No. 36: Property Transaction – Cross Charlotte Trail 7th Street to 10th Street Connector, Parcel #6

Acquisition of 3,403 square feet (0.078 acres) of Greenway Easement, 2,974 square feet (0.068 acres) in Temporary Construction Easement at 600 Segal Avenue from PBRM-Overlook Two LLC for \$140,655 for Cross Charlotte Trail 7th Street to 10th Street Connector.

Item No. 37: Property Transactions – Cross Charlotte Trail 7th Street to 10th Street Connector, Parcel #7

Resolution of Condemnation of 1,421 square feet (0.033 acres) in Greenway Easement, 392 square feet (0.009 acres) in Temporary Construction Easement at 615 Seigle Avenue from Crown Castle South, LLC for \$99,600 for Cross Charlotte Trail 7th Street to 10th Street Connector, Parcel #7.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 50, at Page(s) 630.

Item No. 39: Property Transactions – Oneida Road Sidewalk, Parcel #6 and 7.

Acquisition of 7,639 square feet (0.175 acres) in Sidewalk Utility Easement, 2,447 square feet (0.056 acres) in Temporary Construction Easement and 22,780 sq. ft. (0.523 ac.) Fee Simple in Existing Right of Way, 2,261 sq. ft. (0.052 ac.) Fee Simple at 5001 North Graham Street from Moss Supply Company for \$30,175 for Oneida Road Sidewalk, Parcels a # 6 and 7.

Item No. 40: Property Transactions – Sardis Road Sanitary Sewer, Parcel #3

Acquisition of 1,627 square feet (0.037 acres) in Sanitary Sewer Easement at 8825 Sardis Road from David W. and Cheryl L. Elliott for \$11,200 for Sardis Road Sanitary Sewer, Parcel #3.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ITEM NO. 5: PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2021 OPERATING BUDGET AND FISCAL YEARS 2021-2025 CAPITAL INVESTMENT PLAN

Mayor Lyles declared the hearing open.

Marcus Jones, City Manager said basically for the newer members of Council, this is again a part of the process, and at this time we have an opportunity to hear from the public. We will continue with the process after tonight which includes May 20th having budget adjustments as well as May 27th, to have additional budget adjustments. But, again as part of the process, we allow the public to respond to things that they have seen in the proposed budget.

Shannon Bins, 2317 Laburnum Avenue said first, I just want to extend a sincere thank you for your service during this challenging time. I know the responsibilities that are falling on each of you to help us manage this crisis are heavy and I know all of you have been busier than normal working to keep us all safe, so thank you so much.

I am the Founder and Executive Director of Sustain Charlotte. Sustain Charlotte is a local non-profit and our mission is to inspire choices that lead to a healthy, equitable, and vibrant community for generations to come. I won't comment on the Manager's proposed operating budget for next year, but rather make a couple of comments about the proposed five-year CIP (Community Investment Plan). Back in January, you may recall that we asked you to include \$50 million in the upcoming two-year bond package to make our City safer for walking and biking. As we said then, we believe substantial investments to transform our streets for healthy and zero pollution transportation have never been more imperative, but little did we know then that COVID would make that need even more imperative. Over the past two months, we've only seen our skies clearer due to so many fewer cars on our streets, but we have also seen more residents take to our streets on bike and foot than I personally have ever seen in my 12-years in Charlotte. So, we were thrilled to see there have been nearly \$103 million in proposed transportation investments included in the CIP bond package, over \$50 million would be spent making our streets safer for walking and biking. Several bike and pedestrian projects, some of which have been in the works and partially funded over many years will receive additional funding if you approve this budget, and voters approve the bonds in November. And for this, I want to thank the staff. It is extremely encouraging and exciting to see.

Now, at the same time, we were disappointed to see that this budget does not include \$4 million per year for the bike program as called for in the Council adopted Bike Plan. Instead, as was the case in 2018, this budget proposes just \$2 million per year for the bike program or half of what is recommended in the Bike Plan. So, while the proposed investment in stand-alone bicycle and pedestrian projects is significant, \$4 million per year for the bike program will provide the critical funds needed to respond to a fast-changing world. Over the past two years, many opportunities to improve our bike network have arisen and the bike program funding allows us to be nimble and seize the opportunities. As COVID has shown us the demand for more bicycle and pedestrian-friendly streets are growing fast and therefore we need to budget more than we have in the past and fully fund the bike program.

Thank you so much again for your service and your consideration of this amendment to the Capital Investment Plan budget, which overall is fantastic.

Adam Raskoskie, 515 West 7th Street said I am Chair of the Bicycle Advisory Committee; I'm here to share the highlights of our recommendations adopted unanimously during a special meeting of the Committee on May 7th for the fiscal year 2021 budget. The full text of our recommendations will arrive in your e-mail boxes shortly. As we considered our recommendations for this budget cycle the COVID-19 pandemic weighed heavily on our minds. Discussing our recommendations, we agreed that even in the post-pandemic world, six E's of Charlotte's Bike Plan; Engineering, Education, Encouragement, Evaluation, Enforcement, and Equity are more relevant than ever. Although the pandemic may slow Charlotte's growth it will not stop it. Further, it is likely to exacerbate our social mobility problems, which are worsened by the automobile reliance transportation system. Because of these factors, we recognize the need to continue to build, maintain, and operate a travel network with safe options for bicyclists,

pedestrians, and transit riders. As we present our recommendations we acknowledge and appreciate the City Manager's proposed budget solutions and recognize the importance of active transportation. That being said, we recommend taking a further step in fully funding the bicycle program according to the Charlotte Bikes Plan which calls for \$4 million a year of \$8 million total for the bond cycle in order to accomplish those goals.

