

## COUNCIL CHAMBER

Regular Meeting

April 12, 2016

The ninth meeting of the City Council of Charleston was held this date convening at 5:00 p.m. at the City Hall.

A notice of this meeting and an agenda were mailed to the news media April 6, 2016 and appeared in The Post and Courier April 10, 2016 and are made available on the City's website.

### PRESENT (13)

The Honorable John J. Tecklenburg, Mayor

Councilmember White	District 1	Councilmember Waring	District 7
Councilmember Williams	District 2	Councilmember Seekings	District 8
Councilmember Lewis	District 3	Councilmember Shahid	District 9
Councilmember Mitchell	District 4	Councilmember Riegel	District 10
Councilmember Wagner	District 5	Councilmember Moody	District 11
Councilmember Gregorie	District 6	Councilmember Wilson	District 12

Mayor Tecklenburg called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

The Clerk called the roll.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Seeking double duty tonight, if I could ask Councilmember Lewis to please say the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance."

Councilmember Lewis opened the meeting with an invocation.

Councilmember Lewis led City Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Alright. Thank you very much. We have a number of presentations and proclamations to make this evening. Councilmember Moody."

Councilmember Moody said, "Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I just wanted to take a point of personal privilege. As you all know, this has been kind of a tough couple weeks for the Moody family and we've got a great family, but I tell you what, being part of this City, we have an extended family. I can't tell you how much and how meaningful it was for all the visits, the calls from my colleagues here, the calls from staff, cards and letters from the employees and everything. It was very comforting and I just wanted to say thanks."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Well, you're most welcome and we share your loss and are so thankful for all the public service of your entire family, and our thoughts and prayers, as you know, have been with you. God bless you. So, first I would like to invite Christopher Selby and

the School of the Arts Symphony Orchestra to join me. Are you all here? Please come forward. So, where are the instruments? Are we going to play some music?"

There was laughter in the Chamber.

Christopher Selby said, "These are four of our students. We have about 72 and we couldn't have all come."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Well, thank you for being with us."

Mayor Tecklenburg read the proclamation.

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Mr. Selby said, "Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Congratulations."

There was applause in the Chamber.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "So, Scott Watson is back over there and he directs our Piccolo Spoleto Program and you should be talking with him about a gig that we could do."

There was laughter in the Chamber.

Mr. Selby said, "Thank you very much."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you very much. Congratulations and I'll bring the piano."

There was laughter in the Chamber.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Next, I would like to invite the coaches and players of the Peninsula 11-12 Year Old All-Star Basketball Team to join me. Coach Jones, Coach Drayton, here they come. Alright."

There was applause in the Chamber.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "So, under the coaching and leadership of Head Coach Edward Jones, and you don't have your T-shirt on, and Assistant Coach Mario Drayton, the 11-12 year old All-Star Team from the Peninsula battled in North Charleston and was crowned the District Champions and then they went to Columbia, South Carolina for a tough tournament match against former state champion team from East Columbia. Our City All-Star Team won this game and then faced Mauldin in the championship. In the fourth quarter, our team faced a 7-point deficit but our coaches and players worked the fouls, worked the clock, worked the timeouts to win the game in the end. This is a great accomplishment for our Recreation program so I'm going to call out the names and please maybe raise your hand to recognize yourself. Rahmell Bell, JD Powell, Monquese Jenkins, Ahmek Singleton, Zarion Watson, Jevyis Stewart, Quantez Brown, Jonnathian Davis-Grant, Dasman Ladson, and Dantez Anderson. I wanted to thank and congratulate our coaches, Mr. Jones and Mr. Drayton, and, on behalf of City Council, we would like to recognize and congratulate you all and wish you continued

success. Great game and a great tournament. I see you have got the trophy here to show everyone.”

There was applause in the Chamber.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “I would, now, like to call on Councilmember Mitchell for a special presentation.”

Councilmember Mitchell said, “Good afternoon, good afternoon. Is Laurie here, oh, there she is. Laurie, will you, please, come forward? I know you don’t want to do it, you know it. But, anyway, the concerned citizens of the Peninsula work hard with the youth and the community and Ms. Yarborough works 100 percent with them and they asked me to present this plaque for them on their behalf. I said, ‘Well, you all can do it yourself.’ They said, ‘No, no, Councilman, you go ahead and do it because if she sees us with the plaque, she is not going to come up. She might go and hide somewhere. So, I am going to read the plaque as they have it. It says, ‘Laurie, as we know that in all things God works for the good for those who love him, who are called according to his purpose.’ That is Romans 8:28. We could never thank you enough for all the great things that you do with the CCPLC youth and teen counsel. We have a good working relationship. If we had a million tongues, we could not thank you enough. Thank you, thank you, thank you,’ and it’s also from Mr. Jones, who is the founder of CCPLC. So, I am going to present this to you.”

There was applause in the Chamber.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “If you don’t mind, let the Mayor get in the middle and let’s have a picture and can you believe? Are you 11 or 12 years old?”

There was laughter in the Chamber.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “Everyone. Basketball. Excellent. Thank you all. Congratulations very much. Good job.”

Councilmember Mitchell said, “Mr. Mayor.”

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “Yes, sir.”

Councilmember Mitchell said, “This is what can happen when we work with our youth and keep our youth involved in something positive. This is what they are doing and you can see today how they are working. I think the team that they beat were the champions for a couple of years. They came and they brought the trophy back here to Charleston, so we’ve got to applaud them, let them go forward, keep going forward, and keep pushing forward. This is what we’ve got to do, work with our young people. This is what the coaches and the Recreation department for the City of Charleston are doing and working together. So, we’ve got to continue working with our young people. Thank you.”

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “Amen. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you all very much.”

There was applause in the Chamber.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Next, we would like to have a proclamation recognizing Child Abuse Prevention Month. I would like to ask Carole Swiecicki and Beverly Hutchison to please come forward on behalf of Dee Norton Lowcountry Children's Center."

Mayor Tecklenburg read the proclamation.

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Carole Swiecicki said, "Absolutely. Thank you so much."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Yes, ma'am."

Ms. Swiecicki said, "Thank you. Actually, I was intimidated to go after such wonderful children who have done wonderful things, but also that is why we are here. We are in this community so that children can grow up in doing things like symphony and basketball and other sports and can have wonderful, productive, happy lives. We are so proud to be in Charleston, a community that cares about how their kids grow up and cares about children having safe childhoods. We are both here as a resource for the community so that you all can learn how to keep children safe. We also are here if abuse happens so that there is a place where evidence-based services and healing can be provided to children so that even though child abuse does happen, it doesn't have to define who they are or who they become one day. I thank you so much for recognizing child abuse as a concern in our community and April as a time for folks to learn more about that. I challenge you all to go to our website and learn a little bit more about what you can do."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you very much. Before you step down, I also want to announce that Charleston, for the third year with South Carolina Children's Trust has agreed to be a "Pinwheel City". A great program that raises awareness of child abuse and the importance of prevention and we will be planting pinwheels around the City to serve as a reminder to the adults of our community that is our responsibility to do what we can to keep all children safe. The pinwheel was selected as the symbol for Child Abuse Prevention month to represent the somewhat whimsical nature and innocence of childhood. The Pinwheels for Prevention Initiative is spearheaded by the Children's Trust of South Carolina, which is working on a statewide level to raise awareness of child abuse prevention and to prevent child abuse through education. Dee Norton Lowcountry Children's Center is a national model for response to child abuse allegations, and we are so fortunate to have an organization of this caliber working in our community. So, we thank you very much. I saw some pinwheels on Lockwood Drive when I was coming back around this afternoon. We have a beautiful display of pinwheels. Help us spread the word in April that it's Child Abuse Prevention Month. Thank you very much."

Ms. Swiecicki said, "Thank you so much."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Yes, ma'am. Next, we have a special proclamation recognizing Isabella Rybak. Isabella, are you here? She lives on Daniel Island and maybe your parents or anyone with you today, Isabella?"

Miss Rybak said, "Right there."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Please come forward. Thank you for being here."

Miss Rybak said, "Thank you for having me."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "It's incredible what you are doing. Okay, you all are going to love this. This is a great story."

The Clerk said, "Come out this way."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We were contacted a few weeks ago by a U.S. Air Force Staff Sergeant serving in Afghanistan, who had received boxes and boxes of donations for the military working dogs in his K-9 unit. He was astounded when he learned that the donations had been sent by a 13 year old girl in Charleston, South Carolina. We're very proud to learn of Isabella's selfless acts and wanted to publicly recognize her tonight and, so, I have a proclamation for you, Isabella, as well."

Mayor Tecklenburg read the proclamation.

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Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Is Mike Ritland here by chance tonight? I think he is out of Washington, D.C. Mr. Ritland, is that you? Please come forward and meet Isabella."

There was applause in the Chamber.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Bring your friend up, please. One of the beneficiaries of your generosity, Isabella. Right here."

There was more applause in the Chamber.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Yes, sir."

Councilmember Waring said, "Mr. Mayor, could we get the dog down front and we can get a picture of everybody?"

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Sure. Absolutely. Alright. Please walk down in front."

The Clerk said, "So that they can see the dog."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Come down, Isabella. Do you have other family here you would like to include? Yes. Hey, Mike, how are you doing? Thank you for coming."

Mike Ritland said, "Thank you. It was a pleasure."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "May I give this to you?"

Miss Rybak said, "Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Terrific. Alright. Here we go. Excellent. Thank you so much."

There was applause in the Chamber.

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Gregorie.

Councilmember Gregorie said, "Mayor Tecklenburg, I also think that we need to applaud our vet. We really need to recognize what he's done."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Absolutely. Isabella, come back up for a minute. You and Mike."

There was applause in the Chamber.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Isabella, would you like to address City Council?"

Miss Rybak said, "Sure. It started back in July of 2015 on the way to Washington, D.C. I was about to read Navy Seal Dogs by Mike Ritland and I read it while I was in D.C. and immediately knew I wanted to do something to help these dogs. So, I got back and I found a post about how to send packages overseas and during all of that, the Warrior Dog Foundation contacted me to be the Grand Ambassador. So, I sent the packages about February 11<sup>th</sup> with over \$650 in donations and then about five days later, I got a response from them and we've been buddies, really, really close buddies. We talked every day. Any questions I have, they answer them and we're really, really good buddies, so I'm going to send another round soon. It's just really an honor to be able to do this."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Great. Thank you."

