

The City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina convened for a Business Meeting on Monday, September 13, 2021, at 5:05 p.m. in Room 267 of the Charlotte Mecklenburg Government Center with Mayor Vi Lyles presiding. Councilmembers present were Dimple Ajmera, Tariq Bokhari, Ed Driggs, Larken Egleston, Julie Eiselt, Malcolm Graham, Renee Johnson, James Mitchell, Matt Newton, Victoria Watlington, and Braxton Winston II.

Mayor Lyles welcomed everyone to the September 13, 2021, Business Meeting. Tonight's meeting is being held as a virtual meeting in accordance with the electronic meeting statutes and all the requirements of the statutes are being met through electronic means. Everyone is able to join us or view this meeting on the Government Channel, the City's Facebook Page, or the City's YouTube Page.

I would also like to note that we are following the mask mandate that we have in Mecklenburg County in an enclosed building so unless eating or drinking we will be masked.

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INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

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

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

There were no mayor and council consent item questions and answers.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Councilmember Eiselt, seconded by Councilmember Ajmera, and carried unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda as presented in the agenda.
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Councilmember Egleston said I just wanted to draw folk's attention, sometimes with the Consent Agenda things fly under the radar and I think several people have already flagged this and we want to make sure that people see that we are moving forward on Item No. 35, for the new Light Rail Station in South End where one is much needed. I think that is a big win and I just wanted to make sure that didn't fly under the radar tonight.

The following items were approved:

Item No. 24: Citywide Uniforms and Related Equipment and Services

(A) Approve a unit price contract to the lowest responsive bidder Galls, LLC for the purchase of citywide uniforms and related equipment and services for an initial term of three years, and (B) Authorize the City Manager to renew the contract for up to two, one-year terms with possible price adjustments and to amend the contract consistent with the purpose for which the contract was approved.

Summary of Bids

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

Item No. 25: Construct Pineville-Matthews Road/Alexander Road Sidewalk.

Approve a contract in the amount of \$1,731,677.20 to the lowest responsive bidder Mountaineer Contractors, Inc., for the Pineville-Matthews Road/Alexander Road Sidewalk project.

Summary of Bids

Mountaineer Contractors, Inc.	\$1,731,677.20
DOT construction, Inc.	\$2,139,149.65
Sealand Contractors Corp.	\$2,410,224.30
United of Carolinas, Inc.	\$2,749,992.85

Item No. 26: Construct Providence Road Sidewalk

Approve a contract in the amount of \$1,156,059.30 to the lowest responsive bidder Nassiri Development, LLC for the Providence Road Sidewalk project.

Summary of Bids

Nassiri Development, LLC	\$1,156,059.30
United of Carolinas, Inc.	\$1,163,805.50
DOT Construction, Inc.	\$1,195,925.51
Armen Construction	\$1,391,019.30

Item No. 27: Construct Shade Valley Road Realignment and Roundabout

Approve a contract in the amount of \$3,185,573.36 to the lowest responsive bidder Sealand Contractors Corp. for the Shade Valley Road Realignment and Roundabout project.

Summary of Bids

Sealand Contractors Corp.	\$3,185,573.49
Blythe Development Company	\$3,375,729.50
United of Carolinas, Inc.	\$3,961,530.87
NJR Group	\$4,107,133.36

Item No. 28: Painting Services

(A) Approve unit price contracts with the following companies for painting services for an initial term of three years: Ardent Construction, Inc. (MBE), Bobby's Painting Company, Inc. (MBE, SBE), DWJ Services, LLC, Mullis and Associates Contracting (SBE), Treadway & Sons Painting & Wallcovering, Inc. (SBE), and (B) Authorize the City Manager to renew the contracts for up to two, one-year terms with possible price adjustments and to amend the contracts consistent with the purpose for which the contracts were approved.

Item No. 29: Vehicle and Equipment Welding and Related Services

(A) Approve a unit price contract with Bondo Innovations, LLC., for vehicle and equipment welding and related services for an initial term of three years, and (B) Authorize the City Manager to renew the contract for up to two, one-year terms with possible price adjustments and to amend the contract consistent with the purpose for which the contract was approved.

Item No. 30: Stowe Regional Water Resource Recovery Facility Southern Access Bridge

Approve a contract in the amount of \$3,853,951.20 to the lowest responsive bidder Blythe Development Company for the Stowe Regional Water Resource Recovery Facility Southern Access Bridge project.

Summary of Bids

Blythe Development Company	\$3,853,951.20
Dane Construction, Inc.	\$4,099,140.71

Item No. 31: Ultraviolet Disinfection System Replacement Parts

(A) Approve the purchase of ultraviolet disinfection system replacement parts by the sole source exemption, (B) Approve contracts with Xylem Water Solutions U.S.A., Inc. and Suez Treatment Solutions for the purchase of ultraviolet disinfection systems replacement parts for the term of five years, and (C) Authorize the City Manager to amend the contracts consistent with the purpose for which the contracts were approved.

Item No. 32: CATS Light Rail Vehicle Parts

(A) Approve the purchase of LYNX Light Rail vehicle parts by the sole source exemption, (B) Approve a contract with SCHUNK CARBON TECHNOLOGY LLC for up to \$150,000 for the purchaser of parts for a term of five years, and (C) Authorize the City Manager to renew the contract for up to two, one-year renewal terms with possible price adjustments and to amend the contract consistent with the purpose for which the contract was approved.

Item No. 33: CATS Light Rail Vehicles and Equipment

(A) Approve the purchase of parts for CATS Light Rail vehicles and wayside equipment by the sole source exemption, (B) Approve a contract with LB Foster Rail Technologies, Corp for up to \$325,000 for the purchase of parts and services for the term of five years, and (C) Authorize the City Manager to renew the contract for up to two, one-year renewal

terms with possible price adjustments and to amend the contract consistent with the purpose for which the contract was approved.

Item No. 34: CATS Vanpool Vehicles

(A) Approve a unit price contract to the lowest responsive bidder JR Elite Transport 2 U LLC for the purchase of vanpool vehicles for an initial term of one year, and (B) Authorize the City Manager to renew the contract for up to four, one-year terms with possible price adjustments and to amend the contract consistent with the purpose for which the contract was approved.

Summary of Bids

Piedmont Truck Center	\$1,290,267.00
JR Elite Transport 2 U LLC	\$1,795,006.00

Item No. 35: Engineering Services for South End Station

(A) Approve a contract in the amount of \$1,902,865 with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for engineering services to plan and design a new light rail station in South End, and (B) Authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute amendments to the contract consistent with the purpose for which the contract was approved.

Item No. 36: Mail Remittance Processing Services

(A) Authorize the City Manager to negotiate and approve a unit price contract with Truist Bank for mail remittance processing services for an initial term of three years, and (B) Authorize the City Manager to renew the contract for up to two, one-year terms with possible price adjustments and to amend the contract consistent with the purpose for which the contract was approved.

Item No. 37: Resolution of Intent to Abandon an Alleyway off Morningside Drive

(A) Adopt a resolution of intent to abandon an alleyway off Morningside Drive, and (B) Set a public hearing for October 11, 2021.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 52, at Page(s) 101.

Item No. 38: Resolution of Intent to abandon the Alleyway off East Kingston Avenue and South Boulevard

(A) Adopt a resolution of intent to abandon the alleyway off East Kingston Avenue and South Boulevard, and (B) Set a public hearing for October 11, 2021.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 52, at Page(s) 102.

Item No. 39: Set Public Hearing on Mallard Glen Area Voluntary Annexation

Adopt a resolution setting the public hearing for October 11, 2021, for the Mallard Glen Area voluntary annexation petition.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 52, at Page(s) 103-105.

Item No. 40: Meeting Minutes

Approve the titles, motions, and votes reflected in the Clerk's record as the minutes of June 21, 2021 Zoning Meeting and June 28, 2021, Business Meeting.

PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS

Item No. 41: In Rem Remedy 2417 Kendrick Drive

Adopt Ordinance No. 134-X authorizing the use of In Rem Remedy to demolish and remove the structure at 2417 Kendrick Drive (Neighborhood Profile Area 119).

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 64, at Page(s) 358.

Item No. 42: Property Transaction – I-85 North Bridge, Parcel #3

Acquisition of 4,035 square feet (0.093 acres) Overhead Utility Easement, 1,054 square feet (0.024 acres) Storm Drainage Easement, 11,501 square feet (0.264 acres) Sidewalk Utility Easement, 13,039 square feet (0.299 acres) Temporary Construction Easement, 408 square feet (0.009 acres) Waterline Easement at 8921 Research Drive from CELLCO Partnership for \$103,075 for I-85 North Bridge, Parcel 3

Item No. 43: Property Transactions – JW Clay Boulevard Streetscape, Parcel #18

Acquisition of 700 square feet (0.016 acres) Post Construction Controls Easement, 825 square feet (0.019 acres) Storm Drainage Easement, 8,525 square feet (0.196 acres) Sidewalk Utility Easement, 14,984 square feet (0.344 acres) Temporary Construction Easement at 9207 Olmsted Drive from Walden Court of Delaware, LLC for \$100,000 for JW Clay Boulevard Streetscape, Parcel #18.

Item No. 44: Property Transactions – JW Clay Boulevard Streetscape, Parcel #20

Acquisition of 1,034 square feet (0.024 acres) Sidewalk Utility Easement, 2,643 square feet (0.061 acres) Temporary Construction Easement at 8956 J M Keynes Drive from CS Shoppes at University Place, LLC for \$26,000 for JW Clay Boulevard Streetscape, Parcel #20.

Item No. 45: Property Transactions – JW Clay Boulevard Streetscape, Parcel #22

Acquisition of 55 square feet (0.001 acres) Sidewalk Utility Easement, 7,669 square feet (0.176 acres) Temporary Construction Easement at 8944 J M Keynes Drive from CH Retail Fund II and Charlotte The Pointe LLC for \$37,300 for JW Clay Boulevard Streetscape, Parcel #22.

Item No. 46: Property Transaction - North Davidson Street 2401, Parcel #2

Acquisition of 937 square feet (0.022 acres) Storm Drainage Easement, 568 square feet (0.013 acres) Temporary Construction Easement at 2401 North Davidson Street for \$28,525 for North Davidson Street 2401, Parcel #2.

Item No. 47: Property Transactions – Shade Valley Road Realignment and Roundabout, Parcel #14

Resolution of Condemnation of 781 square feet (0.02 acres) Fee Simple, 2,026 square feet (0.047 acres) Sidewalk Utility Easement, 4,049 square feet (0.093 acres) Temporary Construction Easement at 5007 and 5009 Monroe Road from Lerner and Company Real Estate for \$55,950 for Shade Valley Road Realignment and Roundabout, Parcel #14.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 52, at Page(s) 106.

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ITEM NO. 2: ACTION REVIEW AGENDA OVERVIEW

Mayor Lyles said it is my understanding that the City Manager has got two reports and there is a brief closed session that we will have because it is a repeat of something that we've done already, and it is just the City Attorney giving us a final decision on that. I will now turn it over to the City Manager for the Agenda Overview and presentation.

Marcus Jones, City Manager said tonight we have two presentations that really work together; one as you may recall when Shawn Heath was reporting on the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Funds he indicated that there is a 2025 Housing and Homeless Strategy that has been in the works since earlier this year so we will get an update on that progress and also it is that time of year where Pam, comes and talks about the Housing Trust Fund and some recommendations that we have. I think what you will see tonight is a mixture of some of the NOAH (Naturally Occurring Affordable Housing) products as well as some of the traditional products. Mayor, if there aren't any questions, I can introduce Item No. 3 on the Action Briefing.

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ITEM NO. 3: CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG 2025 HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS STRATEGY

Marcus Jones, City Manager, said as I mentioned earlier, as a part of our discussion around some of the ARPA Funds there was a conversation about the Charlotte Mecklenburg 2025 Housing and Homeless Strategy which was launched in April. You may have heard that there was a presentation in front of the County Board of Commissioners last week. This is the same presentation; this initiative is Co-Chaired by two extraordinary local leaders as the Mayor mentioned earlier, Gene Woods from Atrium Health as well as Cathy Besant from Bank of America and we also have Michael Smith from Charlotte Center Partners here tonight. As Gene will elaborate on the goal of this effort, it is to launch a five-year strategic plan to help Charlotte Mecklenburg become a national leader in addressing homelessness and tonight is just really a progress report. We've had a number of working teams, I've been involved, the County Manager Dena Diorio has been involved and from our team, we've had both Shawn Heath and Pam Wideman. The Strategic Plan I believe will be released in late October and with that said I would like to turn this over to Gene.