Several considerations influenced our recommendation; one, the Committee believes bicycling and active transportation are key priorities for adapting to a world changed by COVID-19. Many individuals and families will need to reprioritize their budgets and make difficult choices regarding spending. Many of these residents already challenged by our City's over-reliance on cars are also our central workers, food service, public transit, and healthcare. We believe in protecting their safety and meeting their needs by ensuring equitable transportation options. Two, we recognize the multiple capital investments that include bicycle and pedestrian facilities in the proposed bond package, however, we believe the stand-alone full funding for the bicycle program is still critical to a strategic approach to bicycling in Charlotte as well as to fill in the gaps left in between those major capital projects. In a time when every dollar of the budget must be spent strategically the return on investment of bicycle and pedestrian projects is much higher and benefits more people than automobile-oriented projects of some other scope and spend. For example, the bicycle program has already [inaudible] of the construction of the Sixth Street Cycle Track and The Plaza protected bike lane projects. Three, the bicycle program is an alignment to other priorities adopted by the Council, including Vision Zero and Strategic Energy Action Plan. Full funding for the program facilitates the advancement of these commitments. Four, the existing level of yearly funding of the bicycle program [inaudible] our peer cities such as Boston, Seattle, Austin, and Denver, meaning we have caught up to do. For these reasons, the Committee recommends fully funding the bicycle program.

Mayor Lyles said we really appreciate your advocacy and your work with the Committee, and we look forward to your e-mail addressing the remaining parts of your presentation.

Irania Patterson, 14230 High Echelon Drive, Matthews said I am here to talk on behalf of the Arts and Science Council and why it is important to fund Arts and Science Council and the projects and the grant they give to an artist like me. I am going to briefly tell you a little bit about me; I came to the United States in 1993 with no English and a bachelor's degree in communication. Let me tell you that the Arts and Science Council helped me; I cannot tell you how amazing the Arts and Science Council and how the Arts and Science Council has prepared me to deal with COVID-19. I'm going to briefly tell you Arts and Science Council has helped me to find my role in the community through all the grants that they have provided. I have become a teaching artist, I have received training and more than that, Arts and Science Council has hired me to become a Biblio poetry therapist. With Biblio poetry therapy, I have been able to visit the hospital before with cancer, before with leukemia and go and express the world and the love for the arts. I've been able to really touch the lives of all types of demographics. I have discovered through the Arts and Science Council a path to become a breach to foster resilience to those who are invisible in our community. And let me tell you about that, especially right now, with COVID-19 resilience is not a commercial or marketing world, it is a true world that we all have to embrace, and because of the training and the opportunity that Arts and Science Council has provided for me, I have become a tool for many, not only cancer patients but the huge and different type of demographics, the [inaudible] community, the Latino community. Through these times I can tell you, this is no news for you, but the lack of equity and inclusion in education in the health industry is even greater, and I see that more and more since COVID-19. That is how I come into play as an artist, as a writer, as a poetry therapist facilitator. I submitted last year an application for the vision grant and I loved the objective which is building community by collecting individuals across the point of difference to increase understanding effective and positive regards between our communities. So, this immediately talks about equity, social justice, and healing through the arts.

Mayor Lyles said Ms. Patterson; thank you so much. I just want to say to the community that is watching that the Manager's recommendation continues funding for the Arts and Science Council this year at the same level as the year before. We are supportive of the

Arts organization for our community and realize that it serves many people in many different ways.

Marvin Wilson, 8133 Indian Trail Road said I am a retiree from the Charlotte Fire Department and a retiree trustee to the Firefighter's Retirement System. I am not here to speak for the Board nor any member thereof. I am here to speak about funding for the system. [inaudible] in dire straits for funding. For the past 10-years the actuaries have stated we needed to add more money to the fund, or we are not going to survive. Until recently, no-one has agreed to seek more funding from the City. The City Manager budget is willing to give 1.35% in 2021. The actuaries that we pay say the fund needs an additional nine percent immediately to have a chance to survive. All the other employees are in the State Plan LGERS (Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System) and the City is required to pay the actuary determined employer's contribution. It refuses to pay the [inaudible] which is [inaudible] firefighters. Please tell us why. Our fund is closing in on \$200 million in unfunded accrued liability which is a huge amount of money. If the City Manager and Council would properly fund the system by paying the [inaudible] the system could possibly return to its form status and the retirees could maybe get a COLA (cost-of-living adjustment). Your 750 retirees have not gotten increases since 2008 while losing much of their purchasing power. Do the right thing for the 750 retired Charlotte Firefighters and those that follow. Thank you for this opportunity to address this [inaudible].

Mayor Lyles said thank you; it is good to hear from you, Mr. Wilson. I remember you well now, it is good to hear from you. I think this issue with the retirement system, as you said, is something that is really for almost every part of our system. I don't think the general employees have gotten a COLA since before 2000 or since 2000 and there are a number of issues around this. We will look into it and see what we can do and try to figure out how best to address the needs of those folks that have given so much to our community.

Mr. Jones said I just want to remind you that in last year's budget in terms of the Fire Retirement System, you put more in than was required, and in the proposed budget it is 1.4% more than what is required for an additional \$1.1 million. But he is exactly right in terms of fully funding it, we are putting additional funds in and also potentially seeking a Legislative change.

Mayor Lyles said that it is good to hear, and we can discuss that more as we go through our budget process and make sure that our Firefighter's Board and the retirees know about that.

Mayor Lyles said I failed to have our staff introduce themselves and I really wanted to apologize. If I could ask our City Clerk to say that she is here.

Stephanie Kelly, City Clerk, Patrick Baker, City Attorney, Denada Jackson, Office of Constituent Services introduced themselves.

Mayor Lyles said I have recognized Mr. Jones several times so, my apologies.

Motion was made by Councilmember Watlington, seconded by Councilmember Driggs, and carried unanimously to close the public hearing.

ITEM NO. 6: PUBLIC HEARING FOR STORMWATER POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE REVISIONS

Mayor Lyles declared the public hearing open. She further stated I believe there is a summary including in the Request for Council Action that goes through what the changes are, prohibits illegal discharge, increase the city's ability to protect surface water quality and improve and clarify the Stormwater Pollution Control. The major changes are the prohibition on certain pavements sealants containing a high amount of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons known to be harmful to surface water quality and aquatic life and an

increase in the maximum fine for illegal discharge of pollutants from \$5,000 to \$10,000. This comes recommended; we had a presentation by Mike Davis, who is available if there are any questions.

There being no speakers either for or against a motion was made by Councilmember Driggs, seconded by Councilmember Egleston, and carried unanimously to close the public hearing on the proposed revisions to the Stormwater Pollution Control Ordinance.