There was applause in the Chamber.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you, Isabella. I would like to add, Mike came all the way from Washington, D.C. Is that correct?"

Mr. Ritland said, "Texas, actually."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "He came from Texas to meet you and to be with us this evening. I want to thank you for your service to our Country and you're welcome to share any comments that you like."

Mr. Ritland said, "Thank you very much."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Yes, sir."

Mr. Ritland said, "First off, I just want to say thank you for the acknowledgment of this young lady. For us, at the Warrior Dog Foundation, we first kind of met her over the internet or over e-mail, if you will. We were very honored that she would take such an active role at such a young age and want to be a part of our Youth Ambassador Program at the Warrior Dog Foundation. For us, it's an honor and a privilege to be associated with such a shining example of what our Country can bring to the table for young women moving into the future. So, on behalf of Warrior Dog Foundation, it's our pleasure and honor to be a part of this and we would not have missed it for anything. So, thank you."

Miss Rybak said, "Thank you."

There was applause in the Chamber.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Alright. Thank you very much. That was terrific. Finally, on proclamations, we have a proclamation this evening recognizing Fair Housing Month. I would like to invite Otha Meadows, the CEO, George Bresnihan, the Housing Director, and Carolina Mascurin, the Fair Housing Outreach Coordinator with the Charleston Trident Urban League, and also ask Councilmember Robert Mitchell if he would join us. He is the Chair of the Community Development Committee of City Council, and Geona Shaw Johnson, our Director of Housing & Community Development to join us on the stand, please."

Mr. Breshnihan said, "Carolina is not here."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Carolina is not here."

Mayor Tecklenburg read the proclamation.

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Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you very much for your work in this regard. Thank you, Otha. Thank you, George."

There was applause in the Chamber.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Now, if I may, I'll be glad to have Otha share any comments with us."

Otha Meadows said, "Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Let me start off by saying thanks to Geona and especially Councilman Mitchell and Councilman Gregorie for the support they have given the Fair Housing Program at the Urban League. I don't have to tell any of you how passionate we are about fair housing at the Urban League and what it means to this community. Councilman Mitchell and Councilman Gregorie lend a hand at our phone banks every year and I think they can attest to the fact how important fair housing is to this community because, in that hour that we're on the air, we receive over a 100 phone calls related to fair housing. Let me just thank George Bresnihan and the staff for what they do. They are the ones that are responsible for doing all the heavy lifting and the great work that we do in the area of fair housing. Last year alone, unfortunately, we had over 400 calls to the Fair Housing Hotline and we had 80 complaints that we filed with the South Carolina Fair Housing Authority and to HUD. So, that lets us know that there is work we still have to do. We are still, again, understanding that it is important to educate the border community around landlord/tenant rights and responsibility and the Fair Housing Law. Also, we want to make it imminently clear that in this community we are going to be #1 as it relates to Fair Housing in making sure that those individuals are able to buy a home, live where they want to live, have a home that is safe, affordable and decent and anything less than that is unacceptable. Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Absolutely. Thank you very much. Oh, I'm sorry, George, please."

George Bresnihan said, "I just to add one thing. I'm thankful that the City of Charleston is very serious about fair housing for its community and as Charleston continues to grow, we will continue to get calls. We probably do 200 calls a year just for the City of Charleston and we, hopefully, resolve all of them. Like Otha mentioned, eight went to the South Carolina Human Affairs Commission who we work very closely with, but we had 25 complaints but only eight would file because of fear of retaliation from their landlords. So, that's another education piece

that we're trying to overcome, hopefully, in the near future, as we continue to educate the folks in the City of Charleston, they will know that they have rights. Those are the less fortunate ones that work with us. Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you, George. Thank you all for the good work that you do."

Mr. Bresnihan said, "Thank you. Good seeing you."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Those are our presentations, proclamations for this evening. I do think it's an interesting counterpoint that we recognize April as Child Abuse Prevention Month and just like in, as the kids say in bullying, 'If you see something, you need to say something.' The interesting counterpoint to that is the other proclamations that we had here tonight. We had the finest young musicians in the United States, we have the best 11-12 year old basketball team in the State of South Carolina as a recreation team, and the wonderful example of Isabella in terms of generosity and community service. We really have some fine young folks in our community and we need to do everything we can to help support them and at the same time recognize when we see some sign of abuse to speak up. Thank you very much. We have three public hearings tonight. Can we take them together? Is that the pleasure of Council?"

City Council agreed to move forward with the public hearings.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "The first ordinance and public hearing is a repeat. To be safe, since we put out the initial notice when we didn't know where we doing to meet in West Ashley, we're coming back to you this evening for third reading and ratification of this item E-1. Mr. Morgan, do you want to present this to us?"

Christopher Morgan, Director of Planning, said, "Yes, sir, Mr. Mayor. The first item is 2116 St. James Drive in Riverland Terrace. It's a recent annexation into the City. The recommendation is for SR-1, Single Family Residential."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Okay. Do you want to go ahead and present all three of them and then I'll see if there are any comments?"

Mr. Morgan continued, "Sure. The second one is 1827 Mepkin Road in West Ashley, again a recent annexation recommended for SR-1. Then, the third one, we discussed this at your last meeting, is the Stonoview Planned Unit Development. It's an amendment to the Stonoview Planned United Development that would add about 88 acres to that development and would increase the number of units that are allowed there based on that additional acreage. The overall density would not exceed 2.3 units an acre. There would be 54 percent open space on the map. In front of you and in your packages, you see the area in yellow here is what would be added to the Stonoview PUD. The Planning Commission and staff both recommended approval of that amendment, as well. "

Mayor Tecklenburg asked, "Would anyone like to be heard on these three matters? Yes, sir. Please come forward to the microphone. Please state your name and address."

1. Cole Gaither said, "My name is Cole Gaither, and I apologize, first of all, I was unaware of the meeting. I would have come more appropriately dressed, but I came right from a job site. So, my issue, and it may be after sitting with Christopher Morgan, I understand that I may not quite have the right venue for it, but it's a connectivity issue. What I'm looking at, and what I want to bring to your attention, are the five acres at the very front, that five acres right

there (referring to the electronic presentation). There's a 50 foot public easement that goes into that property. I actually was a part of the crafting of that easement, and what it did is, it relinquished easements which crisscrossed through the entrance to the Stonoview project in return for this easement. I think it's a possible oversight of Libbey Owens and CWS (Charleston Water System) that there was not also a utility easement granted with it. So, at this juncture, when the developer is looking to expand his units into that other parcel and also expand utilities, I think that the connectivity issue is something, and again, Christopher said that that's something that may be addressed at a meeting after this. I have no objection to the expansion, but I would like to see the developer, who's a little reticent this time about allowing the utilities in there since it's me, maybe we could address that in some way and get the utilities in there."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Yes, sir."

Mr. Gaither said, "That's it. Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you very much. Would anyone else like to be heard? Yes, sir."

2. Todd Richardson said, "Good evening, Mr. Mayor, Council. I am the landscape architect of record for the Stonoview PUD (Planned Unit Development) which is before you tonight for an addition. The matter that was brought up is a technical matter that we handle in the Technical Review Committee, or the TRC, and we'll be happy to explore whatever we need to do with the City attorney and TRC at that time. If you have any questions for me, I'd be happy to answer them."

Mayor Tecklenburg asked, "Alright, sir."

Mr. Richardson said, "Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg asked, "Are there any questions? Would anyone else like to be heard on any one of these three matters? Yes, ma'am. Would you like to be heard? Please step forward to the microphone."

3. Dolores Payne said, "My name is Dolores Payne. I live at 2135 River Road, Johns Island. My property is right alongside this proposed new piece that they want to include. My question is, the density of the zoning now is SR-1. Is that correct?"

Mr. Morgan said, "Yes, ma'am. That's correct."

Ms. Payne continued, "So, the PUD density is going to be more."

Mr. Morgan said, "It's lower density. SR-1 is 4.8 units an acre, and the PUD is 2.3 units an acre."

Ms. Payne continued, "Okay, so that means how many units are proposed for this?"

Mr. Morgan said, "For the additional area?"

Ms. Payne said, "Right, for the additional."

Mr. Morgan said, "The additional portion of the PUD, this amendment, will allow for 150 extra units. So, in that's area that's in yellow will allow for another 150 units (referring to the electronic presentation), basically a density of no more than 2.3 units an acre."

Ms. Payne asked, "Where is the new access coming out for this?"

Mr. Morgan said, "The development is connected into the existing development that's in purple here that comes out to River Road, but there will also be an access point towards River Road further to the north."

Ms. Payne asked, "Are any more surveys going to be done on the new portion for historical and grand trees because this piece of property has not been worked probably much since the Civil War, so it has old growth. It has a lot of wildlife, it has wetlands, it has swamp, and it has marshlands. That is a beautiful piece of property. One hundred fifty more units, times two vehicles, is going to be a lot of traffic on the road. We have a community that does not know about all of this. We have a lot of elderly in our neighborhoods, so they're not well aware of this, and they want a chance to be represented. They don't want to feel railroaded into this because this is a very big development that has already started, and how many units are you putting on the existing piece now? How many units?"

Mr. Morgan said, "The existing portion of the PUD is allowed to have 229 units. That's the area in purple there, 229."

Ms. Payne said, "So, the total is what now for the entire?"

Mr. Morgan said, "Three hundred seventy-nine for the total PUD."

Ms. Payne said, "What happens to all of the old growth trees that don't make the grand trees? The grand trees are 24 inches in circumference, so what if they're 23 inches and they're still healthy? Are you all going to try to keep what is there as much as possible? How does that work?"

