

COUNCIL CHAMBER

Regular Meeting

September 13, 2016

The seventeenth meeting of the City Council of Charleston was held this date convening at 6:59 p.m. at the City Hall.

A notice of this meeting and an agenda were mailed to the news media September 7, 2016 and appeared in The Post and Courier September 11, 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 6:59 p.m.

The Clerk called the roll.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "May I please call on Councilmember Riegel to lead us in a prayer and then the Pledge of Allegiance?"

Councilmember Riegel opened the meeting with an invocation.

Councilmember Riegel then led City Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you, Councilmember Riegel. I would like to thank Council and everyone for accommodating the schedule today to delay this meeting by a little bit. I had hoped to have been in Columbia this afternoon for a meeting of the State Infrastructure Bank Board that was originally scheduled some weeks ago. It was supposed to be at 2:00 this afternoon and that is why we are meeting a little later. Unfortunately, that meeting was cancelled at the last minute. I just want to assure you that County Council Chairman Summey and myself are working very diligently with the SIB Board to try to come up with a compromise that would allow the extension of Mark Clark yet to be completed. So, we are working on that even though we did not have the meeting today, but I thank you. I do want to point out to everyone, and it may seem obvious, but the exits for this room, in the event of an emergency, are these two doors and one over to the room on the right. Do not use the elevator in the event of an emergency whereby we would need to vacate the building, if that were to occur. Once we

are safely out, we ask you to gather in Washington Park right over here to the right. A couple of housekeeping chores, Councilmembers, I have this little microphone here so I am covered, please, be mindful, try to remember to turn your microphones on. It really makes a difference, like Councilmember Gregorie, I was noting during the last meeting he was leaning forward into the microphone. It really made a difference for folks in the Chamber being able to hear you, if you speak right in the microphone. I know that this historic Council Chamber, by the way, this is the second oldest operating City Council Chamber in America. It is very historic, so, we do not have a lot of fancy electronic stuff in here. If you have, everybody has a Smartphone these days or most people do, so if we run out of copies of our agenda, you can now scan this QR Code with your scanner on your Smartphone and get our entire agenda package, all 84 pages today, that you can follow along with us on your phone. Sorry that we do not have fancy electronics, but we have a lot of history here.

Now, I would like to ask Council to entertain a motion. We do have a lot of presentations this evening and one came in beyond our normal period and it is on mesothelioma. May I ask for a motion that we add a proclamation to the agenda? Is there any discussion?"

Councilmember Riegel said, "Move for approval."

Councilmember Lewis said, "Second."

On a motion of Councilmember Riegel, seconded by Councilmember Lewis, City Council voted unanimously to add a proclamation on mesothelioma to the agenda.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "So, first recognition and may I ask Councilmember Gary White to come up and join me first. I would like to invite the coaches and members of the 9- and 10-year old and 11- and 12-year old Daniel Island All Star Baseball Teams to join me. Where are you all? Come on in, kids."

There was applause in the Chamber.

Mayor Tecklenburg continued, "The 9-, 10-, 11-, and 12-year old All Star Baseball Teams from Daniel Island competed and won State Championships in June and then earned the right to compete in regional play. Both teams showed tremendous heart and skill while representing our City on the playing field. Head Coach of the 9-10 years old is Jim Daniel, right here. He is assisted by Coaches Jim Clifford and Mike Ketterman. Just identify yourself when I call your name if you do not mind. It is my honor to introduce the players of this team: Riley Beard. Raise your hand as I call your name. James Broach, Nolan Clifford, Hayes Daniel, Thomas Detrick, Zach Haenal, John Michael Jenkins, David Ketterman, William Livesay, Charlie Ludman, Charlie Olson and Evan Williams. Let us give a big hand to the 9-10 baseball team."

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There was applause in the Chamber.

Mayor Tecklenburg continued, "Then the 11-12-year old team. Daniel Island really has some great ballplayers. The Coach is Cy Goforth. Cy is right here and he is assisted by Coaches Tony Skipper, Gary Freeman and Darryl Mitchell. It is my honor to now introduce the players from that team: Nolan Kiefer, Colin Clifford, Ben Dreyer, Jackson Freeman, C.J. Goforth, Drew Gregory, Ben Jacobs, Grayson Mitchell, Max Selby, Tristian Skipper, and Ryan Elsey. I want to thank and congratulate all of our athletes and coaches as well as the families of

the young men and on behalf of City Council, we would like to recognize and congratulate all of you and wish you great success. Keep it up.”

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There was applause in the Chamber.

The photographer said, “Can I get everybody to smile for a picture? Thank you.”

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “Excellent. Thank you. Congratulations.”

There was applause in the Chamber.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “Next, we have a proclamation recognizing Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. Is Adam White in the house? Would you please come forward, Adam? I must share that my wife, Sandy, and I went to Children’s Hospital this past week. There was this wonderful couple from Hilton Head who had lost their son to child cancer earlier this year, and they have started a foundation. It may sound like a simple thing, but to provide a lambie, a doll to each and every child at the Medical University from now on who comes with cancer. It was very touching and moving, but the takeaway that really struck me is that, in the United States of America every two seconds there is a child that dies from cancer, every two seconds. That is just amazing. So, we have a long proclamation. I would just like to call on Adam White if he would like to make any remarks, but, in recognition of Child Cancer Awareness Month, we do proclaim September 2016 Child Cancer Awareness Month in the City of Charleston. Adam. Yes, sir.”

Adam White said, “Thank you all for allowing me a moment. It is actually every two minutes that a child is diagnosed with cancer and every day seven children die. Forty-six children diagnosed a day, roughly. Every two minutes around the world. I am with Chase After a Cure. I am the Executive Director. We raise money for childhood cancer research specifically, the only child cancer research lab in the State of South Carolina. We also raise awareness. Childhood cancer is the number one disease killer in children, that’s more than Aids, Cystic Fibrosis, Diabetes and Asthma combined. It is also children who do survive; 95% of all children who survive childhood cancer experience secondary and long-term side effects. It is a very detrimental disease. There is less than 4% of the Federal cancer research budget dedicated to childhood cancer. Only four FDA drugs have been approved in the last 25 years for childhood cancer, so there is an uphill battle, and we have to keep funding childhood cancer. We have to keep raising awareness. How many people know that this is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, or knew it before now? Not many, right. Gold is our color, so you get a gold ribbon. Gold is the symbol for childhood cancer. Since 2003, if there is anything important in this election, I would like you to, for once, take medical research into realization because the people that are following me up also need more funding. Since 2003, the medical research budget by the NIH has been cut 22 to 24%. That is unacceptable. Medical research cannot be cut when there are lives on the line. So, that is really all I have to say, but thank you for recognizing Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. I appreciate it.”

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “Thank you, Adam.”

There was applause in the Chamber.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “Can we get a picture together? Thank you.”

Mr. White said, "Thank you. I appreciate it."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you. Next, we have a proclamation recognizing Gynecologic Cancer Awareness Month as well. Are Amy Brennan and Ali Titus here, and our former Councilmember Anne Frances Bleecker is here. Welcome back."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "So, September is also Gynecologic Cancer Awareness Month and time to rededicate ourselves to creating awareness of the silent and aggressive cancers also affecting women, in addition to children. Ovarian cancer is the fifth leading cause of cancer-related death among women, and it is the deadliest of gynecologic cancers. Survival rates vary depending on the stage of diagnosis. So many times symptoms of cancers go unnoticed. Women should always consult with their doctor as soon as any symptom is noticed repeatedly in the course of a month and, therefore, I, John Tecklenburg, Mayor of the City of Charleston do hereby proclaim this month also as the National Gynecologic Cancer Awareness Month and I would like to call on former Councilmember Anne Frances Bleecker to make a few remarks."

Ms. Bleecker said, "Thank you. Thank you, Mayor. Thank you, Council. It is a busy, busy night here. I am an ovarian cancer survivor and I tell this story often in September, but really throughout the year. I go to the Medical University and I talk to nursing students and medical students and pharmacists because my situation, how this occurred, is really an extraordinary story. I was diagnosed in 2009 with Hodgkin's Lymphoma, caught at Stage 1. I had a swollen lymph node under my left arm and, to quote my doctor, David Ellison, 'Don't worry about this. We'll cure it.' By 2010, I was pretty well cured. Chemo, radiation and got my life back together and made a renewed commitment to health. I was probably healthier than I've ever been in my life and then was under the care of an oncologist. In October of 2011, David Ellison, at a routine checkup, told me if anybody asked me how I was feeling to hand out my lab reports because I 'was the healthiest human being' he knew." Three weeks later, I was in emergency surgery. I had Stage 3D ovarian cancer, with absolutely no warning, while under the care of an oncologist. It is a deadly disease. Thirty-six women die every day. There is no test for ovarian cancer, and women must know this and men, you need to tell your wives. When they go for an annual pap smear or see their OB/GYN, they are not being tested for this disease. I was being tested every three months with lab work at the time. So, there is no test. There is really no promise for a test. There is lots of research going on at MD Anderson. What we need is a cure and what we need is to share this. Ovarian cancer is something that had never been on my radar screen. I didn't know a lot about it. It's not talked about. There are millions and millions of breast cancer survivors. Everybody knows in October you wear pink. The breast cancer survivors are men and women. This disease is a singularly women's disease and it is a deadly, deadly disease with a life expectancy of less than five years. I've had one recurrence in 2013. I'm two years in remission but it is something that I will live with for the rest of my life. So, I make it my mission to talk to as many people as I can and I want to thank the Center for Women, Ali Titus and Amy Brennan. We have a group there called the Lowcountry Women with Wings. Sue Sommer Kresse, whom many of you know, is also a survivor. She is also very active with me. They have allowed us to have a platform and organize our funding. We've produced videos and we go national with our information. So, please spread the word and I appreciate your time. Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you. Do you want to take a picture together?"

Ms. Bleecker said, "Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Excellent."

Ms. Bleecker said, "Thank you all. Have a good meeting."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you for raising our awareness and thank you for your past service to the City of Charleston."

Next, this whole City should be so proud of Esau Jenkins and his legacy and his family, and I would like to invite his family to join me up on the podium right now, including Abraham Jenkins, Marie Jenkins Jones, James Jenkins, Francena Buncombe and his granddaughter, Aldrena Jones, and any other family members who are here. I am not sure I have all of the names. So, the City of Charleston, Charleston County, the Preservation Society and the Esau Jenkins Family are hard at work, planning. We are going to have an official send-off for the family members who will be attending the opening of the Smithsonian African-American History Museum on September 24th of this month. We are going to have this event down at the Maritime Center, actually on the site of Gadsden Wharf, which will be our future African-American Museum here in Charleston. This will be on Thursday, September 22nd from 10:00 to 12:00 in the morning. The theme of the event is faith, love and progress. I think many of you know, but, if not, Esau Jenkins was a human rights leader, businessman, and community organizer, who founded the famous Progressive Club on Johns Island, a store and community center. Esau worked tirelessly to improve educational, political, economic and other opportunities for African Americans on Johns Island. The story of Esau Jenkins and the Progressive Club will be included in a permanent exhibit at the Smithsonian and that is why the family is going up when they open on September 24th. Three generations of the family will be there, and I encourage everyone to come out to our event on Thursday, the 22nd at 10:00 down at Gadsden Wharf or the Maritime Center. I would just like to recognize, maybe Mr. Jenkins, or one of the family members who would like to make a few remarks."

Aldrena Jones said, "Thank you. Good evening, my name is Aldrena Jones. First of all, we just want to say how grateful we are to have the opportunity to be here this evening. Thank you for allowing us on your agenda and we are so excited that the City of Charleston, the Preservation Society of Charleston and the Charleston County School District are supporting this event. We have almost 200 children coming on September 22nd just to be a part of it. They are doing art displays, research displays and everything else so that we can come and educate the community and also continue the legacy and continue the work that is happening within the community. So, on behalf of the family and my dear elders who I stand behind and support in all that they do, we thank you for your prayers and support as we go to Washington, D.C. on next weekend, as well as this weekend, because we get a little preview before everyone else. Thank you so much and we appreciate you, Mayor Tecklenburg."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Yes, thank you very much."

There was applause in the Chamber.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you all very much."

Ms. Jones said, "Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Appreciate it. We will see you Thursday a week. Yes, sir. We are looking forward to it. Thank you very much."

Next, I would like to call Chris Kerrigan, who is President and CEO of Trident United Way, to join me, along with Michael Whack, who is City staff and coordinating our City efforts. Mike is chairing our City campaign along with 30 campaign coordinators from every department in the City. Most of us are aware of United Way's mission in our community but I am going to ask Chris Kerrigan to give us a quick update on their activities."

Chris Kerrigan said, "Mayor, thank you for your tremendous leadership and support. His wife and other members of your senior team actually toured our United Way property. I've got a loud mouth so I think people probably do need the mic. Certainly, my thanks to Councilman Moody, who has done a phenomenal job of not only chairing Trident United Way's Board but as a Campaign Chair for us. Councilman Robert Mitchell, who spent a lifetime professionally working at Trident United Way on issues of housing and discrimination, so, thank you. Thank you, Vanessa, for Chairing last year's campaign, Police Chief Mullen, for being a Boardmember, Mr. Whack, for doing such a great job this year. My job is really pretty simple. My job is to come out and say, 'Thank you'. Thank you on behalf of tens of thousands of the residents of the City of Charleston just last year, for it helped the United Way fund programs or services. We focus on the building blocks of a quality life. It starts with education, because kids who graduate from high school earn hundreds of thousands of dollars more over a lifetime, which means they and their family are more financially stable and, in this country, the better educated and more financially stable you are, you're better in your health outcomes. Think of the agencies that are just represented here in the City, 180 Place, Trident United Way's Links to Success at Sanders-Clyde, Trident United Way's Links to Success at Memminger, Wings for Kids, Florence Crittenton, Charleston County School District Adult Education, Charleston Promise Neighborhood, Dee Norton Lowcountry Children's Center, or where the residents of the City of Charleston turn during their time of need. I can tell you this, six corporations, along with the endowment of Trident United Way's earnings, and the rental income, assure that when you give to Trident United Way, your employees, City Councilmembers, representatives in this room, 100 percent of that money will go to helping a person in our community. Not a penny will go to any fundraising and administrative costs, not a penny will leave our three-county area, not a penny will go to a national office, not a penny will go to any international office. That's the power and scope of Trident United Way. Thank you for your tremendous leadership and support. We thank you all."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "God bless you. Thank you, Chris."

