

## COUNCIL CHAMBER

Regular Meeting

September 27, 2016

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

A notice of this meeting and an agenda were mailed to the news media September 21, 2016 and appeared in The Post and Courier September 25, 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 ( <i>excused at 6:59 p.m.</i> )	District 2	Councilmember Seekings	District
Councilmember Lewis	District 3	Councilmember Shahid	District 9
Councilmember Mitchell	District 4	Councilmember Riegel ( <i>excused at 5:59 p.m.</i> )	District 10
Councilmember Wagner	District 5	Councilmember Moody	District 11
Councilmember Gregorie	District 6	Councilmember Wilson	District 12

Mayor Tecklenburg called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m.

The Clerk called the roll.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "I would like to call on Councilmember Moody to lead or call for an invocation."

Councilmember Moody opened the meeting with the invocation.

Councilmember Moody said, "Thank you, Mr. Mayor. This is the day the Lord has made. Let us all be good grateful in it. I'm really grateful tonight for two things. Number one, our colleague and good friend is having a birthday today, and I don't see your piano, so I'm not going to ask that we sing, but today is Councilmember Waring's birthday, so I'd like to wish him a Happy Birthday."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Happy Birthday!"

There was applause in the Chamber.

Councilmember Moody continued, "The second thing that I am grateful for today is, as a member of John Wesley United Methodist Church in West Ashley, we have a new minister. I

wanted to introduce him to the City and welcome him to the City. He is actually returning. He was the minister at St. Mark's United Methodist Church many years ago. He and his wife, Angela, I believe, lived in Councilmember Williams' district. So, with that, I would like to call on Reverend Mike Bruce to lead us in the invocation, and I will do the pledge."

Reverend Bruce opened the meeting with an invocation.

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

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you very much. Just a couple of housekeeping notes, first of all, everyone, if there happened to be an emergency in the building, and we needed to evacuate, obviously, the exit doors are here, and there is an exit door in this side room over there. I would ask you not to use the elevator exiting the building in the event of an emergency, but simply use the two stairs heading downstairs, and then there is just the one stairway leading out the front. Again, if there were an emergency, I would ask you to gather together in Washington Park after evacuating the building. That's our safety announcement. Councilmembers, please, I remind you, because we are recording all of this and for everyone to be able to hear, to try to remember to use your microphones and maybe speak into them a little bit. It does make a difference. Now, we have two proclamations or presentations this evening. I would like to invite Eileen Chepenik and Rachel Knight with the Trident Literacy Association to please join me. Please come forward."

Mayor Tecklenburg read the proclamation.

---INSERT PROCLAMATION---

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "I would like to invite Eileen to say a few words, if you would like to the Council."

Ms. Chepenik said, "Thank you. So, some of you who are new on Council might not be aware that this is 14 years that we've been coming here for the Literacy proclamation. I look forward to the day when we don't have to come anymore, because we've solved the problem. First, I want to thank you, Mayor Tecklenburg, for all you've done for Trident Literacy and getting us into our new home in the St. Julian Divine Community Center for Downtown Charleston. Kristen is our site manager down there, and she is already building up a great clientele. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to bring attention to the issue of literacy and, in particular, the critical importance of adult literacy. Adult literacy is the key to childhood literacy, and the key to overcoming poverty. So, there are three good reasons why adult literacy is so critical, but first I just want to ask a question, 'Who was your first teacher?' Nobody is going to answer, but nine times out of ten, your first teacher was your mother. Now, for some of the three good reasons why adult literacy is so critical: number one, a mother's reading skill is the greatest determinant of her children's future academic success, outweighing other factors, such as neighborhood and family income. Children whose parents have low literacy levels have a 72% chance of being at the lowest reading levels, compared to 25% of children in the lowest reading level overall. Children with parents who hold professional jobs hear more than 33 million words by the time they begin school, compared with 10 million words for children for more disadvantaged groups. So, I just want to give you a few of the stories of the real people who we help every day. One young woman who earned her GED this past year had dropped out of school when she was 17. She was a single mom and had to get a job to support her child. Fast forward many years, she got married, she had two more children, she came to Trident Literacy when she was 36 and newly divorced, because she wanted to find a way to make a better life for herself and her

children. She made a pact with her son, who was a Senior in high school at the time, that if he graduated and walked down the aisle, she would get her GED. Well, he did, and she kept her promise, and she did. Another one of our students is a grandmother, and she was very embarrassed because her granddaughter kept asking, 'Please read me a story.' She kept saying, 'I don't have time,' but the real reason was she couldn't read. She came to Trident Literacy, and now she's reading. So, these are just two examples that Trident Literacy is helping students like this every day. I want to say to all of the Councilmembers, thank you so much for your support over the years, and we need it this year more than ever. For many years, Trident Literacy has received funding from Trident United Way, but we're no longer receiving that funding, and so now, we have to make up almost \$100,000 annually in our budget. So, your help is very important. Finally, I just want to say if there is anyone here who knows of anyone who needs to learn how to read, to get their GED, or their Work Keys certificate, or if you want to volunteer or make a donation, please call us. Thank you very much."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you, Eileen."

There was applause in the Chamber.

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

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Mitchell.

Councilmember Mitchell said, "I'm happy to hear that they are in the St. Julian Divine Center. That is part of the district that I represent, and I wish I had known earlier that you all were moving and getting a space in that particular building. I would have really let the community know about it, because there are so many things going on in that community, and I could have some of the young people come there and some of the seniors come to the center. Some of them are really in need of the things that you all are doing. So, I just want to say, anytime something is coming in that community or in the community I represent, I would like to know about it, so I can really inform the community about what's going on. I work hard out there on the Eastside, and I'm out there every day, sometimes at like 1:00 or 2:00 in the morning. So, I would like to know, so I would be able to send the people there, and also let the neighborhood association know on the Eastside that you all are there to help the community. Thank you."

Ms. Chepenik said, "Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Well, again, we thank Eileen and her team. As a Council and City, we should be proud of our support of the Trident Literacy Association by way of providing them quarters at the St. Julian Divine Center. Next, it's really an honor to call to join me, in addition to Councilmember Shahid, but Ruth Cupp's sister and brother-in-law, Patsy Mizzell and her husband, Henry, and notably The Honorable Patrick Michael Duffy, who is the Senior District Judge for the U.S. District Court of South Carolina. Please join me."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "I'm going to ask Councilmember Shahid to read this resolution in memory of a wonderful public servant, Ruth Williams Cupp."

Councilmember Shahid read the Resolution.

---INSERT RESOLUTION---

Patsy Mizzell said, "First, I would like to thank the Mayor and the City Council, and each member that has invited me to come today to hear the proclamation for my sister, Ruth. Ruth was very proud of her City and worked very diligently to highlight and advertise it as much as she possibly could. Ruth would have been very thankful and proud to have heard your kind words today, proud that you have been kind to her and to her thoughts and to her memory. So, tonight, today, I thank all of you very much. Thank you."

Councilmember Lewis said, "Thank you, ma'am."

There was applause in the Chamber.

Judge Michael Patrick Duffy said, "I will be brief. I want to thank Mayor Tecklenburg, Councilman Shahid, and all of the members of Council for this wonderful honor, for this accomplished lawyer, this outstanding woman, and our dear friend. The Charleston County Bar Association in 2011, after the committee researched, decided to initiate an award to present on an ad hoc basis, not an annual award, but to honor people in our profession who are so outstanding, they deserve special recognition, and they embody all of the good things of good citizenship, as well as the legal profession. The first award was in 2011 to Coming Ball Gibbs, the next awards in 2013 to Judge Richard Fields and Morris Rosen, and the last one we awarded in 2015 to Ruth Williams Cupp. This woman is exactly what the medal talks about. You know that James L. Petigru was a jurist, an author, a legislator and a scholar. He started in one of the first law schools in America, right here on St. Michael's Alley. He was in the face of all odds standing alone for what he thought was right. He was a Unionist at a time of nullification, and he received the accolades of every Confederate Officer when he died during the War, including his brother, who was a General in the Confederate Army. He, being a Unionist, was against nullification and gave the famous quote, 'South Carolina is too small to be a Republic and too large to be an insane asylum'."