Mr. Morgan said, "The staff works with the development team as much as possible to preserve trees on the site. There are variances that are required if grand trees are impacted. I know some members of the development team are here, and they may want to answer a little bit further into how they're dealing with the trees on the site, but they have to meet all of our tree standards, which includes preservation of other trees on the site beyond just the grand trees. It doesn't mean that every tree on the site that's not a grand tree is preserved, but it does not mean a lot of them will be. Given the fact that 54 percent of the site will remain open space, I think that means that a lot of the trees on the site will remain there, as well."

Ms. Payne said, "Okay. So, you're saying that there's going to be a lot of open space when we need more wild space because what this development is doing is really packing a lot of houses in this area. How many acres is this for the whole thing?"

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "I believe it's 234."

Ms. Payne said, "Plus 379 units, times two cars at least, on a two-lane road on River Road, which many of you have seen what's going on, on Johns Island, right now, and believe you me, we don't need more pavement, we don't need more asphalt, and we don't need more open spaces. We need somewhere where people can live and have some wildlife, have some trees, and have some wild that we need, because this is our lives that are impacted for the rest of our lives once it's destroyed, because this piece of property is absolutely gorgeous."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you very much."

Ms. Payne said, "Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg asked, "Would anyone else like to be heard? Yes, ma'am."

4. Amanda Davis said, "It was not my original intention actually to speak against this project, necessarily, but the overall development on Johns Island and the impact of traffic. I challenge you all to really drive Maybank Highway, drive River Road. It gets later and later. It gets to the point where people are leaving an hour to an hour and a half prior to get off the island to get their children to school, to work. I shouldn't say no one, but the majority of the residents of Johns Island and Wadmalaw Island do not work there. They do not educate their children there. They have to commute on and off, and River Road is backed up every morning for over an hour to the very entrance of this development heading down River that way (referring to the electronic presentation.) River's backed-up the other way over two miles every morning for over an hour. People who can't get down (Highway) 17 now cut through Johns Island down River Road. The number of cars that go through the intersection of Maybank Highway and River is equal to the major intersections at Folly and Maybank and at Folly and Fort Johnson.

The stats I was able to pull are over a year old, but the volume of cars is not being acknowledged, and you're talking about a two-lane road feeding into a two-lane road. There are no medians. There's no shoulder. There's nowhere to pull off for emergency vehicles, and again, it's not just this project. It's all of these projects. You put 800 more people on that portion of River Road. Cane Slash has got hundreds and hundreds of homes. The County just approved another 600 units behind the Food Lion, again at the same, exact intersection. You just can't fit that many cars on a two-lane road into a two-lane road, no turn lane, and the signaling that feeds off, you get through that, and then you get into West Ashley. You get caught at Riverland. Then, you get caught at the lights at Folly, and you let Folly proceed. Well, the traffic's not there anymore. The traffic's on Maybank, everybody, again, trying to get off, and we can't get off. In an evacuation, I think we're all going to be in really, really big trouble. In any other emergency situation we're going to be in really big trouble. Again, the more of these homes that go in, there's over 2,000 units slated to come online very shortly. I think it's going to get really ugly. I'm afraid that people aren't aware. What I hear is 'no one says anything; no one shows up,' so we're showing up."

The Clerk asked, "May we have your name?"

Ms. Davis said, "It's Amanda Davis."

The Clerk said, "Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Amanda Davis. Yes, ma'am."

5. Molly McFadden said, "Good afternoon. My name is Molly McFadden. I am also a resident of Johns Island. I live the other way down River Road from this new development, but am having the same issues as Mandy was saying before. I do have a question. I wasn't able to find your traffic study on the website. The appendix was missing. Do you have a copy of your traffic study for that development?"

Mr. Morgan said, "We do. Yes."

Ms. McFadden continued, "If you could get it, make sure it gets onto the Council's website. That would be great. Thank you. I just want to comment. I know this is kind of out of public comments, but it relates to this, so I think it's a good time to speak up about it. As Mandy was saying, I've lived in Charleston for 20 years. I've lived on Johns Island since 2011, and literally, in the last six to eight months, the traffic has gotten unbearable, almost to the point of I

spend more time in my car than I do with my family. I'm either at work or in my car. I get home, and I go to bed because that's how long it's taking me to get home. At 3:30 in the afternoon on a Wednesday last week, Maybank Highway was backed-up past the Municipal Golf Course, and there was not an accident anywhere causing this back-up. That is just sheerly the number of cars that are trying to get on this Island. So, you go from a two-lane to a one-lane road onto that Island. Past my house, they are clearing for an entirely new subdivision that way. The roads can't handle it. Please, we need responsible leadership here. Improve these roads. Stop that bike lane. I know you all don't think it's causing problems, but for those of us coming over, it's these major arteries that feed into that bridge. It's silly. So, please reconsider that. Please, don't let Johns Island get ignored. It's important. It's a huge, residential area. Upcoming, we have more people coming in. I think I read a number, 42 people a day move to Charleston. We've got to do something with the roads. Please fix the roads on Johns Island. Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Would anyone else like to be heard on these three matters. You have to come to the microphone if you'd like to address Council, please."

6. Brigette Wojnarowicz said, "Certainly. I'm not quite sure, but I was advised to attend the City Council meeting. Do you speak on a specific topic or bring forth a concern? Is there another time to do so?"

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We have a public participation period in just a few minutes. Right now we're dealing with a public hearing on two zonings and a planned unit development."

Ms. Wojnarowicz continued, "My name is Brigette Wojnarowicz, and I will say, as a former resident of Johns Island, who just happens to be here to speak at the public participation, I will affirm what the speakers have said. I hope that you will consider them in good faith and conscience. Their concerns are very legitimate. Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you. Yes, ma'am."

7. Chris Hughes said, "Mayor, my name is Chris Hughes. I'm a resident of Wadmalaw Island. I also teach school at a downtown high school here. I would like to echo all three of these ladies' comments and concerns. Traffic is absolutely out of control. For 16 years, I have driven every single day, Monday through Friday, and only in the past six to eight months has there been this exponential increase in the amount of traffic flow, particularly going on the island in the afternoons, regardless of whether I leave town at 3:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m., or 4:00 p.m. I have tried every possible pocket to leave in order to avoid this traffic. The same thing is going on. We're bottlenecking into two lanes. All we're asking is, Maybank has got to be widened to accommodate this influx of daily traffic and all of the development. Thank you for listening."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you. Thank you very much. Would anyone else like to be heard on these matters? Yes, ma'am."

8. Abbi Beckford said, "Good evening. My name is Abbi Beckford, and I live at 2151 River Road. I just would like the City Council to vet the builders and construction people that come on to the island to build these properties. I gave up my right-of-way, and now I have to drive into Stonoview. I would have never given that up had I known that all these roads were going to be named after Confederate heroes. I would like to know that there's not going to be anymore Confederate soldier names, really good history on Johns Island to not have to come in to having more and more Confederate stuff. It's good history, but we've got better history than

putting that out. I've been a school nurse on Johns Island for 15 years, and my students are marginalized. My families are marginalized, and I just don't want to see it anymore. Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you very much. Yes, ma'am. Would anyone else like to be heard? Yes, sir."

9. Albert van Overeem said, "Albert van Overeem, representing the developer. Just a couple of comments, number one, I think the number's 170, not 150 units, which represents 2.3 units to the acre. With the SR-1 zoning, the question was what would have been the 'by right' development. The 'by right' development would have been 768, somewhere in that range, 750 units, depending on trees and that sort of thing. So, with 170, you can see we've done a pretty big step backwards in terms of the overall density and development. The property has gone through extensive research through historical efforts. We have received permits from the Army Corps of Engineers and have conducted Phase I Environmental Testing, as well as historical resources charting an organization of the property. In regards to the street names, we purchased the original property with the street names already labeled and had no input on that matter. I can answer any questions that Council might have of me."

Mayor Tecklenburg asked, "Would anyone else like to be heard? If not, let's move forward and act upon these public hearing matters. All the responses we had were just on Item E-3."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Wilson.

Councilmember Wilson said, "One quick comment, and I think it's something, perhaps, this Council can address at some point, and that is the whole issue of traffic studies. We've heard this time and time again that they're required later in the process, and I have seen numerous times where they have not been posted online, or they have not been a part of our packet. I noticed actually for this development that we were referring to this evening, and it was not included in the paperwork that we received. That might be something that we look at as a Council because it is becoming more and more important with added congestion and the hyperdevelopment that we're experiencing. So, I would put out there to you, my colleagues. Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg announced the order of speakers as Councilmember Riegel followed by Councilmember Gregorie.

Councilmember Riegel said, "Go ahead."

Councilmember Gregorie asked, "What was the result of the traffic study, minimal effect?"

Councilmember Riegel said, "Of course."

Mr. Morgan said, "In general, with a single family development like this in a location like this, you're going to have minimal effect. Any negative impacts have to be mitigated, such as with the first phase of Stonoview. They had to put in a turn lane because the amount of turns into the development was such that they didn't want to compromise River Road, so a turn lane was very sensitively put in that area to avoid as many trees as possible."

Councilmember Gregorie asked, "As a follow-up, have we ever had a traffic study that was below minimal, that we therefore couldn't do the development as a result?"

Mr. Morgan said, "I'm sorry?"

Councilmember Gregorie said, "Have we ever had a traffic study done where it was concluded that, as a result of the traffic, the development should not go forth?"

Mr. Morgan said, "The way the traffic studies are oriented, is they come up with what the mitigation is to deal with the impact on the roads. So, it might be a turn lane. It might be decel, extra capacity to intersection, that kind of thing. That's the way the whole traffic study kind of science is put together."

Councilmember Gregorie asked, "So, the answer is no?"

Mr. Morgan said, "I can't say for certain that there's never been a development, but I'm not aware of one. I'm not certain of every development."

Councilmember Gregorie said, "Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Riegel.

Councilmember Riegel said, "Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I agree with my good friend Councilmember Gregorie. I don't think there's ever been a traffic study that's negated a development. We have 'Route 61' (Highway 61) in my district, West Ashley, where we've requested traffic lights and traffic studies at several intersections. We have a school there. We have continued development, and the most recent traffic study I requested came back compared to a ten year old traffic study, one that was ten years old, ten years old. I know this is hard to believe with all of the development on (Highway) 61. They said the vehicular activity was less than a ten year old study. There was no justification for signalization, and this was South Carolina DOT (Department of Transportation), Robert Clark specifically, District Engineer. So, I tell you what. I don't know what the mathematics, process, or technique is with traffic studies, but I'm certainly going to agree with Councilmember Gregorie. I don't think it's negated a project in my years on Council.