There was applause in the Chamber.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Finally, one more proclamation for this evening. This one is another terrible cancer, mesothelioma, or lung disease that comes from exposure to asbestos. I would like to call on John Baden with the Motley Rice firm to join me. They are very active in this issue and it touched very close to my home. Just a few years ago, my brother-in-law, Willie Pace, died of mesothelioma. He had worked for many years at the Charleston Naval Shipyard and was in the guts of those submarines and vessels doing work for over 25 years. He was the nicest guy you would ever want to meet and a devoted Christian and a wonderful family person and we were so sad to lose Willie to this terrible disease. So, with that said, I would like to call on John to say a few comments."

John Baden said, "Thank you, Mayor Tecklenburg, Councilmembers. On behalf of Motley Rice, our clients and the countless other Charleston area residents that are affected by mesothelioma and other asbestos-related disease, I thank you for this proclamation and your

continued commitment to raising awareness on this important issue. This proclamation means so much to the Charleston area victims of mesothelioma. Most of these were all hard-working Charleston residents for their entire careers. They worked all over the Lowcountry. They worked at the Charleston Naval Shipyard for years, they worked at the power plants, they worked at the chemical plants, they worked in construction, and they helped build and make Charleston what it is today. It also affected the spouses and the children of these hard workers. So, I thank you, Mayor Tecklenburg and Councilmembers, for this proclamation.”

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “You are welcome. I did not actually read the proclamation but September 26th, later this month, will be Mesothelioma Awareness Day in the City of Charleston. So, thank you for your good work on this one.”

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There was applause in the Chamber.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “So, now, we will have a public hearing on the resolution regarding the JEDA Revenue Bonds for Mason Preparatory Schools. The City has no financial exposure in this matter but, when an institution within our City limits uses of JEDA bonds, they are required to have a public hearing. So, we have this motion in support of those bonds and to provide a public hearing for this matter. Would anyone like to be heard on the Mason Prep School Bond?”

Councilmember Riegel said, “Move for approval.”

Councilmember Waring said, “Second.”

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “Hearing none, we have a motion to approve and a second. Is there any discussion?”

On a motion of Councilmember Riegel, seconded by Councilmember Waring, City Council voted unanimously to support the JEDA Revenue Bonds for Mason Preparatory Schools.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “Next, we will have the approval of our City Council minutes.”

Councilmember Mitchell said, “Move for approval.”

Councilmember Riegel said, “Second, Mr. Mayor.”

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Seekings.

Councilmember Seekings said, “Thank you, Mr. Mayor. In reviewing the minutes and going over last Council meeting, I do not believe that page 17 of the minutes, as recorded and reported, accurately reflects the actions that were taken by this Council, and I would ask that they be amended. Specifically, the question that was taken up was our vote on an ordinance to amend the Century V Plan as amended by the 2010 Comprehensive Plan update by identifying, on a Land Use Peninsula Map and the Land Use Lower Cainhoy/Daniel Island Map, locations of commercial Gateways into the City that are appropriate for mixed-use dense residential development as amended. It came back to us from the Planning Commission with a recommendation that it not be approved and needed a vote of ten members of this Council to

overturn that recommendation. On motion of Councilmember Lewis, seconded by me, the vote of this Council was to not approve this amendment and to vote with the Planning Commission. I went back and reviewed the minutes closely today and yesterday, and that's what we did. We voted by a vote of six members of this Council to not approve this amendment as the Planning Commission stated, and, as you know, our rules require that a supermajority of ten move and vote in favor of any negative recommendation of the Planning Commission to overturn the Planning Commission. So, I believe that our minutes should reflect at the end on page 17 that the proposed amendment to the Century V Plan failed and it says rather, 'No action was taken on this bill.' I am happy to go over every one of the minutes in there, but it was Councilmember Lewis' motion. I'm certainly happy to have him weigh in on this, but I believe that we did take action, and that action was to not act on this item as the Planning Commission recommended. I don't believe our minutes accurately reflect what happened in these Chambers."

The Clerk said, "Well, Councilmember Seekings, in the middle of page 17 it does say that there was a disapproval. If you remember, our legal counsel said that it reflected that no action was taken because there were not ten votes."

Councilmember Seekings said, "I do recall that, and it would have taken ten votes to move forward with the amendment of the Century V Plan. Therefore, the movement on the Century V Plan failed. It did not pass, and it's again on our agenda tonight, which I don't believe it should be because that has failed."

The Clerk said, "That's correct."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Well, we did not have a motion to approve the item, we had a motion to disapprove it. So, the item . . ."

Councilmember Seekings said, "I'm happy . . ."

The Clerk said, "It says it right here. The motion failed 6-7. It says it right here."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "That's correct. The motion that was made by Councilmember Lewis, which was the negative of the motion that was listed in our agenda."

The Clerk said, "Correct. Right."

Councilmember Seekings said, "My point is that, it should say that the proposed amendment to the Century V Plan failed, because in order to amend that Century V Plan it took a vote of ten members of this Council, and it was clearly Councilmember Lewis' intention and my second to vote to support the Planning Commission and to not amend the Century V Plan, and that's what we voted on. I mean, if you go look at it, there was actually at some point during the proceedings, you, Mayor, actually filed a separate motion. You made a separate motion which didn't get seconded. The motion that, that not pass, that we do not amend the Century V Plan, and it's on our agenda again tonight. I don't believe it should be, and these minutes should accurately reflect that the proposed amendment to the Century V Plan failed."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Well, you note correctly that when that motion failed, I made a motion in the affirmative . . ."

Councilmember Seekings said, "Yes, sir."

Mayor Tecklenburg continued, “. . . which given admittedly a bit of confusion, we had a discussion, and we did not move forward with another motion at that time, and we are prepared to do so this evening.”

Councilmember Seekings said, “Again, I think that the only way that we can properly do that in this Council would be by a motion to reconsider because we’ve already taken up that matter.”

Councilmember Lewis said, “The motion to reconsider has to be someone on the prevailing side. That is the only way you can reconsider that motion.”

Councilmember Seekings said, “That would be any one of the six that voted.”

The Clerk said, “So, let me just clarify your amendment. It says the motion failed 6-7. You simply want it to say ‘the amendment to the Century V Plan’. Okay.”

Councilmember Seekings said, “The proposed amendment to the Century V Plan.”

The Clerk said, “The motion was relative to the proposed amendment.”

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “Sure.”

The Clerk said, “No problem.”

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Riegel.

Councilmember Riegel said, “Thank you, Mr. Mayor. My memory may be a little fuzzy but, if I recall, the hour was very late when this came up. I do recall a number of Councilmen being confused by the wording. It was almost paradoxical and I don’t know if it was Councilman Moody, I don’t recall, I don’t want to pull you in, but I thought there was a sense that we would rediscuss this issue at a later meeting, with fresher minds, and clearer heads, and evaluate in a paradoxical nature of the motion. Thank you, Mr. Mayor.”

Councilmember Moody said, “Let me get a clarification, because I’m not sure what Councilmember Lewis just said and Councilmember Seekings just affirmed. You only have to have somebody on the prevailing side bring the motion back up, if it’s during the same Council meeting. If it’s a subsequent meeting, which this is, that rule does not apply.”

Councilmember Lewis said, “But, it does apply at a subsequent meeting. That is the only way it can be brought back up at a subsequent meeting.”

Councilmember Moody said, “I’m talking what happened at that 16th meeting of August...”

Councilmember Lewis said, “Could be brought up again tonight. Anyone from the prevailing side could bring that back to the floor tonight.”

Councilmember Moody said, “I disagree with that. My understanding of the rules is that any one of the 13 of us could bring it up tonight. That rule only prevails when you bring it up at the same meeting. I may be mistaken on that, but that’s exactly what I was told.”

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Well, I would, again, make the point that the motion that is on the floor tonight, as written, is the affirmative and the motion that Councilmember Lewis made was in the negative to not approve."

Councilmember Moody said, "I'm not even arguing that. I don't want to get hung up on a procedural vote . . ."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Right."

Councilmember Moody continued, ". . . that if you bring this up tonight and they say, 'Well, you were not on the prevailing side, so you can't bring it up again', I don't think that's correct. I think any one of us can make a motion on this amendment tonight or this ordinance tonight. Judge Cantwell's in the wings."

There was laughter in the Chamber.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "You want to weigh in?"

Councilmember Moody said, "Don't change your opinion on me."

There was laughter in the Chamber.

Frances Cantwell said, "The last thing I want to do is to butt into this issue. Councilmember Seekings is correct in the sense that the motion that Councilmember Lewis made, that he made it more than once. It was clear that his motion was to affirm the recommendation of the Planning Commission, and that affirmation happened to be to deny the ordinance, and this Council voted 6-7, and so that motion to affirm what the Commission recommended failed. There was no subsequent motion made, it could have been, but there was no subsequent motion made, therefore, there has been no action taken on the recommendation of the Planning Commission. It will stay on your agenda until you either accept this recommendation by majority vote, or deny their recommendation, or override their recommendation by 10-vote count, or it sits on your agenda for a year, and then it automatically expires. So, that's I think where we are."

Councilmember Seekings said, "I don't want to speak for Councilmember Lewis, but I will speak for myself because I was a second to that. The clear intent of that motion was this Council to vote in favor or the Planning Commission's recommendation, clearly."

Ms. Cantwell said, "That was the motion and it failed."

The Clerk said, "That is correct."

Councilmember Lewis said, "That was my motion."

Ms. Cantwell said, "It failed."

Councilmember Seekings said, "But, now, we're getting into matters of semantics. That vote needed four votes, not seven, because it was a negative recommendation of the Planning Commission. So, in order to override that negative recommendation, you need ten, to agree with it, you only need four. I mean we're just couching something in the negative that could

have been in the positive, and if you go back and read the minutes, which I'm sure you did, and I did, too. Clearly, what we were debating that night was whether or not we would agree with the Planning Commission who overrode what we did."

Ms. Cantwell said, "Councilmember Seekings, respectfully, there is no vote of Council that I'm aware of that requires anything less than a majority. You only require a supermajority in the event that you want to override the Planning Commission."

Councilmember Seekings said, "I agree with that."

Ms. Cantwell continued, "Therefore, in order to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation, you would still need seven votes, and as I read the minutes and did the head count a couple of weeks ago, there were only six people that supported that motion."

Councilmember Seekings said, "The natural consequence, and I'm ready for Councilmember Lewis to weigh in at any time, but, the natural consequence of what his motion was, if it was to approve what the Planning Commission did, was to not approve the amendment of the Century V Plan."

Ms. Cantwell said, "That's what his motion was. We don't want to approve the amendment and the motion failed."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "That's right."

Ms. Cantwell said, "When you voted on that motion, you needed seven people to say, 'I agree we should not amend the Century V Plan' and only six people voted for the motion."

Councilmember Seekings said, "Well, I just have a little different view of the world. We had already voted to amend the Century V Plan. We sent it to the Planning Commission. It came back and said, 'No, no, no, no, no.' In order for that Century V Plan to be amended and move forward, it needed ten votes of this Council and it didn't get it. Now, if you're saying because it came out in the negative instead of the positive because Councilmember Lewis actually read the piece of paper that was in front of him that showed what the Planning Commission did, I just think that's the technicality late at night."

Ms. Cantwell said, "No, I'm not saying that at all. I'm saying that the motion that Councilmember Lewis made was to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission. You all do that all the time, and it takes seven votes, period, and we didn't have seven votes, and so that's why there was the confusion."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "The motion failed."

Councilmember Seekings said, "I understand what you're saying, but the reality of what happened wasn't quite that. So, it's on our agenda tonight. I'll make this argument again when it comes back up again, but I want my position to be very clear on the record here that I think that we've already voted, and we did not vote to override the Planning Commission because that would have taken ten votes."

Ms. Cantwell said, "I agree with you because that vote never came up. The motion to override the Planning Commission never came before the floor so you're correct on that."

Councilmember Seekings said, "I'm on the record. I've said my piece and I will say some more when it comes back up again in just a few moments."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We accept the minutes. Is there any other discussion?"

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Riegel, City Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2016 City Council meeting. Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Next will be our Citizens Participation Period. How many folks would like to be heard this evening? Can I get a feel of how many folks would like to speak to Council this evening? I'm seeing about 25 people, so let us keep it to 90 seconds. Yes, sir, you may go first. Mr. Idris, so good to see you."

1. Mohammed Idris said, "Mayor, good seeing you."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Please speak in the microphone and identify yourself and your address."

Mr. Idris continued, "Mohammed Idris, 1054 King Street. Mayor Tecklenburg, City Council, ladies and gentlemen. At our last City Council meeting, someone said in here at the last City Council meeting that the blacks need to go get an education so that they can get a job. I would like to tell that person that the blacks were the ones who built this City because the whites could not stand the heat and we did it without a European education. We had the knowledge when we were taken from country and a sign of us having the knowledge is the work of the distinguished ironworker, the late Phillip Simmons of Blake Street. Also, many of our ancestors who did not go to school own hundreds and hundreds of acres of land. They own businesses in this City, many on this block, the block of Broad Street. So, let us keep it clean and don't let our ignorance cause us to take one step forward and ten steps backwards into the dark ages. Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you very much. Yes, sir, Mr. Lawrence. Thank you for being with us tonight."

2. Arthur Lawrence said, "No problem. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Mayor and Council. I know everyone in this room knows football and its average span. I'm glad to see the Councilmembers open up the City's playbook because it's more than about the X's and the O's. Now, when you open up that playbook tonight, Councilman Lewis, and the rest of the Councilmembers, when we look back, make sure, when you start looking in the future, you look at the property that South Carolina State University owns that is being swept aside and nothing is being done with it. Keep a close eye on that property that South Carolina State University has, and make sure that they get the deed back to the City, because developers have their eyes on it. The other thing we know in the playbook about Bi-Lo, we know why it's closing, and we also know why that shot was fired over the bow of Gadsden Green; because developers and individuals who claim that they used to live back there are trying to get something on Gadsden Green. Remember, open the playbook, page 49, and look what happened with the people that you moved out of Bayshore . . ."

The Clerk called time.

Mr. Lawrence continued, ". . . ran all of them out, and always will be time to cut you off when you tell the truth. Go back when you close all of these, move all of those folks from on the end of Washington Street."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Time."

Mr. Lawrence continued, "But, remember all of that and what you all have done and look at that playbook."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you, sir. Yes, sir, please come forward. If you all do not mind queueing up who would like to speak so we will be efficient."