There was laughter in the Chamber.

Judge Duffy continued, "That kind of a person is the one recognized by the Bar Association for standing for what's right over the years. Ruth Williams Cupp always did. Thank you."

There was applause in the Chamber.

Ms. Mizzell said, "The last time he said kind words about my sister, tears came down my eyes, and I appreciate everything you said today. Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Councilmembers, I think you will appreciate this. I don't know how many years it was that Ms. Patsy served, but she ably served on the City Council of North Charleston for many years. Patsy Mizzell, thank you for your service to our community, as well. Next, we're going to have our public hearings. The first public hearing is in regards to the Fourth Amendment to the Development Agreement between the City and Daniel Island. I believe Ms. Cantwell is going to make a little presentation to us about the ordinance itself, and then we'll have a public hearing on the matter. Thank you."

Ms. Cantwell said, "Thank you, Mayor, and members of Council. Tonight, for a public hearing, is the fourth, and what I hope is the final amendment to the Daniel Island Development Agreement. This was the first Development Agreement the City ever entered into, and perhaps one of the first Development Agreements that was ever entered into in the State. It laid the

groundwork for the development of Daniel Island as we know it now with respect to land uses, to zoning, public amenities, and the like. When the development team or the owners of Daniel Island agreed to annex into the City, we entered into a Development Agreement which set forth certain responsibilities on both parties as to how the land over there would develop and what kind of community we would want. Part of that Development Agreement was that the City was, and we bought it up front, to acquire lands for parks and for fire stations and police stations and just general public amenities. We agreed to a budget for each park that would carry forward until the development was completed, and the development of parks was triggered by dwelling units and certificates of occupancy. Well, fast forward 20 some years to today and we have, obviously, just like life in general, things change, as did the landscape over on Daniel Island. We've come to look at the Development Agreement, and we think there are some better places to spend money where we'd agreed to do it before. So, what this agreement would do is to allow us to transfer budgets from certain parks to other parks, and I'll get into it in a minute, and to free up land from City responsibility, as far as ownership and maintenance, and turn that over to the Daniel Island Town Association, who would be responsible for maintaining it and developing it, but with the caveat that it would be always subject to a public access servitude.

To get into the specifics, there is an area that was earmarked for a community park on the south end of the Island and the City down there. They were going to build probably, it was programmed for soccer fields and ball fields and things like that. Where we are today is, I think, that after a charrette and a number of public meetings, we've come to realize, and I think the consensus is that money would be better spent on a Community Center in the Governor's Park area than on the land that I call the 'South of the Mark Clark Park' for a number of reasons. That park is more amenable to really serving the needs of the citizens over there due to access and other issues. So, one thing that this agreement would do is, we would say that we would transfer the money that was earmarked for the 'South of the Mark Clark Park'; transfer that up to Governor's Park and a Community Center would be built. The same thing would happen with respect to what I call a neighborhood park, a small park that was earmarked for north of the Mark Clark, in the area where the golf course is now, an area is set aside for a small park there. This agreement would allow the City to continue to build that park if we wanted to, but if we don't do it within two years, then we're relieved of the obligation to spend the money at that park. That money would be transferred to the Community Center and any development of that land would have to include a one-acre park for the general public. Other aspects of the agreement include the trails that are associated with the Tennis Center and the dock that was built that was in association with the Tennis Center, as well as lands that were set aside for a waterfront park. Right now they are being held by the developer. They would be transferred to the Daniel Island Town Association. I hope I got the right entity, and they would be held up for their responsibility for maintenance development and upkeep. They would also be subject to a public servitude, that they would be available for public access free of charge. As and when a park is developed, the City would not be responsible for building that park. It would be the responsibility of the Daniel Island Town Association. The plans, of course, would be done in consultation with the City. We would have input and review on those plans. At the end of the day, within two years, we hope to have started the Community Center and perhaps the park, north of the Mark Clark, and, in return, the lands that the City was obligated to develop otherwise will now be developed by the Daniel Island Community; but, as I said before, they would be subject to being accessible to the general public. So, we're not losing the ability of the public to have access to those lands that the Development Agreement always contemplated.

One final thing I believe is, that I said that we are on a two-year development schedule, and this is sort of an archaic thing, but I want to just put it in the record. When the City paid money up front to acquire these lands, we took a mortgage back on lands from the Ports

Authority, what is now essentially the dredge area, and every time we take down our land for a park, we would release a portion of the dredge area, supposedly on an acre-for-acre basis, that served as our security for getting the land. With this fourth amendment, all of the land transactions will be wrapped up, and we would then release that mortgage that is now on the property. I'm happy to answer any questions."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Gregorie.

Councilmember Gregorie said, "The overall Development Agreement did call for affordable housing to also be a part of the overall development of the island."

Ms. Cantwell said, "It did."

Councilmember Gregorie said, "I do know that Daniel Island has built affordable units, but my question is, have they met that target, if there was a target in terms of the number of affordable units that should be developed on the island and, if not, where are we on it?"

Ms. Cantwell said, "Where we are on that, and Mrs. Johnson may be able to fill in the gaps, the Development Agreement provided that the City would identify land within a certain period of time that would be used for affordable housing. I think the timeframe slipped, maybe more than once, but, what had happened in the interim was the Daniel Island developer, on its own, had a private developer build affordable units scattered with market units. I happen to know of somebody who lives in one of those affordable units. She was one of the first people to buy one. So, they satisfied part of their commitment with that type of arrangement, and then, I believe, it was Humanities Foundation, constructed an apartment complex for affordable housing. Geona, am I missing something?"

Geona Shaw Johnson said, "You are not."

Ms. Cantwell continued, "I think that is what's been done, and frankly, Councilmember Gregorie, it more than satisfied what the Development Agreement called for because of the lapse, if you will, in identifying and setting aside the land. So, we do have the affordable units that we wanted. We can never have enough."

Councilmember Gregorie said, "Just as a follow up, you said the deadline slipped?"

Ms. Cantwell said, "There was a period, and I don't have the Development Agreement in front of me . . ."

Councilmember Mitchell said, "Ten years."

Ms. Cantwell continued, ". . . but let's say it was like within five years, you're saying ten years?"

Councilmember Mitchell said, "It was within ten years."

Ms. Cantwell continued, "Within ten years, there was supposed to be a process where the City and the developer would go through and identify land that would be used for affordable housing. I don't think that happened."

Councilmember Gregorie said, "So, did we miss an opportunity?"

Ms. Cantwell said, "We sort of did miss an opportunity for that, but we felt like we got it back when we got the private sector on its own really to come in and do it."

Councilmember Gregorie said, "Thank you."

Councilmember Mitchell said, "I think I can answer one question on that."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Mitchell.

Councilmember Mitchell said, "What happened when the ten years was up, when I first got on the Council that was back in '97, '98, and I heard that it was ten years. I heard that from some of the people over in that area. What I did, the ten years was going to be up at that time, so when I came back to Council and I found out about it, I had them extend it. That's when these affordable units were built, during that time, because I had the time extended."

Ms. Cantwell said, "Okay, thank you for that clarification."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Williams.