The point I wanted to make was, week after week, meeting after meeting, and I don't care if it's these wonderful residents from Johns Island or from your district, James Island, or my residents from West Ashley District 10, Marvin's (Councilmember Wagner) and Rodney's (Councilmember Williams) districts, week after week, we're asked to consider zoning and development, and week after week, we hear from the residents: traffic, congestion, infrastructure, roads. I consider myself a pretty smart man. I have three college degrees, and it's, again, beyond me, that with all the mass development and all the continued zoning and approval of development, where these cars are going to go, where this congestion is going to be mitigated, along with the stormwater. I guess someone must see hovercrafts in our near future because that's the only way we're going to get over these roads. I just wanted to put that in because I hear your pain, and we hear from all over the City, but we never seem to find any answers.

My suggestion is the State level. I really do believe it's at the State level. We can stop some of the building, the moratorium on the single-family housing, but just look at the challenges of I-526. I think what we desperately need in Columbia is leadership, vision, and courage, none of which we have at this time."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Moody.

Councilmember Moody said, "Let me take a stab and poke some guys and gals in the eye. We hear our local newspaper editorial board that if we don't build I-526, and I call it '263' because we've only got half a road there, that if we just don't build the other part of '263,' that we will stop development on James and Johns Islands. We have representatives on our County Council from James Island and from West Ashley that have voted against I-526, and it's killing us. We hear 'just don't build I-526, and the development won't come.' My position on that is if you take the State of South Carolina, you've got I-26 that runs up from the coast to the mountains, and then you've got I-95 that crosses that at the County seat of Dorchester County. It's basically a stone's throw from St. George, the County seat of Dorchester County. Now, if you have two interstates that cross right there, and roads cause development, you would think that St. George would be a great, thriving metropolis. You'd think there would be Mercedes, Volvos, Boeings, and everybody at St. George, but they're not. It's very simple. What causes development is sewer and water. If you've got people on a septic tank and a well, you're not going to have development. The problem is on James and Johns Islands, they've already run the water lines and the sewer lines. So, that's what we're dealing with. If you pull up all those water and sewer lines, and you build five roads over there, the development won't be there. You won't need them. So, the question becomes, that is already there, and as this developer has said, he's going from SR-1, which is about four units per acre, down to this PUD, which is it two you said?"

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "2.3."

Councilmember Moody continued, "So, in round numbers, he's cutting the density. I mean, if he wanted to develop that, he could put four units per acre instead of two. He's doing his part, but as a Council, we have got to start beating the drum on County Council, on our State Legislators, that they have got to finish the roads that they have promised, and we need a gas tax to further that. We can't just sit by silently because we are choking with this traffic, and it's not going to get any better. 43 or 44 people, per day, move to the Charleston region. Evidently, a lot of them are moving to James and Johns Islands, but they're all coming through West Ashley to get to their jobs or to get to their school, so we're all in this together. It just infuriates me that some of our local representatives that we elected are standing in the way of this. I'm really, really fearful that we're going to run into a real problem. I-526 has got to be built. The question is: when do you want relief? Do you want it sooner, or do you want it later? That's what you've got to do. You're not going to stop this development. I'm sorry for repeating myself, but thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Very cogent comments."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Wagner.

Councilmember Wagner said, "Well, since this is my district, and I'm probably the Councilmember that's been on the property physically, I've got a couple of comments I want to make. I'm not going to generically talk about traffic. I'm not going to talk about anything, but that specific property, which is what we're here for. We played 20 Questions tonight during our public comment period. We've had generic discussions over all of these other things, the traffic and everything. This specific thing is part three of three. We've already passed the other two. The nails are going in. The roofs are going up. This gentleman spent a tremendous amount of money on that sewage and other things to get this property up to the Code.

Now, I probably more than anybody in here, can tell you that the density is better than anything that's been built in my district since I've been on this Council. You go out to Carolina Bay, Bolton to Grand Oaks, anywhere on the West Ashley side, we're looking at four per acre,

six feet between houses in a lot of places. This is a whole bunch more than that. The roads are wide. It's a very well-thought-out plan, and now this is the third piece and the final piece of it. Now, I will talk about this traffic because that is what we've been yelling at and about since the day I decided I was going to run for this seat five years ago. Right now, the next thing that's going to happen, we looked at the Johns Island Plan, per my request last year. We've heard about the pitchfork, where they're going to four-lane it coming off of Gelegotis Bridge. We're going to swing left, up towards Cane Slash Road, to where it will relieve some of the pressure on Maybank and River. The other side of the pitchfork is going to swing down and around near Rushland Landing, which is about maybe half a mile down on the other side of Maybank and River. That's going to let the folks from Swygert's Landing and that end of the Island get across and out of there a little bit quicker. I mean, they're sitting there at seven, eight stoplights. They are in a really nasty situation right now, and we can't fix it. You go up Maybank Highway, we see the development. You go up Brownswood Road, I think I counted seven new developments, about half of them belong to us. The rest of them belong to the County. The County is building as fast, if not faster, than the City is over there. So, it's got to be a concerted effort on both sides of this building world to calm it down.

The rest of the story, as Councilmember Moody said, '263/I-526 maybe.' That, to me, is the most important cog in the wheel. Realize that in the last census, there were 13,000 people out there. Right now, the latest I saw from the Planning Department, it was about 7,500 City residents on Johns Island and then another 10,000 or 12,000, so it's growing. Now, my question is real simple. We haven't had a hurricane in 27 years. We had a 20 inch rain, and it shut that island down for the better part of three weeks, one way on and one way off. A catastrophic event, a hurricane, how many people have to die before we got off of our butts, or get the State off of their butts? I'm not going to stand up there and say, 'Gee, man, this was a terrible tragedy,' when it could have been prevented.

Now, I'm on a soapbox here, and I understand that, but we've got to do something. Stonoview doesn't have a thing to do with the bigger picture. It's going to have a few more cars. It's very true, but unless we work with the County and the State, and we get something moving, even if it's just the bridges to I-526, we can fill in the rest later. That's within the \$400 million, guys. I think we're going to save lives in the long-run, if we ever have another catastrophic event. The big rain storm, true it might have been a 100 year storm, but it stopped the world over there. What I'm trying to say is, we've got to get what roads we can, i.e. the pitchfork, which was supposed to start in March. It hasn't. We've got to get some folks working, and we've got to go beat that drum. It doesn't have anything to do with Stonoview. It really doesn't, guys. So, I can't oppose it."

Councilmember Riegel said, "No, I don't think any of us are opposing Stonoview."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Riegel.

Councilmember Riegel said, "I'm sorry, sir. I just wanted to interject. I don't believe any of us are opposing Stonoview because it is, as you said, it's phase three of three phases. I think we're discussing, maybe out of sequence, what these wonderful people in your district have come in and said, and Kathleen's district (Councilmember Wilson) and my district. It's just a symptom of a continuing, ongoing problem in the Lowcountry. It's not a condemnation of Stonoview and these wonderful developers. It's an issue that we have got to figure out with the Mayor's leadership how to address it at the County and State level. We can only do so much at the City level. I understand that County Council will be coming to us asking for support on another half-cent sales tax, and the first item on that half-cent sales tax is widening of (Highway)

41, and I tell you what, I will not support that unless there's significant money earmarked, bad word, for I-526. I just wanted to interject that. It's not Stonoview. It's bigger."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Shahid.

Councilmember Shahid said, "I just want to make sure that I'm clear with all of this, and what I'm hearing from the comments of staff and Council, if we vote against this proposal, then the property will remain available to be twice as dense as is proposed. Isn't that correct?"

Mr. Morgan said, "Yes, sir."

Councilmember Shahid said, "Almost, but within the premise. So, the logical thing is if they build to the maximum that they're allowed to, the number of cars, by theory, would then double from what they're proposing, is that correct?"

Mr. Morgan said, "Potentially. Yes, sir."

Councilmember Shahid said, "The traffic study that's been brought up and talked about, when we have these results being minimal, does it reflect on this particular study the actual number of cars projected with or without this development?"

Mr. Morgan said, "The traffic studies always look at the base line, what kind of traffic situation exists there predevelopment, and then it looks at what impacts the number of vehicles that would be projected to come from this development have on those existing roads. So, if the existing roads experience unreasonable levels of congestion based on that study, then they have to come in and do things like turn lanes, other signals, things like that."

Councilmember Shahid said, "Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Mayor."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Waring.

Councilmember Waring said, "I'd just like to thank those ladies, everybody that came out and shared what's going on, on those islands, from a traffic standpoint. The answers that you all need are big answers, and the tax revenue that it takes to do that comes from our gas tax, which has not been increased since 1988. Right now in Columbia, they are not going to pass a gas tax, After all the highway damage and stuff from the flooding. So, the leadership is lacking there, but your vote is powerful, and your engagement is powerful. What I would plant is this, just imagine for a moment, now some of my colleagues have heard this, but just imagine for a moment that I-526 started with the James Island Connector, James Island, Johns Island, came across to West Ashley, continued to North Charleston, continued to Daniel Island, ran out of money, and Mount Pleasant did not have I-526. What would that town be doing right now? They would be doing what we're not doing. I would not use the four letter words that they would be using, but they would create the synergy to create the leadership, to create the financing, to get the big things done that we need. So, your voice is becoming before Council today. It's not going in vain, but please stay engaged, and get your neighbors to stay engaged because what's winning are small minorities -- small, vocal, well-financed minorities. Not to create any trouble, but one of the ladies talked about the lane closure on the Ashley River Bridge. People who are studying this, they're not even testing where you all are talking about on River Road and Maybank Road. The big things that need to be done with proper highway financing would replace the Legare Bridge, would provide for I-526, would pay for that pitchfork that your City Councilman just spoke of, the needed improvements for the lots and the properties that are already approved for housing on James and Johns Islands and around. I would hope that the big solutions that will last, not only for you, but for your children and mine. The 50 year test is

what we like to call it here, and we're going to get there if you all stay engaged, and we get the big things approved, so '263' can truly become I-526 one day. Thank you, Mr. Mayor."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Maybe I'm beating a dead horse here, but to echo some of these comments, I do want to give you the update that I appeared before County Council last week in regards to I-526 and urged them to assure the State Infrastructure Bank Board that they were behind the completion of I-526. Thankfully, they voted 6-3 to send that assurance, although it is not what the (State) Infrastructure Bank Board wanted, a guarantee, which they are not in a position to provide. So, that's a good thing that happened. I guess maybe picking-up on the logic of Councilmember Waring, I was blessed to be at the Volvo Car Open this past Sunday morning and had breakfast with Governor Haley, and we were in this tent right underneath the Mark Clark (I-526). We had some niceties that we said to each other. I said, 'I do have one issue that I want to just very briefly share with you,' and I said, 'I'll try to keep it as brief as I can. Do you see that bridge right there?' She said, 'Yes.' I said, 'Can you imagine what the 100,000 plus people that live on the other side of that river, what a political revolution they would start if that bridge was not there? That's their portion of the Mark Clark Expressway. I've got another 100,000 people that live on the other end of this thing, and yet their portion of I-526 never got built.' I just left it at that. She said she would work on it."