Gene Woods, Atrium Health said thank you for having us here tonight and Marcus, to you and your team, you have been fantastic and has really leaned into to also support the multiple committees and workstreams, so we are happy to present the progress report on what we have been up to date. Also, Councilmember Graham, you serve on one of our workgroups, so we really appreciate your active interest as well.

I will start off by saying I'm really honored to Co-Chair the development of the 2025 Charlotte Mecklenburg Housing and Homelessness Strategy with Kathy Besant with Bank of America who unfortunately couldn't be here tonight but is a very, very engaged Co-Chair. This evening we want to discuss the first comprehensive effort to address housing instability and homelessness in our community that involves private, public, and not-for-profit sectors. The reason I guess I personally agreed to Co-Chair the initiative, notwithstanding everything going on and battling the pandemic, is because it is one of the things that really has connected us to our purpose. Some of us have family or friend members that have experienced homelessness, and this is an opportunity I think that we have collectively to deal with the devastating impacts.

Now at Atrium we begin every meeting with what we call a connect a purpose story and we've adopted that also in our Strategy Meetings for this as well and I thought I would start out by sharing one of those connect the purpose stories that occurred that one of our roving COVID (mild to severe respiratory infection caused by the coronavirus) testing sites last year. During one particular shift, there was an elderly African American gentleman who arrived, and we quickly learned that the real reason he was there was not just for a COVID test, but to see if we could help him with his current housing situation because he was homeless and he didn't know where to go. So, he shared that he had been living with his sons and their subsidized housing but was not allowed to stay there any longer because his name wasn't on the lease and because he was afraid that his sons would lose their housing if he stayed with them, he began temporarily living in vacant homes or near areas of new construction. Our Atrium Health teammates did what they do best, they got action and within minutes we gave this gentleman food to address his hunger, a toothbrush, cleaning supplies and one of our social workers also connected him with a local hotel and arranged transportation while he awaited his COVID test and then one of our nurse practitioners even happen to have clothes from her husband that were in her trunk originally on their way to Goodwill and so we were able to provide him with a fresh change of clothes to take with him to the hotel.

If I step back, I can't imagine personally the conversation this man had with his sons. As a father myself I can't imagine having that conversation with my sons to leave a home for the streets and so we are here to help solve countless scenarios such as this one in our community that are occurring every single day.

As Charlotte continues to grow and strive to be a national model, I think we all agree that we have to be very intentional about that growth and not have to be a tale of two cities and we know that you have no chance of economic mobility if you don't first have a home. What has really resonated and galvanized an incredibly dedicated group of businesses,

not for profits and public sector leaders and community servants is this vision that we can if we come together in the right way, create a community right here where homelessness is rare, where homelessness is brief and homelessness is not reoccurring. That is really the vision we have for this initiative. To do so we know it requires a comprehensive plan, but even more than that I think it requires a community that bans together perhaps like we never have before. Some might call it banning together in a way that is radically collaborating in new ways and that is why I'm really, really passionate and excited about the engagement we are having with a wide group of stakeholders including those who have lived experience that are helping us shape the plan that we are going to be sharing here tonight. In fact, there is 100 community-based groups private sector companies and educational institutions, and many others that have rolled up their sleeves to join us for this project and if I could just name a few who are helping us develop this plan, we have Charlotte Rescue Mission, Charlotte Works, Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools, Child Care Resources, Inc. Commonwealth Charlotte, Communities in School, Community Care Bridge, Council for Children's Rights, Covenant Presbyterian Church, Crescent Communities, Crisis Assistance Ministries to name just a few.

Kathy and I and the entire workgroup are so grateful to have such widespread interest and dedicated involvement in establishing and developing this comprehensive plan that as Marcus said will be finalized at the end of October. Many of you know that Charlotte Mecklenburg has over time made investments in prevention, emergency shelter, and permanent housing though we know that much more investment is surely going to be required. Because unfortunately, this very evening in Charlotte Mecklenburg there will be over 3,000 individuals, fathers, mothers, brothers, and sisters who are falling on really hard times and are experiencing literal homelessness whether in sheltered or unsheltered locations. That is just the floor, there are thousands of others who are on the precipice as we know are paying week to week to stay in hotels or doubling up with their families or friends. So, if our community really is to be a national model and avoid the fate of other metro areas struggling to address this very issue it is going to be important to approach this differently to chart a new course and also, we spend a lot of time learning from best national practices and we have to do this in a way that again we probably have never done before. So, in a nutshell, that is the reason that we are here tonight.

I'm going to pass the virtual mic over to Michael Smith who is going to touch upon the 2025 Charlotte Mecklenburg Housing and Homelessness Strategy and how it is different than perhaps all of the other strategies that we have seen in Charlotte around this issue before.

Michael Smith, Charlotte Center City Partners said thank you, Gene, thanks for your leadership. Mayor and Council, it is great to be with you, thank you for the leadership you always provide around these issues of housing affordability. I'm pleased that we are sharing really a great approach that is incredibly unique in so many efforts. Special thanks to McKensey and Company for the great consultant support they have provided on this journey, but as we look at how this is different this 2025 Mecklenburg Housing and Homelessness Strategy really marks the first time in our community's history that the

public and private sector have come together to address the full housing continuum from homelessness to affordable housing realty to the upstream to the struggling households that have not lost a home but are at risk of. The strategy will comprehensively address the systems and structures that cause and perpetuate housing instability and homelessness. The effort is grounded in equity, transparency, and inclusivity which you heard from Gene, ensuring that the broadest possible representation of all aspects in this work.

One of our guiding principles from the beginning has been keeping front and center the people who are impacted and integrating their voice of lived experience into every aspect of what we are considering. We firmly believe that creating a community where everyone can thrive is a critical component of this work and will benefit all the residents of Charlotte Mecklenburg. This really is a unique approach we hope that this approach and all the voices that have been involved are going to allow us to come up with things that are comprehensive and so thoughtful. Now, I'm glad to turn it over to our friend, Pam Wideman who serves on the Technical Committee for this work to share more of the specifics and where we are today and what is next.

Pam Wideman, Housing and Neighborhood Services Director said as your Housing Director and as a member of the Technical Committee I'm pleased to share this update with you on behalf of the other members of the Technical Committee as well as the nine Workstreams which you will see depicted on the slide as well as my colleague Shawn Heath, Manager Jones and other city staff who have contributed to this work.

The structure of this effort, the nine Workstreams was designed based on community interviews, surveys, and focus groups that identified emerging themes and priorities to address what success would look like. The nine Workstreams that has been previously mentioned has been working since May to identify and prioritize draft recommendations that are informed by research and best practices. Four of the Workstreams are devoted to the four main impact areas of the Strategic Plan which are Prevention, Temporary Housing, long-term Affordable Housing, and Cross-Sector support. The other five Workstreams are focused on the foundational work which will be required to enable the What Workstreams impact which are policies, funding, data, and analytics, communication, and ongoing strategic support.

Since the launch of this Charlotte Mecklenburg Housing and Homelessness Strategy in April over 250 individuals and 115 organizations have signed on to participate in the planning development work. We recognize that before putting any plan into action that it was imperative to listen to any and all ideas from across our community. We sought to engage as a broad spectrum of stakeholders as possible through a variety of methods and we aren't done yet. This slide reflects the major themes that have emerged across the work, the What and the How Workstreams, and summarizes the primary objectives to the Workstreams that the Workstreams are seeking to achieve with their recommendations. While recommendations are still under development, we want to share with you each of these themes. The first theme is Equity with a focus on solutions that

rectify or address historical and existing inequities. The second theme is Access and Inventory of Housing and other resources to address the full continuum of need. The third Workstream is around improving system navigation and reducing silos. And finally, the fourth Workstream is about system change and sustainability.

This slide is to illustrate other examples of the draft initiatives from all of the nine Workstreams. You can see here that four What Workstreams are in blue and then the five How Workstreams are in teal at the bottom of your screen. The Work Workstream initiative includes improving the front door of assistance in our community by strengthening the intake and triage system. They also include maximizing the use of publicly owned land for affordable housing and eliminating barriers to accessing childcare subsidies. The How Workstream initiatives include reducing barriers to housing for justice-involved adults, developing a standardized intake and data collection process from across the different systems to reduce the number of times a person has to tell his or her story, and coordinating resources for them. Again, it is really important to note that this is just a sample of the work that has been going on.

The Workstreams in terms of next steps will continue refining all the draft recommendations and connecting with the community over the coming months to work towards an October publication of a Strategic Plan which will include a prioritized set of opportunities to pursue over the next five years, strategic objectives and matrix to define success and initial recommendations regarding the implementation structure, communications plan and funding needed to achieve these goals will be outlined in the plan. We will be back to you, hopefully in October, to share this plan with you.

This concludes the formal presentation, and I will turn back to Gene and Michael to answer any questions that you all might have.

Councilmember Graham said it is more of a comment and then two questions towards the end. I just want to thank Mr. Woods and Kathy and Michael Smith, Marcus, and Pam who has been working with us on this effort. I am a member of the Center City Partners Board of Directors and have had the opportunity to work on the Task Force with Gene and the Team. I just want to thank them for the months of hard work that we've put into this. This started really last year, Michael, as you know in terms of just trying to how do we connect the dots and really begin to address the issues as a community, the private sector, the public sector as well as non-profits in the community. I am very, very pleased that we are at this point, that we are getting ready to dot I's and cross t's as it relates to producing a final report for public consideration as well as the consideration of the Charlotte City Council.

It should be noted that I did have the opportunity also last week to hear the presentation that was given to the Mecklenburg Board of County Commission, so my comments tonight are reflective of what I heard then in terms of some of the questions back and forth from the Commissioners to Mr. Woods and Ms. Besant as well as Mr. Woods, our meeting last week when we talked specifically about how do we implement the plan once it is done?

So, my questions and comments are around those two items, one is particular is once the plan is done how do we bring it to life? Who is going to be responsible for doing the work, making sure that what we have is not just words on paper, but there are action items that can be actionable and that we as a community can hold ourselves accountable for? The conversation we had last week was about creating a new non-profit to do some of this work. I'm not sure that is the way to go right now. I'm open and willing to be convinced that it is based on the research that the team has done.

The County government does a great job, it is our lead agency for homelessness in this community. They have all the supported services necessary to be effective and efficient right away and they have the capacity with a homeless Cozaar, if I can use that word, someone to kind of lead this effort to hit the ground running versus creating a new entity to do the work. I think we waste time by doing that where we can really focus on the work and so it is not really a question, it is just Mr. Woods and Michael something for you to kind of think about as we begin to finalize the report. The community is going to want to know that we have the capacity to do deliver on the promise and who is going to lead the charge making sure that we deliver on the promise and there is some accountability that we are doing just that. Hopefully, there will be more conversation with Mr. Woods in terms of what does that looks like and how do we kind of make that happen?

The last item and again based on my interaction as Chairman of the Great Neighborhoods Committee I have the opportunity to talk to people at the federal level, some of our peer cities across the country, and it goes without saying that Charlotte has a reputation of being one of the leaders in the affordable housing space in the country and based on hearing the conversations, hearing some of the questions that were asked and answered last week I hope that we can be narrowly focused on dealing with the issue of homelessness and not try to be too broad-based where we are trying to deal with homelessness and affordable housing. I think if we do that, we really lose our focus. I think our focus should be on providing the resources necessary to tackle the homeless problem specifically. That is from homelessness to maybe SRO (Single Room Occupancy) housing, anything under 30% AMI and below I think is right within our sweet spot, and anything above that I think it takes away and I don't think we should do it. I'll be quite honest with you, I think we should be narrowly tailored, narrowly focused, focusing on that population because again, the City of Charlotte does such a great job in the affordable housing space to give us some of that work, for the lack of a better way of saying it, or to foster some of that work out to another third party organization if that is to occur, I don't think it would be in the best interest of the City nor do I think it would be in the best interest of the efforts that we are making for affordable housing long-term. Those are just two comments Mr. Woods in terms of the new non-profit that we talked about last week as well as making sure that as we begin to finalize the report that we really begin to focus narrowly on addressing the homeless problem versus being too broad and trying to encompass everything.

I clearly understand that this is a continuum of care from homelessness all the way to 80% of AMI, but I think what is really impacting the citizens of Charlotte and the

community right now is those who are struggling to keep a roof over their heads, struggling to find housing at that 30% of AMI and below and if we can focus like a laser on that population through this report, have some accountabilities I think we will be moving in the right direction. Mr. Woods thank you very much for the work that you are doing and if you can just kind of comment on those two items, I would really appreciate it.