3. Brian Duffy said, "Thank you, Mr. Mayor, Council, Madam Clerk, I'm Brian Duffy. I am the President of the Charleston County Bar Association and a native of Charleston and I want to offer a note of encouragement to this body. Congratulations to Chief Mullen, The Seidler Agency, Mayor, Mr. Whack, with the City, for the tremendous visionary leadership that the Illumination Project represents, and that would not be effective without the citizen participation. It is critical, in these times in particular, that we have citizen involvement and work in cooperation with the government. I encourage this body to take the recommendations seriously and act upon them. Everything that this project was able to accomplish speaks well of Charleston and how we can work together, but if this body doesn't take those recommendations seriously, I'm afraid we won't be able to do that again. This is a wonderful opportunity and I encourage you to consider it. Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you very much. Yes, sir."

4. Cator Sparks said, "Good evening, my name is Cator Sparks. I am the President of the Cannonborough-Elliotborough Neighborhood Association. I just wanted to express our disappointment in the way our Councilmembers reacted to the vote on 124 Spring Street at the last meeting. I know it's up for a second talk tonight. To my knowledge, you have been to very few of our meetings and it's been a real disappointment for us. We have talked repeatedly about 124 Spring and we've met with the church repeatedly. The Reverend wanted it demolished. They vetted Collins to be the best developer. As for the four-bedroom, two-bedroom situation, four bedrooms in Cannonborough means college kids and every resident who came to these meetings, old timers and newcomers, were very opposed to four bedrooms and really asked for two bedrooms. That's what this great developer is doing. So, I just have to ask you, please be more involved with our neighborhood community. I've called you all. I left messages and I've e-mailed and I've yet to get a response. Please, be a little more supportive of your constituents. Thank you very much."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you, sir. Yes, sir, over here."

5. Gary Nestler said, "Gary Nestler, I'm the Chairman of the Board of the Charleston Police Fund and I wanted to recognize some folks this evening. I want to thank the Councilmembers, Mr. Mayor, and I want to thank Margaret and Bob Seidler, who are critical consultants for the Illumination Project. Most importantly, Chief Mullen, for his vision and his leadership and I'll echo what Mr. Duffy said. It is really important and some Councilmembers have attended some of the listening sessions. It was such an honor to be able to fund this program. We have now come to understand that this program is not only setting a standard for Charleston and the surrounding communities, but it's being looked at as a nationwide model and, very shortly, Chief Mullen will be able to have a presentation. I wanted to thank you for your continued support and encouragement. This is actually done on behalf and in tribute to those who have lost their lives at the Emanuel 9 shooting. So, thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you, sir."

6. Christopher Cason said, "Good evening, City Council, Mayor, my name is Christopher "Poppa Smurf" Cason. My purpose is being here tonight is because I want to talk about where I live. Many of you call where I live "The Hood", I call it home. That's where I reside. There's a program that was started recently by the Chief of Police, and Margaret Seidler called it the Illumination Project. It is very important that you all support this program. Why I say that is because of a lot of the incidents that transpire happen where I live. None of us go in to the doctor's office and put our hands up. We're go into the doctor's office and we tell him where it hurts, and this is the first time since I've been living in Charleston, since 1984, I've had someone come to me and ask me why. Why does this go on? Why does this happen? I'm finally getting the opportunity for somebody to listen to me so I can get the help that I need and that's coming from this Illumination Project. I'm not here on anybody's side. I'm not here supporting anybody in particular. I want to make where I live a better place to live, and I honestly believe this program will do it. I have lived all my life not wanting to ever talk to police, and now some of them have become my friends. I know them without their uniform and they're wonderful people. I'm not going to let what I see go on in the world make me feel like Charleston, South Carolina is a bad place to live. I'm raising my kids here. This is a wonderful place, and, I think, if we can talk to each other more, instead of about each other, we can accomplish a lot more, and I believe the Illumination Project is it. Thank you."

There was applause in the Chamber.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "I'm sorry, because I agree so much with what you said, but I have to ask Chamber to please refrain from outbursts like that. Yes, ma'am."

7. Princess Hollis said, "I'm Princess Hollis and I'd like to voice my concern about the Charleston City budget, because more and more money is being invested into the idea of public safety. With 55 percent of that money being invested into police specifically, which shows that the City Council believes that the Charleston Police should continue doing their duty of protecting and serving the notion of safety here, but any informed citizen knows that public safety is a luxury that is afforded to only some communities in the City. The cost of public safety this year is over \$80 million, a sum that has increased by \$4,268,402 million from last year. In 2012, the year I moved to Charleston, statistics showed that a black person was murdered by a white vigilante or police officer every 28 hours. In that year, 313 black people were murdered by police and in 2016, almost 190 have been killed by cops. We know that Charleston is represented in both of those numbers and it's time to do something about that. So, last month, the movement for Black Lives released six platforms that listed ways we can build community that proves it believes in and invests in the quality of life for black people. One of the platforms is Invest/Divest which outlines necessary investments in the education, health and safety of black people, instead of investments in the criminalization, caging and harming of black people. It prioritizes investment in black futures as determined by black people, and it does not prioritize the investment in heavy policing of our communities. The City of Charleston spends 51 percent of its budget on police and public safety endeavors, but spends .5 percent . . ."

The Clerk called time.

Ms. Hollis continued, ". . . of its budget on health and welfare. So, you're investing in policing and divesting from public safety and real community engagement and building with citizens."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you . . ."

Ms. Hollis continued, "So, instead of investing in riot gear, body cams and better police cars, these aren't making us safer. Invest in the communities."

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

8. Rad Alton said, "My name is Rad Alton. I live on Colonial Street in Charleston. I'm here to speak on behalf of the Illumination Project as well. We all remember where we were the night we heard those shots ring out; and we all stood in awe as our Police Chief and our Mayor stood in the international spotlight and represented us proudly. We all heard the words, 'I forgive you' which I believe changed the way most of the citizens in this City feel. My family owns a business just blocks away from where the unthinkable occurred, and it could have been so different for the City of Charleston and King Street. Instead of looting and boarding up our business and hiring people to protect us, we were consoling tourists and customers and locals who were just scratching their head and going, 'What can we do? How can we help?' Why is Charleston different? Why are we so lucky that this outpouring of love is happening instead of the pain of violence? Luckily, there was somebody else who was thinking that way and that is our Chief. He realized that this was the moment to bring everyone to the table. Everyone, to talk about public safety and how to protect our citizens' rights. No matter where you live or what color you are or where you worship, we all believe that a City's most important job is to protect its citizens. We also believe that if citizens' rights are not protected then we live in chaos. The dialogue has brought out so much positive and good practices. I am grateful to have met a man who spent ten years in jail who now . . ."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you very much."

Ms. Alton continued, ". . . mentors the youth on the Eastside. Am I done? Am I up?"

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Your time's up."

Ms. Alton continued, "I met a middle school Principal who is mentoring our youth. Policemen sat with ordinary citizens and we discussed these things, and I urge you to support this project. It's important."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you very much. Yes, sir."

9. Paul Stoney said, "Good evening, Mr. Mayor, members of Council, my name is Paul Stoney. I, too, am here in support of the Illumination Project. It's my pleasure and honor to serve as a facilitator of the 30-some odd meetings that have been held. I have facilitated at least 20 of them, and I can tell you that there has been an onslaught of community involvement, and the ideas that have been brought forth are valid ideas. Each idea is important to this body. I want to thank Margaret Seidler and Police Chief Mullen for allowing me the honor of being involved. I also want to let the community know that it is extremely important that we get involved and stay involved in many of the things that have been brought about, by community members and members of Council, that have attended some of the meetings I facilitated, including you, Mr. Mayor. I would say that it's very important for us to remain involved, and to make sure that we understand each and every one of the things that we are doing. Each and every one of the things that are brought forth are being acted upon and some are already in play. I want to say thank you and I'll give the remainder of my time to this nice lady."

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

10. Sarita Kennedy said, "I'm here to talk about bed and breakfasts, short-term rentals. My name is Sarita Kennedy. We have a diverse community who want to participate in this town's lucrative tourism through taking part in the sharing of the economy but, because current laws and ordinances are not fairly applied to everyone, many of us are being pushed out and leading criminal lives. I would like to have a bed and breakfast but the 1860 law prevents this, which means my very race and gender intersection has prohibited me from owning property during that time in this area and we all know why. I don't need to go into that. Meanwhile, across town, big box businesses, a/k/a hotels, are taking the green light from many members to build and continue to move in, and pushing local business owners out, which is a significant part of the same process of gentrification that has pushed local homeowners and people out of the community. I really think we need to take a long, hard look at this and have some fairness across the board and stop doing business as usual and be inclusive. I want to be included. It may not be important to you, but it's very important to me that I am included in some of the monies that are being made in this City."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you very much. Yes, sir."

There was some applause in the Chamber.

11. Ainsley Pope said, "Hi, I would like to speak briefly about my experience with the Illumination Project. I went to a session. I'm Ainsley Pope. I went to a session back in early Spring, and the officer who was part of my facilitative group said that she was there because her boss said that she had to be there, and she said she doesn't think "we people", students of the College of Charleston, citizens in Charleston know where the police are coming from. Throughout the process we voiced our concerns as everyone who has been a part of the sessions have known, you go, put your things up on a big piece of paper, you check what you like, what you don't like. Myself and my comrades' voices were not like decisions, were not chosen, so I would like to challenge everyone to be mindful about reforms such as these that can be deemed as a PR stunt. Let's be mindful about how we can actually hold police accountable for implementing all of these strategies moving forward. Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you very much. Yes, sir. Hey, Matt."

12. Matt Doszkocs said, "Hi. Matt Doszkocs. I hope you all got the e-mail I sent through the Clerk regarding bed and breakfasts and Ordinance 54-208.1. It's up for clarification on bills for second reading. It's an ordinance that needs to change and the same changes were recommended by Tim Keane and the PPS (Planning, Preservation and Sustainability) Department back in 2014. That's almost two years for today, and two years that the City has sat on this ordinance and the needed amendments. The lesson here is that the City does not need to wait for a short-term rental task force. A task force that was supposed to have wrapped up their mission by the end of the year, but then instead has been delayed so that the consultant won't even be hired until next Spring at the earliest. We don't need a task force or a consultant to deliberate on the fact that this law already works in our community. There are bed and breakfasts all over the place, but it only benefits residents south of the Crosstown. The issue is not simply a matter where some people are for it. Some people are against it or how it's complicated. What's at stake for us in favor is literally the fuel of our economic activity in Charleston. What is at stake for opponents is simply their preference based on a fear not backed by any empirical data. Where are the police records of any, bed and breakfasts are really lowly impacted. Running a bed and breakfast is the oldest and most tried and true

affordable housing initiative in the world. The ordinances that exclude Charleston . . .”

The Clerk called time.

Mr. Doszkocs continued, “. . . financially vulnerable residents, thank you, from participating is absolutely atrocious and it needs to change now, not six months from now, not a year from now. My question is this.”

The Clerk called time.

Mr. Doszkocs continued, “It’s up for a second reading and I’d like clarification on what is the public hearing that it’s slated for, when is that going to happen? If so, are we going to get a fair process aside from the short-term rental task force? Thank you.”

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “Thank you, sir. Yes, sir. Oh, I’m sorry. Yes, ma’am.”

13. Debbie Blalock said, “I just popped up.”

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “You popped up over on this side.”

Ms. Blalock continued, “My name is Debbie Blalock and I’m the Executive Director of the Charleston/Dorchester Mental Health Center. I just want to tell you something that your Chief has done. I’m embarrassed to say this wasn’t my idea, it was his idea. He thought it would be a wonderful idea if we embedded a clinician in the Police Department so that person could be readily available to go out with law enforcement officers to scenes where a person might be suffering from a mental health issue. So, now, we have a clinician embedded in the Police Department. I don’t think you will find that anywhere else is South Carolina. It’s just here in Charleston.”

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “Thank you very much. We’re working on getting another microphone. Mr. King, do you want to walk to the other side? That microphone over there is working.”

14. Kristopher King said, “Mr. Mayor, members of Council. Kristopher King with the Preservation Society of Charleston here to speak tonight on two issues. The first being K-15. We also question how this item is back before you tonight, given the confusion of the last meeting. We do note that the question was twice asked of the Mayor and the Clerk of Council about the issue, and the matter was declared twice. However, as it is back tonight, we urge you to again oppose amending the Comprehensive Plan to allow this ill-conceived Gateway Zone to be applied to intersections across the City. This is just another version of the Gathering Place’s District. We’ve identified many issues. We don’t need to belabor those again, but none are more alarming than what this proposal does in allowing more density, and actually disincentivizing affordable housing offering a range of density, and only requiring affordable housing the highest end, encourages larger more expensive units. We find it unconscionable to give away density and not require affordable housing in return. As a community, we need to be focused on protecting the history, culture and diversity of our neighborhoods and not chasing density at the expense of our community. The second item is I-5. We would ask that you defer this item. Recent findings by a study of City staff have shown that these amendments could possibly protect up to 5,000 jobs, 1,000 residential units and up to a million square feet of office space. We need to study these numbers and these findings further because these are critical numbers in maintaining a healthy vibrant Downtown. The Accommodations Ordinance itself

was passed in 1998.”

The Clerk called time.

Mr. King continued, “Wisely adopted by this committee, we would ask that you support this. We would ask that you carefully . . .”

The Clerk called time.

Mr. King continued, “. . . consider this and continue to protect the diversity and affordability of housing and prevent the displacement of office they deserve . . .”

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “Thank you, sir.”

Mr. King continued, “. . . and preserve the Mixed-Use Districts in Downtown Charleston. Thank you.”

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “Thank you very much. Yes, ma’am.”

15. Virginia Bush said, “Virginia Bush. I’m President of the Charlestowne Neighborhood Association.”

Councilmember Seekings said, “Ginny.”

The Clerk said, “I don’t think that mic is working.”

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “Let’s just bring the working mic over to the other side.”

Ms. Bush said, “Isn’t that nice? It’s portable.”

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “There you go. Absolutely.”

Ms. Bush said, “My name is Virginia Bush. I’m President of the Charlestowne Neighborhood Association. I would like to address you about the very controversial, it seems, amendment to the Century V Comprehensive Plan. Regardless of how the motion might be worded, the bottom line is that this amendment was a hastily drawn amendment with circles at various points on a map. It was not considered fully and carefully. Implications for traffic, for flooding, for infrastructure, and effects on neighborhood, were not considered. That is why the Planning Commission wisely recommended against that amendment. The real point of trying to override the Planning Commission’s amendment is pretty obvious. It’s to try to justify an individual custom-designed Gateway Ordinance made for one piece of property and one developer. It is an effort to whitewash by showing that there are a number of Gateway locations, but they’re so vague. We know, I think we all know better than that. The problem, and I’m sure Mr. Seekings can explain this, is contract and spot zoning.”

The Clerk called time.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “Time. Thank you very much. Yes, ma’am.”