There was applause in the Chamber.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "They've described to you very frankly, the dilemma that we're in is that, as a City government, we have not direct funding to build 'road one.' All of our funding for actual construction comes from the County wide sales tax or from the State gas tax, and there's no municipal funding for building these roads. Anyway, I'm committed, I think our Council is committed, and we're appreciative of your support and remarks. In the meantime, I do believe we need to look with our Traffic and Transportation Department on less expensive, easier projects like widening Maybank Highway that can make a difference in the short term, as opposed to the big projects, as well. An example is the widening of the Bee Street exit, whether you agree with the bike lane or not, that was a \$300,000 project that made a difference. We see that that really helped. So, we're going to looking for some of those small, more doable projects in the next couple of years that we can urge the County to support and get behind. Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Mitchell.

Councilmember Mitchell said, "Mr. Mayor, I know I might not be in order, but I know we have talked to the County over and over again, and we have done some things, but maybe we can do a Resolution from Council and just send it back to them, telling them that we need this thing done right away, and even if we have to send it to the State, a Resolution from the body of City Council might shed a little light on something."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Well, I spoke with them personally, but I'd be happy to come back to you at the next meeting with a Resolution that we all could agree upon, if that's okay. I'm happy to do that. Yes, sir."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Wagner.

Councilmember Wagner said, "I've got this memory here of us going as a group to the County. When there was some doubt that they were even going to try to build it, and we went out and told the County of Charleston, I believe it was in 2013. We all went to County Council with Mayor Riley, Resolution in hand, signed by everybody in the State, to say, 'please, let the

City of Charleston take this over if you guys aren't.' The answer was, 'oh, we can handle it.' See, they have been handling it for 40 years. I've got dog tags around my neck today that are older than those promises because I got out the same year they said they were going to build it, which was 1972. So, I'm not sure what a Resolution is going to do, Robert (Councilmember Mitchell), but I'd love to make them that same offer again, and see if we can make it happen. I really would because something's got to give. They're going to take the money from us, and we're going to end up trying to figure how to get off of that island should we have to. Five inches of asphalt to fix Main Road, it's not going to last very long, guys. We had the discussion of the King tides and how they were going to continue increasing, increasing, increasing. We're talking about water rise in our meetings, and somehow what I'm hearing in the right ear, and what I'm hearing in the left ear, in the middle somehow gets discombobulated. We either have water rise and problems, or we don't, but we have to be able to get those people off that island, on or off, whether or not we have all of I-526 or just half of it going across. Two more bridges going to Johns Island would sure get that Island empty in a big hurry. As for I-526, at least let's go for the bridges."

Councilmember Shahid said, "Call for the question."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Riegel.

Councilmember Riegel said, "Let's call for the question. I'm going to support this thing. Let's get it done. I just want to make one quick comment. Looking at Kathleen (Councilmember Wilson), Bill (Councilmember Moody), myself, Peter (Councilmember Shahid), Keith (Councilmember Waring), I'm probably missing somebody, Joe Qualey and Colleen Condon, who represent us on (County) Council, were two of the three votes against I-526. Gary (Councilmember White), who's your Councilmember?"

Councilmember White said, "Berkeley County."

Councilmember Riegel said, "Berkeley County."

There was laughter in the Chamber.

Councilmember Riegel said, "That's a good attorney. I never ask the question before I know the answer."

Councilmember Seekings said, "It might take half an hour to explain that to everybody."

Councilmember Moody said, "Let's not go there."

Councilmember Riegel said, "Let's just call for the question and get this voted on."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "If I may go back to Item E-1 because, on that item, we're asking for third reading and ratification."

The Clerk said, "That's correct."

Councilmember Shahid said, "So moved."

Councilmember Lewis said, "Second."

On a motion of Councilmember Shahid, seconded by Councilmember Lewis, City Council voted unanimously to give third reading to one (1) bill (Item E-1), which was immediately ratified as:

**2016-045** AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON BY CHANGING THE ZONE MAP, WHICH IS A PART THEREOF, SO THAT 2116 SAINT JAMES DRIVE (RIVERLAND TERRACE – JAMES ISLAND) (0.24 ACRE) (TMS #343-02-00-073) (COUNCIL DISTRICT 11), ANNEXED INTO THE CITY OF CHARLESTON JANUARY 26, 2016 (#2016-019), BE ZONED SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (SR-1) CLASSIFICATION.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Item E-2 for second reading."

Councilmember Lewis said, "So moved."

Councilmember Mitchell said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Is there any discussion? For Item E-2, our second reading, it's been moved and seconded."

On a motion of Councilmember Lewis, one (1) bill (Item E-2) received second reading. It passed second reading on motion of Councilmember Mitchell and third reading on motion of Councilmember Gregorie. On further motion of Councilmember Mitchell, the rules were suspended, and the bill was immediately ratified as:

**2016-046** An ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Charleston by changing the Zone Map, which is a part thereof, so that 1827 Mepkin Road (West Ashley Plantation - West Ashley) (0.18 acre) (TMS #353-14-00-183) (Council District 2), annexed into the City of Charleston March 8, 2016 (#2016-037), be zoned Single-Family Residential (SR-1) classification.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Now, for Item E-3, second reading."

Councilmember Lewis said, "So moved."

Councilmember Riegel said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg asked, "Is there any further discussion?"

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, one (1) bill (Item E-2) received second reading. It passed second reading on motion of Councilmember Riegel and third reading on motion of Councilmember Mitchell. On further motion of Councilmember Lewis, the rules were suspended, and the bill was immediately ratified as:

**2016-047** An ordinance to amend Chapter 54 of the Code of the City of Charleston (Zoning Ordinance) by amending the Stonoview Planned Unit Development (PUD) Master Plan and Development Guidelines for property located on River Road (approximately 147.09 acres) (TMS# 315-00-00-012, 047 and 120) and by changing the Zone Map to include property located on River Road (Johns Island) (approximately 87.46 acres) (TMS# 345-00-00-073 and 345-00-00-163) (Council District 5) as PUD classification.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Next, we will approve our prior City Council minutes."

Councilmember Moody said, "Move for approval."

Councilmember Gregorie said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "It's been moved and seconded. Are there any additions or corrections?"

On a motion of Councilmember Moody, seconded by Councilmember Gregorie, City Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2016 City Council meeting.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Now is our Citizens Participation Period where citizens may comment on any City business. How many would like to be heard tonight during Citizens Participation Period? Let's keep it to two and a half minutes, if we may. Yes, sir. Would you like to go first? Mr. Idris."

1. Mohammed Idris said, "Good evening, Mohammed Idris. Mayor, we continue to talk about prices, to rebuild the bridges and the highway, the City fighting with the County, the County fighting with the City and the State. It seems like a three card monte game to me. We've got a whole lot of prisoners sitting up in the jailhouse doing nothing. They robbed somebody, killed somebody, or whatever, stole something. They're in jail looking at T.V., getting special visits, and doing nothing. The people who they robbed and committed the crime on are the ones paying all of the taxes. I think we can solve this problem easily about fixing these highways. Just get the prisoners out there, and do like they used to do in the old days. Have them fix the bridges and the roads, and the tax base will do down. A whole lot of people came to Charleston for the good living. Now they are catching it, but they have to understand that to whom much is given, much is expected. I'm hearing the argument about what hasn't been done, the traffic jam, but no one has come yet to tell us and to solve the problem of how we moved those people out of the projects, saying that the land is contaminated, and put it in big, high-rise building in that area. We brought a bridge over, moved the people out, and the same thing. We said that we're going to make earthquake-proof schools. Now, how could you make an earthquake-proof school? Where is the crane and the thing that's going to be able to pick up the building? What I'm saying is that we can solve these problems very easily. Mayor Riley blamed the County when Walter Scott got killed, said it didn't happen in Charleston. Two months later, it did happen in Charleston. In the Church, a tragedy happened. So, we've got to stop playing these games."

The Clerk said, "Time."

Mr. Idris said, "Thank you."

Councilmember Wagner and Councilmember Seekings were excused from the Chamber.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you, sir. Who would like to be heard? Yes, sir."

2. Matthew Doszkocs said, "Hello, City Council, Mayor, fellow citizens. I just wanted to make a couple of comments about the short-term rental upcoming task force."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Please state your name and address."