Mr. Woods said thank you, I appreciate the comments, two things, one is on the latter point I do think that there are so many different roots that cause the homeless, but to your point, if we tried to address the education, the mobility, and everything I don't think we accomplish what we really want around the sense of homelessness so I think the Committee is refining that specific task and what success looks like around the idea of homelessness so that we are not trying to solve everything, all the social determinants of health and homelessness at one time. I think those are good comments and we will continue to have that conversation about what the success specifically looks like around that. On the structure I'm typically a very big [inaudible] type leader so I think once we get the report finalized, I think the question is the one that you asked, what structure, what vehicles are going to be most effective in terms of carrying out the strategic plan. The plan will be 10% of it, the 90% of it is going to be executed so I think once we get the plan then I think, to your point, we can have that dialogue what is the best way to really make sure that we deliver on this promise. I look forward to those conversations ahead.

Councilmember Bokhari said first of all again, much gratitude to everyone working on this. Particularly I want to recognize Kathy Besant who as you said has worked long and hard on this with you, not here with us tonight, but congratulate her on her new strategy role which is very exciting, and she has been quite a force of positive impact on Charlotte. I really liked a lot of the things I heard, particular emphasis on data and how you guys were going to use that as a really overriding map quest so to speak of where you are going. I think not just emphasizing that for also outlining what success looks like in relation to that data and those matrixes. That level sets us off; too often around here and I know with the horse and brainpower of this Committee and everyone you have there this is intuitive to you guys, but a lot of times we don't set out the matrix of success on our fronts and they are crafted as we go along. I think being upfront and proactive and transparent on that when the plan is rolled out, while it makes it exponentially harder it is going to make it so much more credible because we all are going to know what we are aiming at from that perspective. So, I love that; I also love the wording of the "system-wide" approach. I think that is really critical that the end-to-end capability where once someone is into the system like we said, there is multiple different paths and routes for mental health help to upward mobility training needs and the list goes on and on. So, making sure that we have the systemic approach that understands where there are gaps and that ultimately becomes a part of the plan so that before we bring someone to an end state, they don't fall off a proverbial cliff because there is no other program to pick it up. I think that is going to be critical there and I liked that you called that out.

I think the only thing I didn't see in there, and again I'm just speaking from a micro strategy perspective of this being the guiding force for the work you guys have underway would

be when you think of a system-wide approach one thought has to center around the givers, and I believe there is a huge piece that I'll say it as eloquently as possible the responsibility of the giver. We can create all of the perfect system-wide programs that bring someone from walking in a door all the way through to self-sustainability or to mental health help to all these other items, but if we don't find a way to stop repeating the mistakes of the past and have preventive factors that get people into that system, I think we will really struggle with meeting those measurable outcomes that we are talking about. I want to emphasize that maybe you all are thinking about that and it is not stated in there. I guess that is maybe the point of my question Michael and Gene, is that something you are also contemplating because we can build the greatest system in the world that has every scenario for every option that comes in, but if we still have forces that are pushing folks away from entering those systems and getting the help they need, it may just end up being repeating some of the mistakes of the past. I will leave it with that kind of question for how you guys are thinking about that and thank you.

Mr. Wood said Michael, I will have your answer as well. First of all, thank you for the suggestion and the idea, we are having a conversation along those lines and we are still very much in the design phase, so we appreciate all input like that, not just tonight, but going forward. I do think that at the last meeting we heard from someone who has lived the experience and one of the things they said is that when they were homeless in their square blocks if you will. He said there were 20 different not for profits and it was hard for him to even figure out how to navigate those. If I am understanding the question, I think part of it is the responsibility to make sense and make it easy to access some of those resources that already exists because it is quite complicated, and it is triple complicated if you are homeless and don't know where to go with this. Part of what we are thinking about that is first making the system much easier when you have this multitude of systemic issues and will give some more thought to that as you are raising some additional very good points. Michael, I don't know if there is anything you would want to add.

Mr. Smith said thank you, Gene, thank you Councilmember, I love the data approach to this, and you will see in the recommendations that there are some great dashboard-type elements that will tie back to the original mission of this being rare, non-recurring, and brief. We think bringing everything back to that will be powerful and I believe one of the major points you are making is that we have to look at prevention and we have to look upstream and we have to think about things like outreach counselors which we have seen highly effective in our urban core at helping people that are struggling with whatever is putting them in this position, connecting them to the services that they need and that will definitely be part of the recommendations.

Mr. Bokhari said just one point of clarification, I agree with all of that, I think just said a little more bluntly what I mean is when folks are homeless and are looking for assistance, we keep hearing reports again and again. We remember a 2018 article where the non-profit leaders of the community came together and penned an op ed, again it is about when they are on the streets and they are getting some levels of resources that they can

keep afloat there it keeps many good folks out of the systems that are designed to help them. So, it goes back to aggressive panhandling to everyone who is just given a couple of bucks down the street when in reality that person maybe needs to be at a Roof Above or one of the other places. Again, it is a complicated topic, but I don't think it is one we can ignore as a huge factor for ensuring that the people get into the system, we've spent all this money on that is designed to try to find an outcome for them of success.

Councilmember Winston said can you go to slide #3, please? Thank you, I do think the way this work is broken out and the data as presented is excellent. I think the work is fantastic, however, the global feel a bit unambitious. Homelessness in this nation and state and in this city is a result of a series of policy decisions. It seems like this goal of becoming a national leader in how to deal with homelessness does a better job of censoring us, us the policymakers, us the corporations, us the folks that are around the table doing the work and it doesn't necessarily center the condition of our homeless neighbors. I would ask why is the goal not more ambitious, why is the goal not to eliminate the homeless here in Charlotte and Mecklenburg County? I would leave that to Ms. Wideman, Councilmember Graham, and Mr. Smith on this or whoever wants to take that. It has been around the table to the network. It seems like that would be the type of goal that we could set for our neighbors [inaudible].

Mayor Lyles said Mr. Woods or Mr. Smith, do you want to respond to the goal being to end homelessness in our County?

Mr. Smith said Gene, do you want to ham and egg this one because we talked about it?

Mr. Wood said ultimately, we want to end homelessness, I think that is the goal. Obviously, that is the big audacious focus that we have. The Committee said let's break it down, so it is measurable and that is where we came rare, brier and non-reoccurring. That was more of a nod towards making sure that we can keep ourselves accountable towards it, and we know that, I mentioned tonight those 3,000 people that are going to be homeless, but we also know there is 23,000 people that might be evicted down the road and I think that may be part of the challenge that we also have to wrap our arms around. I think you said it right, there is a policy and also funding that will have to attach to that and so you will see when we come back in October that we will sort of divide those scenarios going forward, but I think ultimately that is the goal and how we defined it as a Committee was trying to be as precise as we could.

Mr. Winston said what I'm hearing is that we believe that the goal is to eliminate homelessness, but we haven't stated that, but we have decided to create a goal that we think is measurable, but why wouldn't elimination of homelessness be a measurable goal?

Mr. Woods said it could be a matter of words, we said current and preventing future homelessness so that was the way that articulated. We certainly can be more precise,

but that is really an attempt to get at that. So, addressing current and preventing future homelessness, a different way of saying that, but I think your point is well taken.

Mr. Smith said we were also trying to learn from our last effort around chronic homelessness was called Housing First and we were able to find some support of housing for over 1,000 of our fellow citizens. What we found is there was not enough focus upstream and the pipeline of people falling into homelessness, we were not keeping up and that effort was about ending chronic homelessness within 24 months then we added a year to it, and we ended up adopting best practices from it and we became better at it as a community in addressing homelessness. We kept coming back to can it be eliminated, or we needed to look upstream and that is why we tied together that rare brief and non-recurring with the idea of addressing current and preventing future. As Gene said I think it is an excellent point and an excellent challenge.

Mr. Winston said thank you, but I would love if that was the state goal, I think that would be ambitious and bold and would obviously put us as a leader if we were able to figure this out. I'm happy to come to the table to figure out we can measure that, how we can work towards that, or whatever needs to be done.

Councilmember Eiselt said Gene, thank you for the presentation, and Michael, you and Gene and Kathy I know that group is the right group to really attack this issue and make a difference. I really appreciate your commitment and your work on this. My only comment is that I hope that as you talk about the stakeholders that it is super comprehensive not only where you want to get, but where they've been. I think about this past week, the Mayor and Councilmember Phipps and I were at the groundbreaking for the new On-Ramp Center which is the Resource Center for The Relatives where youth, 16 to 24 can go and get services for homelessness, for trying to find housing, working on their GED (General Educational Development), all the things that they need to keep them from becoming homeless adults. When I think about them for instance, it is great that they are building this new center, but presently they can only serve 11% of our at-risk youth in our region leading an opportunity task force estimated that there are 45,000 disconnected youth in Charlotte. Just hoping that, and I'm not saying that you haven't looked at this, but I just really look at things like that. What are we doing to really help our young people not fall into those patterns and be homeless and making sure that your organizations that have been doing the work have an opportunity to tell you what resources they don't have because some of them are doing great work? They can do even better work even though maybe there are being new systems that are being created.

Mr. Smith said thank you, Trish Hopson, from The Relatives is an old friend and is on our working Committee and we are thrilled to have her expertise at the table.

Mr. Eiselt said yeah, she is doing fantastic work.

Councilmember Johnson said thank you for the presentation, it is exciting to be addressing homelessness from our perspective. I wanted to follow up on something Mr.

Graham said when he was speaking, and I wanted to get clarification. I thought that you said that Charlotte is recognized as a leader in affordable housing solutions, so that is pretty scary on the state of the nation. We have great goals, but there is a housing crisis for affordable housing in the City. I know that this group is focused on homelessness, but affordable housing in our City is still a crisis so that is part of the challenge as you know that there is a lack of inventory in affordable housing. I would also say that some of the challenges, and I hope that there is a focus on the mental health piece and the trauma as an advocate for head injury and brain injury, there is data that shows one in two individuals who are homeless have a history of head injury. I hope that we are really peeling back the layers on the data and on the trauma in order to break those cycles. We also know the criminal record is a huge barrier for housing here in this City and the evictions, so I would just say have been working with homeless populations for the past decade, I would just ask that there be the focus on trauma and criminal record and the lack of medical care. I would ask my Republican colleagues to assist in the Medicaid expansion. I think that would really clear up some of the problems with the homeless if people could have access to the appropriate treatment. I am excited about this focus; I would also like to know if you all are working with the Continuum of Care. They have great data, so good. I'm excited to see the presentation, but again the mental health piece, the Medicaid transformation, and the criminal record is going to be a huge consideration.

Mr. Woods said every single meeting that we've had a conversation around mental health. It has come through so there is a lot of conversation around that as well as part of this work, so thank you for those suggestions.

Councilmember Ajmera said great to see you Gene and thank you for the presentation and Michael, thank you for your contribution as well. A couple of my questions have already been addressed around the application and really having concrete next steps so that it leads to action and it is not just a plan. Also, Michael touched on the Housing First Program, so I have a follow-up question to that. I know that this will come in front of us in October sometime, but I would be interested in seeing what are the recommendations when it comes to Housing First Program in terms of expanding that Program? Michael, do you want to comment on that, or do you want to wait until the report comes out?

Mr. Smith said Housing First is a national best practice and will continue to be something that we implement and look to expand on through the recommendations of this plan. There is nothing like home to solve homelessness, not to oversimplify, but that is the basis, this rapid rehousing, the supportive services, it will be a part of it.

Ms. Ajmera said absolutely, and we have seen it work really well in other cities across the nation. It is a national model like you mentioned and it really gives big [inaudible] to residents who are experiencing homelessness because you can't really access mental health treatment etc. without the housing. I think the housing goes first so it is great to hear that it is continuing to be part of the discussion. I'm also interested in hearing if there has been any discussion with County Commissioners and have been given presentations?

Mr. Smith said yeah, actually the County Commissioners we've got Dina who is also actively involved, and we provided a presentation to them last week, so they have heard the similar version and are also actively involved in the workgroup. When we talk about this it is going to require everybody's collaboration that includes City, County, businesses, etc.

Ms. Ajmera said what kind of feedback have you all received from the County?