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ITEM NO. 7: PUBLIC HEARING FOR AIRPORT 2020 BOND ANTICIPATION NOTE

Mayor Lyles declared the public hearing open.

There being no speakers either for or against, a motion was made by Councilmember Driggs, seconded by Councilmember Newton, and carried unanimously to close the public hearing related to the issuance of a Revenue Bond Anticipation Note to provide short-term financing for Aviation projects, and adopt a resolution authorizing the issuance of up to \$300,000,000 in an Airport Revenue Bond Anticipation Note program and calling for the execution and delivery of various documents necessary to complete the financing.

Mayor Lyles said we are very familiar with the capital program at the Airport. Mr. Cagle is here as well as Ms. Flannery if there are questions about this.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 50, at Page(s) 564-594.

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POLICY

ITEM NO. 8: CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

COVID-19 Response Update

Marcus Jones, City Manager said at this time, as I pledged to the Mayor and Council, we will have updates with COVID-19 so, I have Chief Johnson and Chief Graham in to provide updates.

Chief Johnson, Charlotte Fire Department said today marks the 61st day of the Emergency Operations Center activation. We've had over 300 responders working the Emergency Operations Center since its activation in March. The policy group continues to hold coordination calls on a daily basis which includes the City and County Managers as well as the Town Managers, and a couple of other subject matter experts including the hospitals, Police, and Fire and Emergency Management. As of the 29th Mecklenburg County fell into alignment with the State's emergency plan which includes the different phases of Phase I of the plan. We are currently in Phase I and that took effect at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 8th, and will continue to at least May 22nd. We will continue to monitor data during that time to see how our County responds to the first phase opening. We are still awaiting additional information on Phase 2 and Phase 3, directions from the state. We currently have 2,131 positive cases and unfortunately, we have had 63 deaths. We currently have 12 long-term facilities that are in outbreak status. An outbreak status is three or more patients that are positive with COVID-19. We have done our best to supply them with PPE (Personal Protective Equipment), as required, but the North Carolina Emergency Management is going to be sending them to push packs over the next couple days, which is additional PPE which will help them over the next 10 to 14 days. We are going to continue to monitor that as one of our major issues at this point in time. I'll turn it over to Chief Graham to provide some additional updates.

Chief Graham, Charlotte Fire Department said child care and Mecklenburg Park and Recreation is leading the youth programs group in the EOC (Emergency Operations Center) that is made up of agencies, including the YMCA, Charlotte Mecklenburg School System, United Way of Central Carolinas, CharMeck Responds Coalition, the Salvation Army, Public Health, Emergency Management, Charlotte Fire Department and the Healthcare Systems. They are working on a coordinated childcare plan for the coming months that encompasses childcare, summer camps, and feeding programs. This is for all children, not just the central workers.

CMS meals; I was talking to CMS today and we were discussing how they were able to do what they do, and they pointed out that one of the reasons they are able to provide so many meals is because their warehouse facilities here in the County has come in quite handy during these days. But CMS continues their mission of conducting food services for approximately 35,000 school-age children per day. To date, they have produced 1,231,275 meals in their grab and go program. They are evaluating options for summer feeding at this time.

Supply Chain concerns; the EOC is monitoring supply chain concerns, particularly when it comes to meat products in grocery stores and the availability of supplies for our food bank, Second Harvest, and food pantries. Harris Teeter, Kroger, Food Lion, and Cosco Grocery Stores are limiting the number of meat and poultry packages customers can purchase. Harris Teeter has also put purchasing limits on can goods, cleaning supplies, and baby products.

North Carolina Emergency Management advised today that some of the plants have additional cases, they are seeing additional cases in plants, but others have plateaued. There are no new outbreaks in facilities. Personal protective equipment; CFD logistics which is our central receiving distribution point for Emergency Management and the County are working on short-term and long-range planning for PPE. We have a sufficient amount of PPE supplies on hand. We also have additional supplies in order with established suppliers. There seems to be a five-week lag on getting the high demand PPE supplies, but our burn rate is not exceeding our supply chain at this moment. In fact, our inventory levels are good enough that we are supplying some of the long-term care facilities as we can with gowns and masks. In addition to the PPE orders, we are filling for other county fire and police departments. We also have established allocations with PPE manufacturers to get us through the summer.

Mayor Lyles said again, we can't express our appreciation for the work that you lead and knowing the number of people that have worked for our organization, the County organization and the number of volunteers, we are really grateful for what we've been able to accomplish. Sixty-one days is a long time, and I haven't heard anybody scream uncle yet. So, thank you very much.

Ballantyne Reimagines Update

Marcus Jones, City Manager said we are going to have Tracy come in.

Councilmember Winston said as it relates to the COVID update, I did have a question for the Chief. We got a letter from the Manager earlier today and I'm wondering where in the business we are going to discuss that. Is that going to be a one on one type deal? Mr. Jones said yes, Mr. Winston; I was going to do it after Tracy, but I can go into it right now to keep the flow if that is alright with the Mayor and Council.

Mr. Winston said no, that is fine if you already have a flow. I just know it was related to COVID and I didn't know if you were moving off so that is all.

Tracy Dodson, Assistant City Manager said I want to walk everybody through Ballantyne; I know that over the course of many months there have been several conversations about this. I want to revisit some of the conversations, but also do a deeper dive into some other areas of the project. You will see there we want to hit on what the

project is, what the public benefits and the public investment as well as the economic impact.

I will give you a brief on the project background. Many of you know this, but Ballantyne has been a significant part of the South Charlotte Community for a very long time, and in total it is 2,000 acres, but what is really important here to remember is 535 acres of the corporate park, which is more than 25% of Ballantyne are still under single ownership. That is really critical in achieving what is being proposed here tonight. It has developed all in the past 26-years. There was a redevelopment plan in 2011 that came forward that did have a tax increment grant as a part of I think it was \$11 million and will be paid off in the next two years is what we are anticipating. In addition, over those 26-years 4.8 million square feet of office has been built; 92% of that is leased. Seventeen thousand employees work in the corporate center, and that represents over 300 companies, and again single owners and operators very fortunate to have as this opportunity comes forward. And then, we are talking about as you know a part of this, the 2020 redevelopment of the golf course and we will address that in a little bit more detail.