Councilmember Williams said, "I'll speak back to public access. You said that the land that will be turning over, if it's produced to a park, every park, including your recreation facility, will have public access?"

Ms. Cantwell said, "Yes. So, in other words, there are parks now that are owned. They're private parks on Daniel Island. They're owned by the Homeowner's Association. They are accessible to the public, as far as I know, but any of the park lands that are transferred to the Association by this agreement, it will be a condition of the sale, and it will carry forward in the deed, that access to the general public free of charge must be had."

Councilmember Williams said, "Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember White.

Councilmember White said, "You can call to the public if you want to have a comment, then I can make a comment."

Ms. Cantwell said, "Councilmember White, I meant to ask you if I left anything out."

Councilmember White said, "There is only one item, and that was the South End Park, that we set up a lease agreement."

Ms. Cantwell said, "Thank you. The South End Park, that is going to fall into the same category as the land set aside for the Waterfront Park. We're not going to convey it to the Town Association, but we're going to have a long-term lease, which would allow the development of fields, and perhaps, a community garden or some agricultural opportunities, but again, subject to the public having free access to that, as well. Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "So, the floor is open if anyone would like to be heard on this matter. Yes, sir, regarding the Fourth Amendment to the Development Agreement between the City and Daniel Island Company."

Councilmember Seekings was excused from the Chamber at 5:38 p.m.

1. Anthony G. Bryant said, "The fourth amendment is not an applicable term. Anthony G. Bryant, but this is the United States Department of Interior, Office of Secretary, signed by Carroll J. Andre, Chief, Civil Rights Division. It's in the public September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Anthony G. Bryant, 2123 Courtland Avenue, Charleston, South Carolina 29403, Department of Interior, in regards to, and I want to get that back, too, in regards to public access to parks. In general, we did our analysis on that, in general, and in terms of that analysis, what happened that was an investigatory letter. I did a public comment to the Commission on the Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., and by Lieutenant B.K. Williams, and in this letter, my FOIA request would only be answered if it was through 911 call whatever, whatever, whatever. So, what I came to the conclusion to believe is that a public comment was then subjected to criminal discovery. I went to the Berkeley County meeting last night, and my e-mail, this is my Berkeley County G-mail account, right here, and it's got the EPA in it, and we're talking about recovering the grant fraud Federal Program activity I was working on regarding the access, the access to public access, by and large, to African American children for parks and playgrounds throughout the country, in my analysis, and that's why I do my own research. This agreement denies that access simply by market rates and market forces. That's what we're dealing with. It denies it completely because people who live in the area can't afford to live there anyway. In terms of that so we then receive this, Berkeley County, right here, Berkeley County here, is informative, but in 2012 Berkeley County's FOIA request, we made to Berkeley County. I'm in Daniel Island which is in Hanahan, Berkeley County Zone for children but that's really dear to my heart. So, therefore, this is DR, what's this, Wells Fargo is the sponsor of this third party organization, and I was told in Berkeley County that I have issues on my computer. I'm BZA approved. I vote on cell towers. Right, so, cc: Joseph P. Riley, Jr. who is involved with that organization. John C. Hassell was the CEO at the Port during that period of time. Cheryl Hunter deals with DHEC and the issues with lakes and rivers right now, right there, Mr. Tecklenburg. So, we're not concerned about the City's responsibility. Mr. Tecklenburg has gotten to become Mayor. Our concern is a more consolidated relationship between the State and the Federal Government regarding access to parks in general. This would be a good start for the Mayor to begin that discussion with Berkeley County and others, regarding the access, by and large, to kids in our Recreational Departments that come from the inner city of Charleston, where they have access and won't be profiled in any kind of way, but enjoy in the park system or whatever. We have to think clearly with market forces and make that a criteria. This will be a prime example of how people drop the ball ten years, intentionally, the market shifted where he lives in Daniel Island. When it happened in 1990-something, I was living over there at the price point of 100 and some thousand dollars. What is it now? Five hundred thousand over there, four hundred thousand over there? So, this is what we're talking about. We're talking about the Department of Interior, DHEC and other agencies, State Ports Authority, stepping back up again, adding their name to the Fourth Amendment. This amendment, it's changing the whole relationship completely for the City of Charleston because of market forces, market impacts."

Councilmember Seekings returned to the Chamber at 5:41 p.m.

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

2. Mohammed Idris said, "Good evening, Mohammed. Mayor, City Council, one question I want to ask. Do African Americans live on Daniel Island?"

Councilmember Gregorie said, "Yes."

Mr. Idris said, "Okay."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Yes, sir. Would anyone else like to be heard? That being the case with no one else, this matter comes before Council."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember White.

Councilmember White said, "Yes, let me just, I'll move for approval of the item, and let me just, a couple of brief comments. This has been a long time coming, and I want to thank the Mayor and staff. I know I made a presentation to the Neighborhood Association. I think personally I've been involved in this for probably seven or eight years, and so, to get to this point where we're really wrapping up what is, like I said, a document that started out hundreds of pages long, we've actually got this thing down to about eight manageable pages to wrap it up. I think it's great for the community, it's great for the public as a whole, and ultimately what we're going to end up with is a lot of public space that's going to end up getting built out much faster than the City could do it on its own. It will be for the public good, and I think it's going to work out very, very well for all involved. I did put on everybody's desk just a letter of support from the Daniel Island Neighborhood Association. They've, obviously, been very, very involved in this from the beginning, and the Daniel Island Property Association has also been involved and certainly very much in support. So, again, thank you. Thank you, Mr. Mayor and staff, and again, I move for approval of this item."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Is there any discussion or comments? I would just like to offer my thanks also to Councilmember White whose leadership really led us to resolve this matter which, as he mentioned, had been outstanding for some number of years, along with our Counsel, Frances Cantwell, and I note in the audience, Counsel for the Daniel Island Company, Susan Smythe, and Matt Sloan, the head of the Daniel Island Company, whose cooperation and work on this really helped make it happen, as well. Thank you all. Without further comment, I call the question."

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

**2016-111** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON A FOURTH AMENDMENT TO THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE DANIEL ISLAND COMPANY, INC., DANIEL ISLAND INVESTMENTS, LLC AND DANIEL ISLAND ASSOCIATES, LLC, AS ASSIGNORS OF THE HARRY FRANK GUGGENHEIM FOUNDATION AND DANIEL ISLAND DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, INC. **(AS AMENDED)**

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Next, we'll have a public hearing on a zoning matter and Planned Unit Development, Mr. Christopher Morgan."

Christopher Morgan said, "Thank you, Mr. Mayor and members of Council. While we pull up the screen there, you all are, obviously, very familiar with where this property is. It's

Maybank Highway at Promenade Vista Street, TMS #424-00-00-001. It is approximately 10½ acres. It's a requested rezoning from the Gathering Place to Planned Unit Development. You all had given first reading to this and sent it to the Planning Commission, and the Planning Commission has now endorsed it unanimously, with some conditions. It's a 279-unit Mixed-Use PUD, 279 multi-family units. I believe we have our images up here now. Let's see, there's the location which you all, I'm sure, are very familiar with, an aerial view of the undeveloped site, and street views from Maybank Highway. This is the overall site development plan with Mixed-Use on the bottom floor. In these locations here, public or green spaces are along the frontage, as well as within the development, and then the large preserved tree save area to the South, over three acres in that tree save area. The site plan also specifies the height of buildings which would be three stories along Maybank and four stories for the larger building towards the middle of the site. We have some other images. This is an earlier image, that you all may have seen before it went to Planning Commission, of the site plan, and after consultation and comments from the Planning Commission, the site became greener as more effort was made to create trees in the parking areas, more effort was made to make a buffer along the frontage, including a 25-foot deep buffer that would be standard for a roadway of this type in the City of Charleston. This is a comparison just of the previous image at Planning Commission and the later image that Planning Commission endorsed unanimously. Then, this is an image that shows the distance from the right-of-way, which is a little bit over 30 feet in most areas, and then the distance from the back at the curb. I'm sorry, at the right-of-way, which is 25 feet on average, and then the distance from the back of the curb which is over 30 feet, so it is set back from Maybank Highway. There are 12-foot wide sidewalks.