Mr. Doszkocs continued, "I'm sorry. My name is Matthew Doszkocs, 36 Moultrie Street, downtown. Councilmember White mentioned wanting to do a thorough job on this topic, and I really fully agree with him as far as I think we all want a high quality ordinance in the end, one that's fair, easy to follow, and one that's going to work for pretty much everybody. However, it's

important to do it well. It's important to do it promptly. Three to four months seems to be the average time that something like this takes in looking at this particular issue across the world. Three to four months seems average. So, any less time than that, and it looks like we're not really doing due diligence on it, but any more than that, and it looks like we're kind of dragging our feet. It's like 'who's dragging their feet; why are they dragging their feet?' So, I just wanted to put that out there. Also, we don't really have to come up with, Councilmember White, you're right, no City has really come up with the perfect answer. I don't think we have to, and I don't think anyone's going to, especially in light of the fact this is a well-established, historical business model of people renting out rooms in their homes. For centuries, it's worked pretty well without much of any kind of government intervention. It's helped widows and all sorts of people to earn income when they really needed it. Also, the fact that today, these platforms like Airbnb, they wouldn't be thriving unless there was a clear consumer demand for them and also a fairly high level of satisfaction from those consumers. Really, that's important and significant because it means that we don't always have to have preemptive, regulatory policy in place in order to solve some of the problems that come up with these things. Really, the industry has done a good job of that so far."

The Clerk said, "Time."

Mr. Doszkocs continued, "Supply and demand, so thank you very much."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you, sir. Who would like to be heard? Yes, sir."

3. Marc Knapp said, "So much for the six month moratorium. Marc Knapp, 2258 Pristine View. I don't know, I think one or two people have come to as many meetings as I have in this entire room. Some of you, I can multiply it by three. I want you to remember, because a lot of you have probably forgotten, because it was passed over in the news, as usual, the previous Mayor nixed I-526 twice. The buck stopped right here. Joe Riley shot down I-526 twice. Then, all of a sudden, it becomes important as he pulls the plug and leaves us all holding the bag. There are probably some other things where he's left us holding the bag, we just haven't had any explode on us yet. I-526, we've got to get it done. Now, as for the bridge and the bike lane, it's starting to mushroom, guys. It's starting to sound like Joe Riley over again. First, it was \$1.5 million to do it. Then, it was \$3 million. Now I've heard up to \$5 million. Let's can this thing, because what did they tell you, in four or five years they've got to take it away, and it will cost us another \$4 million or \$5 million? Put the money in the roads. You people just don't understand. I'm getting tired of this. I tell you this over and over and over again. As for the Airport Authority, my condolences."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you, sir. Yes, ma'am. Please come forward."

4. Molly McFadden said, "I'm going to sit by you next time. I like him. I'm Molly McFadden. I spoke earlier, and I'm kind of out of turn, but the bike lane."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "No, it's your turn."

Ms. McFadden said, "Before. The bike lane, I can't remember who mentioned it, something about whoever's watching and doing the study and the timing from the round Holiday Inn. They can't see Savannah Highway coming in. They can't see South Windermere backing up. It's always affecting Maybank Highway and Folly Road, as well. I don't know where they found these jokers to do this study, but seven seconds, I can vouch for that seven seconds. Multiply that by 1,000, and then you're getting close. It's 15 to 20 minutes longer on my commute in the morning with another merge right past South Windermere to get on the bridge. That \$2 million, we could really use that to widen that road on Maybank Highway. Thanks."

Councilmember Wagner and Councilmember Seekings returned to the Chamber at 6:31 p.m.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Yes, ma'am. Thank you. Yes, ma'am. Please come forward."

5. Carolyn White said, "Good evening. My name is Carolyn White. I live at 33 Nassau Street. It's the block between Woolfe and Reid. We, four people, 26, 27, 29, 31, and 33 (Nassau), had our houses done. Then the hotel was built, and we had a lot of damages from the hotel. One of the supervisors from the hotel came to my house and saw the damage, took pictures. He was going to take it back to his boss. We never heard from him again. They put an instrument in 29 (Nassau) to measure the vibrations. Then they came back and said, 'according to the study, no damage was done.' Councilmember Mitchell was involved because he tried to help us. I'm not against progress, but I am against blatant disrespect. The City attorney did come to my house. He saw the damages also, wrote a letter to me, and said that he was going to get somebody for us pro bono. When I called the individual that he recommended, she said that was not true, that nothing was going to be pro bono. The Mayor wrote me a letter and informed me who the developer was, but I feel that the culture of Charleston is to let these developers come in, do as they want to, and not protect their citizens. I think it's very unfair, and I think there should be some kind of policy to say if they come in, and they cause damages, that they correct those damages before they go out."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you, Ms. White."

Councilmember Mitchell said, "Mr. Mayor."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Mitchell.

Councilmember Mitchell said, "I know we don't normally talk during Citizens Participation, but Ms. White is correct. When her house was damaged, I know those houses were repaired (renovated) prior to the hotel being built because I assisted them with getting their houses repaired. So, all of those houses were renovated with money from the equity in their homes prior to the hotel. When she called me about these damages, I notified the City. I said, 'look, we need to go around and check these houses out.' So, they sent someone there. The damages were there, the cracks in the house, the house was leaning, and pictures were taken, and I spoke to the developers. They said, 'okay, we can go pay them off now.' I said, 'no, no; let's pay them off when you have completed to make sure that there's not going to be any other damage.' From that point on, they did their work, completed the hotel, snuck out that night, and they left. So I went back to the City and had the City attorneys involved. Ms. White contacted the City attorney. The City attorney said they (the developers) were going to look at it, and they came back and looked at it, but nothing was done. So, the thing that got me a little angry was it is I know these elderly people's houses were repaired because I assisted them doing that while I was employed as a HUD counselor. It is a shame that this developer did that to them and left. I told the City staff when I found out who these developers were, I'll never vote for anything for them to do in the City of Charleston again. I meant it wholeheartedly. The fact of the matter is that the people's houses are still damaged, they're going to have to repair it themselves, and where are they going to get the money when they used the equity out of their home to do it in the beginning. I don't know what else we can do. I don't know how we can find them again and what we can do. It's a different administration now, Mr. Mayor, if there's anything else we can do, because they're elderly people, and they used the last money that they had in their home to repair their home. This damage is what they got from that hotel that was built right there. I went running with them every day back and forth to the City, trying to get the City involved, trying to get attorneys involved, getting the Planning Department involved, and they're still in the same dilemma."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "I'll be happy to look into it."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Lewis.

Councilmember Lewis said, "Yes, sir, Mr. Mayor. I have to echo what Councilmember Mitchell said because we had the same problem when they built James Simons Elementary, the pilings and stuff damaged people's homes. It's just too bad with a City of this size, that we don't have somebody in our Engineering department that can assist people in doing some testing when all of this drilling is going on to see if it would affect their house. They're probably going to have some more damage over there because now the hotel is building another hotel right next door to it. That's right there on Meeting and Woolfe Streets. So, we need to do something. We need to put something in place. We've got engineers in this City that work on the staff that should be able to assist some of these people when we have these types of problems."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Gregorie.

Councilmember Gregorie said, "Just a suggestion, if it hasn't happened already. Contacting your insurance company and having your insurance company fight the developer is one way to go, if it hasn't been done already."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We'll get back to public participation in just a moment."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Moody.

Councilmember Moody said, "It just seems to me that if you've documented some of this stuff, and you're just waiting for it to be over, it seems to me like our Planning staff or our Building staff, before they get a Certificate of Occupancy, they need to have that cleared. That would stop it. That would keep somebody from leaving if you basically file a claim with them, and let the City maybe handle that through the CO (Certificate of Occupancy), that they don't get a CO until they either put the money aside or something to fix that kind of stuff. I think that would be a simple fix. I just call for that as a suggestion for City staff."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Yes, sir. That's a good idea. Okay, back to Citizens Participation Period. Yes, sir."

6. Deacon Trotter said, "I'm Deacon Trotter, Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, 75 America Street, speaking for Ms. White. Is there a way that the City, when all developers come into the City, that they can require them to put up a damage bond or insurance policy until their work is complete? That way, if people have a complaint, or something that needs to be repaired, they can go to that bond and get their money replaced."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "I know we require that our licensed contractors are licensed and insured, but I'd have to look into the question about the bonding, sir."

Deacon Trotter said, "Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Yes, ma'am. Please come forward."

7. Mrs. Brigitte Wojnarowicz said, "Good evening, Mayor Tecklenburg and esteemed members of the City Council. My name is Mrs. Brigitte Wojnarowicz. I am here with our son, Mutusz Wojnarowicz. I did notice when we were coming in, there were members of the media. I'm not sure if they're still here. We love Charleston, and the concerns I wish to bring, I've been contacting the Mayor's office for well over a year and attempting to schedule an appointment for

our family regarding the pervasive discrimination we have faced as a multiracial family here, in Charleston in particular, and our minor child. I don't wish to disparage Charleston in discussing these ongoing incidents. The calls and requests to meet with the Mayor's office have been evaded and swept under the rug. It's been a near impossibility. I've communicated with the Ombudsman, as well as the Community Task Force, the different offices, and it's been an impossibility in order to schedule a meeting to discuss the matters and to discuss positive resolution.

One particular incident is, I am the founder, producer, and owner of Charleston Children's Fashion Week. It is a dedicated children's fashion week. My child was a model with Charleston Fashion Week in 2013. It was historical in that he is multiracial, and, following his walk, he was featured in every newspaper, magazine, and news station throughout South Carolina, and it has not happened since. We incurred insurmountable negative backlash to his success, including an off-the-record, not so much, blacklisting. The following year, I founded Charleston Children's Fashion Week independently with my family's support. To date, we have given opportunity to well over 250 children throughout South Carolina and throughout the United States. Families travel upwards of ten hours for photo shoots and events.

With that, last summer, and I'll be fast. I know we're pressed for time. My company sponsored, organized, and facilitated a free designer swimsuit giveaway for the underprivileged children, the marginalized children of the Eastside. We gave 60 bathing suits. I said they would be of quality. When I heard that children did not have swimsuits to swim, I couldn't even fathom. I reached out to the corporate offices of Ralph Lauren, Quicksilver, The Gap, and we donated 60 swimsuits. Two weeks following this give-away, our son, who also takes lessons, we pay for the lessons at the pool, he was surrounded by 15 of, this is very sensitive, and you understand the cultural and racial sensitivity in Charleston, please, he was surrounded by 15 African American children who called him 'cracker' and 'white boy.' They chanted at me 'she's got a white son, she's got a white son.' We were frightened, and we had to call the police who had to see us home safely. It was a real mess, and this is sensitive, because of the sensitivity, this is something to discuss privately, do you see? I don't wish to instigate or create a negative impression, but it is a matter to address, understand? Now, we understand racism and discrimination, but when it is reversed, and our child cannot go to the pool, we're told, and it's swept under the rug by the administration. He can no longer to the pool, is that not a violation of his civil rights?"