Mr. Smith said we had a great discussion with them and lots of issues that will be returning to the conversation about how do we bring this to implementation, what involvement will the City, the County, and CMS (Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools) have? They have recommended that we do have a conversation with CMS, and we are because there are lots of homeless children that are in our school system and if we are going to have a comprehensive plan it needs to think about everyone that is affected by housing insecurity and homelessness. There is an ask, is there a current ask of the County Commission at this point and there is not. This is an update; we are thrilled to have the leadership of Councilmember Graham and Marcus and many members of staff and as we are with Chairman Dunlap and Dina and Stacy and many members of the County staff as well. Again, just trying to get everybody around the table as we advance this and try to come up with something that is this comprehensive.

Ms. Ajmera said I appreciate your sharing the feedback from the County. I'm looking forward to reviewing the report and I might have follow-up questions afterward. I'll save those for you next time. Thank you so much.

Councilmember Phipps said it is not my intention to date myself, but I was here on the Council back in 2005 in a similar meeting as this when the late Chris Wolfe outlined a 10-year plan to end homeless in Charlotte Mecklenburg. I know we are still here trying to battle this problem, but I know since that time we've had other iterations of homelessness plans and I would be interested in knowing what makes this plan different from the ones that we have undertaken in the past. I know that the timeline is probably dated, and I don't need an answer or an explanation right now, but I would like to connect at some point with either Mr. Smith or Mr. Woods, or Ms. Besant just to get an idea of what makes this plan a better plan? I hope that we would have built on all of the previous plans, but just what makes this plan more hopeful than our efforts in the past that have failed to materialize? I would be interested in knowing something about that.

Mayor Lyles said from the comments around the dais today and to your questions and the answers, we can certainly see how complex this issue is. A number of us have worked on this for many, many years with some of the goals that you've outlined today. For me, the most important thing that I think happens is that we do take a fresh look at everything every time that we have the ability to bring in what is better, what might be different, and what will be done. Fifteen years ago, Seattle was known as the number one place in dealing with homelessness and housing, and today it is not that. So, you have to come back and rethink, redo and look at what the new challenges are and there are a lot of

challenges, I understand that. Those challenges of the continuum of care are from the federal government, the County is responsible for homelessness and services for homelessness. The City is trying to make sure that people that work in our City can live in our City so when you look at, I think the number was 81,000 people pay more than 30% of their income for housing and when you add transportation it is over 40% of their income, and we've got 3,000 people in homelessness situation. Imagine what you are trying to solve, so I want to say that I think every Councilmember around this table applauds you and is grateful that you are taking a new look to deal with those 81,000 who need a place, we need to keep them in their houses to the 3,000 that need a place to live. Thank you very much, we look forward to the October report.

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ITEM NO. 4: HOUSING TRUST RUND RECOMMENDATIONS

Marcus Jones, City Manager said we will have Pam Wideman come in and give you an update on the Housing Trust Fund Recommendations and if we go back a little bit in time, I think Pam it would have been I guess beginning with the combination with the City and the private sector to get our HTF (Housing Trust Fund) allocation up from \$15 million to \$50 million and now you are starting to see some of the fruits of that collaboration. Pam, I will turn it over to you.

Pam Wideman, Housing and Neighborhood Services said thank you for allowing me to present to you tonight. I know you all are very familiar with this so I will get through this as quickly as I can, but I want to level-set with you, and Madam Mayor, I think you asked this last time we were here in March or April. We sent something out, but I just want to level set by stating that, Mr. Jones you alluded to \$100 million in housing bonds since the 2018 referendum. The City Council, you guys should applaud yourselves for this, you have awarded \$67 million of that \$100 million since we started this in 2018. This includes the \$3 million that is set aside for Brookhill and I will talk about that a little bit later, but you have a total of 33 developments underway. Allow me to break that down for you just a little more, that is a total of 3,968 units, 2,150 of those units are either complete or are under construction with the remaining 1,808 in the closing process. Of all of those units, I would just remind you that because of your Housing Trust Fund guidelines at least 20% of all of those developments must include housing units for households that are earning 30% and below. I thought that was very important to raise as it relates to the discussion that we just had.

What I would point out on this slide is that your Housing Trust Fund is still gap financing, it often includes an application to the state for either a 9% or 4% low-income housing tax credit, it doesn't have to. Tonight, we are only talking about those 4% tax credits because you all have already approved the cycle for the 9% which is once per year, and some NOAH's Also, spoiler alert, you have some homeownership in here as well. I talked about at least 20% of the units must be targeted to households earning 30% and below the area

median income and there is always a long-term deed restriction. Our goal is not to just create these units, but to preserve them over the long term.

This is just a reminder since 2002 you have allocated \$210 million, most notably since 2018 you upped your \$15 million to \$50 million every other bond cycle.

Mr. Jones said Pam, I know you are on a roll, but if you go back one, and I'm just echoing what you said earlier. Those last two bond cycles are almost where all of the previous bond cycles combined and so we are really starting to see what can occur when we have the capacity.

Ms. Wideman said correct, thank you, sir. Just as a reminder, we had a little bit of a carrier over from 2018 when we started this in January so, we started with \$51 million there. You have approved \$12 million in 4% development; you've approved \$3.1 million in non-LIHTC (Low-Income Housing Tax Credit) developments and you approved \$2.4 million for 9% in April. Since that time, you will recall NOAH's can be presented to us on a rolling or flexible because we want to capture those before they are bought up by an out-of-town investor or otherwise, so you've awarded a million most recently to the Pines on Wendover. So, we are beginning the discussion tonight with \$32.7 million.

As the Mayor just said, we always like to take a fresh look; you all will recall in 2020 as a result of the Mayor's Housing Task Force we did a couple of things. The Task Force recommended that we continue down our path of new construction, that we continue including supportive services, and we continue preserving and supporting NOAH's, but what was really new out of that was setting aside a portion of your Trust Fund dollars for homeownership. This is our second time doing that, we continue to learn. The first time we had a lot of questions, but we didn't get any takers. You all asked us to go back, talk with the for-sale development community to see what we needed to do, what we needed to change to get some takers and so we did that. We shared this with our development community, as a normal practice we bring the development community together, we release an RFP, we did that on July 9th, developers had until August 9th to submit their proposals. Other details that I won't bore you with, but tonight we are here, September 13th, we want to brief you and then we will come back on the 27th and we will ask for your approval of these. We are not asking you to make any decisions tonight, we are just simply briefing you as we said we would in every round.

In terms of community participation, this is a pretty standard slide, we do require community meetings; some of those meetings are still in process, but they all will have occurred before we ask you to approve these on the 27th. Again, this is just another depiction of the process and what is most important here is that we are here tonight on the 13th briefing you. Our partners at LISC (Local Initiatives Support Corporation) will also brief their Investment Advisory Committee pretty shortly as well so that we can all be in sync for their vote and for your vote on the 27th. Again, this is another depiction of the process. LISC, they have their Investment Advisory approval. Applications are submitted to the Finance Agency, they will get approved, both the City and LISC will work on closing

the loans so we can get these projects underway and under construction and then they will be constructed, and we will monitor through that process. These are our policies and evaluation criteria. Again, you can probably recite this to me so, I won't recite it to you. I've talked about community engagement, that is really important.

We always like to learn, not just from our housing, but from both our sustainability efforts and so you can see that there is sustainability in green building energy efficiency requirement, not that only you all had, or we had as the City of Charlotte, but the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency has and Mr. Bokhari, you always keep me honest, and I appreciate that, workforce development we don't forget about that. We don't want to just get people in housing, we don't want to just help them obtain it, but we want to help them thrive once they get in there through increasing their workforce opportunity. So, we recognize that as well.

We talk about our locational guidelines, what I will say, and I won't go through these, but what I will point out to you tonight is that you are going to see two naturally occurring and you are going to see some senior developments which according to our guidelines, those are exempt from your locational guidelines and all that scoring. Of course, affordable homeownership is as well.

This is our Review Team, it is a collective Review Team between LISC staff and City staff, and I would be remiss if I did not thank the Housing staff and all the other staff, not just housing staff in Housing and Neighborhoods who make this presentation and this work possible. Our approach remains the same, it is Housing and Neighborhood Services in partnership with LISC. We are looking at data as we make these decisions and then we have our Guiding Principles our Housing Trust Fund, our Charlotte Housing Opportunity Fund. If there is public or privately owned land involved, we try to incorporate lost cost debt. Our partnership with INLIVIAN where they set aside some project-based housing vouchers for us and then we try to use our state and federal resources again to make this work possible.

This is the meat of the presentation; you will see in terms of 4% proposals we have a total of five, and I will walk through each of these. What I would point out, I will walk through these really briefly, but what you will see is that we have two NOAH's, we have two homeownership and we had two in areas of higher opportunity, and I will walk through those. You can see our total request here. What I always like to point to is on average your City investment per unit is about \$26,000. You can see that LISC is putting in \$12 million there and so the report total is again 879 units in this round should you all approve all of these. Twenty-six percent of this is dedicated toward those households earning 30% and below. Again, that relates to the discussion we just had. Let me just back on, I know a couple of times we talked about not having those units at 50% and so you can see that 12% of the units are for 50% households.

This is Aldersgate, they are doing a combination of the senior and family on some of the land that they have on their campus. Their request is \$2.9 million from the Housing Trust

Fund and \$3 million from CHOIF, Housing Opportunity Investment Fund, 136 units, a leverage ratio of one to eight, a 30-year affordability period there.

Ballantyne Senior Apartments – I know we've been talking about this for a while. This is in District 7 and what I want to point out on this one is the HTF request is for \$4 million. In our RFP (Request For Proposal) and through conversations with you all we've talked a lot about if we want to do this in areas of high opportunity, we know that we will need a higher or an increased Housing Trust Fund development. I don't think anybody is against that, but I wanted to point that out. In exchange through I really want to comment on the development community, in exchange the developer on this one particularly for that, they have agreed to a 40-year affordability period rather than a 30-year. We not only wanted to get these on the ground, but we want to keep them affordable for as long as we can, particularly in these areas of higher opportunity. The same thing with Eight and Tryon, the request is \$3.2 million here because it is in an area of high opportunity, the developer has agreed to a 40-year affordability commitment on this one as well.

Galloway Crossing, the request is \$2.4 million, the affordability period is 30-years, 78 units there. It is a senior development as well. Historic Nathaniel Carr, this is a senior development as well. You can see the HTF request and the CHOIF request, 30-year affordability, senior development, 120 units. This is the first of two NOAH's; this is Maple Way Apartments; it is in District 1. It is consistent with our housing plan in terms of preserving units, you can see a before and after picture. What is really exciting about this NOAH is not only are we keeping people in place, so this is one of your truest forms of anti-displacement, so this is anti-displacement work that you are already doing in advance of the NEST commission. I know you guys are going to talk about that later tonight, but this is an example of anti-displacement. What is also exciting about this is that the developer here will partner with Atrium to provide a full-time, on-site community health worker who will facilitate referrals and activities, on-site programming in the areas of health and wellness, financial literacy and workforce development and education and they are able to do this because they are a foundation and they have lots of partners to do this work, so really exciting.

The same applies here on this NOAH related to the partnership with Atrium. This is the largest NOAH that you would have done in your history of doing NOAH's which is the best practice across the country that we just talked about. This is 265 units, the other exciting thing about Shamrock Gardens is that this property has the most affordable rent of any market-rate property in Charlotte today. The goal here is to preserve it. What I will also point out here is that this ask is \$6 million from the Trust Fund, it is \$6.4 million from the CHOIF. One of the reasons that ask is so high is because you have 265 units that you were trying to preserve here, but I would point out is that your cost per City investment is \$22,000 so on a leverage ratio of one to three here.

This is homeownership and this is a newer developer that we are beginning to work with, Urban Trends Real Estate, this is in District 2. They are requesting \$320,000; the goal is to create 10 affordable homeownership units here for households earning between 61

and 80% of the area median income. Druid Hills Legacy Duet Homes, this is DreamKey, they too want to create homeownership. They are requesting \$704,000, they are going to create 22 units and a good thing here is that on both this homeownership opportunity and the one I just spoke to you about, the homeowners will also be able to qualify for the down payment assistance program that we have so again you are really helping people become homeowners in this City.

This is just a map we always like to show you where these developments are and how they shake out on a map. I started with saying we are beginning with \$32.7 million. If you choose to fund all of these this will leave you a balance of \$9.4 million for your January round and remember you have the \$3 million for Brookhill still in your bank. That concludes my presentation and I'm happy to answer any questions that you all might have.

Councilmember Graham said thank you Ms. Wideman for that great presentation. I'm excited that we are getting an early start moving forward with this. I guess my first question is when do we take the money out of the bank for Brookhill?