I'm going to go through some of the conditions that Planning Commission voted and added to the PUD, such as the 25-foot deep buffer along Maybank Highway, the 12-foot wide sidewalks, matching the sidewalks that are in front of The Standard along with tree wells. There would be a pedestrian bridge to the south of the project, connecting developments to the south to the James Island Shopping Center, and ultimately connecting into this project to help the overall pedestrian connectivity in the area. That the parking lots, and I think I have a slide of this, would have non-standard City details which would allow much more green in the parking lot. The left is a standard City detail. The right is the type of parking lot landscaping that would occur in this development, so much more green in the parking lot. The developer would also commit to fund and install a traffic signal and crosswalks at the intersection of Maybank Highway and Fleming Road, should traffic studies show or warrant, or the City of Charleston reach an agreement with SCDOT for such a traffic signal, within five years from the date of approval of this PUD. That was something that was very important to folks in the surrounding area. Then the developer will also work with CARTA and the City to provide a logical bus stop shelter location, with proximity to the maximum number of riders, so that's something else that's very important to folks in the success of this development. There are also some images here of the architecture that is under development for the site. This is the frontage along Maybank Highway, the three-story buildings with deep porches, very vernacular kind of architecture there, and some of the other images of how the project would look from Maybank Highway. But, Planning Commission and staff recommended for approval of this project."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you, Mr. Morgan. If anyone would like to now be heard on this matter, please step forward. Yes, sir."

1. David Hazeltine said, "Good afternoon, Mayor Tecklenburg."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you."

Mr. Hazeltine continued, "Councilmembers, thank you for the opportunity to talk to you briefly about the PUD before you today. In the April 26 City Council meeting, you wisely deferred action and urged the applicant to pursue a PUD approach to this project, recognizing that PUDs inherently provide opportunities to create site-responsive designs that otherwise would not be possible within the framework of the existing zoning ordinances. To that end, there was also recognition that there were certain aspects of the Gathering Place zoning that were problematic and, at that point, the actual comment, I believe, Councilman Seekings intuitively said, that the Gathering Place needed more work, and this is an opportunity to look at it and do a better job. So, to that end, we were very encouraged that a PUD was going to be pursued. Through that dialogue and opportunities to meet with the applicant and City staff, at the courtesy of Josh Martin, we had a basic understanding of what the different issues and thoughts and concerns were in June, and we moved forward from that point. But, looking at the previous documents from the BZA approval in 2011, it became apparent that the information and the exhibit site plans in the BZA approval in 2011 were the foundation along Maybank Highway at least for this particular site plan. So, the Gathering Place zoning drove the exhibit drawing site plan that was used for the variance approval to grant the removal of the grand trees along Maybank Highway. So, our thoughts were to try to work with the applicant to create an alternative site plan that pulled back to some reasonable degree from Maybank Highway and incorporate some of the grand trees into that site plan. The problem is, and it's important to recognize that the tree save area was created by a covenant restriction and deed restriction when the BZA variance was granted. That was one of the requirements before this applicant was involved, so we're really only concentrating on this large square area up at the top. One of the tenants of the proposed PUD is that it would preserve trees in natural areas, but effectively, to create this site plan requires clear cutting and clearing of the entire site to effect this particular site plan. So, looking at it more carefully and thinking about it, the Gathering Place's intent was good. It was driven by the Comprehensive Plan and the Century V Plan, but taking it as a blanket solution and applying it in various locations is somewhat at risk for imposing requirements that may not respond to what a neighborhood is, and in this particular instance, that's absolutely what happened. So, what we have in this site plan is actually the original Gathering Place zoning framework brought up and rebranded into a PUD. We feel that there is an alternative site plan that will reduce the number of surface parking lot spaces considerably, affording more flexibility for an alternative site plan that will save more of the grand trees along Maybank. We've had an ISA arborist and a certified urban specialist review the trees along that edge of the site, and she counted at least a dozen grand trees that should be incorporated in the site plan. We all recognize that grand trees and oak trees are important to our neighborhoods in this area. I don't know whether you've had a chance to review the booklet that we provided earlier in the week, but there are more photographs to give you a better sense for the impact of that urban force along Maybank Highway. So, the balance point becomes, is there an alternative that strikes a reasonable balance, and I think DRB can guide us there, but in its current form we basically have a Gathering Place zoning rebranded as a PUD. With all due respect, I ask for your guidance to help take the development project back to DRB so that an independent body of professionals with experience for these types of issues can weigh-in through that layered process of site design and then architectural design. I did do a specific analysis of all of the site plans from June to the July PC meeting to the August Planning Commission (PC) meeting. The only deviations were a minor increase in the setback from the property line along Maybank of a few feet, and other than that, it was graphics and a few articulations as a result of architectural design input. The graphics are phenomenal, but they don't really help one understand the impact of the mass of those buildings on Maybank Highway. Thank you for listening gentlemen, ladies. I appreciate it."

The Clerk said, "May I have your name?"

Mr. Hazeltine said, "David Hazeltine."

The Clerk said, "Thank you."

Mr. Hazeltine said, "Thank you, ma'am."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you, sir, appreciate it."

Mr. Hazeltine said, "Thank you, Mayor."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Would anyone else like to be heard on this matter? Step forward."

2. Norie Bregman said, "My name is Norie Bregman, and I'm a resident of Riverland Terrace, and I'm also a Director of Citizens for Sensible Planning. Assuming you vote tonight to approve Core's PUD, I urge you to make DRB review a condition of approval for several reasons. First, DRB members are design professionals, and the staff members of the City Planning Department are not. I see no reason why the design aesthetics and opinions of staff should be substituted for those of design professionals appointed by City Council to DRB because of their design competence and knowledge. Given the large size and prominent location of Core's proposed development, the public is relying on the DRB's design professionals to bring their expertise to bear on matters such as siting, mass, scale, materials, roof heights, and roof lines, just to name a few. Second, to date, there has been zero public input on design, yet the public has a vital interest in the design of this development because with 600 feet of frontage on Maybank Road, this development will have an enormous practical and visual impact on all of the communities to the west of the Peninsula. Notwithstanding the numerous meetings that have addressed the ills of Gathering Place zoning and the proposed rezoning of Core's property, there has been not a single meeting during which the public has had an opportunity to comment on the design aspects of Core's proposed development, nor has any meeting been noticed or advertised as an opportunity for the public to comment on design. Third, exempting this PUD from DRB review would demonstrate favoritism. The adjacent developments, The Standard and Indigo Hall, were not exempted from the DRB process. Fourth, and finally, exempting this PUD from DRB review would establish a dangerous precedent, notwithstanding staff's questionable assurances to the Planning Commission to the contrary. As I'm sure you know by this point, the public cares very deeply about this site and what gets built on it. In my opinion, staff has displayed a bias in favor of the developer throughout this rezoning process. I sincerely hope City Council and the Mayor will be looking out for the public's interest tonight as you consider Core's rezoning application. Thank you for your time."