16. Andrea Skank said, “Hello. Good evening. My name is Andrea Skank, and I live at Mary Street. I’m here because of two issues that were in the news, but they have been a

concern for a long time, at least one has. The one issue is the Bi-Lo grocery store and I don't have time to go into that, but I really hope that Council will consider the food desert issue implications. The second is the issue of the zeal for hotels. I understand that it's fun and exciting to be the popular girl that everybody wants to dance with but come on, it's a very short-term vision that this Council is taking to let the unchecked growth of the hotels happen. If you lived Downtown, you would understand this, but think about things that grow and thrive, they require diversity. If we have a Downtown that is filled just with hotels, then you're not going to have residents who can live Downtown, who can shop Downtown, who can work Downtown, who can have fun Downtown, and then also who is going to work. Where are the people who are working in all of those hotels going to live if you keep tearing down the affordable housing? So, I urge the Council to take a pause and to do some study to look at what happens with the economic plan, as in thriving communities that have diverse economies, affordable housing and care about the residents. Thank you."

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

17. Dr. Spike Coleman said, "I'm Dr. Spike Coleman. I'm the Pastor of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in West Ashley and also a volunteer Chaplain with Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy. I speak to you tonight in favor in urging you to support the Illumination Project. This project is a gift to our community, thanks to the leadership of Margaret Seidler and Chief Mullen. I look around and see many friendly faces, people I didn't know before the Project who are now friends. That is a gift because the methodology employed by the Project to get people together to teach us to listen to one another to invite us to talk with one another about the things that matter to each of us in our community. Thank you, Chief Mullen and Margaret, for this tremendous gift that you have given our community."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you, Reverend. Yes, sir."

18. Winslow Hastie said, "Good evening. I'm Winslow Hastie with Historic Charleston Foundation, speaking on two items. One is I-5, which we think is going to be heard tonight about the Accommodations Overlay. We are fully in support of City staff's recommendations for amending the Overlay. After carefully studying this important issue for months at the behest of you all on Council, Planning staff has proposed changes that really do strengthen the ordinance. As been said, maintaining a diversity of uses in our Central Business District is paramount. It is clear that the current economic climate is tilted towards the overdevelopment of new hotels, so we hope you will be in support of that. Secondly, Item K-15, second reading on the Gateway Overlay, I just want to reiterate that the Historic Charleston Foundation continues to be strongly opposed to the Gateway Overlay to the City's Century V Plan. We ask that you support the Planning Commission's thoughtfully deliberated recommendation to deny this amendment. We are concerned that the amendment is not sufficiently developed and contains too many inconsistencies and omissions, including the lack of any affordable housing requirement and the failure to fully define even what a Gateway area is. It is also very clear, this Overlay Zone was custom-tailored to suit one developer's needs at the Sergeant Jasper site, which is the textbook definition of spot zoning, which is illegal. Thank you very much."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you, sir. Reverend Pinckney."

19. Bishop Rufus Pinckney said, "I'll begin by saying, first of all, Moses came down off the mountain. Excuse me, I'm Bishop Rufus Pinckney, 80 Devereaux Avenue, and I also own property on James Island. As I was about to state, Moses broke the first Ten

Commandments that God gave to us. He threw them down and broke them. God made more. So, Moses had more. Now, we have no commandments on the walls or in the halls. So, our ten commandments, laws were given away, the way to forget. The Illumination Project is bringing the laws in the heart. What God said to his son, Jesus, is to write them in our hearts. Chief Mullen, beginning, I believe, with Mayor Riley, our Mayor here, and everyone who has already been named, and I have attended just about all forums. First Scots Presbyterian Church, tomorrow, I believe, was two blocks down across Broad, 9:00 in the morning. See you there. God bless you.”

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “Thank you so much, Reverend Pinckney. Would anyone else like to be heard? If not, we’ll continue with our meeting.”

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Waring.

Councilmember Waring said, “Mr. Mayor, Mr. Smith was over there for a good while and we took the microphone where he is. If he wishes to speak, I certainly wish he would come forward.”

20. Kevin Smith said, “Good evening, Mr. Mayor. Good evening, City Council. I’m just going to speak quickly. I had the pleasure of serving on the Illumination Project, and I had also the pleasure of also being a sub-group leader and working with the youth. I want to simply say this, and I will be very brief so hopefully you won’t have to call time on me. I recognize, first of all, I’m a Charleston native so I can say that. I love this City. I’m from here, born and raised. We are not a perfect community. I think we all understand that. I think what we have to do is also recognize that without conversation and discussion that we will continue not to work towards a common goal. I think with the Illumination Project that is exactly what we’ve been doing. That’s the goal. That was the process, to have an open and honest discussion. There are over 2,200 remarks that were given, that were transcribed, that were taken down, and trying to put all of those things together may feel like someone’s voice may not have been heard, but I can tell you that they were. So, with that being said, the Illumination Project, I know, is the beginning of a discussion, action to be taken so that we can become a better community. Thank you.”

The Clerk said, “Your name, sir.”

Mr. Smith said, “Kevin Smith.”

Reverend Pinckney said, “Excuse me one second, everybody, and the Mayor. The words I did bring from the house, and that was, mannerisms for our citizens and our police law officers.”

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “Thank you very much. Yes, sir. Sir, are you . . .”

Councilmember Waring said, “Tell her who you are.”

The Clerk said, “I have it.”

Mr. Smith said, “Kevin Smith, and I’m the Principal of C.E. Williams Middle School for Creative and Scientific Arts in West Ashley.”

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “Thank you, Mr. Smith. With all that being said, speaking of

the Illumination Project, I would like to call on our good Chief Greg Mullen to give a presentation on that very same subject. Chief Mullen.”

There was applause in the Chamber.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “No, no.”

Chief Greg Mullen said, “Well, thank you very much, Mayor, and as they’re preparing for this presentation, I just would like to say that it has been my honor to work with each and every person that has been a part of this process, and, as most of you know, we started this in September of last year. Really, for me, it started about two years before that. Starting in 2014, when all of the terrible things started happening around the country between law enforcement and the communities that we serve, I started asking myself a question quite regularly. What can I do as the Police Chief in Charleston to make sure that we don’t have the violence, the destruction and the chaos occur here that has happened in other communities around the country? What I really prayed is that we would have an opportunity to create something special here, and then June of last year occurred and, at that moment, I knew that we had to do something. We had to do something differently, and that’s when the Illumination Project came about. So, for the last 12 months, we have been involved in a process that has reached out across this City. It has reached out across our region to get the voices and the concerns and the experiences of people that live in this community, that work in this community and have a vested interest in this community. As we did that, we looked for a process so that we could all understand where we are at today, because we can’t go forward until we understand where we are today. When we look at the issues that are facing our country, it doesn’t matter who is right or wrong. It doesn’t matter who did what. What I saw around our country was that no matter what the issue and no matter who was right and who was wrong, the outcome was that communities were being ripped apart. They were being destroyed, and we did not want that to happen here. So, as we went through this process, and started to go through each phase of developing a steering group and creating our community input and researchers looking at what we could do, we thought about the important values. We look at how can we become a better community and those values are community building and how do we do that. We look at public safety and we look at individual rights and, as you looked at the chaos and the turmoil that was going on around our country, those were really the two important values that were in conflict. People talked about how can we get public safety, or they talked about how we could get individual rights. In reality, when we’re talking about a polarity model, which is what we use, we want to see how we can get the best of both of those, and the way we do that is we look for a common greater purpose. Because, while we might not agree on everything, we certainly can agree that strengthening the relationships between police officers and citizens and building trust and legitimacy is something that we all want. So, that was our greater purpose and that’s what grounded this project as we moved forward and, as we moved through, there were some key participants. It’s very important for you to understand because, as many processes that I’ve been involved in, there is basically a show, but this was not a show. This was hard work. This was people coming together. We had a process management team that was part of our consultants. We had three members of City Council that were participants. We had researchers and the leadership of the Charleston Police Fund. Our Steering Committee was made up of 22 very diverse members of our community. You have heard from many of them tonight. We also had 81 members of our community serving on the Community Resource Group. That was our conduit out into the community to get voices not only to come and speak to us, but also to continue to give feedback about what was happening. The facilitators, 30 volunteers, came together and participated in over 33 listening sessions, so that we could have small groups of people that sat down with facilitated conversations, so that we weren’t speaking

at one another, but we were talking with each other. Because of those small groups and because of those conversations, relationships developed that were probably an unintended consequence of this, but will go on for many, many years and create many, many important elements to what we are trying to accomplish. The faith community, I cannot say enough about. We had a monthly meeting in the community churches around this City to pray for this project. Those community and clergy members came together to support this because they knew it was important. It wasn't because anybody was trying to get credit. It was because they were truly trying to unify this community through the faith-based elements that we know are so important. The most important component in this is the Charleston community. Eight hundred and fifty-eight members of this community came out and met with us, and when we were supposed to stop in May, people kept calling and asking, 'Can we have a listening session? Can you come to see us?' We're actually having one two days from now, because there is another group that wants to provide their input and be a part of this. Researchers from the College of Charleston have been very, very important as well. The important elements of this project, and, basically, what I call the information, gathering and analysis, fall into three components. The listening sessions, we had 33 across the City. When we started this, we had them all set for one location because we thought that we had it planned out perfectly. We were going to have people go online and register and come to us. Well, we found out pretty quickly that wasn't going to work. So, we changed in midstream and we started going out to people. We started going everywhere that people met and would talk to us and give us ideas, and we got lots of ideas. We got over 2,236 pieces of data that we're using, and we used to put this plan together. Our researchers went out and did surveys, 1,091 surveys of members of this community, to tell us what they thought about how we were doing as the police. What was our baseline trust level? I just want you to know that, based on the researchers, 400 people is statistically significant in terms of research return. So, to have 1,091, they were very confident in the results that we received and, as I said, that indicated that the City of Charleston and the residents in this City support the police, and it also gave us some very important ideas that we can improve on, and that is what this is all about. How can we get better? How can we be a better City? How can we be a better department? How can we be a better community? We also went out because we didn't want to just look at what was happening in Charleston, so we went out to the three national studies that were completed in 2015. One by the Department of Justice talks about building trust among diverse communities, one with the Police Executive Forum talked about the 30 principles that we could implement in law enforcement that would change the way we interact with communities, and then the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing. What we wanted to do was see how we could take those pieces of information from a national perspective and bring them down and compare them to what the Charleston Police Department was doing today to get a good understanding of where we are. I'm very proud to tell you that of those 99 recommendations that came out of those three studies, for 76 of them, the police department is already in full compliance. We're implementing ten. We need to improve on them. We're looking at how we can start to implement five, and there are eight of them that we're still studying to see how this particular document that we're going to share with you tonight is going to allow us to continue to work together to do those things. We had 2,000 pieces of information. That was drilled down to five goals. The five goals talk about building and understanding different cultures. It talks about being trustful and respectful relationships. How can we take our training curriculum and make it better? Reviewing our policies and procedures to make sure that they are in line with the best practices and what our community wants from us. Finally, how can we implement more community policing initiatives within the City of Charleston? We took all of those and we drilled those down and we come up with 86 strategies that we believe will allow us to move our organization and our City forward, and help us continue to strengthen those relationships. In this document, they are specific. There was a question earlier about how are we going to be accountable? This is going to be a public

document. Tonight, after we leave here, this will be put on the City's website. It will be put on the Police Department's website, and each one of these strategies has a measurement with it. This isn't something that we just came up with and said, 'I hope we can do that'. We put specific measurements on each one of these strategies so that we can gauge how successful we're being. When we got the strategies developed, we went to our Steering Committee. We went to our Community Resource Group, and we asked them to review them and give us feedback. Once they gave us the feedback, then we took those final strategies out to the community and asked them to look at them and give us information about clarity and understanding. That is the end result that you see in this document tonight. What we then did was we went to those 86 and we said, 'Look, we would like you to pick out for us the 10 or 8 that you think we should really be focusing on for 2016'. The Steering Committee, the Community Resource Group and the community selected eight of the ten of the priorities for us to start working on immediately. Let me repeat that. The Steering Group, the Community Resource Group, and the community all selected the same eight for us to start working on. The Community Steering Committee and the Community Resource Group added two to make a list of ten for us to immediately begin to work on. To me, that was remarkable, that out of 86, eight of those, all three of these groups selected those as the priority issues. So, that tells me that we are on the right track, that we got good information, and that we're valid in terms of where we're going and those priorities are these. They want us to work with individual communities to come up with community crime reduction strategies. They're geographically located, so that we'll start doing that, so that we know what each community wants from the police. We're going to continue the listening sessions because I can tell you that there were things that happened during those sessions that are, again, developing relationships that are just unbelievable. We think we should expand the training for police and supervisors across the board in many different areas, promote de-escalation as a core principle in all of our training, and we've already started to do that, but there are certainly things that we can do more. Create and disseminate instructional material. A very important element that we talked about a lot, and it came from the youth, is that we should provide instructional material about how to respond to police officers during contacts to reduce the potential for conflict and confrontation. We also talked about a Citizen Advisory Committee and Council that would work with the police from an upstream perspective and talk about how we can do things better before negative events occur. We don't want to wait until things happen and then respond. We want to be proactive and that's where we think we're going to be with this Council. We don't want to just study it, we just don't want to create it, and we want to actually implement that, so we can start working immediately on having that interaction between our communities. Increase citizen contact when it's not a crisis, so that we can start to understand one another and get to know each other better. Gather information to input process, so that people can make their concerns known about dissatisfaction with the police and when they want to compliment us. We think that's very important. Finally, develop the Chief's Young Adult Advisory Council, because I can tell you this, what we heard this over and over and over again and I hear it frequently from my friend, Poppa Smurf, back there, is that we need to get the young people involved in these discussions. We need to get the young black males engaged with us in a conversation, so that we can stop this conflict and confrontation that we're seeing in that demographic. I think, by creating this opportunity, and by working with people like Smurf, Edward Jones, Butch Kennedy, other people who are willing to sit down and be our partners, Kevin Smith and others, that we're going to be successful at this because, quite candidly, there is no other option for us than to be successful at this. So, what were the success factors in this process? Teamwork was what it was all about. We would not have been successful had we not come together as a team, not only from our steering groups, our community resource groups, but also the community themselves. They supported us, they came together, and they gave us our ideas. This was hard work, and I can tell you it was risky work because we didn't know what was going to