As I mentioned, we have come to you a couple of different times on this, and tonight, there are still some more steps left so, there will be room for more discussion beyond even tonight. The last time I was in front of you was on March 4th and then you also had recently the April 20th public hearing for the zoning. This is Ballantyne Corporate Park today as it stands. You see the golf course there as well as the hotel and a lot of the office. As I mentioned before, the park is 92% occupied with 4.8 million square feet of office and 17,000 employees. As we go into Ballantyne Reimagined the Northwood Team has spent years with staff developing this plan and this really is a testament to how public/private partnerships shape out where a lot of the City staff and a lot of resources on the Northwood Team have come together to think about this project and making sure that it is successful in a lot of different areas. Phase I of this project would include 1,000 units of residential, construction of a public amphitheater, 300,000 square feet of retail and restaurants, 200 hotel rooms, greenway connections, and road infrastructure. Phase I would be in the first five-years; Phase II would be in years six through 12. We are looking at 1,000 residential units in addition, 300 townhomes and 400,000 square feet of office.

Really what this is, Ballantyne Reimagined creates a destination with a regional attraction potential. What has been a very successful suburban office park has the ability to evolve into what I call Ballantyne 2.0, and make what something is great even greater for our community. The project gives the opportunity to secure the current and future viability of Ballantyne as a critical economic engine in South Charlotte. It is important to know that multiple city goals are achieved in one project by a single owner. Jobs, possible public transportation, walkability, road network, and a grid, enhanced ped and bike facilities, affordable housing, greenway connections, all to create a more inclusive live, work, play community. But for single ownership, this would not be able to happen.

A couple of the key pieces to note in this, and I know this is a lot of information on a slide, but the mobility strategy in this has been unique, and I really give credit to the developer as well as the City and the state in working together to create a comprehensive mobility strategy around transit and street networks. C-DOT(Charlotte Department of Transportation), Planning, CATS (Charlotte Area Transit System) and NC-DOT (North Carolina Department of Transportation) have all come together to develop regional transportation and look at it through the lens of regional transportation, which supports the I-485 express lane projects, the potential for 521 widening as well as 21 intersections that have capacity improvements. I mentioned earlier a street network and connectivity system within Ballantyne proper, that is street network, but also a bike system and seven new signalized intersections for safe pedestrian connectivity. The last one is a multimodal strategy and really thinking about greenway connections as well as reserving light rail corridor to support three potential light rail stations for a future Blue Line Extension. One of the important things about this is really this comprehensive strategy, I can't emphasize that enough and think about all of the modes of transportation for this area and the greater South Charlotte area.

We go to affordable housing next. If I turn your attention to the middle of the screen, and I'm not going to walk through all of these, I'm going to hit on them quickly. You will see three different columns, the initial proposal for affordable housing, which was submitted with the rezoning submittal, and in the middle, you will see an updated proposal which came in in March, and then third you will see a second updated proposal which actually came in last week. Rather than rehashing all of this, I want to tell you a little bit more about where we are right now, which is a commitment from the developer for two-acres of land per phase to be donated to the City of Charlotte for affordable housing development within the project boundary. So, a total of 260 affordable units could be built. That is up from the previous 180 units and there is a movement to an even greater affordable level now with an AMI spread between 50% and 80% AMI. So again, it is a significant change from the initial proposal of 160 units to 180 units and now to 260 units and a stronger spread on the AMI. In total, the total number of affordable units for Phase I and Phase II has gone up to nearly 13% of the total entitled units.

Additional public benefit; the employment and job opportunities here, 940 retail hospitality jobs would be added with this square footage. The 5,500 construction jobs to be added and 6,100 office jobs added over the 12-year build-out of Phase I and Phase II. The other piece we've hit on is connectivity and open space; 6.9 miles of five-foot sidewalks, 6.4 miles of buffered bike lanes, over 100 acres of open space would still remain within this project, four parks, the public amphitheater I mentioned, 3.4 miles of walking trails and greenway and that 120-foot right-of-way reservation for CATS.

As we go to the next slide we can talk about the CIP (Community Investment Plan) and the TIG (Tax Increment Grants) projects, and again, I apologize, this is a little bit hard to see, but you will see two different lines and circles on the map. The CIP projects are in orange and the purple is the TIG projects. So, the ask of the developer is \$17.5 million in CIP projects. I will break that down a little bit more in addition, but in all of that is several intersections and one major east/west connector that cuts over from 521 over to Community House Road. Then the TIG projects in purple are an additional intersection along with another major east/west connector. The overarching benefit that we get to this, and I mentioned a few slides back, that larger comprehensive transportation and mobility plan are by the public investment in these we get all of these improvements much earlier than they would be required by a developer, some wouldn't be required by the developer. We are able to combine these improvements into Phase I when some of these otherwise wouldn't be required that early into the project.

If we go to the next slide I can breakdown the CIP and the TIG financing for you a little bit. I want to clarify, the CIP request of \$17.5 million is a little bit different from what we have here. In working with Finance and in working with Budget, we should be saying it is \$17.5 million either in the 2022 bond referendum and/or 2024 giving the ability to break it in to or do it all at once. We can work on that at a later date, but that is coordination between I think Budget and Finance and ongoing coordination with Legal. Then the TIG would be 15-years at a 45% grant and interest of 3.7%. The TIG's, if you remember, are a part City and a part County so, of that \$8.25 million would be the City portion and \$16.5 million is the estimated County portion. If we think about it, we think the first payment request is anticipated from 2023 to 2025, somewhere in that range.

Economic Impact: I think it is important to look at where we are today and what is coming into the City and the County. From an economic impact, there is \$1.3 billion current tax base in Ballantyne; \$4.5 million of that is the City's share, \$7.9 million is the County's share. As we look at Phase I and Phase II and that \$1.5 billion of the new tax base that is added, that would increase the City's share to be \$3.4 million during the TIG, \$5.1 million to the County during the TIG drawdown and then if you look at those annually and you spread it out past the TIG you are looking at a total of \$7.9 million to the City after the TIG and \$14 million to the County share after the TIG. I think it is also important to note that over \$100 million in taxes have been paid in the Ballantyne to date between sales tax and property tax so, this is a significant contribution that is made to our tax base already.