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

3. Lindsay Hamrick said, "Hi, my name is Lindsay Hamrick, and I live on James Island. I'm also here to request that it gets referred to the DRB. I've been coming here for about a year now as the Gathering Place has been reviewed, and we've kind of looked and deferred, in changing the zoning, and all of these different things have come up here. What I've kind of seen to be consistent is, it seems like this developer is kind of getting some favoritism. I don't know why. When I looked on the City website, there's a list of all of these places that have been required to go before the DRB, like all of these streets, one of which is Maybank Highway, including all of the places that are zoned Gathering Place, which is where we were from the

start. I don't know why we would be giving any sort of special treatment to this developer if we made The Standard, Indigo Hall and everybody else go through DRB. I was at the Planning Commission a couple of weeks ago and it was really disheartening to see the apparent comfy amount of communication between City staff and the developer versus the amount of communication that the residents were able to have with the Planning Commission staff. It seemed a little too close. I think having the DRB completely independent look at this is the best way to go. The alternative is, the PUD is not approved and it goes back to the Gathering Place which, although it's unlimited density, at least we have to go through DRB. So, we're kind of trying to make the best of this that we can, understanding that we're not going to win on all fronts. But to accept the PUD as written, I don't understand who would follow through to make sure that all of these changes are actually made to happen. But, to accept it as is, the City would be in violation of its own ordinances, and I just want to question how often the City normally does that. This seems to be an extreme case. Thanks."

Councilmember Riegel was excused from the meeting at 5:59 p.m.

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

4. Jim Morrisette said, "My name is Jim Morrisette. I live at 2184 Wappoo Drive in the City of Charleston. I'd like to echo the comments of the previous two comments that were made. I'm not certain why the Design Review Board is being bypassed in this instance. All of a sudden, for this one project, the normal process is being missed. There are many details in terms of architecture, materials, the quality, the size that the public has not had the chance to comment on. I would think that the architects and the design groups and the City staff would like the ability to have a constructive critique of this whole thing. It doesn't hurt, and you could only end up with something better at the end, I think. Finally, developers are going to look for lower costs and that's not always in the best interests of the City or residents. Some checks and balances are needed and I think the Design Review Board would play a key part in providing those checks and balances. Thanks."

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

5. Christopher Inglese, "Good evening. Thank you, Mayor, Councilmembers, Christopher Inglese. I'm honored to represent the citizens group called Citizens for Sensible Planning. We spent hundreds of volunteer hours being involved, coming to committee meetings, coming to Council meetings, and going to Planning Commission meetings. These folks have done exactly what we and you as a government instruct people to do when they have concerns about something like a development that's going to impact their quality of life on James Island. They organized, they volunteered, they showed up, and they wrote letters. Did you all get my letter that was sent to you all? Did everybody get that? So, that's good to know and it's good to know because, Councilmember Gregorie, I don't mean to point this out on the spot but I have yet to get a return call or a response to any of those e-mails. I know that on the record you've stated that you have met with the developer, so the expectation from our group was that we would also get a response and a meeting from you. So, it's been a difficult process and these are volunteers. These aren't paid developers that have been spending these hundreds of hours showing up and talking to you, and I'm very proud of the things that we have been able to do to influence this project. Just so you know, at the Planning Commission meeting, the Citizens Group asked for three things: a setback and a buffer on the street, which has pretty much been resolved through the recommendations of staff, Design Review Board, and the parking, the adverse impacts of the surface parking to be dealt with, which is a Design

Review issue to be dealt with. So, really, it's just one issue that is remaining, that these people are counting on you to add as a condition. These are not crazy people. They ask for very reasonable conditions. It's bizarre to me that City staff is supporting riding out the design. I just don't understand the logic, and I'm sure you will hear some reasoning from the applicant, but none of it really holds water when you've heard everybody else has to do it, and we're going to get a better product because of DRB. Nobody doubts that, and there's been no public comment on the design. So, it's really a no-brainer to add that to this. Everybody is, I'm sure, the developer is ready to move on. We're ready to move on, but let's move on to DRB. Let's not move on to a place where staff has complete control. They kind of brought us to here. It would be kind of counter-intuitive to lay this back in their lap. Just let the normal process play out. It's not too much for this citizen group to ask of you and the other neighbors. Thank you, Mr. Mayor."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you. Would anyone else like to be heard on this matter? Yes, ma'am."

6. Margaret Fabri said, "Thank you, Mr. Mayor. My name is Margaret Fabri. I am a resident of the City. I live on James Island, 770 Clearview Drive. I'm also a member of the committee that Mr. Inglese just talked about, which is Citizens for Sensible Planning. It was a non-profit that we started as concerned citizens because of this development. We have all attended meetings here, and I know you've heard us all before, and you're probably bored with it, but we're not going to give up. Your own ordinance, your City ordinance, Section 54-268, it requires review by DRB if you're on certain commercial corridors. One of those corridors is Maybank Highway. It's on the list. That's your City ordinance and you're not in compliance with it. All new residential developments with eight or more units that shall require conceptual approval and preliminary approval by DRB, not in compliance. DRB, and I won't dwell on this, but DRB is there for a reason. I looked up today on the internet when it was started. It was started in 1999. It's as important to the people outside of the historic City as the BAR is to the historic City of Charleston. The members of DRB must be seven members, but four must be, one, a registered architect, a registered landscape architect, a professional engineer, a realtor, and development professional. So, you have expertise on these boards which is one of the reasons this board was created. I would just like to say that there were 30 people, at least, that went to the Planning Commission hearing on August 17<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Morgan was specifically asked by the Chairwoman of that committee, Sunday Lempesis, 'Mr. Morgan, are we not setting a precedent here for this not going before DRB? Have there been other PUDs that have not gone before DRB?' I have the transcript. I had it done by a professional court reporter, and I think I told you that, in the letters if you received my letters, and it's here for you to look at. What Mr. Morgan said is, 'Oh, yes, Ms. Lempesis, and recently we just went through the Magnolia Development, and it didn't go through DRB.' That was not true. We went again on the internet. We looked it up. Magnolia Development went through DRB, and, in fact, it had its own Design Review Board within the concept of the development itself. So, the Planning Commission, at the very least, was working on false information. We've given as much as we're going to give on this property. We understand that we're not going to get the density we want. We understand that the applicant has lessened some of the density. We understand that not a whole lot is going to be done about 390 surface parking spaces, but we are standing on the fact that we have tried. If you looked at those booklets, our architect, David Hazeltine, spent a lot of time, effort, and money providing those to you and preparing those for you. These are trees we're talking about. We're not talking about crepe myrtles that are ten feet tall. We're talking about big oak trees, that are certainly grand trees to some extent, that are understory trees to a great extent. We're not talking about shrubs. So, that's one of the things that DRB can look at, and again, at the Planning Commission, Mr. Morgan inappropriately and untruthfully said that,

'Oh, DRB doesn't look at siting.' Well, yes, they do. They look at site to plan, and they look at design plan. That's why it's important that this go before DRB, and most importantly, this is a body that has the opportunity and the obligation to comply with your own ordinance, and your own ordinance says that this development should go and must go through DRB. Thank you."