happen. When we started on this back in September, we didn't know what was going to happen. We didn't know if people were going to come, we didn't know if they were going to come and give us good ideas, we didn't know if they were going to come and be angry, but they came and they helped us and we stuck to the course. Flexibility, I've already talked about how we had to change up where we were going and how we were getting people, very important. The common greater purpose I think everybody recognized that strengthening those relationships that have been built over time and making them stronger for those ones that are afraid and building trust and legitimacy in the police department among citizens and officers is what pulled us altogether. It pulled us together because no matter what our differences were, no matter what our feelings were, we could work towards that goal. Then, the citizen input in the listening sessions, without that, we would not have been able to fulfill our mission and complete the beginning steps of what now is going to be the implementation of this program. For me, what was most important was the relationships that were built and those relationships were built on several things. It was clear and consistent expectations among all the people that were there. I was going to respect you when you came and I wanted you to respect me. I was going to listen to you and I wanted you to listen to me and those were the things that worked. There were no angry outbursts. There were no angry arguments. It was people listening to each other, and trying to understand what the experiences were, and how they felt about things, and then the response. When you respond to somebody, and I've heard this over and over again and it really sticks with me, you can't hate somebody up close, and that's what we found in these small groups, the open hearts and the open minds, and the response that people were getting from the person sitting across from them as they discussed what they were feeling. It just built an ability, it built an opportunity for people to really connect and start to humanize each other. I've said this many, many times. When we start to look at each other as humans, we're going to be able to do a lot of really positive things, and then the trust and respect. It was not an easy thing to sit down with people that you didn't know as a community member, and as a police officer, and start talking about things that you never expressed before. I can tell you one example that I think was probably the most poignant thing that happened during this process is that my friend over here, Debbie Bryant, and one of my sergeants, Tony Cretella, were talking with one another and Debbie looked at him for the first time and said, 'All I see is a man in a uniform with a gun. That's all I see', because he's a great police officer and it crushed him to think that people could have that perception. Now, I can tell you this, that one conversation started us down a road that ended here tonight. It ended with us getting information and learning more about people than we ever would have anywhere else, because what it did is it allowed us to talk about our feelings in a trusting and respectful way. Debbie and Tony Cretella now are good friends and they know a lot about each other, and she doesn't see him now as just a man in a uniform with a gun, and that's a good thing. So, just a final thought in what we're presenting to you tonight, and I think this picture on the front of this report probably is worth, as they say, a thousand words, because that's what's really happened during this process. People have gotten to know each other, they've interacted with one another, they've learned about each other, they care about each other and, in my view, we're lifting each other up. Where we are tonight, is that we're at a pivotal moment in our country as it relates to police trust and legitimacy, and to do nothing is not an option. It is not an option, and to engage in a journey that has been challenging, risky, and has the potential to inform generations to come, has been our responsibility and I think one of the biggest honors that I've ever had. So, tonight I present to you this report. I hope that you will take a look at it and read it and understand that this is a bold and challenging effort that we're about to undertake. What I would ask you to do, is that as we undertake this as the leadership of this community, I would ask for you to support us, to challenge us, to hold us accountable just like I would ask the community to do, because we told them 12 months ago that we were going to put something together that would make a difference in Charleston. I really believe that has happened and as we end this, I really want to say thank

you to the Charleston Police Fund, Chairman Gary Nestler and Executive Director Mark Ruppel, because they funded this project. Without their support, we would not have done it. I also want to support the team, the Steering Group, the consultant team, the Process Management Group, and if you were on the Community Steering Group of the Community Resource Group, would you please stand? If you were part of the consulting team, would you please stand? If you were part of the community that participated with us at any point, would you please stand? The most important people that I would like to recognize from my own perspective in terms of supporting me throughout this project is my staff, so, would you please stand? Thank you.”

There was applause in the Chamber.

Chief Mullen continued, “So, you can see this was truly a community effort, and it will take this community to continue to move forward with this process and make it as successful as it can be. I said earlier there is not an option. We do not have an option. We cannot fail. We must move forward and be successful in this effort. You may go to charlestonpolicefund.org and the report will be there for you or anyone else that would like to get a copy. Again, we certainly appreciate all of the support of the Council and of the community and I will be happy to answer any questions. Thank you so much for being here tonight.”

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “Are there any questions for Chief Mullen? Well, Councilmember Waring, do you have a question, a comment?”

Councilmember Waring said, “When you hear the President talk about American exceptionalism, I think we saw a great example of that tonight from you, Chief, and all of the people that volunteered to work on behalf of this. All I have are praises and salutations for what you have done because I remember when we first started in there, I said we had too much gray hair in the room and you did something about that. So, thank you so much. Thank you so much for what you all have done.”

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Wilson.

Councilmember Wilson said, “Thank you. I would like to make a couple of remarks, given that I Chair Public Safety. Our world has changed rather dramatically, especially in the last few years, and that change seems to be accelerating with what we see going on in the news, and we had a chance here in Charleston, thanks to the brainstorming of Chief Mullen, to start to think three, four, and five turns down the road. Recognizing the fact that we’ve got to start being proactive, and we have the opportunity, given the grace of this City and what we have seen come out of this City, it’s been extraordinary to take this and to develop the potential for a national model. So, Chief Mullen, Margaret Seidler, thank you very much for all the tremendous work put in. We were able to engage people around this community who had never have been engaged before. We heard one gentleman speak that a police officer had never stopped to talk with him and he had not had the opportunity to talk to a police officer. We had the potential to have the comprehensive overview of our Police Department and start to have very difficult conversation here. We started to have very difficult conversations that turned out to be very productive conversations and how often it is, that has the ability to happen. What we’ve created here is a long-lasting document that is flexible, that is a template for how we move forward as a City, as a Police Department, as citizens and this didn’t need to be presented down in a conference room to public safety. This needed to come right here tonight to full Council and, for that, I think it’s tremendous. That’s how this needed to unfold, in a very, very public setting, and it’s not something in which we’re clinging to the past. We are brainstorming. We are creating brand new pathways, and a new path forward that I hope does

catch fire, and other communities have a chance to adopt this and tweak to fit their own circumstances in their own communities. Only good will come of this, because of the sheer number of people who participated and the sheer outpouring of terrific ideas and, I heard from more than one person, the youth component which was so critical. When you have Burke High School students who are engaged at that young an age, and they're allowed to actually speak their minds, and an adult listens and respects what that young person has to say, that has not taken place before. So, I want to wholeheartedly endorse this project. Thank everyone for an incredible amount of work and recommend it very, very strongly in the strongest possible terms to you my colleagues. Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Gregorie.

Councilmember Gregorie said, "Chief, I think you came around 2007?"

Chief Mullen said, "Yes, sir. Actually, 2006."

Councilmember Gregorie said, "2006."

Chief Mullen said, "But, who's counting?"

Councilmember Gregorie said, "But when you came, you came to a City that had one of the highest murder rates in the State, if I'm not mistaken, and since then I've seen put in place the kind of infrastructure to substantially reduce that rate. But you also put in place the kind of infrastructure with the citizens so that when what occurred on June 17th, the City had the kind of infrastructure in place that we did not explode. So, I'm saying I want to say that this next step with the Illumination Project, I want to thank you and hope that you will be here to make sure that this does become a national model, because I believe in you, and I want to say publicly, 'thank you'."

Chief Mullen said, "Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Shahid.

Councilmember Shahid said, "Chief, this is extraordinary, and I think the record needs to reflect truly how extraordinary this is, and my hat's off to everybody who had a role in participating in this. My entire legal career has been engaged in the criminal justice system as a County public defender, as a Municipal Judge, as a Federal prosecutor, I am intimately intertwined with every aspect of what you are doing here and what you all have done in the past year. The mark of this project is going to be a lasting mark and a very positive mark, and I know that this report and project will be a living, breathing part of our City for years to come, and I just want to publicly thank you. I thank everybody who had a role in this, because the extraordinary aftereffect of what this project will present to us in the future is something that we cannot ever really measure. My hat's off to everybody who had a role in this, and thank you all very much."

Chief Mullen said, "Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Wagner."

Councilmember Wagner said, "I feel compelled to say but one thing, and that's thank you to everybody involved. I am the father of two men that wear guns and badges. It's going to help me, too. It's going to help them long-term, even though one is Federal and a long way

from here, but we're behind you all the way, guys, and thanks a lot for everybody concerned."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Lewis.

Councilmember Lewis said, "Since I'm the senior Councilmember, I better say something. Chief, I know one thing I remember when you first came to Charleston, you were wondering why we had so much problems here. As a matter of fact, I remember you saying on your way coming to Charleston you heard on the news and read an article that I was attacked on King Street. So, you were saying, 'What in the world am I getting into? I'm going to Charleston and they're knocking down City Councilmembers', but you came here and you took on the job. We met many nights at 2:00 and 3:00 in the morning with shootings and killings. I was out there, Councilmember Mitchell was out there, and you were there, but you turned this City around. You walked every neighborhood that I could think of in Downtown Charleston. You walk on the Eastside right now and you say, 'Chief Mullen' and those old people, elderly people say, 'Where is the Chief?' because you have made friends with everyone. You talk to everyone that you could see on that street to talk to. I certainly want to say thank you for the work that you and the men and women in the Charleston Police Department are doing, have done, and will continue to do, to make Charleston one of the best cities in America."

Chief Mullen said, "Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Well, I would like to also echo the many thanks to you, Chief, and to Margaret, and to the many committee members who have served over the last year, and our citizens who have been involved. I just want to share with everyone personally, for me, what an honor it is to serve as Mayor, but to tell you that since I've been on the job, there is nothing that's given me more honor and meaning than helping with this project, and being supportive of it and being a part of it. I'm glad you are putting up with me, and allowed for my involvement and help. So, let me go further and say that Councilmember Gregorie, after June 17th of last year, that terrible tragedy whereby your church and those family members showed the world such love and forgiveness that we really have become like a beacon to the world in how to show unity, love, and forgiveness. That's one thing that we can all be so proud of, but you have to take that next step from holding hands and showing unity, and even showing love, to actually doing something. Last year I felt that the question really became 'What are we going to do after Mother Emanuel?' I can't think of anything more fundamentally important than what this Illumination Project is doing, because it leads us to build respect and trust, not only among our citizens, but between our police and our citizens, and what's more important for our City than public safety. So, again, I applaud you, I'm honored to be a part of the effort. This is something that our community will not just talk about and not just hold hands, but will actually have a strategic plan going forward that will build trust, and I believe, will be the national model for building trust in community. Can I welcome another outbreak, even though we don't allow them in Council Chambers?"

There was applause in the Chamber.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you so much."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Gregorie.

Councilmember Gregorie said, "I would just like to add, as you go through the book, the front cover has one of the Emanuel survivors and, when you open at the end of the letter, you see our Chief embracing two of the survivors from Mother Emanuel."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Wow, that's a sign. Can I ask for a motion to adopt the strategy of the Illumination Project?"

Councilmember Williams said, "Move for approval."

Councilmember Lewis said, "Second."

On a motion of Councilmember Williams, seconded by Councilmember Lewis, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the strategy of the Illumination Project.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Item I-2 is deferred. Item I-3 is an Updated Standing Committee list. The only difference is really being in Human Resources. Chairman Gary White is now Chairman of Real Estate Committee, and very busy and doing a great job with that, so we've asked Councilmember Riegel to be Chairman of our Human Resources Committee."

Councilmember White said, "Move for approval."

Councilmember Moody said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We have a motion to approve the Updated Standing Committee list. We have a second."

The Clerk said, "Councilmember Moody is the second?"

Councilmember Gregorie said, "Mr. Mayor, can we just take a break?"

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Okay, we're going to a one-minute break while we've got some major movement here. We'll come back to the vote."

City Council went in to recess at 8:46 p.m. and reconvened at 8:50 p.m.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Alright. Thank you very much. We were on the Updated Standing Committee change, which was just one change to the Human Resources Committee, which has been moved and seconded. Is there any discussion?"

On a motion of Councilmember White, seconded by Councilmember Moody, City Council voted unanimously to approve the Updated Standing Committees List.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "I will have for you when the agenda packet goes out next time my Commission appointment recommendations. I'm sorry I didn't have them to you in time for this meeting tonight, but I will for the next meeting. In a similar fashion, Item I-5, I'm going to ask that we defer that until the next meeting. As you know, we had a very lengthy discussion about hotels at our workshop just this past Thursday. We plan to take many of your comments and recommendations and come back to you one more time with a proposed ordinance slightly modified based upon your input. So, that will also be at the next meeting. That being said, we have our Council Committee Reports. First, our Committee on Public Works and Utilities, Chairman Waring."

Councilmember Waring said, "Everything on the agenda passed unanimously."

Councilmember Seekings said, "So moved."

Councilmember Gregorie said, "Second."

Councilmember Waring said, "It's properly moved and seconded."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "It's properly moved and seconded. Is there any discussion?"

On a motion of Councilmember Seekings, seconded by Councilmember Gregorie, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the report of the Committee on Public Works and Utilities as presented.

---INSERT COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES REPORT---

(Acceptance and Dedication of Rights-of-Way and Easements

i. Cainhoy Phase 1 - Acceptance and dedication of a portion of Point Hope Parkway (right-of-way varies). All infrastructure is complete.

- a. Title to Real Estate
- b. Affidavit for Taxable or Exempt Transfers
- c. Plat (2)
- d. Exclusive Storm Water Drainage Easements (2)

ii. Cainhoy Phase 2A - Acceptance and dedication of Seven Sticks Drive (right-of-way varies) and a portion of Point Hope Parkway (right-of-way varies). All infrastructure is complete.

- a. Title to Real Estate
- b. Affidavit for Taxable or Exempt Transfers
- c. Plat (3)
- d. Exclusive Storm Water Drainage Easements

iii. Daniel Island Parcel F Phase 4 - Acceptance and dedication of Foundry Street (50-foot right-of-way), Ironworks Lane (20-foot right-of-way), a portion of Nobels Point Street (50-foot right-of-way), and a portion of Wading Place (50-foot right-of-way). All infrastructure is complete.

- a. Title to Real Estate
- b. Affidavit for Taxable or Exempt Transfers
- c. Plat
- d. Exclusive Storm Water Drainage Easements (2)

iv. East Central Lofts Phase 2 – Approval to notify SCDOT that the City intends to accept maintenance responsibility for proposed granite curbing for a portion of the sidewalk located within the SCDOT right-of-way along 272 linear feet along Huger Street (S-10-99), 303 linear feet along Meeting Street (US Hwy 52), and 35 linear feet at the intersection of these two streets. Letter and map attached.

- a. Letter
- b. Map

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Next is the License Committee. Councilmember Gregorie."

Councilmember Gregorie said, "There is really nothing for this body to approve. This is for information only."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Okay. Thank you. Committee on Ways and Means. "

Councilmember Moody said, "Move for approval."