The Key Investments, the public investment again, to recap everything, the \$17.5 million CIP plus a \$25 million tax increment grant totals \$42.5 million in public investment. The private investment just on the infrastructure and public benefit totals \$6.4 million, totaling \$103 million in infrastructure investments, all supporting, and I can't overemphasize this, \$1.5 billion in private investment over the next 12-years.

Next Steps and moving forward, we are here tonight for the Dinner Briefing, we have anticipated that the County would go for a decision on May 19th based on everything that we are dealing with in current situations and COVID-19, that decision may slip a little bit if they do, they would be in early June with their decision and recommendation on the TIG and we would go for a decision on the Zoning the CIP and the TIG on the same night immediately after the County's decision. With that, I will stop to see if there are any questions.

Mayor Lyles said I will ask Mr. Driggs if he would like to open this up; this is in his District.

Councilmember Driggs said just a brief comment, I think everybody knows I have been involved in the progress of this project for quite some time. I think it is really an exciting opportunity for South Charlotte and for the City as a whole, and I think the public financing terms are very reasonable in the context of the magnitudes of all the benefits that we receive. I just wanted to put in a word in favor, I don't have any questions.

Councilmember Watlington said I appreciate the presentation, a lot of good information and I'm happy to see the increase in affordable units. I just have a general question about philosophy if you will. I see that there are 940 retail/hospitality jobs, while I would imagine that many would fall in between that 50 to 80% AMI. I'm just interested to hear a little bit more or if there has been any thought in regard to the balance of that 940 that wouldn't obviously be living in these 260 units. How we think about mobility would [inaudible] into that. I feel a lot of infrastructure improvements in Ballantyne and I think that is great, but assuming that a lot these folks will be traveling into the community I'd like to hear a little bit about what this all is in regard to getting people there to the jobs.

Ms. Dodson said I will very briefly say that that is part of the conversation that we have on larger mobility and working with, not thinking about just what CATS today or tomorrow in reserving right-of-way for light rail, but also thinking how we increase success ability as this area continues to grow.

Mayor Lyles said I believe that CATS has made some improvements that work around the idea, maybe several years ago, the Highway 51 route as well as an employment route that matches the employment schedule and hospitality as a part of it. That has been addressed I believe several years ago. We can get some more information about that.

Councilmember Graham said I don't have a question, I just wanted to make a couple of comments; one, I'm very excited about the project. I think it has come a long way as it relates to affordable housing. I think we've got a great deal on the table, two acres of property, 260 affordable units that fall between 50% and 80% of the AMI, 13% of the total units. I think that is a great effort and I just want to thank the developers for working with the City. The Mayor has put a lot of work in this as well as Councilmember Driggs and so I think it is a really, really great proposal. Moving forward I think the affordable housing piece makes a lot of sense and it gives us the opportunity again, to try to put affordable units in parts of town where historically that was not possible. I'm very excited about it and I just want to thank everybody for the hard work.

Councilmember Winston said I have one comment and then one question. On the issue of mobility, I think should this project go forward we do need to have a conversation and define a timeline for this southern Blue Line Extension. I think we have to go beyond just the right-of-way. I know that is going to be a complex conversation given the current situation, but also that we are trying to figure out the Silver Line as well. If all this development is going to be going online soon and active, I think we need to have a plan to connect transit down there to go with it.

I have a question for staff. I'd like to talk a little bit more about this new proposal for the giving of the land for the development of affordable housing. Just for clarity, whose responsibility would it be to develop that; would that fall on the City after that and if so, how will we handle that?

Mayor Lyles said Mr. Winston; I've worked for a while on this and we looked at the value of the location and we thought that the land value and what we could put on it. There were three major things that I thought really contributed to us getting the land. One, as you know we've been doing Housing Trust Fund projects and we've been using 15 to 30-years affordability. If this property is deeded to us affordability is in perpetuity. What we build there will always be there, and it will always be affordable. That to me was a major difference and a huge accomplishment working with the developers to see the value of that. The second part is that if you remember the 11 projects that we had in our housing approval list just about two or three weeks ago, there were none in the bucket of 50% of AMI, and in fact, the project round before that had none or projects at 50%. When you look at what we are trying to accomplish and do, this is an opportunity for us to think about expanding this from 80% to 50% to give more people the opportunity to live close to work as well as live in a place that would provide the amenities that are included in the project. The final thing is that we will have to do a plan to develop the land. I guess we would apply for our own Housing Trust Fund money, I think we might be able to get approval for it. But we would use Housing Trust Fund money as well as the LISC (Local Initiatives Support Corporation) money and any private sector developer that would join with us, there might be an opportunity there. I want to weigh that in the context of what is the best and most effective use of our money that may be working with a private sector partner that does affordable housing, but it may be what do we do. As you know this will be our first time, but this isn't the first piece of property that we own that will allow us to begin to do things in perpetuity. I've asked Mr. Graham, and I know that you are on his Committee for the Recovery Task Force to make sure that we look at this policy and what we grow out of it that is different, is that we are not just lending money for short periods of time, and I think 30-years is a short period of time for affordability. It would be great to see a mom with kids and their kids are able to get up and out of affordable housing, but it doesn't always happen. Some of us are fortunate that we get out of it in one generation, but it may take longer for others, and we want to make that possible. So that is the rationale behind the land being donated.

Mr. Winston said I totally agree with that, and I am in support of the idea. I just wanted to take the opportunity to kind of drill into understanding a role that we will play, and how we will get that done so there is clarity amongst colleagues and the public. Do we envision that land going into some type of a land trust or something like that until we are able to build this or maybe the start of our land trust?

Mayor Lyles said I think once it is deeded to us it is ours. It will not require trust, it will be the City of Charlotte's property.

Mr. Winston said okay, we may talk more about it offline.

Mayor Lyles said are there any other questions regarding the update? So, you know when it is going to be on the agenda for our next Zoning Meeting?

Ms. Dodson said if the County keeps in May then we would go on May 26th. If it gets pushed it will go the first meeting in June.

Mayor Lyles said thank you very much, Ms. Dodson. This has been great work. I want to say again to the development team we really, really value the opportunity that Ballantyne Reimagined is going to bring to the table and we are really going to be glad to welcome you as a continued partnership as we try to tackle many of the priorities that we have for the City that we want it to be.