Ms. Wideman said well Mr. Graham, I know you shouldn't answer a question with a question, but I would say that is your decision so, that is a Council decision, sir.

Mr. Graham said I think at some point we need to talk with the developer one last time, see where he is at and then we need to make a decision on not having the money just being frozen and not utilizing it. I'll take that conversation offline and talk with the Mayor and the Manager in reference to how we move forward with that. Secondly, that gives us \$9 million-plus \$12 million, and we had a meeting months ago Mr. Manager where I kind of challenged you and Ms. Wideman to be more creative and think out of the box because we were such a forward-thinking City in terms of housing that other than doing what we have currently been doing, which we are doing extremely well, that we kind of think out of the box and do some other stuff. I'm patiently waiting to do something different and new and even at our Task Force meeting, even Mr. Winston suggested that how can we do something different with the Housing Trust Fund money to be a lot more proactive and progressive and I'm just kind of dying to see what we can do to do that. Councilmember Johnson, I agree with you and your last statement. I cringe too when Charlotte is a national leader because it demonstrates how deep the problem is nationwide in terms of affordability and I think sometimes in Charlotte we are just so hard on ourselves that we can't sit back and celebrate what we do right. It is a problem in Charlotte that the housing affordability and the number of units that we need. We are going to get there, but as you can see, we are slowly, but surely kind of chopping at this big tree, trying to get it down which is the housing for those who need it, but I think sometimes in Charlotte we just need to take a step back and celebrate what we are currently doing because we are doing a lot of the things right. Lastly, we talked about the \$50 million for the bond, what we didn't say was that the Mayor was able to get the private community to match that, so that is yet another \$50 million that goes into that bucket for affordability in our community. I think we are doing all the right things, notwithstanding the magnitude of the problem, both here

in Charlotte and throughout the country. Yeah, we get calls from all over the country asking what we are doing, we were just interviewed a couple of weeks ago about how fast we were able to get the money from the CARES ACT (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) Act out to the community, out to those who need it and I think that is something notwithstanding the fact that folks need more help than we were able to move on a dime and be progressive and reactive to what is happening in our community. I think we ought to just take a step back and say okay, we are doing some good things, but your point is how can we do more, right? I get it and that is what I'm asking the Manager, how can we do even more?

Mr. Jones said Mr. Graham's appetite; we can never feed him. What I will say is we appreciate the challenge, one thing that I do want to say that is important is that unlike in previous cycles we do have for the first time is some single-family homes as well as pushing with the NOAH's. The other thing I would say just to bring to everybody's attention while this is awesome, we will get to January and potentially only have \$9 million and so any concept of whether \$50 million is enough I think this is showing that \$50 million may not be enough especially when you go back to the match that we got from the private sector that isn't available right now. So, I think a lot of good things are going on, but I would say that I'm not even sure you could have any summer 4% LIHTC given what we have left today if all of this were approved. Is that right Ms. Wideman?

Ms. Wideman said yes sir.

Councilmember Phipps said I turn your attention to slide #27, this Duet Homes, is that synonymous with duplexes?

Mayor Lyles said it depends on which street you are living on.

Ms. Wideman said Mr. Phipps, you always keep me on my toes, but the short answer is that it is similar to a duplex, the style of the home is similar to a duplex.

Mr. Phipps said it is an attractive-looking duplex, it looks like a single-family residential unit, but it is two.

Ms. Wideman said if you wanted to see an example, and it won't be the same as the exact example, but if you go over to Optimist Park, I believe that David Weekly is building a market-rate product that is similar to this and those are on the ground today, and they are much more expensive than this.

Mayor Lyles said I looked it up one time because there is one being built by my house; it is a duet, and it has to do with some type of ownership and how it is calculated. It is just a little bit different than a duplex, but there is a difference and I'm not a realtor or a lawyer, so we need to get from Patrick or from our real estate folks the definition of a duet. I joke about it, but I've seen these over the City now being called duets and I used to think it was well, you don't want to be a duplex, it is just like now we have a playbook instead of

a plan, so you have a duet instead of a duplex. But I think there is a difference in the way that the ownership is defined.

Ms. Wideman said you are correct Mayor; it is a smaller version of a townhome community. A townhome community is generally about five to ten units in one building, all of those are homeownership. This is a smaller building, a duet rather than a duplex, but both are homeownership.

Mr. Phipps said we've all heard the familiar terms market-rate housing, affordable housing but recently in some of the rezonings that we've been getting some of the developers have been coming up with some new terms that I'm wondering about are you familiar with. Have you ever heard of attainable housing or approachable housing?

Ms. Wideman said I have heard of attainable housing Mr. Phipps; I have not heard of approachable housing.

Mr. Phipps said I just want to know what do those mean, are they going becoming more familiar and of vernacular when it comes to housing options, or is somebody just being reckless with these terms or what? I'm just trying to get a feel for is there a definition associated with these. What does attainable housing mean?

Ms. Wideman said I will find out; I don't want to spout it out and we will put something in your Q and A with a definition if there is a legitimate definite for those.

Mayor Lyles said for both approachable and attainable?

Ms. Wideman said yes ma'am.

Councilmember Egleston said thank you, Ms. Wideman. I am, as always, glad to see a number of these in my District, District 1 where they are direly needed and so thank you to you and all the folks that are bringing these opportunities forward to us. A lot of seeing that we are creating a mix of housing types, a mix of homeownership and rental that are creating opportunities for people to own a home, and I love seeing a longer affordability period on some of the rental, but creating that generational wealth for people to pass down to their children and grandchildren through homeownership I think is going to continue to be the way that we can mitigate displacement and mitigate a lot of the effects of gentrification as it relates to the people in our community. I'm very excited about that especially having our largest NOAH project to date I think is something we ought to be very, very excited about and I am. [inaudible] in an area of District 1 that is increasingly becoming more expensive to live in so, just thank you to everybody who continues to bring forward these great opportunities for us and looking forward to supporting these in two weeks.

Ms. Wideman said thank you, sir. Wendy, if you go to the last slide of the presentation, I talked about it, but I just have that for you visual, I won't go through it.

Councilmember Johnson said do we have any idea the soonest that any of these projects will be available if approved?

Ms. Wideman said thank you Ms. Johnson for that, this is exactly the last slide. You were at the beginning stage and so once you approve them, generally the short answer is that it takes 18 to 24 months before they are on the ground. That is not the NOAH's though, the upgrades will begin as soon as the funding is approved, and they get through the closing process. For the ones that are not going through the LIHTC process, which you all talked to us about several cycles ago including those, they can go faster, but the ones that are going through the state, they will submit their approvals to the state and the state will approve, they will get their closings, they will begin design and permitting and then we will deliver the units. So, those are the ones that are particularly the 18 to 24 months some of the others will go sooner than that.

Ms. Johnson said do we have any plans that you know of, and this is outside of this discussion, do we have any plans for the individuals who are facing evictions. We know that we are going to have an influx of, I think the number was 23,000 evictions, is there any consideration that the City, do you have a plan for anything for those individuals, so we avoid another Tent City?

Ms. Wideman said Ms. Johnson, you may recall in preparation for what I think we believed was going to be an August 31st eviction, we sent you all a note to talk about the plan and so in short, the plan that the City has is we can continue to collaborate and partner with our colleagues in CRC (Community Relations Committee) so they can get information out about our mediation services. We continue to partner with Dream Key, we've reprioritized how they are getting money out to people who are pending eviction so if anybody has a court date, they are first in the priority. I won't remember all of this off the top of my head, but we can resend that write-up out to you to talk about what our plans have been and what they continue to be for how we want to help our folks who are pending eviction.

Ms. Johnson said I think I ask of would like an update and I can get this from Mr. Jones on the CRC numbers to make sure we are getting that information out.

Ms. Wideman said we can just include that all in one big write-up for you, so you'll have it all in one place.

Ms. Johnson said great job and I'm excited about these units so thank you.

Councilmember Ajmera said Ms. Wideman, could you go to slide #5? Ms. Wideman, I appreciate your work on bringing more NOAH's especially the one that is 200+ units, that is remarkable where we are investing in NOAH which helps us keep residents from being displaced, and at the same time it is more cost-effective, so I appreciate staff's work on that. The \$32 million beginning balance that was for 2021, is that where we started?

Ms. Wideman said no ma'am, we were here in April I believe it was, you approved the \$12 million-plus the \$3,000 plus the \$2,000 so that is \$17 million but you approved those so that is where you started. What I suggested to you, the \$37 million is where we are starting today and so should you approve all the ones, I just presented to you, you will have a balance of \$9 million.

Councilmember Winston said Mr. Jones, and he usually doesn't like to do this, but he kind of put to me is a bit of a bomb on the table in terms of things this body should consider. We work best in what our real wheelhouse is thinking about policy-level decisions and creating policy to automate practices and future decisions. This \$9 million that is leftover potentially not being enough to kind of go full-fledged on the 9% deals that would come next summer also understanding it is great that we have so many different housing products that we are potentially going to be supporting with gap financing. That is exciting but they present opportunity costs; we are getting more expensive investments for instance in District 7 for 40-years. That is exciting, but when I see these numbers, I don't see how we can right now make an informed decision from a policy standpoint on the best way to administer these funds. Is it to spend it like this or are we going to handicap ourselves from housing more people when these 9% deals come through next summer? I would like to see if there is a way where can quantify as well as consider the opportunity costs of the way we are changing the way we invest in terms of again, are able to affect the affordable housing crisis in our City to the highest and best-case scenario? My question will be can we get that kind of immediate opportunity costs data before we make our decision? I think the date was September 27th, and also again, I think we should put it on the table as we are going to the next budget process, as we are considering great neighborhoods.

This is an important policy question that we have to consider if we are going to start investing in homeownership and spending more on affordable housing in Districts 6 and 7 for instance. What do we need to be considering if \$50 million is not enough? There is a lot of work that went into getting us to this point, so again the information and the considerations that Mr. Jones put on the table, to me it alarms up. I will stop talking, but if there is any type of response to that I would love to hear it.

Mr. Jones said since I opened up the door Pam, I will try to step through it. Mr. Winston, I think there are a couple of things that are going on and a couple of great things that are going on. We talked in this last budget process, and I remember we talked about it a great deal about tools in the toolbox, anti-displacement. So, there is, and these are just some numbers, there is a couple of million dollars that is leftover from what we talked about housing from the FY20 budget. There is \$7 million that is set aside in the current budget and then as we started to talk about some of the ARPA funds we thought there was an opportunity to take a big chunk of that and use it in this space. So, I would say there is an opportunity to I guess create a gap between now and the next bond cycle, but what I wanted to put in the room is that I think the test of whether or not \$50 million can be spent has been proven twice that is can be.

Mr. Winston said so what I'm hearing is you saying that there will be a very minimal opportunity cost in the immediate if we decide to approve all of this, there will be minimal impact on our ability to deal with the 9% deals that are potentially going to come through to maximize because those 9% deals are the ones that really do provide the most housing units per dollar spent. Is that what you are saying?

Mr. Jones said I will start off by saying, and I'll ask Pam, but I think we typically have so many of the 9% that are afforded to Charlotte during that January timeframe. The question I will throw out is \$9 million enough for the 9 %s? May so and maybe not. Pam, it seems like maybe so, but then what I'm saying is that what you are doing right now, these 4%'s and some of the more innovative stuff, you may not have any funds for that through the Housing Trust Fund. But what I'm also saying is that you have some capacity within the budget that they are in your ARPA Funds that potentially you could have \$20 million that could build a bridge until the next bond cycle which the placeholder right now is another \$50 million.

Ms. Wideman said that is exactly right Mr. Jones, and I want to be very clear, and I think what you are alluding to is for the 9%'s we only do it once a year, \$9 million will get us there because we are only going to get so many our fair share. Mr. Jones, everything else he said dido.

Mr. Winston said so that takes care of the immediate which is something we should, keep an eye on, but what I'm hearing is that immediately those opportunity costs are going to be minimal, but I would hope that funds like ARPA funds are not around for very long in the future over the next decade. That would mean that this pandemic would persist for much longer than it should so I would again say that this is a policy decision that this City Council needs to start thinking about as we are putting very good pressure on staff to think outside of the box that we have to be willing to come to the table and do the hard work to consider how do we fund these things moving forward knowing that we do not have sufficient Housing Trust Fund dollars to maintain the type of solutions that we want and that are needed to support our affordable housing crisis in the City of Charlotte.

Mayor Lyles said thank you Mr. Winston for pointing out the connections between these decisions tonight and where we go forward. I think it has proven that this is a bucket that we can fill, and it is just a matter of how full do we want it. That is a decision that we will be doing in the future so thank you.