Councilmember Riegel said, "Second, Mr. Mayor."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Is there any discussion?"

Councilmember Lewis said, "Will you record my 'no' vote?"

The Clerk said, "I will."

Councilmember Williams asked, "Will you carry my 'no' vote?"

The Clerk said, "Yes, I'll carry the 'no' votes throughout."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We got a couple of 'no' votes. Is there any other discussion?"

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

---INSERT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS REPORT---

(Bids and Purchases

(Resolution in support of JEDA Revenue Bonds for Mason Preparatory School
(Refer to City Council Agenda Public Hearings, Item #E-1)

(Police Department and Fire Department: Approval to accept the 2016 FEMA Port Security Grant in the amount of \$74,444 for the Police Department mask and communication system replacement and the Fire Department HAZMAT/WMD equipment. A match in the amount of \$24,814 will be budgeted for in 2017. The Police Department match is \$10,236, and the Fire Department match is \$14,578.

(Police Department: Approval to submit the 2016 Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) Grant Program application to the US Department of Homeland Security in the amount of \$140,759 for personnel, recruitment, and training. This is an after-the-fact approval. No local match is required.

(Office of Cultural Affairs: Approval to submit a grant application to the National Endowment of the Arts in the amount of \$20,000 for The Imagine Charleston Project. Funds will be used for marketing and promotion of the arts in Charleston and regionally. Due to time constraints dictated by the funding agency, this grant was submitted on August 11, 2016. A City match in the amount of \$58,000 will be budgeted in 2017 and 2018. This is an after-the-fact approval.

(Office of Cultural Affairs: Approval to accept the grant award from the SC Arts Commission in the amount of \$25,391 for General Operating Support. City match required is \$76,173. The matching funds will be provided by private donations and earned revenues.

(Office of Cultural Affairs: Approval to accept the grant award from the SC Arts Commission in the amount of \$9,491 for the Lowcountry Quarterly Arts Grants Program. A City match of \$9,491 is required. The matching funds will be budgeted in 2017.

(Mayor's Office for Children Youth & Families: Approval to submit the Youth Service America Grant Application in the amount of \$500 for the Global Youth Service Day. If awarded, this will engage 250 youth throughout the Charleston Community in service-learning, community service, and volunteerism. Due to time

constraints, this grant application was submitted on August 20, 2016. No City match is required. This is an after-the-fact approval.

- (Mayor's Office for Children Youth & Families: Approval to accept the AmeriCorps VISTA Continuation grant (11VSSC002) from the Corporation for National and Community Service. The City share of up to \$122,311 for up to 7 AmeriCorps VISTAS will come from site fees collected from each site hosting a VISTA. This is an after-the-fact approval.
- (Parks: Approval to submit the 2016 LOWES/Keep America Beautiful Community Partner Grant in the amount of \$5,000 for the Compost Rangers. Program funds will go towards supplies that will create composting cubes at various community gardens and schools. Due to time constraints, this grant was submitted on August 10, 2016. No City match is required. This is an after-the-fact approval.
- (Planning Preservation and Sustainability: Approval to accept the Technical Assistance grant in the amount of \$85,700 from SC Forestry & Green Infrastructure Center to map and evaluate the City's urban tree canopy and determine how best to incorporate urban forests into the City's stormwater management program and sea level rise plan, and update all related City ordinances to reflect new goals. Joint effort with GIS, Parks and Public Service. GIC will provide a match of \$4,000. The City match is \$30,000 in kind staff assistance to provide base data for analysis and review work product/make suggestions to strengthen plan.
- (Parks-Capital Projects: Approval of Trolley Barn Parking Lot Fee Amendment #2 to the Professional Services Contract with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. in the amount of \$11,190 due to unforeseen requirements imposed by SCDOT. This amendment includes modifications to the construction documents and hydrology report to address SCDOT concerns and revisions to the permit documents. The change will increase the base contract value beyond the \$50,000 limit of "Small Professional Services" contracts. However, given the amount of effort expended to date, and the unforeseen nature of the requirements leading to the change, approval of this amendment as a "Sole Source" is being requested. The total project budget remains unchanged. The total contract time will increase by 273 days. The approval of Fee Amendment #2 will result in an \$11,190 increase to the Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. Professional Services Contract to \$62,990. The funding source for this project is the Parking Fund. **(Councilmember Lewis voted nay.)**
- (Parks-Capital Projects: Approval of West Ashley Greenway Improvements, Parkdale to Croghan Landing, Fee Amendment #1 to the Professional Services Contract with Jerry Regenbogen Consulting, LLC in the amount not to exceed \$5,250 for additional permitting services due to the permitting requirements being more extensive than originally anticipated. Additional work is estimated to require 75-90 days beyond the authorization to proceed, subject to delays by permitting reviews. Fee Amendment #1 will increase the Professional Services Contract with Jerry Regenbogen Consulting, LLC from \$38,844 to \$44,094 and thus over the \$40,000 threshold. The funding sources for this project are: 2013 General Fund Reserves (\$700,000) and 2015 Charleston Transportation Committee (\$140,000).
- (Parks-Capital Projects: Approval of a Professional Services Contract with Liollo Architecture, Inc. in the amount of \$501,900 for the Savannah Highway Fire Station (FS#11). This amount is for basic services including structural, civil, MEP, fire protection, and back-up fuel system engineering consultants in addition to architectural design, and covers all design, bidding, and construction administration phases. The Professional Services Contract will obligate \$501,900

of the \$8,505,131 project budget. The funding source for this project is: 2015 Installment Purchase Revenue Bond (\$8,505,131).

(Parks-Capital Projects: Approval of a Construction Contract with Howell and Howell Contractors in the amount of \$7,638,940 for the construction of the Louis Waring, Jr. West Ashley Senior Center. Contractor indicates 23% MWBE participation in the amount of \$1,100,704. With the approval of the project budget, Staff is authorized to award/and or amend contracts less than \$40,000, to the extent contingency funds exist in the Council Approved budget. Approval of this action will institute a \$9,499,109 project budget, of which the \$7,638,940 construction contract will be funded. The funding sources for this project are: 2012 General Fund Reserves (\$2,227,000), 2013 General Fund Reserves (\$2,000,000), 2014 General Fund Reserves (\$1,300,000), 2014 General Obligation Bond (\$3,300,000), Charleston County (\$422,109) and Capital Contribution from Roper St. Francis (\$250,000). **(Councilmember Williams voted nay.)**

(Public Service: Approval of lump sum work authorization #4 in the amount of \$373,025 under existing Master Agreement for Professional Services with URS for development of watershed master plan for Dupont/Wappoo area. The plan will utilize field collected drainage infrastructure data to develop modeling for stormwater master planning and future watershed development. The plan will identify stormwater drainage infrastructure improvement projects based upon future build-out within the watershed. Drainage funds will be used to fund this contract.

(Public Service: Approval of Addendum #18 in the amount of \$100,000 for Woolpert, Inc. to perform continued management support in the Church Creek Special Stormwater Management Area to include ICPR stormwater model updates, review of design/model calculations, design services, verification surveys, attendance of client/public meetings, and other related duties.

(Approval of a one-day rental in the amount of \$500 (for damage deposit only; rental fee waived) for MOJA Arts Festival Tribute Luncheon on October 15, 2016. This property is owned by Magnolia Plantation. (Magnolia Plantation and Gardens; 3550 Ashley River Road).

(Approval of a rental in the amount of \$300 for annual MOJA Arts Festival Gospel Concert October 2, 2016. This property is owned by Trinity United Methodist Church. (Trinity United Methodist Church; 273 Meeting Street).

(Request approval for the Mayor to execute the attached Lease Agreement whereby the City leases to the Medical University of South Carolina 70 spaces located at Stoney Field Parking Lot. This property is owned by the City of Charleston. (TMS: 460-00-00-007 and 460-00-00-031)

(Request approval for the Mayor to execute the attached Exclusive Storm Water Drainage Easement whereby Richard R. Knoth is providing the City with an exclusive 15-foot wide permanent storm drainage easement. This property is owned by Richard R. Knoth. (Greenleaf Street; TMS: 464-00-00-042)

(Request approval for the Mayor to execute the attached Contract of Sale whereby the City intends to purchase from the South Carolina Department of Transportation .0168 acres of land located at the southeastern quadrant of the intersection of Lee and Meeting Street, known as Parcel K, for \$44,000. This property is owned by South Carolina Department of Transportation. (Southeastern corner of Lee and Meeting Street; TMS: 459-05-04-217)

(Request approval for Mayor to execute the attached Lease Amendment for a temporary fire station to be built in accordance with the terms of the lease. This property is owned by Guy P. McSweeney. (Cainhoy Road; TMS: 263-00-01-062)

(-- Request authorization for the Mayor to execute the attached Tri-Party Agreement to Provide Interim Funding for WestEdge Infrastructure Costs between the City of Charleston, SC, Medical University Foundation, and Horizon Project Foundation, Inc. This property is owned by the City of Charleston and MUSCF. [Horizon Redevelopment Project Area (the "TIF District")] **(Councilmember Lewis voted nay.)**

-- Authorize MUSCF and HPF to amend the Acquisition Agreements for Phase 1A and 1B to extend the closing dates as determined by the Board of Directors or Executive Committee of HPF. This property is owned by MUSCF.

(Update and potential action on mediation regarding 11 Todd Street

(Consider the following annexations:

- 614 Stoneboro Court (TMS#343-15-00-099) 0.23 acre, James Island (District 11). The property is owned by Erin Hitchinson.
- 2027 Woodcliff Street (TMS# 355-15-00-060) 0.23 acre, West Ashley (District 2). The property is owned by Nicholas and Elaine Boyer.
- Secessionville Road (TMS# 427-00-00-006, 427-00-00-116, 427-00-00-117, 427-00-00-250 and 427-00-00-251) 2.14 acres, James Island (District 6). This property is owned by ION Venture LLC.
- Grimball Road Extension (TMS#427-00-00-086) 0.79 acre, James Island (District 6). This property is owned by Johnny Troutman and Eunice Troutman.
- 1830 Maybank Highway Extension (TMS# 343-04-00-007) 1.0 acre, James Island (District 11). This property is owned by Maria and Steven Mungo.

Give first reading to the following bills coming from Ways and Means:

An ordinance to provide for the annexation of property known as 614 Stoneboro Court (0.23 acre) (TMS# 343-15-00-099), 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 11. The property is owned by Erin Hitchinson.

An ordinance to provide for the annexation of property known as 2027 Woodcliff Street (0.23 acre) (TMS# 355-15-00-060), 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 property is owned by Nicholas and Elaine Boyer.

An ordinance to provide for the annexation of property on Secessionville Road (2.14 acres) (TMS# 427-00-00-006, 427-00-00-116, 427-00-00-117, 427-00-00-250 and 427-00-00-251), 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 6. The property is owned by ION Venture LLC.

An ordinance to provide for the annexation of property on Grimball Road Extension (0.79 acre) (TMS# 427-00-00-086), 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 6. The property is owned by Johnny Troutman and Eunice Troutman.

An ordinance to provide for the annexation of property known as 1830 Maybank Highway Extension (1.0 acre) (TMS# 343-04-00-007), 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 11. The property is owned by Maria and Steven Mungo.

The vote was not unanimous. Councilmember Lewis voted 'nay' on Items #14 and #20(g). Councilmember Williams voted 'nay' on Item #17.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Next, we go to our bills up for second reading. We have K-1, a Zoning Ordinance."

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

2016-098 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON BY CHANGING THE ZONE MAP, WHICH IS A PART THEREOF, SO THAT 124 SPRING STREET (PENINSULA) (0.597 ACRE) (TMS #460-11-02-027) (COUNCIL DISTRICT 3), BE REZONED FROM LIMITED BUSINESS AND DIVERSE RESIDENTIAL (LB AND DR-2F) CLASSIFICATIONS TO PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD) CLASSIFICATION. THE PROPERTY IS OWNED BY CKC PROPERTIES, LLC.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Next is a rezoning on K-2."

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

2016-099 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON BY CHANGING THE ZONE MAP, WHICH IS A PART THEREOF, SO THAT 5 FORT ROYAL COURT AND ADJACENT VACANT LOT (WESPANEE – WEST ASHLEY) (APPROXIMATELY 9.18 ACRES) (TMS #418-04-00-006 AND 418-04-00-005) (COUNCIL DISTRICT 9), BE REZONED FROM CONSERVATION (C) CLASSIFICATION TO SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (SR-1) CLASSIFICATION. THE PROPERTY IS OWNED BY THE ESTATE OF BARBARA M. NICKLES.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We have a request to withdraw K-3 from the owner or her representative. Can I entertain a motion to withdraw K-3?"

Councilmember Mitchell said, "So moved that we withdraw."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "So moved, and we have a second."

Councilmember White said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Is there any discussion?"

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember White, City Council voted unanimously to withdraw the following ordinance from the agenda:

An ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Charleston by changing the

Zone Map, which is a part thereof, so that property located on Ashley River Road (West Ashley) (1.53 acres) (TMS #354-12-00-004) (Council District 2), be rezoned from Single Family Residential (SR-1) classification to General Office (GO) classification. The property is owned by Laura M. Smith. (WITHDRAWN)

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We do not need a third reading given that we withdrew it."

The Clerk said, "Correct."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "K-4 is another rezoning, Tovey Road."

On a motion of Councilmember White, one (1) bill (Item K-4) received second reading. It passed second reading on motion by Councilmember Gregorie and third reading on motion of Councilmember Moody. On further motion of Councilmember White, the rules were suspended, and the bill was immediately ratified as:

2016-100 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON BY CHANGING THE ZONE MAP, WHICH IS A PART THEREOF, SO THAT 5 TOVEY ROAD (CAROLINA TERRACE – WEST ASHLEY) (0.17 ACRE) (TMS #418-10-00-012) (COUNCIL DISTRICT 9), ANNEXED INTO THE CITY OF CHARLESTON JULY 19, 2016 (#2016-087), BE ZONED SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (SR-2) CLASSIFICATION. THE PROPERTY IS OWNED BY AMANDA COTÉ AND GILLES COTÉ.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Now, Items K-5 through K-8 are all relevant to the DuWap planning process."

On a motion of Councilmember Moody, four (4) bills (Items K-5 through K-8) received second reading. It passed second reading on motion by Councilmember Waring and third reading on motion of Councilmember Gregorie. On further motion of Councilmember Moody, the rules were suspended, and the bills were immediately ratified as:

2016-101 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF CHARLESTON CENTURY V 2010 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE, ADOPTED BY CHARLESTON CITY COUNCIL ON FEBRUARY 22, 2011, TO INCORPORATE THE DUPONT | WAPPOO COMMUNITY PLAN INTO SAID CENTURY V PLAN AS HEREINAFTER PROVIDED.