I also wanted to address the issue of transportation. If you will recall this happened in February; we had announced that Harvey Gantt would lead a task force group to talk about how we get the Silver Line handle, and we stopped for a moment because we did have the COVID work that we were doing. Mr. Gantt has decided that he is ready to tackle

it and he thinks it is time to do that, and on a large part because of the developments that we are talking about and needing that Silver Line to move forward, as well as I, hope the opportunity to have federal infrastructure funding to follow. I think the first meeting is Thursday, it will be on our City YouTube Channel as well as all of the other methods that we have for public access.

Ms. Watlington said I just want to know if we can get those details on our schedule because I'm very interested in that work is that the Silver Line is planned to go through District 3. I just want a calendar invite if possible, with the details of that meeting.

Mayor Lyles said we will send out a notice of that meeting tomorrow. I don't know if they have set a regular schedule, I think it is every Thursday, but Taiwo is not in here, and he is the staff resource for that. I know you have been talking with him about a number of other issues as well Ms. Watlington. I think all of us should weigh in on that, we are ready to continue to grow our transportation options.

Councilmember Johnson said I don't want to belabor the point, but I was wondering what this philosophy was that there is not going to be any 30% housing in the project.

Mayor Lyles said I don't think that there was a philosophy, it was a negotiation.

Ms. Johnson said do we know if there is any 30% housing? There is probably not in Ballantyne at all is there?

Mayor Lyles said I think the closest 30% that I'm aware of is on Providence Road about two blocks up from Old Providence Tennis and Racket Club. That is the closest that I know of the 30% housing.

The next thing on our agenda is the report from the Manager, the memo that went out this afternoon. I think Mr. Winston asked that he address that.

Mr. Jones said I believe you received two memos this afternoon; the first one I'd like to start off is just my typical 30-day memo, and what we have is the presentations tonight, but also a Zoning Meeting on the 18th, and then on the 26th we have a Business Meeting. I mentioned the last time that we talked that we would bring in the CRVA and the Municipal Service District Reports from Center City Partners and the University City Partners, and also, we have a presentation that we will have from Chief Johnson related to a public safety unmanned aircraft system pilot program. Then we go back to the budget where there are two meetings for adjustments, May 20th and May 27th, and there is the June 1st Strategy Meeting, then we go into the June 8th Business Meeting and historically that is where the budget is adopted.

The second memo that I sent out today deals with the CARES ACT (Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act) relief fund that I discussed a little bit with you on Monday, and I wanted to talk a little bit, a bit of a background on this before going into the memo. As I discussed on Monday, and I'll try to break it down into two areas that the \$154.5 million can be used for, and one, I'll call it operations and the other economic support. I want to talk just a little bit about operations. When we think about operations it is not just this building that I'm in right now, but it is our CATS system and how the CATS system operates. So, even though there is money set aside for transit much of that money is going to be used to plug the gaping hole that they will have in revenue. Unlike the Airport and unlike CATS these funds cannot be used for revenue replacement so, when we start to think about government operations one thing that is important is that with social distancing and in our bus system John, the CEO is carrying about 20 people on a bus so, can you begin to imagine what it will be like as more people need to travel to work, and we have a bus system that has much more capacity than 20 people, but it is only carrying 20 people and what that will do for the efficiency of the system. So, consideration such as additional buses or additional transportation options should at least be considered.

Solid Waste, right now, we don't really have a safe way that we would say that we can pick up yard debris. In other words, when we think of a safe way, and we have three

individuals in a truck, the best way to have that as a safe method is to have a separation between the driver and the passenger in the truck, and we don't have that right now, but the fleet is working on it. Those renovations or those changes will be necessary just for typical operations. For instance, we've gone to what we call the one arm bandit for Solid Waste, which we find to be the safest way to pick up garbage, but there are some cities that have bins for yard waste, which would work more efficiently for us to have that one arm bandit picking up both garbage, recycling and yard waste. So, things like that are what we talk about when we talk about government operations, but also there is how can you keep buildings safe, how can you have the proper PPE for employees. So, as we start to think about remote work support and facility safety and facility renovations, those are some of the items that we are thinking about and going through.

I will remind you that in order to get this CARES ACT relief fund you have to be a city of a half-million or more. We think about this large country that we have, but in terms of cities with a population of 500,000 or more, it is about 36. We are one of those 36 cities that receive these funds and I know there are a number of questions about how the funds can be used, and I will tell you, I could roll our CFO (chief financial officer) in here tonight, but many of the things that she would say to you is that we are not 100% clear, and so questions continue to be asked on a daily basis about how these funds can be used. We reached out to use the Budget Office today to look at some of our peer cities, and I will say Dallas and Fort Worth, Los Vegas, Phenix, San Jose, and Sacramento, while they don't have plans that are totally vetted out, it is clear that they are working much like what I've recommended for you tonight, and that is to utilize the funds both in operations and in economic support. So, with that said, the memo that I sent out today basically talks about what the Council has done, and some of the questions you've had of me over the last week. Again, the first amount of CARES funding or stimulus funding came in the CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) and the ESG (Emergency Solution Grant) grants in which you've already put \$5.7 million back into the community. You went a step further and we were able to identify old CDBG funds in which you put out funds for small businesses in the corridor.

What we do know at this point about this \$154.5 million is that it can be used in five areas; medical expenses, payroll expenses, public health expenses, COVID-19 compliance, and economic support. What we know that we must do with those funds in those areas is that they are used to cover costs that are necessary expenditures incurred due to COVID-19. They were not accounted for in the most recently approved budget and they are incurred between March 1st and December 30th of 2020, and again, unlike CATS and the Airport, these funds cannot be used for revenue replacement. So, even though we know we have this hole in sales tax, currently we cannot use these funds for revenue replacement. What I have recommended in the memo is really to split the funding in two ways; one in terms of economic support and I am recommending that \$70 million of the \$154.5 million be used around economic support. The Mayor and you have pulled together three Task Force, and you are ahead of the game as it relates to some other cities in the areas of the Airport, in the areas of housing and in small businesses, so I think it is right for these types of discussions. What I am asking in this recommendation is that you look at this as in the short-term and also the medium-term. In the short-term, because we don't know what we don't know I'm recommending that in terms of small business and housing that \$50 million be allocated now. So, that will be \$35 million related to economic development and \$15 million related to housing. As we've discussed on numerous occasions my goal is to come back to you at the end of September after we have all our sales tax data to see exactly where we are, and based on that there is another \$20 million, \$15 million for small business and \$5 million for housing that could be allocated. I think you would hopefully agree with me, if we can't run our bus systems and we can't keep our employees safe or we can't pick up Solid Waste because of whatever, there should be a time for us to rethink a bit of this allocation. Then in terms of government operations which a lot of what I expressed to you earlier, there would be another \$70 million for government operations, and in those operations it is simply keeping people safe, and being able to practice social distancing, being able to get us back running more than what we are doing now because I think people are patient with us, I don't know how much longer that will last as well as at what point is our provision of core services not well enough to meet the demands of both the Mayor and the Council, but also the residents.