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "He certainly should be able to go to the pool."

Mrs. Wojnarowicz said, "Any child should be able to go."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Yes, ma'am."

Mrs. Wojnarowicz continued, "His mother is not crazy or a pest for advocating and bringing the matters of concern, and I hope you would make an appointment to speak with our family regarding these matters."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "I'll be happy to do that, and Legal staff, I believe, has met with you before, and we'll be happy to do that again."

Mrs. Wojnarowicz said, "Yes."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "All else failing, every first Monday of each month at 4:00 p.m., anyone can come and meet with the Mayor. I have Mayor's Night-In and welcome you to come. Yes, ma'am. Thank you very much."

Mrs. Wojnarowicz said, "We haven't met with the Legal staff. They're under this impression, it seems to be a defensiveness and fear of a lawsuit. This is not about a lawsuit. It's about there needs to be resolution. We hope that we could move past the bureaucracy, and perhaps you will meet with our family."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "I'll be happy to meet with you, and thank you for coming forward."

Mrs. Wojnarowicz said, "Thank you, Mayor Tecklenburg, very much, and thank you, esteemed members of the City Council. Thank you kindly."

Mayor Tecklenburg asked, "Would anyone else like to come forward? Yes, sir."

8. Edward Jones said, "Edward Jones, Mayor, I was trying to sit in the corner and be quiet just now, but, Mayor Tecklenburg, Councilmembers, City staff, I had to stand up just now when I heard that comment because we were facing some of the same comments and situation maybe about four years ago. I would like to ask this young lady which pool was this. I definitely would like to know. Could you tell me which pool that was you went to?"

Mrs. Wojnarowicz said, "The pool was the Martin Luther King pool."

Mr. Jones continued, "I don't know how. I know I can't talk to her during this period. Ms. Yarbrough, back there, can tell you. Councilmember Mitchell can tell you. I'm at Martin Park seven days a week. We've faced that problem. There's no way in the world somebody's going to stand up here and tell me there are 15 kids that live in Meeting Street Manor and Cooper River Court that are going to curse her kid and fight him. That isn't true. I'm just saying that isn't true. Do you know why? Because we were still trying to get our kids in there to swim. So, our kids didn't use the pool until Recreation got our regular Rec Swim. In the meantime, our kids were on the court playing basketball, and to prove it, the Mayor came out and saw it himself. The kids are out there playing football, playing basketball, running up and down the street, riding scooters, riding stuff, so whoever these 15 African American kids are that fought your child, I'm sorry. I'm just saying, just for the record. When it comes to these kids, I'm very passionate. Ms. Yarbrough knows. I have black kids. I have white kids. I have Hispanic kids that have come out there. When a child comes out to the MLK playground, they are safe. They are 150 percent safe. I'm there until 10:00 or 11:00 at night. Councilmember Wilson came out there one day and saw me out there at 7:00 in the morning, making sure no broken glass was in the little play area. I'll be sweeping the sidewalks. She saw that many times. The kids in these City facilities, especially this playground, are 150 percent safe. I'm sorry, sir. I'm sorry you had that bad experience, but when you say 'MLK,' you put your foot on my name. I can't see it. I'm sorry. Thank you. I just had to get up for that one, Mayor."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you very much. God bless you. Would anyone else like to be heard?"

No one else asked to speak.

Councilmember Mitchell was excused from the Chamber at 6:46 p.m.

Mayor Tecklenburg continued, "That ends our Citizens Participation Period for today. I did want to give a brief up. I'll try to keep this brief. I think you all know that Tent City has been closed for residency. I feel like our community has been open for the opportunity for folks to work together and help homeless people in our community, and that's been a real blessing. We opened the temporary shelter with the agreement with the County of Charleston. There are now 28 residents there that have relocated from Tent City. Over the next, now, 55 days or so, we're going to be

looking for permanent housing for those 28 individuals. Once again, any help anyone can offer in terms of lodging, that would be terrific. I did want to clarify, a couple of reports in the newspaper weren't fully correct when it said that all of the costs of the temporary shelter were going to be borne by the Homeless to Hope Fund. The monies that we raised in the Homeless to Hope Fund, which is now about \$78,000 is dedicated to helping those individuals get a roof over their heads. It's for direct assistance, so I just wanted to let Council know that there are some additional City funds that will be used, and it depends on how long the shelter is open and the operation of the shelter. The Homeless to Hope funds are exclusively for helping the individuals with security deposits, rents, bus tickets, and provisions. It was reported otherwise, so I wanted to make that clear.

Secondly, I wanted to announce to the public that our Community Development Committee will be meeting. I didn't mean to share this while Councilmember Mitchell is excused, but we will have a meeting in this room at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, and the Committee will be taking up the matter of the Gathering Place, now Mixed Use 3, zoning requirements and designation, whatever you want to call it. I just wanted to let the public know that, and we'll be announcing that appropriately in the media, as well.

Thirdly, I did want to share with Council, and I'm betting that you all have heard as of today. By sharing this, I want to particularly thank Councilmember Seekings and Councilmember Waring for their participation in the mediation regarding The Sergeant Jasper development. All the parties worked very hard. Unfortunately, as of today, a resolution was not reached. We have an impasse, and the mediator will be communicating that impasse to the Judge. So, in the next few days, we expect a ruling from the Judge in the Court matter, but I wanted to give a special thanks to Councilmember Seekings, Councilmember Waring, and City staff for all the time and effort that went into trying to resolve that matter."

Councilmember Seekings said, "Mayor, particularly Frances Cantwell, who could not have worked any harder."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Absolutely, a special shout-out to our Corporation Counsel, Frances Cantwell."

There was applause in the Chamber.

Councilmember Seekings said, "Susan Herdina was there, but Frances was doing a lot of lifting."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Absolutely."

Councilmember Waring said, "Mr. Mayor."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Waring.

Councilmember Waring said, "I think it's incumbent for all of our folks to know that you gave outstanding leadership. Councilmember Seekings gave outstanding leadership. It was a wonderful team that you put together. A couple of members from the BAR, who also served, Jay White and Janette Alexander, I can tell you all efforts were towards getting a resolution on this. You all would have been proud of the effort put forth. There was no dissention on our part trying to get a job done and to get it done well on behalf of all the citizens. It was unfortunate, but the impasse did occur. It's not because of lack of effort. I want to comment that the community and preservation groups, they all did well. I just wish that it would have been good if those personalities and attitudes were present prior to, but that mediation should have been successful. So, I

congratulate everybody who worked on behalf of the City to try and get a job done. It was marvelous to be a part of it.”

Councilmember Mitchell returned to the Chamber at 6:50 p.m.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “Thank you very much. Next, we’ll go to our Council Committee Reports. First, the Committee on Traffic and Transportation.”

On a motion of Councilmember White, seconded by Councilmember Moody, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the report of the Committee on Traffic and Transportation as presented.

-- INSERT TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION REPORT --

(Application for Original Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity:

- Global Mobile Limousine Services LLC, DBA
- Global Mobile Taxi Services (Taxi)
- Luella M. Bolton, DBA BBB Taxi (Taxi)
- Coastal Limousine of Charleston LLC (Limo)

The Clerk said, “Mayor, Councilmember Gregorie would like to report out on Recreation.”

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “Committee on Recreation, Chairman, Councilmember Gregorie.”

Councilmember Gregorie said, “The Recreation Committee met on March 24<sup>th</sup>, and while there were no specific action items for this body, I would like to just sort of go over briefly the discussion points. One was the dedication of Higgins Pier, of which staff is now going to be working with the neighborhood association to determine an appropriate date to do that. We also had discussions surrounding the Resolution that we passed regarding Mother Emanuel. The City has been doing an unbelievable job in staffing that effort and organizing not just the membership for the Church, but the victims and the survivors, as well.

We also had discussions with respect to our parks. Bender Street Park, WPAL Park, Hampton Park, and Thomas Johnson Park. On the Bender Street Park, we discussed the need that we need to protect the grand oaks, the root systems around the oaks, and to take a look into the difference in terms of the dollars with which we paid for the park and which we anticipated, to try and use some of that money to get the Bender Street Park construction underway. Hampton Park, we are on schedule, no specific capital improvements have been made to date. Thomas Johnson Park, which is in my district in Westchester, we’re going to be working with the Conservancy to do some improvements to that park. The Longborough Park eminent domain acquisition, we are currently trying to work with the Longborough Homeowners Association to try to work out a win-win there to make sure that there is continuous public access. The Morris Island monument for the 54<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts, we have been working directly with the representatives of a group to try to put a permanent monument on the island for the 54<sup>th</sup>. The Recreation Department report was received by all members. Under, ‘New Business,’ some of you are probably saying, ‘wow, I didn’t know Recreation did all of this, but we do. We also had some discussion with respect to update, at some point, our existing Arts and History Commission to try and make it a little more current. In that regard, also try to do a Cultural Plan, just as we did a Tourism Plan and to discuss that a little further at our next meeting. So, there were no specific items that would come before this body. Most of the things

that we anticipate can be done administratively, but we just wanted to make sure that we start reporting as required by law to any meetings that the Standing Committee conducts. Thank you. Thanks for your time.”

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “Yes, sir.”

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Lewis.

Councilmember Lewis said, “Councilmember Gregorie, for Bender Street Park, did you all talk about trying to preserve that house on the property also?”

Councilmember Gregorie said, “Yes, we did. One of the things that we talked about was that there should be no demolition of any property without it coming before the Recreation Committee, so that the Recreation Committee can make a recommendation accordingly to the body as a whole. So, to answer your question, we did have that discussion.”