2016-102 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND OF CHAPTER 54 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON (ZONING ORDINANCE) TO CREATE THE DUPONT WAPPOO PLANNING AREA AND DUWAP OVERLAY ZONE, TO CREATE THE JOB CENTER ZONING DISTRICT AND AMEND VARIOUS EXISTING SECTIONS OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE AS NECESSARY TO INCLUDE STANDARDS FOR THE DUPONT OVERLAY ZONE AND THE JOB CENTER DISTRICT. **(AS AMENDED)**

2016-103 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON BY CHANGING THE ZONE MAP, WHICH IS A PART THEREOF, SO THAT THE FOLLOWING PROPERTIES LOCATED IN THE DUPONT WAPPOO AREA OF WEST ASHLEY BE REZONED: TMS# 3511500009 FROM BUSINESS PARK (BP) TO COMMERCIAL TRANSITIONAL (CT); TMS#

3500100049, 3511400012, 014, 099, 100, 101 AND 111, 3511500007, 023, 025, 027 AND 042 FROM BUSINESS PARK (BP) TO JOB CENTER (JC); TMS# 3511500041 FROM COMMERCIAL TRANSITIONAL (CT) TO JOB CENTER (JC); TMS# 3500200029 AND 225 FROM DIVERSE RESIDENTIAL (DR-1F) TO CONSERVATION (C); TMS# 3500100084, 3511300012, 3511400026 AND 028 FROM DIVERSE RESIDENTIAL MOBILE HOME (DR-3) TO JOB CENTER (JC); TMS# 3500100006 AND 109, 3511300010, 061 AND 064, 3511400006, 007, 010, 074, 0741, 075 AND 077, 3511600008, 012, 015, 017, 018, 023, 024, 025 AND 130 FROM GENERAL BUSINESS (GB) TO JOB CENTER (JC); TMS# 3511500039 FROM GENERAL OFFICE (GO) TO COMMERCIAL TRANSITIONAL (CT); TMS# 3500100009 AND 091, 3511500002 AND 029 FROM GENERAL OFFICE (GO) TO JOB CENTER (JC); TMS# 3500200137, 138, 168, 169, 170 AND 171, 3511600026 FROM LIMITED BUSINESS (LB) TO JOB CENTER (JC); TMS# 3500200023, 107 AND 118 FROM RESIDENTIAL OFFICE (RO) TO GENERAL OFFICE (GO); TMS# 3500100108 AND 3500500174 FROM RESIDENTIAL OFFICE (RO) TO SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (SR-1); TMS# 3500600084 FROM SINGLE & TWO FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (STR) TO CONSERVATION (C); TMS# 3500100092, 3511300063, 3511400005, 008, 009, 022, 024, AND 080 FROM SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (SR-1) TO JOB CENTER (JC). **(AS AMENDED)**

2016-104 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON BY CHANGING THE ZONE MAP, WHICH IS A PART THEREOF, SO THAT THE FOLLOWING PROPERTIES LOCATED IN THE DUPONT WAPPOO AREA OF WEST ASHLEY BE REZONED SO AS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE DUWAP OVERLAY ZONE: TMS# 3100800001, 002, 004, 011, 013 AND 021, 3500100078 AND 098, 3500200004, 005, 006, 007, 008, 009, 010, 011, 012, 015, 017, 023, 024, 094, 102, 103, 107, 118, 137, 138, 150, 170, 171 AND 227, 3500500022, 036, 045, 047, 055, 061, 072, 073, 075, 077, 078, 079, 147, 163, 174, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282 AND 283, 3500600060, 061, 062, 063, 064, 065, 066, 067, 068, 069, 070, 071, 072, 073, 074, 075 AND 144, 3511300010, 012, 013, 020, 047, 051, 061, 063, 067, 068, 074, 079, 080, 081, 083 AND 085, 3511500003, 007, 008, 009, 039, 041, 042 AND 058, 3511600015, 017, 025 AND 026. **(AS AMENDED)**

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Next is a Lease Amendment for the Dee Norton Lowcountry Children's Center."

On a motion of Councilmember Lewis, one (1) bill (Item K-9) received second reading. It passed second reading on motion by Councilmember Mitchell and third reading on motion of Councilmember Waring. On further motion of Councilmember Mitchell, the rules were suspended, and the bill was immediately ratified as:

2016-105 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ON BEHALF OF THE CITY A THIRD LEASE AMENDMENT WITH THE DEE NORTON LOWCOUNTRY CHILDREN'S CENTER, INC. PERTAINING TO PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE CITY AT 1021 KING STREET.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Now, we have K-10 through K-13."
The Clerk said, "Correct."

Councilmember Mitchell said, "We've got K-11."

The Clerk said, "K-10 through K-13.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "K-10, K-11, K12 and K13, we can continue to take them individually, or if you all do not have any disagreement, we can take them together."

Councilmember Lewis said, "I will be voting against K-10."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "The motion is taking K-10, K-11, K-12 and K-13 together. Is there any discussion? We note your objection on K-10."

On a motion of Councilmember Riegel, four (4) bills (Items K-10 through K-13) received second reading. It passed second reading on motion by Councilmember Waring and third reading on motion of Councilmember Waring. On further motion of Councilmember Mitchell, the rules were suspended, and the bills were immediately ratified as:

2016-106 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ON BEHALF OF THE CITY A PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS AGREEMENT WITH HORIZON PROJECT FOUNDATION, INC. PERTAINING TO THE FUNDING OF CERTAIN PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS IN THE HORIZON REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA (SOMETIMES REFERRED TO AS "WESTEDGE") WITH TAX INCREMENT FINANCING REVENUES OR BORROWINGS SECURED BY A PLEDGE OF REVENUES GENERATED BY THE HORIZON REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT.

2016-107 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ON BEHALF OF THE CITY A PARKING AGREEMENT WITH THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE PORTS AUTHORITY PERTAINING TO THE PARKING GARAGE LOCATED AT 1 CUMBERLAND STREET.

2016-108 AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY KNOWN AS 4 FOREST CREEK COURT (0.34 ACRE) (TMS# 358-07-00-034), 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 10.

2016-109 AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY KNOWN AS 303 STINSON DRIVE (0.35 ACRE) (TMS# 350-09-00-100), 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.

The vote was not unanimous on Item K-10. Councilmember Lewis voted 'nay' on Item K-10.

The Clerk said, "Item K-14 is going to be deferred at the request of Mr. Whalen."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "It is going to be deferred."

The Clerk said, "Yes."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Next, K-15."

Councilmember Moody said, "Move for approval of the ordinance to amend the Plan, sir."

Councilmember Riegel said, "Second, Mr. Mayor."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We have a motion to approve and a second. Is there any discussion?"

Councilmember Seekings said, "I would just adopt my comments earlier. I think we've already voted on this, but we'll see how this goes."

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

On a motion of Councilmember Moody, one (1) bill (Item K-15) received second reading. It passed second reading on motion by Councilmember Riegel and third reading on motion of Councilmember Mitchell. On further motion of Councilmember Riegel, the rules were suspended, and the bill was immediately ratified as:

2016-110 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CHARLESTON CENTURY V PLAN, AS AMENDED BY THE 2010 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE, BY IDENTIFYING ON THE LAND USE PENINSULA MAP AND THE LAND USE LOWER CAINHOY/DANIEL ISLAND MAP LOCATIONS OF COMMERCIAL GATEWAYS INTO THE CITY THAT ARE APPROPRIATE FOR MIXED-USE DENSE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT. **(AS AMENDED)**

The vote was not unanimous. Councilmembers Seekings, Shahid, and Gregorie voted nay.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We will now go to bills up for first reading, which is an ordinance that I bring to you based on conversations we have had over the last couple of meetings about the desire to have some policies regarding telephonic participation in our City Council meetings and Special Meetings."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Moody.

Councilmember Moody said, "The ordinance that you put in front of us, I have a couple of objections to, and I'm not sure exactly how I should proceed, whether I should make a motion to approve your ordinance to get it on the floor for discussion, I guess is what we need to do."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "That sounds like a good idea."

Councilmember Moody said, "That doesn't sound like a very good idea."

There was laughter in the Chamber.

Councilmember Moody said, "I'm not sure whether I want to make a motion or not. So, I guess if I can get some direction here, I would appreciate it. If nobody else . . ."

The Clerk said, "A person can make a motion, and someone else second the motion for discussion. If you make the motion, it doesn't necessarily mean that you're going to vote for it."

Councilmember Moody said, "You don't have to vote for it. I understand. So, I'll go ahead and make the motion for discussion purposes."

Councilmember Riegel said, "I second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Alright. We have a motion to approve the ordinance that has been passed."

Councilmember Moody said, "I would like to speak to it."

The Clerk said, "Councilmember Riegel, did you second?"

Councilmember Riegel said, "Yes, ma'am, I did. Yes, ma'am. Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Lewis.

Councilmember Lewis said, "Mr. Mayor, I've been sitting in this seat I guess for about 20 years. I don't see the reason why we've got to change anything with the Rules of Council. If a person cannot make it to the meeting for emergencies or for some other reason, they just can't make it. Why do we need to change the rules, so if a person can't make it, that they can call in? I think if they can't make it, they can't make it. That's just it. If we've got a quorum, in the Rules of Council, seven persons make a quorum, if seven people are here, the business of the City will go on. I don't think that we need to have anybody on the telephone or anything like that. I just think this, to me, just doesn't make sense to change the Rules of Council. It's been this way forever. We've never had this problem for the 20 years I've been here, and now we are going to change it just because we want to talk on the telephone. If we can't make it for some apparent reason, you just can't make it. That's part of life. I remember when I first was elected. I probably made 8 to 10 meetings without missing one meeting, but then things came up, and I couldn't be here. I would've loved to be here, but I did not ask Council to change the Rules of Council, so that I could call in. If you can't be here, you can't be here to be present to give your opinion. I think we need to leave things the way they are. There's an old saying 'if it's not broken, don't fix it.' The Rules of Council have been established for years, and I don't think we need to change."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Gregorie.

Councilmember Gregorie said, "Just for clarity, I think that the current rule is silent on this particular issue."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "That's correct. We currently have no Council rule about telephonic participation, which led to our discussion over the last couple of months. Council passed for a year a similar rule, I guess it was three years ago, or so?"

The Clerk said, "Yes."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "After that year, Council did not re-up on it. So, we have no policy as of now."

Councilmember Gregorie said, "I think I still have the floor."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Councilmember Gregorie."

Councilmember Gregorie said, "I think that that was specifically for Committees. I do think that we cheapen the process, especially with regard to the body of the whole when we allow votes telephonically, because things may be introduced that the person on the telephone will not be privy to that might, in fact, affect the voting, because things do come up. I just think that it really, really cheapens this body considerably, because what this says is that all 12 of us, as long as you're here, can call in. I don't agree with that at all. I really think that if we're going to do anything, that we should just be clear that this is applicable to committees only and not the full City Council sessions, or in Ways and Means. Wherever the body of the whole is, I do not think that this should apply. I make the motion that we disapprove this, as submitted."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We have a motion on the floor already that's been seconded for discussion purposes."

Councilmember Gregorie said, "Okay."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "I want you to know I brought this to you. It is the pleasure of Council, I don't know that I got a real strong opinion on this matter. I just want us to have a rule, so that we are straight going forward given the conversations we have had over the last couple of months. I will point out that there are certain cases in emergencies, and we don't want to restrict ourselves to the point that we can't do business on a moment's notice in the event that we have an emergency. So, let's be careful before we throw the baby out with the bathwater. Councilmember Wagner, did you have your hand up a minute ago? I thought so."

The Clerk said, "I think it was Councilmember Moody."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Councilmember Moody."

Councilmember Moody said, "On your desk is a sheet of paper that has proposals that I would like to make to the document that's in our package, and it starts off with Section f and I'll just read. 'Councilmembers may attend Regular Meetings, Special Meetings and commuting by telephone recorders for the following Rules of Procedure.' That's what 'f', says in the documents that we got. I am proposing that Section f say the following, and it's on your sheet here: 'Councilmembers may attend meetings of City Council or the Ways and Means Committee by telephone, only if such meetings are emergency or special meetings called because of exigent circumstances, and the telephonic attendance is approved by the Mayor.' We have had those when there has been kind of a single issue. It was a problem, an emergency, you called the meeting. We did the 24-hour FOIA request, and some of us weren't available on that notice, and we called in. I think that's what this emergency is, if we have that. So, other than that, you do not have call-in telephone meetings."

Councilmember Seekings said, "Councilmember Moody."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Councilmember Moody still has the floor."

Councilmember Seekings said, "I would like to listen along and read along with him, but some of us here don't have this piece of paper that he's reading from."

The Clerk said, "It was on the desk."

Councilmember Lewis said, "I believe it was on the desk. I can't find mine right now either."

Councilmember Gregorie said, "Way in the bottom."

Councilmember Seekings said, "This is the only piece of paper I've got. I don't have it."

Councilmember Gregorie said, "Just keep digging."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Does someone have one they could share with Councilmember Seekings?"

Councilmember Seekings said, "I don't mean to interrupt you."

The Clerk said, "Jennifer is going to get you another one."

Councilmember Seekings said, "Thank you."

Councilmember Moody said, "So, that was the first sentence. The second sentence is, 'Councilmembers may attend Committee Meetings, other than the Ways and Means Committee, by telephone in accordance with the following Rules of Procedures: Those are listed in 1 through 4. That's really what we did because we had Real Estate Committee and Transportation (Committee) where you would have five people come Downtown to approve two taxis, or two limousines and go back home. It would take you an hour to get here for less than a minute meeting. What we tried to accomplish, was trying to be efficient with all of those Standing Committees, except Ways and Means. So, that's the two paragraphs there; would substitute (f), and then, under Section f-1 to be amended to read as follows: 'Notice of telephonic attendance shall be provided to the Clerk's office when possible, not less than 24 hours before the scheduled start time for the meeting, so the Clerk of Council can advise the Committee Chair'. There is not a permission here, and I've really got a problem in the thing here with permission. If we were doing another bike lane, and it was 7-6, and I was on the winning side, and I had to call in, you can say, 'Well, Mr. Moody, you can't call in this meeting'."

There was laughter in the Chamber.