Then lastly, at that same point at the end of September, my recommendation is that the remaining \$14.5 million be utilized after we get through that first quarter of the fiscal year 2021. So, a lot of this has to do with the feedback I've received from you and also an understanding there is a need in this community, and while I ask for 30-days we are going to continue to analyze what are the best practices in the operations bucket of this and be able to come back with a plan by the end of this month. Then I would leave it up to you and the Mayor and the Task Force that have already been put together to address the other \$70 million to set aside for economic support. So, that is the report that I have.

Mayor Lyles said Mr. Jones, I should have asked this earlier; did Mecklenburg County also receive federal funds similar to this with the same requirements?

Mr. Jones said Mecklenburg County did receive \$39 million of federal funds. The requirements, I'm not 100% sure, but again not the concept of a city with a population of 500,000 or more, but they did receive I believe \$39 million.

Mayor Lyles said I would like to ask the status of testing. Many of us know the disparity that has been taking place and while we can't spend money on public health because that is a responsibility, are their investments that we should be making in terms of the disparity for public health in ways that would encourage us to address what I see as perhaps a fall issue. There are two things that I worry about, one that the federal government will not come to a decision beyond where they are today because of the debate going on between health and economics as well as an election coming up. Then the second thing I worry about is the consistent caution around flu and the virus as being almost an explosion of two things together that are greater than either of them separately. Those are just two things I'd like to actually try to monitor on a regular basis if we could do that.

Mr. Winston said a question for the Manager in terms of operations. I think it is along the lines of what the Mayor was just referring to; given that we don't know what further support cities will get from the federal government, and understanding that this virus comes in waves, we may debate if there is going to be a second wave or just an extended first wave, but what kind of considerations are you taking in anticipation of perhaps going into another lockdown similar to how we started this but even in a more kind of fragile revenue state? Are you going to be using some of this money for another type or rainy-day fund?

Mr. Jones said I wouldn't call it a rainy-day fund, but in what we are doing, I know this may sound tough; we are assuming that there is no vaccination in the summer or in the fall or in the winter and we are into 2021 much like where we are now. That is every drill that we are running with every department. So, with that said, a lot of what we need to do is think beyond December 30th even though these funds are earmarked in that period of time. So, if I am beyond that period what are some of the investments, and I think that is the keyword, what are some of the investments that we can make today that can help us weather this storm whether the storm is a six-month, nine-month, two-year storm? Everything that we are doing is trying to glean what is happening across the country and how people are making good investments. We are not trying to plug just holes with this but thinking about it more in the long-term.

Mr. Newton said to you so much Mr. Manager; for your attention and focus on this. This is something that I think has been very much needed within the community. I agree with you wholeheartedly about that need. I have two questions; the first question is when you say that this is something that we are going to immediately address, the \$35 million and the \$15 million, does that mean within that context of the 30-days that you were speaking about before and within that context of that 30-days, are you saying that is going to come before us as a Council for a vote or is that going to be a recommendation? I guess what I'm getting at is what timeline are we looking at with that immediate addressing the needs that you had mentioned?

Mr. Jones said Mr. Newton; I look at the \$35 million that is associated with small business and the \$15 million that is associated with housing as immediate as the task force and

the Council Committees and the Council can come together and find ways that are best utilized given the rule that is in place. There are some principles that I also put in the memo, but this is now much like the budget, is in your hands. My recommendation and allocation are to be worked out in the Committee and the task force arena.

Mr. Newton said I was so appreciative of the hard work of the Economic Development Committee with it survive and thrive approach, particularly on the survive side because I know that many businesses feel like right now, they are just barely getting by if not all doing they can just to survive. I think the sooner we can deliver that type of relief the better. My second question was, is there a deadline? It is my understanding that if we don't use these funds they revert back to the federal government; is that correct, and if so, what is that deadline? Is there some date out in the future? You were mentioning maybe us looking at holding off some of these funds until December; do we know if there is a deadline and if so, has that been taken under consideration?

Mr. Jones said yes, Mr. Newton; there is a deadline of December 30th, and with that said what constitutes an expenditure of the funds, and that is something that our CFO is talking with CFOs across the country for clarification on that. What I am recommending is that, if you will, a second allotment which is about \$20 million as it relates to small business and housing and another almost \$15 million in government operations that those are not expended until after the Council has an opportunity to see where we ended the fiscal year, which we won't really know until once again we get to the first quarter of fiscal year 21 as well as understanding what the environment is as we get through the summer and start into the fall and that would be that second allocation of funds. The bulk of the funds would be allocated on the front end, which is now.

Mr. Graham said Mr. Manager; thank you very much for your letter and the outline, I think it is really comprehensive and it's really smart to direct the spending to the work of the task force i.e. the Airport housing and specifically the small business task force. I think that makes a lot of sense and it demonstrates the patience of a marathon runner that we are not spending it all right now, that we are literally kind of phasing it out and timing it out with an immediate need right now, so I think that makes a lot of sense. I look forward to having further discussions with the Mayor and Councilmembers in terms of coming to a final vote on a conclusion in terms of how the dollars will be utilized moving forward. My question is in reference to the government operations and outlast meeting we talked specifically about the RNC (Republican National Committee) and in general the 18 or so tourism-related conventions that are at least on the books for Charlotte in the months of July and August. Does this take into consideration the sanitation and the cleaning of the Arena and the Convention Center and other public facilities that will be used by our visitors as they come to town? Will there be a strategy in place utilizing these funds under the general operations?