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

7. Brian Hellman said, "Hi, Brian Hellman, on behalf of Core Property Development. Core Property Development, as you all know at this point, is the owner of the Gathering Place site on Maybank Highway, which is before you with this PUD. This has been a very long, somewhat tortured process. As you recall, almost a year ago, this project came before Council in the form of a moratorium. My client had submitted to the Design Review Board a plan that was in accordance with the Gathering Place Zoning that existed on the site. Council decided at that point to pass a moratorium, and at that meeting, I specifically said, standing at the other microphone, that Core will work with Council, with City staff, and with its surrounding neighbors to develop the very best project that it can for the site. We worked with Council, and there was a Committee formed, as you recall, to consider rezoning Gathering Place to MU-3C, and that went on for many months, and it came before Council. It came before Traffic and Transportation, and it also went before the Community Development Committee. At each of those meetings, it was summarily rejected. It was at a Community Development Committee meeting that Councilmember Dudley Gregorie, whose district it is, Councilmember Waring, who was at the Committee, Councilmember Mitchell said to me, pulled me aside; I think Councilmember Lewis was there, as well. Councilmember Moody said, 'What needs to happen here is a PUD' and we started with basically General Business and DR-2F, the commercial and residential counterparts that are on either side of this property, and we used that as a backbone. In that process, we took this site, which theoretically had unlimited density, a possible density of about 650 units, six stories of building, all legally permissible, and Core went in with a new plan that would allow somewhere between 272 and 279 units on this site. I've represented a number of developers in my practice. I have never represented a group like Core that, immediately out of the box, said, 'We'll take our density and reduce it by 67 percent of what the City zoning ordinance allows.' I was shocked and surprised that they would do that, but they did.

During that process with the PUD and reducing that, one of the key provisions that we thought would be important in this was to set a standard in the PUD, so that everybody knew what was going to come out of it. There wasn't a mystery of DRB that could push the buildings up to the street. There wasn't the mystery for the people that live at the rear, that the buildings get pushed to the rear, or that they're too tall. I think we've been fairly successful in this because I know when I was here for the first moratorium meeting, there was about an hour and half of speakers that lined up on both sides. Now, we're just down to a handful. So, in terms of measuring success, perhaps the fact that we've gotten it down to such a small number of people, we're doing something right, but we know that not everyone is going to be happy. I think, as part of that, Core's continued to work to try and make this the very best project. As you can see from that site plan, as you can see from the designs that Mr. Morgan had up earlier that Eddie Bello, the City's former architect designer, that this site plan works very well for the site. It's one that preserves and adds trees along Maybank Highway, and it also, most importantly, preserves and saves trees at the rear. It creates about four acres of protected and open use greenspace. On a 10.5 acre parcel, almost 40 percent of it is being preserved for natural and open use space. All and all, we can talk about this for a long time. I think, from my client's perspective, while we're very much willing to move forward with this tonight and move forward with this project, they are certainly willing to take this project and continue to discuss it in a

public forum to make sure that what ends up on this site is the very best that can be built. To that end, we're more than open to Council making a determination this evening to defer its vote to allow us to continue to do so. It's very important to Core that this project becomes the very best that it can be. Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you, Mr. Hellman. Would anyone else like to be heard on this matter? Hearing none, this matter comes before Council. I want to thank Mr. Hellman and his client for their patience as this matter has gone on since before I was in this position. It's been going on for some time. I also want to thank our citizens of James Island who care so much for our community and the way our built environment looks. I was working for the City in the late 90s when we formed the DRB, and it does hold that function for our suburban areas of our City, that Downtown the BAR served for our Historic District. So, on the, I think, generous offer of Mr. Hellman and his client, I would like to make a motion that we defer this matter . . ."

Councilmember Lewis said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg continued, ". . . and allow them to have the opportunity to voluntarily take this matter to the DRB, even though it's not required by the PUD. Then we can take up this matter as a PUD after they've been able to voluntarily take this to the DRB. I think that's a solution that would hopefully satisfy all the parties. So, I make the motion. I heard a second. Is there any discussion? Yes, sir."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Gregorie.

Councilmember Gregorie said, "You just took the motion I was going to make, but that's great. What I would like to say, however, is that over the last year or so, we've been working very closely with the developer. The developer has been making concessions all along, even concessions that were contained in the letter that was referenced earlier. In fact, it is my understanding that the group has been working with the developer to try to make sure that we do have a win-win situation. It's not as though this developer has not been working with the community. They have, and I applaud their efforts in that regard. I do think, however, even though from my understanding it's not required to go before the Design Review Board, I, too, think that it's great that the developer is willing to move forward and have a review by the Board. I think that would satisfy many of the issues on the table, but we also need to realize when we talk about the Board, some of their requirements are less than what the developer has already proposed. Often times we've got to be very careful what we ask for, particularly as it relates to setback, grand trees, etcetera, etcetera. So, I support this deferral, but again, we need to be very careful sometimes what we ask for."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Yes, sir."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Wilson.

Councilmember Wilson said, "Was there someone prior to me? Okay. Alright. That's fine. Thank you very much. Yes, the developer, there's no question, has made concessions. The residents have made concessions also, and it's been a two steps forward, one step back process, and it has gone on agonizingly long. However, to say that this project is exempted from DRB, gentlemen, we need to be very, very careful in going down that road. Who would write into a PUD that excuses a major component of the City approval process? If we open that can of worms, then, especially at the rate at which we are growing, we will have all sorts of activity creeping into the process in various aspects that would be a BAR oversight, or DRB or

Planning Commission, and have all of those sorts of things dictated in PUDs and in Development Agreements, and we would begin to circumvent our own process. I think we need to maintain the integrity of our process, and we have to be very careful about allowing it to be watered down in any way, shape, or form. It's a tough process, and it's a tough process for a reason, and that's because we get good results from our process. A couple of things, the tree-save area in the back, that was mandated before Core got hold of the property. So, that has been there. I also want to point out when the first moratorium went into effect, and Core Properties submitted their application 24 hours before that moratorium went into effect, to whom did they submit? DRB. Let's keep that in mind. No, I just, let me just, I don't want to say that."

There was laughter in the Chamber.

Councilmember Wilson said, "Don't worry, Bill, you're safe. You're good. This is a question of playing ball and then not liking the rules and picking up your ball and going home, or not liking the score. In addition, we can't choose with whom we want to play, we can't choose for how long we want to play, or under which rules, or quit when the score becomes lopsided one way or the other. We have to follow our procedures, and I would ask, gentlemen, that you take that with the utmost urgency and sense of follow-through with this Council to mandate DRB review."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Waring.

Councilmember Waring said, "Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I think this process, believe it or not, has been one of the better processes. I think Mr. Hellman certainly is a gentleman representing his developers. Ms. Fabri, Mr. Inglese, and I hope I didn't mispronounce your name, all of your roles have been vital to this process. That's how things work best in Charleston. You all have been very effective in your wordings to Council. I can't tell you the conversation between Council in between meetings. One of the first things this Mayor did when we had a workshop over at Grand Oaks Community Center out there, we actually spoke about this property. There have been a number of public hearings, and it's because of that public input that it came from what could've been a huge legal fight over the Gathering Place, which I played a part in that mistake. Every time I pass The Standard, I can kick myself. I saw all of those grand oak trees get torn down over there, and it was a travesty, but I think everybody would have to admit this PUD process has been a whole lot better than the Gathering Place process that took place with The Standard. So, the developer has gone from, I guess, putting a line in the sand, and we could've gone to court, and we could fight whether they had the right to Gathering Place or not. Fortunately, that did not happen, but that certainly was a fight out there. They've gone from General Business and the DR-2 that Mr. Hellman spoke about to agreeing to the PUD, which all along the way allowed a more public process. Now, we're to the point of tweaking the tweak, and temperatures are beginning to get a little bit warm. I certainly will support the motion, but I do support going in front of DRB. I'll say that because the process of approval in the City of Charleston I've always said is kind of like the birthing process. Yes, there's going to be some pain, there's going to be some anguish, but when that baby comes out on the other side who isn't looking to get the first glimpse? Who isn't proud? What father or mother or parent isn't proud? Well, even the people that deliver the babies see that every day. Guess what? Sometimes the nurse will elbow you out the room, out the way, as a father, to see a glimpse of that baby. So, the community has done a great job organizing on this and helping all of us, the community, the developer, the City, and I will say, warmly, our professional staff. We do have a professional staff, and I have to stand up and support them. I have to support Council Lady Wilson and, certainly, Councilmember Gregorie who have done exemplary work, conversation after conversation, hearing you all, listening to the developer, talking to our staff,

and, yes, our DRB process is part of that professionalism. So, I would hope that both sides can get together, and when this PUD comes back to us, it will be something and that tweak will be completed, and we all can vote in unison on this one. I will have to say this, I am a big fan of the DRB process because it simply works. Thank you, Mr. Mayor.”