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ITEM NO. 5: CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Lyles said we do have a closed session planned and we are going to do that at the end of the meeting and go ahead and do a couple of things in advance.

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ITEM NO. 20: NOMINATIONS TO THE ARTS AND CULTURE ADVISORY BOARD

Mayor Lyles said I wanted to say before the meeting, and I think I have spoken with everyone, there were nominations planned for three Committees that the Council has recommended to begin new. These are new Committees, there are nominations to the Arts and Cultural Advisory Board, nominations for the Charlotte Equitable Development Commission, and nominations to Charlotte Neighborhood Equity and Stabilization Commission, and it is called Charlotte's NEST. Because we have been so fortunate to have so many people apply for these positions, I thought it might be best that we take a little bit more time to review and understand who is applying and also to clarify some of the procedures that we have around this process. What I would like to do first is say that I would like to have this deferred until the October 4th Strategy Session for a decision, but in the meantime, I would like to ask the Clerk to state the process that we have since we've advertised for nominations and received nominations, who can be nominated and if there is any door open for additional nominations. I would like the Clerk to address that, and I would like the City Attorney to do it which applies to all of the Commissions, but I would like the City Attorney to also address those that are specific to the Arts and Cultural Advisory Committee.

Stephanie Kelly, City Clerk said the process for nominations to the three Boards specifically that the Mayor mentioned, the deadline was August 27th. I would note that we received some applications after that August 27th deadline and so those applications were not included among the ones that you received. In the process for nominating anyone that you do not receive an application form, in accordance with the Resolution that Council approved on Boards and Commission, you can still nomination someone that we don't have an application for. There is always an opportunity to write in that individual's name; however, you will also need to provide contact information to the Clerk's Office because if we don't have an application for them, we will reach out to them the next day to first confirm that they are interested in a nomination and obtain an application from them and explain to them the process for filling out an application online. That is the process for still receiving applicants whose applications we may not have.

Mayor Lyles said you, it meant a Councilmember not global you, not on a person but Councilmembers have the ability to nominate from the floor and I think that would be good to do by a certain deadline if we decide to do if anyone has a nomination like that. I would suggest that be September 20th which is next week.

Councilmember Bokhari said it is just a generic question about the process as a whole, we talked about it in the hallway earlier. I was always as we were designing this kind of approach out a big believer that the new Arts and Cultural Commissioner role reporting to the City Manager was the critical path of how this was going to evolve to be a great success or a failure. The right person being selected which you've made an excellent choice, the right tools, resources, and infrastructure being put around them, but then this Advisory Board being a really critical part. So, I'm just a really big believer when you bring in an Executive to run something in a certain area you make sure that the big strategic

decisions, they have a chance to weigh in on and don't get handed something that is ultimately a large chunk of how their success or failure is going to be. That person may look at all these candidates and decide to interview them and go through all of that and list out for us what she needs in order to be successful, given to fill gaps where maybe her expertise isn't as strong as some others. So, I'm just a long story short, a big believer in that particular Board it being something that we wait until she is fully on board, has a chance to weigh in and tell us what she would like.

I think on the other ones, I agree if there are more really true legitimate candidates out there that would be willing to be considered and we just haven't done enough on our side or given the fact that it was summer and maybe weren't paying attention, we give it another push. I'm more than happy to do that as well.

Marcus Jones, City Manager said thank you, Mr. Bokhari. Priya did start today and the conversation we had last week; she did mention how she felt she could be helpful in these selections, so I give no pushback from me in terms of having insight like this. We discussed it, I think it is what you alluded to, the types of members on a Board that would be beneficial.

Councilmember Eiselt said two things, I'll just address that point first. I think what we could do is organize an Ad Hoc Committee meeting of our Arts and Science Ad Hoc [inaudible] and have Priya come to introduce herself and just talk about her experience doing this in other cities or with other cities and that would help inform us. So, I think that is a great idea before we make those final selections. I will get with her and then end up with you all, and of course, all Councilmembers are welcome to listen in on that meeting or attend it if it is in person. Secondly, Madam Clerk you had mentioned that some applications did come in after the deadline and I know of at least one that thought it came in before, so could you share those applications with us just in case there is somebody that we want to nominate separately we would have the information from the application?

Ms. Kelly said yes ma'am, I'll be happy to. One individual contacted us this afternoon and I looked at his application and it came in on August 29th so we will go back and look at all of them that came in after.

Ms. Eiselt said you can certainly let us know these came in after the deadline, but here they are and who they are, so thank you.

Councilmember Newton said it came to my attention today that there might be some applicants for the Arts and Cultural Commission that would be potentially prevented from our consideration due to what I understand the concern being due to a potential conflict. Mayor Lyles said I was going to get to that, do you mind if we cover this part about working with if there are additional nominations. Why don't we have the City Attorney address the necessary requirements for members on the Arts and Cultural Advisory Committee and why there are requirements. This isn't arbitrary, there is rationality because of the work

that they are doing. Mr. Baker would you go through the rationale and the guidelines. Mr. Winston are you okay with that?

Mr. Winston said absolutely, I was just agreeing with Mr. Bokhari and Ms. Eiselt.

Patrick Baker, City Attorney said with this particular Board the way that it is set up is they are actually making funding decisions. This isn't a situation where they are making a recommendation to the Council who is making the funding decisions, they are making the funding decisions themselves. The concerns that we had is that similar to how we would be concerned if the Council was making funding decisions to fund one of your own individual companies or projects is to disassociate the funders from the people that are soliciting the funds. So, with this particular Board, we've got a few things that we are going to require of them, obviously to get a look at our ethics policy that we've produced for them. We are also asking for them to fill out a statement of economic interest so that we've got clarity in terms of what their economic interest is to make sure there are no conflicts with this particular Board. And, also and we haven't created this, and we will certainly share it with the group so you can see what we are asking, some sort of affidavit or some attestation that says that as a Board Member they won't solicit funds from the Board that they are actually making decisions on. It is just very important that the decision-makers that are making the funding and the people getting the funding are separate and apart and if someone anticipates soliciting funds from this Board that they should not be part of the decision-making team that can make a presentation for those funds, but not be on the decision-making end of it. That is where we are with that.

Mr. Newton said I think answers most of my questions. What I'm hearing, and please correct me if I am wrong on this Mr. Attorney, what I'm hearing is that they are still eligible to sit on the Board, they would just need to recuse themselves from decisions that could be considered a conflict.

Mr. Baker said they couldn't be a part of the Board making decision, very similar to the situation where if your firm were soliciting work here, it is not a recusal situation, you simply couldn't do it.

Mr. Newton said at all, even if there were decisions separate from anything that they would have any sort of financial interest or alternatively sit on a Board or be employed by an organization that would receive funds, they would just be prevented from any decisions across the board entirely?

Mr. Baker said that is what we have put into place to avoid the situation where there was a conflict of interest where it appears that someone is there on the Board to make sure that that individual's company or corporation is getting funding from the Board.

Mr. Newton said I guess my confusion lies in the fact that even us as Councilmembers, we will out the form that you had mentioned Mr. Attorney and we are asked to recuse ourselves from those particular decisions out, but that doesn't prevent us from being a part of the Council and making decisions on other matters. I'm just a bit confused by that

and would love to get some more information to clarify that. I guess why that would apply across the Board and to the extent that that does present itself as an issue, is there a way for us to preliminarily determine that? We may not have that information as Councilmembers and yet we are being asked to select individuals. Would that be something that gets determined before the fact, after the fact?

Mr. Baker said I don't know that we've given it that much thought in terms of where we are. That has just been between my office and the Administration. Those are our recommendations in terms of losing the public's confidence in this Board by essentially having people making their own decisions and having a close nit group of individuals that are part of the decision-making process and received funds. Those have been our recommendations, so we haven't really thought beyond that in terms of highlighting those individuals.

Mr. Newton said I would be interested in continuing the conversation because I guess I would assume that there would be decisions that would be made that would stand along from just maybe something where someone might be involved and could recuse themselves. I would just want some further clarification on it.

Mr. Jones said I think having Priya come in, and as I said today is her first day, and provide some input is important too. The other thing that I'd like all of us to remember is that there will be a Cultural Plan that is a part of this process too that talks about how the money will come in and how the money will be distributed. There are so many opportunities for people in this community to be engaged in the process, it is not necessarily limited to six appointments. So, as we looked at different models there could be groups that also inform what we are doing as opposed to just these 18 individuals. I just wanted to put that out there also.

Councilmember Johnson said since this opinion was recently decided upon the applicants may not have been aware of that requirement so, are we going to post that on the website or is there a way for applicants to understand that information or we publicize it? There may be applicants that know they want to withdraw as we make our pool smaller so how are we coordinating that change?

Mayor Lyles said I think if the Ad Hoc Committee is going to meet to talk about some things that could be one of the ideas that they would have to see because I think if it is a qualification they would have to sign before they decided to come or to join the Board. It is not that you can't join, it is just that you agree that you would make that decision and it is a personal decision for the individual. I believe it was optional on the form to write down what you did or whether you were affiliated with an artist. Is that correct? So, there is some awareness as the Council is making their decision and I think it should go to Committee, that they would have the ability to determine how best to inform that for people that are interested as well, but I think website, all of that is a good idea. We had 122 applicants I believe.

Ms. Johnson said Patrick maybe can be sent us a list or Stephanie or someone can send us a list of applicants who might have a conflict of interest so that we would know in our consideration. I think that would be fair for us so if there is someone that may not be able to serve then we would know that when we are making our selection.

Mayor Lyles said they would be able to serve, they would just have to make a choice [inaudible]. I run the Arts Organization and I'm selected by the Council to serve, I get to decide not to do it or to do it, the constrain would be to not apply for grants because I am the person awarding the grants. So, you would have a choice.

Ms. Johnson said if I am the CEO or the Arts Organization and I'm on the Board then I could no longer apply for grants. Most people aren't going to choose the Board over their livelihood, but it is their choice so what I'm saying is that we at least can be informed to know that that would be a consideration.

Councilmember Eiselt said the first thing I was going to say to respond to Matt is what Mr. Jones said is that most of these that have gone through this have had affinity groups that have come and presented to the Board. It could be that some folks just didn't want to commit for three years to do this Board, but they want to give feedback and I think Priya will assure that will be a specialty of hers is how to engage those folks in the conversation and not exclude them. I'm pretty sure in the application process that everyone knew that this was a choice because everyone I spoke to, and our City Clerk is nodding yes, and there is a column on there that says are you a staff member of an organization that could get funding and a lot of them did say yes. The ones that I called and spoke to were aware of it. Some said I know, but I want to participate, it is important, and a couple did say I'm not going to do it. I just think this gives us time just to clarify it, so people know, while at the same time being really crystal clear we want to give as many people the opportunity as possible to interact with this Committee and be able to give feedback on it. I think the key difference with this is that they will be deciding how the fund will be spent so they are also going to be drawing up the guidelines whereas when we get asked to make financial decisions the program has already been established. These folks are going to be creating the program and so I think we want to be as above board and transparent as possible that nobody in there is going to have the ability to influence it for their own organization, but now they are Board Members. I noticed a lot of those groups had Board Members that applied, and they can do that, a Board Member can, they just can't be a staff member of that organization if they also want to apply. We will explain that better, I think it deserves more conversation in that Ad Hoc Committee.

Ms. Johnson said like in a Committee because a Board Member has more influence over an organization than a staff member does.

Ms. Eiselt said not necessarily.

Councilmember Winston said as the conversation goes on it ever gets more, I don't want to say confusing, but it becomes clear that more details need to get hammered out. Mr. Baker, do you think this is an issue of ethics or legal issues, or both?

Mr. Baker said I think it is a perception issue and my recommendation was to avoid having the entity that is doing the funding and the parties that are seeking funding being the same individuals. My recommendation was to avoid that perception of impropriety so I would say it is more of a perception issue of an ethical challenge that may cost public support in the program if it is perceived as a group of individuals that are sort of funding themselves with City dollars.

Mr. Winston said I do think we need to, we as the City of Charlotte, need to define some things so we are dealing with a group of people that include artists. Artists tend to work in work structure, company structures even that don't always meet terms. You can be proprietors, you can work in a traditional business formations, but you might even work in collectives or in groups and pairs that come and go for certain projects. I wonder if the people, not just us as Councilmembers who have to make choices about these folks, but as Ms. Johnson I think was referring to the people that are putting themselves up for public service, they might be due to some type of professional interaction with legal or ethical advice because how are they to know if they are trying to get themselves up for service whether they will be putting themselves, their livelihood or perhaps the City in a bad situation because of the nature of their work, if that makes sense. I am wondering if there is any way for the City Attorney and the City Clerk to not wait for applicants to reach out to them but be proactive in reaching out to those folks to learn more about their situation how they operate and how they do their business and give them some advice about the wisdom of them serving on this Board.