Councilmember Lewis said, “That question was asked at a neighborhood meeting on Saturday, so I wanted to make sure. The other thing is, when we dedicated Higgins Pier, normally the Councilmember makes comments on that, and that’s in my district, but Councilmember Gregorie did the majority of the work when he was the Councilmember for that district. So, I certainly would hope, I would yield that you all would put him on the agenda to make the comments. I know this is unheard of, but he did 99.9 percent of the work to help getting Higgins Pier. The only thing I did is get the funding to put the wording on the plaque that’s going to go in there. Most of that was done before I was elected to that district, so I certainly would hope that he would be on top of that agenda when you all do it.”

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “I think we have that scheduled some time next month, but I’ll be sure we include not just Councilmember Gregorie, but any Councilmember who would like to attend. It’s going to be a great dedication. Thank you.”

Councilmember Gregorie said, “Thank you, Mr. Mayor.”

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “So, we’ll accept your report as information. Next would be the Committee on Ways and Means.”

On a motion of Councilmember Moody, seconded by Councilmember Lewis, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the report of the Committee on Ways and Means as presented.

-- INSERT WAYS AND MEANS REPORT --

(Bids and Purchases

(Police and Fire Departments: Approval to submit the 2016 FEMA Port Security Grant Program grant application in the amount of \$513,875 for the Police and Fire equipment and training requests. A 25% match of \$171,292 will be budgeted for 2017.

(Office of Cultural Affairs: Acceptance of a grant award in the amount of \$1,000 from AgSouth Farm Credit to design and print rack cards to promote our local Farmers Market. No City match is required.

- (Office of Cultural Affairs: Approval to submit a grant application to The Jerry and Anita Zucker Family Endowment Fund in the amount of \$5,000 for 2016 Piccolo Spoleto Festival Outreach Programs. No City match is required.
- (Planning, Preservation & Sustainability: Approval to submit the 2016 SC DHEC Food Recovery Grant application to support a district wide composting program for restaurants located within the Upper Peninsula Initiative EcoDistrict to serve as a pilot composting program for the City of Charleston. No City match is required.
- (Police Department: Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Veterans Affairs and the City of Charleston to aid in law enforcement operations.
- (Police Department: Request authority for the Mayor to execute the Agreement between the City of Charleston and the Charleston Dorchester Mental Health Center (CDMHC) wherein CDMHC will assign a full time health professional to CPD to provide mental health services to children and families who have been affected by or witnessed domestic violence. The City will pay \$10,000 annually and provide office space at 180 Lockwood Blvd., and a vehicle for the CDMHC counselor. The agreement is for a term of one year and may be renewed for four additional years.
- (Housing and Community Development: Mayor and City Council approval is requested to provide Ebenezer Social Action Foundation & Community Development Enterprise \$50,000 in funding from the TD Charitable Foundation Grant to substantially rehabilitate 22 Amherst Street, bearing TMS #459-09-02-167. The rehabilitation of this property shall provide five (5) bedrooms, which will be made available to persons transitioning from homelessness to permanent housing. The contribution of these funds will be secured with restrictive covenants placed on the property for a period of fifteen years.
- (Parks-Capital Projects: Approval of Municipal Golf Course Change Order #2 to the Construction Contract with Chambers & Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$31,505.30 for updating finishes in the Pro Shop, Snack Bar, Dining Room, and main Restrooms including flooring, wall painting, and replacement of select fixtures. This approval will result in a budget transfer of \$31,505.30 to Chambers & Associates, Inc.'s Construction Contract from the Project Contingency. The contract item will increase by 21 days. This approval will result in a \$31,503 increase to Chambers & Associates, Inc. contract from \$251,233.32 to \$282,738.62. The total project budget will increase by \$40,000. The funding sources for this project are: 2015 Golf Course Fund (\$290,000), 2014 General Fund Reserves (\$22,000), and 2013 General Fund Reserves (\$40,000).
- (Parks-Capital Projects: Approval of Municipal Golf Course Change Order #3 to the Construction Contract with Chambers & Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$8,495.30 for interior demolition, installation of 4" topping slab, interior framing and drywall installation in the back office area related to flood damage. This approval will result in a budget transfer of \$8,495.30 to Chambers & Associates, Inc.'s Construction Contract from the Project Contingency. The contract time will increase by 14 days. This approval will result in an \$8,495.30 increase to Chambers & Associates, Inc. contract from \$282,738.62 to \$291,233.92. The total project budget will increase by \$40,000. The funding sources for this project are: 2015 Golf Course Fund (\$290,000), 2014 General Fund Reserves (\$22,000), and 2013 General Fund Reserves (\$40,000).

- (Parks-Capital Projects: Approval of Municipal Golf Course Change Order #4 to the Construction Contract with Chambers & Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$10,094.99 for flood related repairs including sewer main repairs, installation of an exterior French drain system to reduce water intrusion, modifications to the Mechanical Room access to reduce water intrusion, and additional finish work in the front of the house area. This approval will result in a budget transfer of \$10,094.99 to Chambers & Associates, Inc.'s Construction Contract from the Project Contingency. The contract time will remain unchanged. This approval will result in a \$10,094.99 increase to Chambers & Associates, Inc. contract from \$291,233.92 to \$301,328.91. The total project budget will increase by \$40,000. The funding sources for this project are: 2015 Golf Course Fund (\$290,000), 2014 General Fund Reserves (\$22,000), and 2013 General Fund Reserves (\$40,000).
- (Public Service: Approval for Palmetto Gunite Construction Co., Inc. to provide professional construction services in the amount of \$90,250 for the repair of the City's brick arch stormdrain system at 41-51 George Street. This is an emergency repair.
- (Approval of Pay for Current City of Charleston Firefighters not included in the Federal lawsuit
- (Request authorization for the Mayor to execute the Memorandum of Agreement whereby the City of Charleston agrees to allow the County of Charleston to use City property for temporary debris storage and reduction sites to protect public health and safety in the event of a natural disaster. (Corrine Jones Playground, Brittlebank Park, Horse Lot Park, McMahan Playground, Martin Park, Parkshore Park, Lenevar Park, Woodland Road Park, West Ashley Park, Bear Swamp Rd. Park, Mary Utsey Playground, Ackerman Park, Ft. Johnson/Bayview Fields Johns Island Park; TMS# 463-07-04-039; 457-06-04-001; 457-07-04-034; 460-00-00-002; 459-05-02-003; 415-00-00-038; 352-16-00-179; 355-16-00-002, -034; 306-00-00-007; 287-00-00-001; 352-10-00-001; 418-10-00-112; 428-00-00-040, -042, -043; 279-00-00-062)
- (Resolution regarding forty (40) building sites regarding property located at 334 Meeting Street, Charleston County TMS #459-13-03-022
- (Consider the following annexations:
  - 1436 Battle Ground Road (TMS# 431-06-00-099) 0.34 acre, James Island (District 12)
  - 2048 Vestry Drive (TMS# 355-14-00-095) 0.33 acre, West Ashley (District 2)

First reading was given to the following resolution and bills:

*Resolution regarding forty (40) building sites regarding property located at 334 Meeting Street, Charleston County TMS #459-13-03-022*

*An ordinance to provide for the annexation of property known as 1436 Battle Ground Road (0.34 acre) (TMS# 431-06-00-099), James Island, Charleston County, to the City of Charleston, shown within the area annexed upon a map attached hereto and make it part of District 12.*

*An ordinance to provide for the annexation of property known as 2048 Vestry Drive (0.33 acre) (TMS# 355-14-00-095), West Ashley, Charleston County, to the City of Charleston, shown within the area annexed upon a map attached hereto and make it part of District 2.*

The Clerk said, "This includes the approval of our resolution and first readings."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Which includes approval of our resolution as part of that Committee Report. Now, bills up for second reading. Number K-3 has been deferred, so it would just be bills K-1 and K-2."

Councilmember Seekings said, "So moved."

Councilmember Wagner said, "Second."

On a motion of Councilmember Seekings, two (2) bills (Items K-1 and K-2) received second reading. They passed second reading on motion of Councilmember Wagner and third reading on motion of Councilmember White. On further motion of Councilmember Mitchell, the rules were suspended, and the bills were immediately ratified as:

**2016-048** An ordinance to provide for the annexation of property known as 2066 Vestry Drive (0.28 acre) (TMS# 355-14-00-022), West Ashley, Charleston County, to the City of Charleston, shown within the area annexed upon a map attached hereto and make it part of District 2.

**2016-049** An ordinance to provide for the annexation of property known as 604 Savannah Highway (0.24 acre) (TMS# 421-03-00-179), West Ashley, Charleston County, to the City of Charleston, shown within the area annexed upon a map attached hereto and make it part of District 11.

The following item on the agenda was deferred:

*An ordinance to provide for the annexation of property known as Savannah Highway (16.01 acres) (TMS# 286-00-00-033), West Ashley, Charleston County, to the City of Charleston, shown within the area annexed upon a map attached hereto and make it part of District 5. (DEFERRED)*

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Then finally, on tonight's agenda, we have one bill up for first reading relating to licensed tour guides."

Councilmember Williams said, "So moved."

Councilmember Seeking said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "I'm going to refer any questions. We have a motion and a second. Is there any discussion?"

No one asked to be heard.

On a motion of Councilmember Williams, seconded by Councilmember Seekings, City Council voted unanimously to give first reading to the following bill:

*An ordinance to amend various sections of Chapter 29 of the Code of the City of Charleston relating to licensed tour guides including: to delete the category of Temporary Tour Guide; to amend the tour guide examination requirements to eliminate the oral examination requirement; to offer the examination on a twice-monthly basis; to change the passing grade on the examination from eighty percent to seventy percent; to require*

*that registered tour guides complete four (4) continuing education programs in three (3) years to extend their tour guide license without reexamination; to establish the title of Tour Guide Emeritus for a registered tour guide who has held their license for twenty-five (25) years continuously; and to exempt school groups from the requirement that walking tours for hire consisting of more than twenty (20) people shall be accompanied by a licensed tour guide.*

Mayor Tecklenburg asked, "Is there any other business to come before this meeting of City Council tonight? If not, we stand adjourned."

There being no further business, City Council adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Vanessa Turner Maybank  
Clerk of Council