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “Thank you. Would anyone else like to be heard?”

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Gregorie.

Councilmember Gregorie said, “I’d like us to do this, but I still need some clarification from our Legal Department to make sure that we’re all on the same page. Some of us are saying it’s required. Some of us are saying that it’s not required. Which is it? The DRB process, is it required? That’s an easy, simple question, and I’d like our legal staff to please let us know, so that we’re all on the same page here.”

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “We’ll be happy to address that issue. Since we’re deferring, we’ll get an answer to you before we have another meeting. I don’t know that we’re prepared to answer that question right here this evening.”

Councilmember Gregorie said, “Thank you.”

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Wagner.

Councilmember Wagner said, “I’ve only got one question, guys. I’m looking at this tree summary on page 7, 1.7, and it just struck me that it said, ‘For a period shall review the Article 16, City of Charleston Zoning Ordinance, the variance granted on December 7, 2011 that permitted the removal of certain trees shall be incorporated herein as a right.’ Five of us weren’t here on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011, that’s the first thing. I’m kind of curious, how many grand trees, especially near the highway, are we losing? Does anybody have any earthly idea, because we’re fighting grand tree issues just a little bit down the street as we speak on Maybank Highway?”

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “Mr. Lindsey.”

Jacob Lindsey said, “Councilmember, I don’t have that answer off the top of my head, but I’ll make sure to research it. We’ll look into the whole nature of the trees that relate to that agreement and get back to you. We’ll get you an answer.”

Councilmember Wagner said, “I appreciate that, but we weren’t here, five of us.”

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Wilson.

Councilmember Wilson said, “Let me clarify that just a little bit, Councilmember Wagner. This variance was granted December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011 before there was ever any site plan, before there was any design plan, before there was anything, they were given the okay to start taking out trees. Now, you think about it, from December 2011 to the present, we may have had some trees that were borderline that have since grown into grand trees. Everything, of course, has matured on the property because it only grows one way. So, that’s something that hasn’t even been taken into account. That’s the most recent tree survey, so I think you can see where the ire of City residents on James Island and James Islanders in general, part of where it comes from because, with all of this we had density issues, we had commercial usage issues, tree-

save, size and scale of the building of the whole concept of forced urbanization on James Island, which is a sea island, as I deem it, the Europeanization of Charleston, the continued Europeanization of Charleston. We've resolved a lot of those to some degree of satisfaction. We know we're never going to get the commercial that was supposed to be incorporated in the Gathering Place, but you see there are all of these details. This is flawed on so many levels from the very, very beginning, even going back to this tree variance, something that's granted six years ago. My goodness, we don't do that with projects. When we get a project, we have an updated tree survey, so you see the cracks in the façade, and you see all the different flaws that we have encountered. It's not Core's fault that this thing was done then. That doesn't fall to them, but the whole process is just rotten with this, and we've got to make the best we can. When I look at Mr. Schwartz and The Standard and his trip to DRB, and everything that they went through, I look at Indigo Hall with Mr. Hofford and their trip to DRB, it only makes sense that this occurred this way. Every single tree that was approved for removal in 2011, plus all of the trees that may have grown into grand trees, and even the less mature trees that are now fairly robust, but not to grand tree level, they're all gone. The actual building plan has been reduced. There's no question about that, and there have been a lot more trees placed in the parking lot, but if you look at that whole rectangle, I'll be avoiding Maybank Highway for a while when this development starts. I don't know how DRB is going to rule on that. I'm not going to try and get in their heads. They're the professionals. They know more than I do, but I will reiterate we have got to follow our own ordinances and not allow yet another crack, another bad aspect of this to move to the forefront by shortening our own approval process."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you very much."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Lewis.

Councilmember Lewis said, "A motion was made and carried with you. I was ready for the question. A question was called. Can we vote on this for the deferment?"

On a motion of Mayor Tecklenburg, seconded by Councilmember Lewis, City Council voted unanimously to defer 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 property located on Maybank Highway at Promenade Vista Street (James Island) (approximately 10.57 acres) (TMS #424-00-00-001) (Council District 6), be rezoned from Gathering Place (GP) classification to Planned Unit Development (PUD) classification. The property is owned by CPC James Island, LLC. **(AS AMENDED)**(DEFERRED)*

Councilmember Moody was excused from the Chamber at 6:29 p.m.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "If I may, Mr. Morgan, ask you, since E-3 through E-8 are all rezonings, if you could present all of those matters, and then we'll have the public hearing on those together."

Mr. Morgan said, "Rezoning E-3 is 403 Wappoo Road. It's a request to go from Single-Family Residential (SR-1) to Single and Two-Family Residential (STR) classification. As you can see from this image, the site is surrounded on three sides by STR, so they would be matching the zoning of their neighbors. That is what they have sought to do through this request. Both Planning Commission and staff recommend approval. The next item is E-4, which is a request to go from Conservation to Rural Residential. It's TMS #275-00-00-084 on

Clements Ferry Road. We had seen a similar request across the street from it. These are properties that had been acquired by the State Ports Authority many years ago for the Global Gateway Terminal and for the Port access by rail. Once the Ports Authority no longer needed them, they sold them back to the original owners, and the original owners are interested in having the type of development occur here that is recommended in our Comprehensive Plan, and that is the more rural type (RR-1), 3.5 units to the acre. Again, it was approved recently by the Planning Commission and Council for across the street, and now the request is for this parcel here, again at the end of Clements Ferry Road. Item E-5 is a middle school at 1484 Camp Road. Obviously, this has been a school for many years. The Charleston County School District is going to be making improvements on the property, and when they make improvements on the property, if it is not zoned in a manner that automatically allows schools, they have to request the School Overlay, and that is the request here. The School Overlay has a special exception process within it that will look at the number of students, traffic impacts, impacts on neighbors such as field lighting, access points, things like that. So, we are always in favor of the School Overlay for the school sites. Both the Planning Commission and staff recommend approval of that request. Then we move on to E-6, which is 813 Dupont Road. This is a commercially zoned piece of property at present. It has a mobile home park on it. The request is to go from GB to DR-2, which is a similar level of residential density. The proposal on the site is for an affordable housing development. There is an aspect of our codes that requires that even if they are building just for residential purposes, that if they are on a site that is zoned commercially, that they have a higher fire code standard. So, they just want the applicants that are interested in building a typical multi-family fire code standard, and that is the reason for the rezoning. Both staff and Planning Commission recommend approval of that. Moving along to annexation, Mayor, did you want to take these now, or did you want to wait on these?"

Councilmember Moody returned to the Chamber at 6:31 p.m.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Let us go ahead."