Councilmember Moody said, "Not that you would do it, but it gives the Chairman, or the Mayor, the opportunity to exclude somebody. I just don't like that permission, but we do need to notify the Chairman that we're having a meeting, or they were going to call in, so that the proper procedures can be met, and the equipment can be in place. So, that's the substitution for f-1 on your document is what I've got there. Finally, I've added a fifth provision down here, that 'any Councilmember attending a Committee meeting by phone when an Executive Session is held, after the vote to go into Executive Session is approved prior to convening the Executive Session, declare that no person is on the phone or within range that would allow matters to be discussed'. When you've got a call in, if we use Councilmember Williams, we didn't know who was there. We didn't go into Executive Session, but you shouldn't be going into Executive Session if you don't know who is there. It's incumbent on the committee member that's not there, that's by phone, that they declare publicly that there's nobody there with them. I think this kind of cleans up what I would like to see, and primarily, I agree with what Councilmember Gregorie said about the respect and everything. I think there is something about us being here

looking eyeball to eyeball and everything when we're in public session that we need to protect. I guess that was maybe one of the things that I was missing. So, I would amend your motion to include these paragraphs to allow telephonic committees, not on Ways and Means, not on City Council, with those things. So, I would make a motion to amend my motion."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "I presume it is okay for the person that made the motion to amend the motion, and we have a second?"

Councilmember Gregorie said, "Second."

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

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Waring.

Councilmember Waring said, "In another life, when I chaired JEDA, we used to have, for short agendas, have telephonic conference calls. We would advertise a number for the press to call in. So, I think if we're going to allow, obviously, for Committee Meetings telephonic phone-in, then the press should be able to call that number. We did that on the State level. I think it would be applicable."

The Clerk said, "I think what happens is, if they call in, and it's a Committee Meeting, the Chairman has to be present."

Councilmember Waring said, "Right."

The Clerk said, "We're sitting in a room with the Clerk, and anybody from the public can come into that room."

Councilmember Waring said, "I understand, but let me tell you. Even having done so in our Committee Meetings, sometimes we just have, because of the old buildings, historic buildings, we have sometimes problems hearing the person on the other end of the line."

The Clerk said, "I see, I understand."

Councilmember Waring said, "So, if the press wanted that accommodation, have them have a number to dial in, as well. That's all."

The Clerk said, "I just wanted to ensure that we are open to the press even with telephonic use."

Councilmember Waring said, "I just wanted to point out that sometimes we can't hear, and we're there."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Riegel.

Councilmember Riegel said, "Thank you."

The Clerk said, "The IT people will work with us on that. I can't answer that question now."

Councilmember Riegel said, "Thank you, Mr. Mayor. As a matter of fact, I wanted to share a personal experience that happened to me yesterday. I was stuck on I-26, a lot of traffic with that heavy rainstorm, and I knew I couldn't make a Real Estate Committee Meeting on a timely basis, and I called Jennifer. With Jennifer's help and with Vanessa's help, you triaged the ability for me to call in, but what I did first was, I called Chairman Gary White and asked his permission if I could call in, and participate in the meeting, which he agreed to. So, I think it worked very, very well in the Committee setting for me. I appreciate everybody's help in that. I do agree with my good friend, Dudley Gregorie, and I like to look people in the eyeball, and I think it kind of weakens our Chamber here because we all come in coats and ties, and I just think that it's something maybe we ought to avoid on Council and Ways and Means. Thank you, Mr. Mayor."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "So, let me ask a question. Your amendment says that notice should be given not less than 24 hours. In this particular case, he was caught in a rainstorm. He had not given notice. Would he be allowed to participate by phone?"

Councilmember Moody said, "I thought it said that preferably 24 hours but when possible."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Yes."

Councilmember Moody continued, "I thought it was not a mandatory 24 hours, but you need to let the staff know as soon as you can."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Sure."

Councilmember Moody continued, "That's what I was trying to say there."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Okay."

Councilmember Moody said, "So, 24 hours when possible."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Is that clear to everyone? It wasn't really clear to me."

Councilmember Seekings said, "It does say when possible."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember White.

Councilmember White said, "Commenting on Councilmember Waring's thought process around having a call-in number for the press when that were to occur, the only thing I would say we would need to be mindful of is, when we do go into Executive Session and being able to control a conference call line, where if it's a group line, you really can't control that. So, that's the only thing I would caution around that."

Councilmember Moody said, "You might have to start the call all over again."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "That's right."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Shahid.

Councilmember Shahid said, "Mr. Mayor, members of the Council, I generally agree with what we're discussing here and what we're trying to accomplish. A couple of points that I just want to bring to your all's attention. Number one, unless I'm mistaken, there is not a Standing Rules Committee of this Council, and perhaps this is maybe an opportunity for us to be thinking about a Rules Committee that will address these particular issues and other things that we may need to, regarding the procedures of how Council meetings are being held. Maybe there is not a need for it, but I think this certainly brought up to my attention the lack of a Rules Committee, and as we went through this earlier this afternoon, this evening, the question that Mr. Seekings had regarding the minutes, and how we rule and decide those particular things may be something that a Rules Committee would be addressing. The second thing about the ordinance and the proposed amendment is that maybe I'm just missing it, as well, but I've read it several times. There is nothing in here that requires that a committee meeting be held at a particular place. So, the way that this is written, we technically could have a committee meeting anywhere we wanted to."

Councilmember Seekings said, "Yes, as long as we notice it."

Councilmember Shahid continued, "As long as we notice it, and I don't know if that is the intent of this ordinance that we can meet anywhere we wanted on a committee."

Councilmember Riegel said, "You're overthinking it."

Councilmember Shahid said, "So, I don't know if that's the intent, or if that is the intent, then leave it alone, but if we have to have a committee meeting at a City facility, otherwise it could be at a Councilmember's residence, my office, or something along those lines. I didn't know if we wanted to address that in here or not. I just brought that up for consideration."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "I believe the meeting just needs to be advertised. It can be at any public place."

The Clerk said, "Yes, because we move Council meetings to various locations, and they're advertised."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We move Council. We could move a committee meeting, as well, as long as it is advertised to the public."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Williams.

Councilmember Williams said, "Yes, I don't know, I'm trying to figure out why would you want to create all of this, because it's going to have a ripple effect. Someone is going to claim that they were locked out, and they were left out. If the law is that you can vote electronically, and we live in an electronic world, and you start restricting that, you're just going to have problems. How often do people actually, really just don't vote? Just call in and say, 'I vote'. The bottom line is most people's voices want to be heard when it's important. That's the reality of that, it's people's voices, and I think elected officials' voices need to be heard when it's important. You start tying us up, and then somebody is going to come in and want a legal interpretation of why I didn't get to the Clerk in 24 hours. I'm not supporting anything like this. I think we just need to stand up and be straight about it. Everybody's elected and wants their voice to be heard when it's necessary. If it's not necessary, you wouldn't call in, and if it's particularly talking to me, I planned mine 45 days out. I knew where I had to be, and I thought that those issues would be important to me, and I wanted my voice heard. So, to me, this is a

technology world. What if you had an earthquake? What are you going to call in? You've got to be careful how you restrict in a technology world. I'm not supporting either of it. I think it needs to be redone and rethought."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Wagner.

Councilmember Wagner said, "I have used the call-in procedure previously. It is extremely hard, even on speakerphone, for the guy that's calling in to hear what's going on. Where Vanessa is, there may be a box, but if we were on the stage where you are at the podium, I couldn't hear anything that was being said."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "That is why it is good for everybody to speak into your microphone."

Councilmember Wagner said, "At committee meetings, we don't have microphones."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "That's right."

Councilmember Wagner said, "So, as a user of the said document who, as Mr. Moody said, it's real hard if you're busy as the devil to drive 15-20 minutes down here and get a parking place, come in, and do five minutes worth of work, and then get back in your car and kill another half hour to get home. If it's around 5:00 p.m., it's an hour to get home. So, that's just my two cents worth."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Got you."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Lewis.

Councilmember Lewis said, "Ms. Cantwell, please come up front for a second. At the meeting at the Gaillard Center when this item was brought up, did you say under State Law about the Attorney General's Opinion, someone mentioned the Attorney General's Opinion, that it is legal to call in, the person to call in. Did I hear you right that night?"

Ms. Cantwell said, "No, sir. What we discussed at our meeting at the Gaillard was that it was permissible to call in and participate by phone. That is allowed under State Law. The Attorney General has affirmed it on more than one occasion, but this Council is free to adopt rules to limit the circumstances under which that can happen, and that was the purpose of bringing forward the ordinance tonight."

Councilmember Lewis said, "So, if that is permissible by the Opinion of the Attorney General, why are we going through all of this? We have Rules of Council to govern Council, and we keep on doing this and doing that. Are we going to change the Rules of Council and how we operate? I think we ought to just leave things the way they are and just don't change anything. That's my opinion."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Waring.

Councilmember Waring said, "I'm just asking a question. Didn't you say our Rules of Council was silent on this?"

Councilmember Gregorie said, "Yes."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "That is correct. We do not currently have a rule that limits or promotes or speaks on this matter. The purpose of this, if it's the pleasure of Council, is to establish a rule regarding telephonic participation."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Seekings.

Councilmember Seekings said, "I kind of agree with Councilmember Lewis because I don't think we're establishing any rule. We already have you can call-in for committees. That's a rule. We've been following it for a long time, and then the rule as to Council is, you can do it if you happen to have time to call-in and tell everyone you're going to do it, fine, but if not, you can still do it anyway. So, I don't think we're really doing much here. I think everything has worked fine for a long time, and you're the presiding officer of this Council, and if people call up and say I've got to be on the phone, you can determine whether or not they can do it or not."

Councilmember Lewis said, "That's right."

The Clerk said, "Mayor, I think that rule that dealt with the committees is part of the previous recommendation. I don't think that is currently in our guidelines."

Councilmember Gregorie said, "Question."

The Clerk said, "It's not, is it Councilmember Moody?"

Councilmember Moody said, "It went out after a year. We don't have any rules."

The Clerk said, "It did. So, that is not currently in our guidelines. Let's be clear."

Councilmember Wilson said, "It was a one-year trial period."

The Clerk said, "It was."

Councilmember Wilson said, "Then, it did not come back to us to continue."

The Clerk said, "It has not come back. It is not currently in the guidelines."

Councilmember Gregorie said, "Which means that this amendment is appropriate."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Wilson.

Councilmember Wilson said, "To tag on, I think we've got to get something in place. I've changed my position on sub-committees, and I support the call-in aspect just for the reasons outlined with very, very brief meetings, but Council and Ways and Means, they are very different. We are elected to be here, and there is so much nuance that goes on in a Council meeting. I want to see what's going on. I want to see a presentation by our staff. I want to be able to hear everything. We don't know if there's a call-in. We don't know if that Councilmember is fully participating or running around doing other things. There's just too much that goes on here. We have to be here. This is what we're elected to do. I feel strongly about being present and doing the job that we are supposed to do and the debate and the dialogue

that goes on in this Council, which is sometimes entertaining, sometimes frustrating. Who wants to miss it? Who wants to miss it by calling in?"

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Well, I think we all agree, part of our responsibility is to be here, and the amendment certainly would allow for emergencies of the community for us to participate electronically. The way the ordinance was presented to you would also allow if one of you individuals had a personal emergency, say a death in the family, and the funeral was out-of-State, and you wanted to be there and you still wanted to serve and conduct your duty by participating, but you weren't physically here to be able to, it would allow that to occur with notice and the approval of the Chair. So, that was the intent, and that is the way you all wrote it a few years ago, and so I brought that back to you as a model. It's your pleasure."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Wagner.

Councilmember Wagner said, "Yes, one more comment. Only six, plus you have to be here to have a quorum. We could have a meeting with six of us, plus you, so that's our quorum. So, up to five of us can be sick, if we have to. You know what I mean? So, what can I say? We're sitting here arguing about one, two, three people calling in, and any six of us can be missing at any given time, except for you."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Alright. Is there any other discussion?"

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Waring.

Councilmember Waring said, "I just want clarification on the motion. That's all."

Councilmember Gregorie said, "Councilman Moody."

Councilmember Moody said, "Basically, what I did was the motion that was in the packet was made, and then I amended the motion with the language that was on the sheet in front of you. So, my understanding is that this is the motion with these changes."

The Clerk said, "As amended."

Councilmember Moody said, "As amended."

Councilmember Gregorie said, "Yes."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Right. So, and the gist of it is that telephonic participation would not be allowed for Ways and Means and City Council meetings."

Councilmember Gregorie said, "Unless there is an emergency."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "With the exception that, as a general emergency, a storm or some disaster that we call, that we would be able to all participate, if need be, electronically; but you are going to, according to your amendment, continue to allow telephonic participation for committee meetings with notice, but not required."

Councilmember Moody said, "If there's an Executive Session, the commitment if you go into Executive Session at one of those committees, the person on the telephone has to declare that they are by themselves. Who is there with them?"

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "That's right."

Councilmember Moody said, "Hopefully, it is nobody."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Is there any other further discussion?"

On a motion of Councilmember Moody, seconded by Councilmember Gregorie, City Council voted to give first reading to the following bill as amended:

An ordinance to amend Section 2-23 of the Code of the City of Charleston by adding a new Section 2-23(f) establishing rules and procedures for telephonic participation in City Council Meetings, Special Meetings, and Committee Meetings. (AS AMENDED)

The vote was not unanimous. Councilmembers Williams, Lewis, and Seekings voted 'nay'.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We will put it on one sheet of paper for you and you will see it altogether for the second reading. Next, we have an ordinance to rezone a property, 813 Dupont Road."

Councilmember White said, "So moved."

Councilmember Gregorie said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We have a motion and a second. Is there any discussion?"

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

An ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Charleston by changing the Zone Map, which is a part thereof, so that 813 Dupont Road (Dupont|Wappoo – West Ashley) (1.665 acres) (TMS #351-13-00-047) (Council District 7), be rezoned from General Business (GB) classification to Diverse Residential (DR-2) classification. The property is owned by the Oaks at Dupont, LLC.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Third, an amendment to annex 1830 Maybank Highway."

Councilmember Moody said, "So moved."

Councilmember Mitchell said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We have a motion and a second. Is there any discussion?"

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

An ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Charleston by changing the Zone Map, which is a part thereof, so that 1830 Maybank Highway (James Island) (1.0 acre) (TMS #343-04-00-007) (Council District 11), be zoned Single-

Family Residential (SR-1) classification. The property is owned by Maria and Steven Mungo.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We have a request to defer L-4. So, it will be deferred, and the rest of the items were already deferred. So, the only other order of business is for me to announce that our next Council meeting will be September 27th at 5:00 p.m. right here at City Hall. Is there any other business to come before this Council tonight? If not, we stand adjourned."

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

Vanessa Turner Maybank
Clerk of Council