Mayor Lyles said that is a fair assessment, I think that is the same thing Ms. Johnson was saying, awareness and knowledge that this is a choice.

Councilmember Driggs said I think there is some lack of clarity and I believe your explanation Mayor and that of the Attorney were not exactly congruent. For example, is it intended that a Board Member, an uncompensated Board Member of an arts organization should not be a member of this group?

Mayor Lyles said that was not my understanding Mr. Driggs.

Mr. Driggs said, Mr. Attorney.

Mr. Baker said the concern that I have had is that an individual is making a funding decision and is benefiting from that funding decision. I don't know that we ever established specifics of a non-compensated Board Member sort of representative of a group versus a paid staff person whose salary will be part and parcel compensated through this process. I am happy to again work with the City Manager and the City Clerk on this particular matter, but that has been sort of my recommendation. Keep in mind I'm not the

one who is saying this is how it is going to be, it is just a recommendation to avoid what I think would be a potential appearance of impropriety that could be perceived in this process.

Mr. Driggs said I understand the purpose, but the truth is a lot of those Board Members are also the most engaged and informed people and if I consider how state law works there has to be a financial interest in order for there to be a complete embargo and the truth is I've actually been appointed by Mayors to the Blumenthal Board and to the ASC (Arts and Science Council) Board both of which entities receive funding from the City and that is a point on an arrangement where you have a voting position on the Board then the lack of any compensation to the Board Member I don't see, at least from the standpoint of state law, an issue. Normally the way we would handle that and the way we do our Council would be for example if there was a vote about funding for an entity of which I as a Councilmember and already a Board Member, would recuse myself from the vote, and even then, there could be a challenge as to whether I was able to recuse myself from voting under state law even though I don't have a financial interest. I think you know I mean Mr. Baker; the state law is pretty clear about when we are required to vote and when we may not vote, and the recusal process requires that you meet certain standards and one of them is the appearance of impropriety which would normally call for a Council vote as to whether that recusal was indicated in a given situation. Once again, our current Mayor and past Mayors, Mayor Lyles is a member of the Novant Board and we voted to recuse her on occasion in the past in issues related to that.

I do think we need to be clear here and my particular concern is uncompensated Board Members not being allowed to be involved in the arts conversation because of their affiliation with one organization which might or might not want to apply for a grant and which if it did, they should be able to just recuse themselves based on the fact that they aren't compensated. I hope you will study that a little further and we can get some clarity around that. I don't know how many instances they are of people who are members of Boards, but the truth is that members of this community could easily find themselves being asked to join Board while they are a member of this group, so we need to be crystal clear about what they can and can't do while they are a member of this group.

Mayor Lyles Mr. Driggs, said since you used me as an example, I would be able to be on the Arts Board because I would not be getting compensation for my salary. This is a different connection so just like I serve on the Novant Board, it is not for profit, it is not compensation so I would be able to serve on the Arts Board. This discussion was narrowly around if you are a staff member and you have funding from the City that would go to the organization that would be a part of their operating budget, so it is not the Board Members, that was never included in this discussion, it was about whether or not as a result of a decision to fund, it would be as a staff member where there would be a financial connection. I think we are getting into the weeds a lot of it and if everyone is okay.

Mr. Driggs said I have another question, the suggestion that there might be a conflict issue would definitely attach to a Board Member so if your intention is exactly what the

City Attorney intends then I would like to get clear direction on that. The other thing Mayor or else I would suggest that you before a procedural idea, I don't know if it is in order right now, but I would just like to offer it to the full Council as to how we move ahead with these nominations.

Mayor Lyles said I have Ms. Watlington on this discussion so we will come back to you.

Councilmember Watlington said much of this I think the Attorney has already spoken to, I just wanted to clarify what you said. Ultimately, this Council has to decide what we want to do because it is not a legal issue, it is propriety or some kind of [inaudible] impropriety issue, right. So, that said I just want to say for my colleagues that I'm not necessarily opposed to someone who is getting funding sitting on the Board if it is funding for programs for instance and it doesn't hit their operating budget. I'd like to see some more options in terms of ways that we can meet the intent without creating a situation where we are losing a key voice at the table because those organizations that are in this community and can actually tell us how we can best fund these things, I think that is a level of expertise that I don't want to be missing from the table if we can figure out how to get it done and still meet the intent.

Councilmember Ajmera said it is clear we need more clarification and guidance from our City Attorney, and we need to make a clear difference here between legal versus perception where Council comes to decide whether that is something acceptable for individual Councilmember or not. Mr. Baker if you can provide clear guidance on that, that would be helpful, but I'm looking for legal guidance on this. Also, this question is for our City Clerk, are there any other local Boards that make or recommend funding decisions?

Mayor Lyles said the Arts and Cultural Board would not recommend funding, they would actually award funding and my understanding would be from what I recall, the only Boards that we have that have the ability to take local tax dollars to spend are those that have legislative authority, CRA for an example would be one of those. They have the ability to have the hospitality taxes laid out and legislation legally to do that, but I think the question here is not that they are recommending because the way the Arts and Culture Board is set up is that they would actually be awarded the funding.

Ms. Ajmera said so the Board would be awarding dollars and it is our recommendation like other Boards. I guess my question then, there are no other local Boards that actually make grant decisions, is that correct?

Mayor Lyles said not that I'm aware of. We can go back and have that discussion with the Committee. I think if everyone is comfortable with the Ad Hoc Committee doing this review and making sure there is clarification, but I can't think of another Board.

Mr. Jones said never would I get in the way of Councilmembers trying to get more clarity, I just believe this going back to the Ad Hoc Committee would clear up a lot of the questions that are being asked tonight and I think some of the questions are not going to be able to be answered on the fly.

Ms. Ajmera said I agree Mr. Jones, a lot of those questions are going to take some time and more work needs to be done and that is clear, but I'm also interested in hearing from our City Clerk and Mr. Jones if there are any other Boards and Commissions that do have to make or are making grant decisions that we now are considered because this is the process that we need to set for all Boards moving forward if there is a potential conflict of interest. Also, I'm interested in at least knowing what the nominations are at this point. Madam Clerk if you could also share those with us after the meeting, and lastly, I think Mr. Winston and Ms. Johnson had discussed this earlier or had raised this where I'm interested in hearing us being more proactive in getting commitment if the funding is an issue and it becomes a conflict of interest. Getting their commitment that they are not going to apply for any funds as long as they serve on the Board. That helps us make the decisions on who should be on the Board.

Motion was made by Councilmember Eiselt, seconded by Councilmember Driggs, and carried unanimously to refer the questions raised by the Council regarding requirements for membership for the Arts and Cultural Board to be addressed by the Ad Hoc Committee of Arts and Culture.

Mayor Lyles said Ms. Ajmera I think what we were asking is a deferral for nominations for the Arts and Cultural Board, nominations for the Charlotte Equitable Development Commission, and nominations for Charlotte's NEST until the Strategy Session on October 4th. That will allow the Ad Hoc Committee to do this so is there any objection to deferring these items until October 4th? With that, we will defer Item Nos. 20, 22, and 23 to October 4th and have the Ad Hoc Committee do more additional work.

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PUBLIC HEARINGS

ITEM NO. 9: HEARING AND DECISION ON THE EDGEWOOD PRESERVE AREA VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION

Mayor Lyles declared the hearing open.

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 for the Edgewood Preserve Area voluntary annexation.

Motion was made by Councilmember Driggs, seconded by Councilmember Newton, and carried unanimously to adopt Annexation Ordinance No. 129-X with an effective date of September 13, 2021, to extent the corporate limits to include these properties and assign them to the adjacent City Council District 4.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 64, at Page(s) 348-350.

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ITEM NO. 10: PUBLIC HEARING AND DECISION ON THE RIVERBEND PHASE 3-2 AREA VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION.

Mayor Lyles declared the 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.

Motion was made by Councilmember Driggs, seconded by Councilmember Ajmera, and carried unanimously to adopt Annexation Ordinance No. 130-X with an effective date of September 13, 2021, to extent the corporate limits to include these properties and assign them to the adjacent city Council District 2.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 64, at Page(s) 351-354.

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AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

ITEM NO. 7: HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH PROCLAMATION

Mayor Lyles read the following proclamation in English followed by Councilmember Eiselt reading the same proclamation in Spanish.

WHEREAS, for decades, Americans have observed National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15 by celebrating the histories, cultures, and contributions of American citizens who are residents of Hispanic origin from Mexico, Central America, South America, the Caribbean, and Spain; and

WHEREAS, in September 1968, Congress and President Lyndon B. Johnson proclaimed National Hispanic Heritage Week; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, Congress and President Ronald Reagan expanded the celebration of the Hispanic presence in the United States of America to a month-long commemoration; and

WHEREAS, every year the United States Congress and the White House call for public officials, educators, librarians, and all Americans to observe National Hispanic Heritage Month with ceremonies, activities, and programs; and

WHEREAS, Charlotte’s Patriotic Celebrations and Traditions Committee, also known as Fiestas Patrias, is commemorating National Hispanic Heritage Month for the 7th consecutive year in Charlotte; and

WHEREAS, according to the Office of the U.S Census, Mecklenburg County is home to 153,000 Latinos; and

WHEREAS, the City of Charlotte recognizes the extraordinary contributions made to this community by immigrants, residents, and citizens of Latino origin:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Vi Alexander Lyles, Mayor of Charlotte, do hereby proclaim the month of September 15 - October 15, 2021, as

“HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH”

in Charlotte and commend its observance to all citizens.

Mayor Lyles asked Federico Rios who is head of our diversity and inclusion and immigrant community to give us some comments about why this is important and know that we will provide this to your office both in Spanish form as well as in English.

Federico Rios said thank you Mayor and Councilmember Eiselt, for the excellent reading of the proclamation in Spanish. We have a large Latino community, a robust community that makes up a large portion of Charlotte. We are a hyper-growth community for the Latino population in the US and so we recognize those individuals that enrich and make our community better by their very presence, their contributions on the business education and civic participation portions of our community. We are grateful to the large Latino community which I am incredibly proud to represent today.

Mayor Lyles said I have to say from the work that was done by the Council on the immigration issues and the community, you guys are doing a fantastic job carrying that mission and agenda forward so thank you very much. We will get you a copy of the official proclamation so that you may present it to whomever you would suggest.

ITEM NO. 8: SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH PROCLAMATION

Councilmember Newton said this past Friday was World Suicide Prevention Day and I am very honored to deliver this proclamation tonight. Preliminarily I did want to acknowledge Fonda Bryant who is not only the preeminent suicide awareness and prevention advocate here in Charlotte but preeminent suicide prevention and awareness and prevention throughout the country. She was recently awarded national recognition at the Next Star Remarkable Woman of the Year for her advocacy. If you like me have noticed our buildings here in uptown lit up in teal and purple over this past week in observance of Suicide Prevention Day and Suicide Awareness Month, that was because

of her. Most recently she has also been involved working with James Brown, not the godfather of soul, but James Brown who is the host of Fox NFL Sunday and NFL on CBS. She has been working with him on some of the national public services announcements to address this issue as well. She is simply put a remarkable woman and advocate. Tonight's proclamation is a reflection of her tireless work on this, and I just wanted to take that moment to thank her before moving forward.

Without further ado, Mr. Newton read the following Proclamation:

WHEREAS, suicide is the 10th leading cause of death in the United States and the 2nd leading cause of death among individuals between the ages of 10 and 34, an increase of 35.2% since 1999; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, one person dies by suicide every 11 minutes, resulting in over 47,511 Americans dying by suicide every year; and

WHEREAS, more people die by suicide in the United States than cars deaths and homicides combined and over 132 Americans and over 22 veterans die by suicide daily, with suicide deaths being underreported; and

WHEREAS, for each completed suicide there are 25 attempts, with over 3,800 Americans attempting suicide daily, bringing close to 1.4 million people attempting suicide every year; and

WHEREAS, suicide should be declared a health crisis; every six hours someone in North Carolina dies by suicide; and

WHEREAS, depression is the number one disease that can cause a suicide, a treatable mental health condition, but due to the stigma that surrounds having a mental health condition people don't seek help; and

WHEREAS, suicide is everybody's business and anyone can prevent the tragedy of suicide by simply caring and getting educated; organizations and advocates envision a world without suicide and are dedicated to saving lives and providing hope to those affected by suicide through education, research, advocacy and resources for those who have lost someone to suicide:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Vi Alexander Lyles, Mayor of Charlotte, do hereby proclaim September 2021 as

“SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH”

in Charlotte and commend its observance to all citizens.