Mr. Jones said my understanding is that Tom Murray and Fred Whitfield are looking at that for those two facilities. Initially, we have not; I will tell you that I am convinced that we are doing this the right way with the plan that is in front because of the support that is needed in the community, but as in the memo, I could make a case that we could blow through that \$155 million just keeping our employees safe as well as keeping our buildings functional and clean. So, while we haven't applied it to the Arena or the Convention Center, you raise a great question so I will make sure that part of our work is understanding what exactly is happening in those venues also.

Mr. Graham said I think that is really important, and I will follow your guidance on that as well. I just want to make sure that someone is putting a plan in place with resources attached to it, making sure that our frontline workers are working public facilities, including the Government Center of course, and someone is looking out for their wellbeing and certainly that requires a certain level of resources.

Mayor Lyles said Mr. Graham; I wonder if you are looking at this from a perspective of what those conventions bring to the City in terms of business and the effort and how do we figure out how to make sure that the sanitizing of those facilities are taking place so that business can come and build on our hospitality taxes.

Mr. Graham said that and when they leave, and what they leave and how do we prepare for the next group of folks coming into those public facilities.

Mayor Lyles said I think that is a really good question and I wonder how we can get Mr. Murray to address it because they will say there is economic growth from that, but there will be costs to make it possible for the next group as well as the group that is currently coming in. I think that might be something for the Small Business Community group to think about as well.

Mr. Graham said just wanted to make sure it is on somebody's plate to be thinking about.

Mr. Driggs said I was just going to comment on the last question; those cleaning operations are an operating expense of the CRVA. They are extraordinary, but it should be possible to budget for them from the proceeds from these events. I'm just hoping that can all be contained within the economics of the CRVA. My comment was for one Mr. Manager; thank you for this response, especially on the part of a lot of members of Council that we really need to push hard to see whether or not we can access some of these funds for relief, and I'm sure as we've seen as good news that it now appears that we are going to be able to do so. My question for you is if we go through the task force process and we get some priorities and recommendations do you think that ultimately the dissemination of the funds would be through channels like the one we used for the CDBG money or do you imagine that the City might create brand-new programs of their own to administer?

Mr. Jones said Mr. Driggs; I guess that is the \$70 million question. Right now, how can these funds get out in the intended purposes of the Council, and a year from now or 18-months from now we are wondering did it really happen the way Council intended it to happen. We are trying to figure out some models, and we are not trying to slow anybody down, but whether it is a pre-audit, we just don't know right now, but we believe that getting the task force to work through what the priorities are and then finding a vehicle to deliver on that is what we should be working on now.

Mr. Driggs said I think there is a kind of a triage situation that we need to think about. There are people that are at risk for their housing, there are businesses that are at risk for failing and some of the harm is created by that could be irreversible. So, I think your challenge is going to be to find an equitable distribution of funds that is weighted towards the needs of those most threatened businesses and people.

Councilmember Mitchell said I just wanted to echo what a lot of other Councilmembers have said. Thank you so much City Manager, particularly for the \$35 million allocated for the small business. It kind of fits into our presentation we had earlier today when we talk about survive and thrive, so thank you, sir. Getting feedback from the community our small businesses are looking for this City Council to take action and your timing is perfect because we have our Small Business Task Force meeting tomorrow at 10:30 and we can start really diving in and coming up with a very suitable, efficient and auditing way to make sure those monies are spent wisely.

Councilmember Bokhari said Mr. Manager; just a point, we've discussed this before; when you say economic support in two allotments, but then your breakout small business and housing. I just want to make sure that when we think about economic support in small business, we don't lose our sites also on the other critical elements of re-jump-starting this economy locally, which is the workforce. So, as long as we all in agreement there I think what we are looking at right there is a really good starting point.

Mr. Jones said I think we are all in agreement that when we think about small business you can't detach that from the workforce.

Mayor Lyles said I also think it is important for those people that may not be able to go back to their small business, they are going to have to find a place to be employed and I think anything that we can do to create jobs that actually pay well in a way that people

will be able to manage. We've seen the impact of wage disparity during this time and it is something that workforce development and training can certainly help us overcome.

Councilmember Eiselt said first Mr. Bokhari, I preferred the green light, but the blue is good too. First of all, thank you Mr. Manager; for all the thought you have put into how these funds would be divided up and having the space to be able to think about the future, and I do agree that we need to hold back on some of to really be prepared for what is to come two weeks from now, much fewer two-months from now. I do want to just ask that while we are working hard and trying to put a framework in place for the use of the funds, and in our case the small business task force, I would ask that you could just really give us as much attention and love as possible from staff in terms of putting that vehicle in a place that you referred to. Because that is really where the devil and the detail is and how we put together a vehicle where one doesn't exist. We have some great partners that have helped us with programming before, but some of the ideas that we are discussing in our task force are around ideas and concepts that we haven't done before, and so we really need help immediately on developing that vehicle to deliver the funding as soon as we are able to. Thank you for your help with that in advance.

Mr. Jones said we'll do.

Mayor Lyles said Mr. Jones; you've done a lot or reporting this, are we ready to proceed to the next business item?

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BUSINESS

ITEM NO. 9: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION AND OUTREACH GRANT

Motion was made by Councilmember Graham, seconded by Councilmember Winston, and carried unanimously to (A) Accept a grant in the amount of \$17,500 from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for education and outreach, and (B) Adopt Budget Ordinance No. 9787-X appropriating \$17,500 in grant funds to the Fair Housing Assistance Program.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 63, at Page(s) 28.

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ITEM NO. 3: CLOSED SESSION

Motion was made by Councilmember Driggs, seconded by Councilmember Newton, 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 and businesses in the City of Charlotte, including potential economic development incentives that may be offered in negotiations.

The meeting was recessed at 6:45 p.m. for a closed session in CH-14. The closed session recessed at 7:17 p.m. for a regularly scheduled Business Meeting.

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ADJOURNMENT

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

The Council returned to open session at 7:18 p.m.



Stephanie C. Kelly, City Clerk, MMC, NCCMC

Length of: 1 Hours, 40 Minutes
Minutes Completed: May 26, 2020