Mayor Lyles said thank you Ms. Bryant for the work that you do. It is a major healthcare and mental health issue, so thank you very much for the work that you do in this community to make this a preventable issue for us.

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POLICY

ITEM NO. 11: CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Marcus Jones, City Manager said I believe at your desk there is a 30-day memo and what we have for September 27th is a Safe Charlotte Update. We believe it will be a robust update that is about a year since the Safe Charlotte Plan went into place. We talked about this at the previous meeting to give you an ARPA update as well as the closed session as necessary. At the Strategy Session, we will add the nominations for the three groups that we talked about tonight. With that also there is a Vision Zero Update and then on October 11th, we will have, as we had mentioned earlier, coming back monthly with an update on the UDO and Charlotte Future 2040. I guess we had a little bit of a glitch on the Manager's Report which states a Picasso Update, so I'll take that glitch to give you a preferred quick update.

It is great to have Priya Sircar on board as our Arts and Culture Officer. She began today, virtually, but she and her family are well on the way to coming here to Charlotte and one of the great things is there is a lot of collaboration between the City and the County, and you saw that tonight with the Housing and Homeless 2025 Plan, the things we are trying to do with ARPA funds, the Violence Interrupter Program, even Memorial Stadium. One of the things that there has been a discussion about is to have a Picasso exhibit here at the Mint Museum and as a rare opportunity for the City to host a major international exhibition of Picasso. It is set to have a very limited US Tour and we will have Todd Herman, the President, and CEO of the Mint Museum of Art come to present both to the Council as well as to the County Board of Commissioners, but I will say that we are pretty excited about this and Dina, the County Manager and I have been discussing this. There is an ask, and the ask is a half-million-dollar between the City and the County in order to secure this very limited and special exhibit.

I just say that he will come and brief both again the Board and the Council, but I wanted to at least put that on your radar.

Councilmember Phipps said which Mint Campus are we talking about? Which Mint Museum Campus will this be housed?

Mr. Jones said, Randolph.

Councilmember Bokhari said what is the difference between going after this deal and the exclusivity of going after and having one, the Van Gogh exhibit which had a huge

economic impact to it. Tom Gavert, the folks there did a great job. I don't recall, did we have to incentivize that in any way?

Mr. Jones said I would say that this one is very different, and I don't want to get out in front of Todd on this one. When I say very limited, three cities in the United States and would be the kick-off, so this is something super special that with the public investment we believe we can pull off.

Mr. Bokhari said just validate because the Van Gogh exhibit is very exclusive as well and Charlotte is one of the very few that ended up getting that. I like this path, I like Charlotte having these things, I just think we have to set the right tone, if we can get one in one way well, what can we learn from that so that we don't end up subsidizing what ultimately becomes great moneymaking opportunities for our organizations.

Mr. Jones said I don't disagree at all and I think some of the things that are important in this would be free tours, complimentary exhibits, and something that is special that you need for Charlotte.

Councilmember Watlington said this is just a follow-up to what you were saying; that is kind of what I'm wanting to understand. What is the ROI (Return on Investment) for the public? I'd like to see that a little more hashed out to have an understanding of this. I'm assuming we would be putting up a quarter of a million if we and the County are both responsible for a total of \$500,000 so I would just like to understand what is the return on the investment for the public?

Mr. Jones said sure.

Mayor Lyles said I think these kinds of things are really important and the return on investment should be there. I don't know how many of you lived in Charlotte when we had the King Tut exhibit, but every kid in every elementary school walked through that museum and we've grown up a lot, but there was actually a parade of students acting out the whole Egyptian theme and history and there was a parade in Center City that they all participated in and every Arts and Cultural Group had all kinds of tremendous experience. I hope that there is a rationale that the return on the investment really is community engagement especially around education for our kids and participation for our Center City and visitors, nights and rooms, and things like that. King Tut was here for a month and you couldn't get on Randolph Road at the time and the idea of closing the street for a parade just to celebrate an art exhibit I think is pretty cool even if is Picasso.

Councilmember Eiselt said I just wanted to mention it real quickly too, I think what Todd could explain is the funding model is so different between the Blumenthal and the Mint Museum. The Van Gogh is something that can be replicated in other cities and the Blumenthal had to make a big investment in that and they can. The Mint Museum, these are actual Picassos, they are original, the insurance is completely different and so it is a different model when it comes to an art exhibit and I hope that he will be able to explain that to us a little bit better as to why they would look for that support to be able to do that.

As the Mayor said there are lots of opportunities for us to say this is the community benefit that we would like from that.

Mr. Bokhari said I've been watching a lot of heist videos on Netflix lately and I feel this is a solid deal.

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BUSINESS

ITEM NO. 12: FINANCIAL NAVIGATORS PROGRAM GRANT

Motion was made by Councilmember Driggs, seconded by Councilmember Phipps, and carried unanimously to (A) Accept a grant in the amount of 440,000 from the Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund, inc. to continue the Financial Navigators Program and (B) Adopt Budget Ordinance No. 131-X appropriating \$40,000 from the Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund, Inc. and \$20,000 from the General Operating Fund in the Neighborhood Development Grants Fund.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 64, at Page(s) 355.

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ITEM NO. 13: BEAVERDAM SANITARY TRUNK SEWER PHASE 2 REIMBURSABLE AGREEMENT

Motion was made by Councilmember Driggs, seconded by Councilmember Watlington, and carried unanimously to (A) Approve a five-year reimbursable agreement with Crescent River District, LLC for construction of a portion of the Beaverdam Sanitary Trunk Sewer Projects, and (B) Adopt Budget Ordinance No. 132-X appropriating \$900,000 from Crescent River District, LLC in the Charlotte Water Capital Projects Fund.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 64, at Page(s) 356.

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ITEM NO. 14: GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS

Motion was made by Councilmember Driggs, seconded by Councilmember Newton, and carried unanimously to (A) Adopt resolution to introduce a Bond Order authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Refunding Bonds not to exceed \$150,000,000, (B) Adopt a resolution making certain statements of fact concerning the proposed bond issuance, and (C) Set a public hearing regarding these bonds for September 27, 2021.

The resolutions are recorded in full in resolution Book 52, at Page(s) 058-062.

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ITEM NO. 15: LEASE OF CITY-OWNED VAN TO CHARLOTTE CENTER PARTNERS COMMUNITY TRUST

Motion was made by Councilmember Driggs, seconded by Councilmember Newton, and carried unanimously to (A) Adopt a resolution approving a five-year lease agreement with charlotte Center City Partners Community Trust for a 2020 Ford Transit 250 cargo low-roof van for the operation and maintenance of the Joy Rides Bike-Sharing System, (B) Adopt Budget Ordinance No. 133-X appropriating \$28,341.60 from Charlotte Center City Partners Community Trust in the General Capital Projects Fund, and (C) Authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute all documents necessary to complete the agreement.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 52, at Page(s) 063.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 64, at Page(s) 357.

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ITEM NO. 16: INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHARLOTTE

Motion was made by Councilmember Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Driggs, to adopt a resolution ratifying an interlocal agreement with the University of North Carolina at Charlotte to extend the law enforcement authority of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte Campus Police.

Councilmember Phipps said do we know far from the immediate Charlotte Campus does the UNC-C Police authority extend?

Major Bryan Foley, Charlotte Mecklenburg Police, North Patrol Bureau said just to address Mr. Phipps' question, the territorial jurisdiction, there is a map that should be an attachment to what you have. Generally, we look at about a radius of about a mile outside their territorial jurisdiction. Again, this is not a new agreement, this is a renewal of an existing agreement that has been in place for 15 years. It is generally updated to provide

the new Chancellor's name, also Chief Jennings is on this document. Again, the purpose of this is to allow UNC-C (the University of North Carolina at Charlotte) Police to assist CMPD (Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department) in certain specific instances and we respond to or deal with situations with students off-campus, generally off-campus housing. That is the biggest part of this whole agreement is to make sure that we are managing that well so that when students are involved in a situation for example where an offense occurs and law is broken, UNC-C Police can come and assist CMPD with that. Generally, that gives us another tool in our toolbox if you will because UNC-C Police are allowed and available to enforce campus code of conduct violations. Often times if an Officer is going to issue a citation for something related to, for example, a drug offense or an assault that also violates the campus code of rules and those students can be expelled up to explement for that, so it is very helpful for us. We've had a great working relationship with Chief Baker, UNC-C Police, and also the Administration of UNC-C. The primary focus of this document is to ensure that we keep UNC-C students safe both on and off-campus.

Mayor Lyles said in the agenda package the whole map is on Page 42 or 131 and then there are individual cubes of each section of that I believe.

Mr. Phipps said to the extent that the radius is one mile from the immediate campus, how about those so-called, housing student housing complexes that may extend one mile? Are there any individually specifically named student housing complexes within the scope of this agreement that might be outside of that one-mile limit from the campus.

Mayor Foley said I don't believe that there are however if CMPD Officers respond to one of those locations and we determine that a UNC-C student is either a victim or a person that has committed a crime we will contact UNC-C Police and in most cases, they can respond to our location to assist us with whatever investigation we have to conduct. Again, from a reciprocal viewpoint us being able to provide information to them about that student's conduct.

Mayor Lyles said thank you, Major Foley.

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

YEAS: Councilmembers Ajmera, Bokhari, Driggs, Egleston, Eiselt, Graham, Johnson, Newton, Phipps, and Watlington.

NAY: Councilmember Winston.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 52, at Page(s) 064-096.

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ITEM NO. 17: RESOLUTION TO CLOSE A PORTION OF CLOSEBURN ROAD

Motion was made by Councilmember Driggs, seconded by Councilmember Graham, and carried unanimously to adopt a resolution and close a portion of Closeburn Road.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 52, at Page(s) 097-100.

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ITEM NO. 18: APPOINTMENTS TO THE COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The following nominees were considered for one appointment for a partial term beginning upon appointment and ending June 30, 2022:

- Anthony Forman, nominated by Councilmembers Newton and Winston
- Maritza Ortiz, nominated by Councilmembers Eiselt and Watlington

Results of the first ballot were recorded as follows:

- Anthony Forman, 7 votes – Councilmembers Bokhari, Driggs, Egleston, Graham, Johnson, Newton, and Winston.
- Maritza Ortiz, 4 votes – Councilmembers Ajmera, Eiselt, Phipps, and Watlington.

Anthony Forman was appointed.

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ITEM NO. 19: APPOINTMENTS TO THE WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY BOARD

The following nominees were considered for one appointment for a three-year term beginning November 1, 2021, and ending October 31, 2024:

- Sheila Etheridge, nominated by Councilmembers Egleston and Phipps.
- Laura Nkeupo, nominated by Councilmembers Ajmera and Johnson.
- Lisa Rudisill, nominated by Councilmembers Eiselt, Newton, and Winston.

Results of the first ballot were recorded as follows:

- Sheila Etheridge, 2 votes – Councilmembers Eiselt and Phipps.
- Laura Nkeupo, 3 votes – Councilmembers Bokhari, Graham, and Watlington.
- Lisa Rudisill, 3 votes – Councilmembers Ajmera, Driggs, and Newton.

Since no one received six votes this will be brought back to Council at the next meeting.

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ITEM NO. 21: APPOINTMENT TO THE CHARLOTTE INTERNATIONAL CABINET

- Sven Gerzer, 7 votes – Councilmembers Ajmera, Bokhari, Driggs, Egleston, Eiselt, Newton, Phipps, Watlington, and Winston.

Sven Gerzer was appointed.

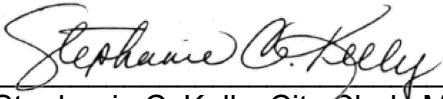
ITEM NO. 5: CLOSED SESSION:

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)(3) to consult with the City Attorney in order to preserve the Attorney client privilege between the City Attorney and the City Council in the matter of Watts vs The City of Charlotte.

The meeting was recessed at 7:49 p.m. for a closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m. at the conclusion of the closed session.


Stephanie C. Kelly, City Clerk, MMC, NCCMC

Length of Meeting: 3 Hours, 03 Minutes
Minutes Completed: October 14, 2021