Mr. Morgan continued, "So, this is the annexation and zoning at Savannah Highway, TMS #286-00-00-033, 16 acres. It was zoned commercially in Charleston County and would come into the City. Staff and Planning Commission recommend for General Business. This is out beyond Main Road and Savannah Highway here. It's in an area that is seeing other commercial development, such as the Publix, which is adjacent to property to the East. We'll move on to the next item. There's an aerial image of the site that has been cleared. Finally, E-8 is 1830 Maybank Highway. The applicant has requested that the final approval of the annexation be deferred here, but they would like to have the public hearing continue since it's already been advertised. This is for Single-Family Residential for this property. It's actually across the street from the site you were just discussing that had the PUD request. This is a Single-Family house on the property, and they would like Single-Family Zoning. The Planning Commission and staff recommend approval. There is also an ordinance amendment tonight that is minor amendments to the Upper Peninsula Zoning District to help make it work a little bit more effectively. It's clarifying some language about rooftop uses, clarifying some language about active uses on the ground floor, giving the same parking requirements as the Mixed-Use District, and clarifying the indoor parking requirements. These are things that we have worked on as new developments have come into that area. Staff and Planning Commission recommend approval of those amendments, as well."

Councilmember Gregorie was excused from the Chamber at 6:33 p.m.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you, Mr. Morgan. Would anyone like to be heard on Items E-3 through E-9 which are mostly rezonings, a couple of annexations, and one amendment to our Upper Peninsula Zoning Ordinance? Yes, sir. Please come forward."

1. Anthony G. Bryant said, "I thought I was going to reserve it for public comment but I want to address the issue of #5 and #9. Number E-5, I was going to reserve this, but I made an issue of it at the Charleston County School District operational committee meeting in, I think it was September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016 in terms of a police report. A police report reflects zoning, it reflects an area. So, this police report, based upon the finding of facts, and my Social Security number, and based upon that police report, and that inquiry, that was an error. That police report lead my name, my name, in the Overlay District, as Anthony Bryant on the police report. My first company is Bryant Group, Inc. and Port City Services, LLC name in a national investigatorial calling forwarding system, national. So, on the police report at 75 Calhoun Street at City of Charleston, Charleston County School District. That's on the police report. I'm a BZA member of Charleston County, DOT certified, HUD certified. My name is vitally important to me, and my business name is important to me, so I had to wait on this. So, 2013, these are the agencies that deal with the School District in most cases. The Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Department of Agriculture Rural Development Corporation and Department of Commerce, also Health and Human Services, DSS. I have no children. I don't have any. They're not in the system at all. Therefore, with the School District police report, they placed my Social Security number there, my address was there, and date of birth. There's DHEC, Social Security Administration, and it even might be my birth identifier. Again, we want to make sure that the Police Chief understands in these zoning criteria, and all zoning Overlay Districts, that people are treated fairly as they, I guess, walk on campuses or whatever. So, this police report was false. It was not an appropriate police report, but the people, it was in the court record, it was during the court record. It was there. Therefore, I believe that these old amendments regarding that issue of people filing false police reports and putting them online and building a position on that. So, the Police Chief is not involved with the police report, he is involved with enforcing the law of the police report. That's what is at question. Not Police Chief Mullen, but the police report that was filed and the physical address on it. That's the whole School District, 45,000 students, 5,000 employees, I don't know all of them like that. So, again, the people want to file false reports. The policeman says, 'Okay, you're filing a false report. Please watch the first of the identifiers, make sure it's the right identifiers, make contact with me, Chief Mullen, give me notice, let me know something. We tried to get it redacted out of the Charleston County courts for close to two years and it stayed dormant in that police report. So, the police filed it so we couldn't do anything about it. This is a serious issue for me and my business and my name's reputation. I don't blame Chief Mullen for that. I blame the fact that people are doing false police reports and putting forth false identifiers of names on the table. That needs to be eliminated completely in the process."

Councilmember Gregorie returned to the Chamber at 6:35 p.m.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you, Mr. Bryant. Would anyone else like to be heard on any of these matters? If not, we will bring them before Council."

The Clerk said, "Well, just a minute, may I separate them, Mayor?"

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Certainly."

The Clerk said, "So, if we could take E-3, E-4, E-5, E-7 and E-9, they are all getting first readings."

Councilmember Waring said, "So moved."

Councilmember Mitchell said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We have a motion and a second on first reading for Items E-3, E-4, E-5, E-7 and E-9. Is there any further discussion or comments?"

No one asked to be heard.

On a motion of Councilmember Waring, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, City Council voted unanimously to give first reading to the following bills:

*An ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Charleston by changing the Zone Map, which is a part thereof, so that 403 Wappoo Road (West Ashley) (0.46 acre) (TMS #350-10-00-010) (Council District 5), be rezoned from Single-Family Residential (SR-1) classification to Single and Two-Family Residential (STR) classification. The property is owned by Christopher and Rachel Davis.*

*An ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Charleston by changing the Zone Map, which is a part thereof, so that Clements Ferry Road (Cainhoy) (18.09 acres) (TMS #275-00-00-084) (Council District 1), be rezoned from Conservation (C) classification to Rural Residential (RR-1) classification. The property is owned by Thomas Island LLC.*

*An ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Charleston by changing the Zone Map, which is a part thereof, so that 1484 Camp Road (James Island) (7.88 acre) (TMS #425-06-00-089) (Council District 12), be rezoned so as to include it in the School Overlay Zone (S) classification. The property is owned by the Charleston County School District.*

*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 Savannah Highway (West Ashley) (16.01 acres) (TMS #286-00-00-033) (Council District 5), be zoned General Business (GB) classification. The property is owned by Selaf Gateway Village LLC.*

*An ordinance to amend provisions of Chapter 54 of the Code of the City of Charleston (Zoning Ordinance) by amending Part 17 – Upper Peninsula District pertaining to rooftop uses, mixed uses, parking, and bicycle parking facilities.*

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Next, we would take second reading . . ."

The Clerk said, "Item E-6."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "On E-6 and E-8."

The Clerk said, "Item E-6 needs to be taken separately."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Okay."

The Clerk said, "Item E-6. We'll get to E-8."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We have a second reading for Item E-6."

On a motion of Councilmember Moody, one (1) bill (Item E-6) received second reading. It passed second reading on motion by Councilmember Shahid and third reading on motion of Councilmember Gregorie. On further motion of Councilmember Mitchell, the rules were suspended, and the bill was immediately ratified as:

**2016-112** 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, "Now, on E-8, we are only going to give second reading and not third."

The Clerk said, "Correct."

Councilmember Mitchell said, "Move for approval."

Councilmember Lewis said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Move for approval and second. Is there any discussion?"

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Lewis, City Council voted unanimously to give second 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, "Next, we move on to approval of our City Council minutes from September 13<sup>th</sup>. Is there any discussion?"

No one asked to be heard.

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember White, City Council voted unanimously to approve the City Council minutes of September 13, 2016.

Councilmember Wagner was excused from the Chamber at 6:40 p.m.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Next is our Citizens Participation Period. Would anyone like to be heard? Yes, sir, Mr. Idris."

1. Mohammed Idris said, "Mayor, City Council, ladies and gentlemen. Good evening. You know the Mayor is a piano player, and when you hear 'do re mi fa so la ti,' you hear music in it. When they brought Mayor Tecklenburg after Mayor Joe Riley had done an awful job to our City, they were about to bury us, or were trying to bury us, but God is the best knower. Last City Council meeting, you all had a big book like this saying 'Illuminating

Relations,' or 'Illuminating Committee,' or something. We want to know where you got that Committee from. Nobody knew the people on that Committee, and when you all are asking for professionals in these particular fields right here, and an argument is going on, that's the same thing as people in the street. Where did that Committee come from? If they walk out there, nobody knows them, and nobody respects them. Right after you all had that big meeting, a young man got killed. A young man got killed that same night because the Mayor is getting people like Chief Mullen and them that are getting people on these boards that nobody in the streets respects. Just like you all said that you don't have any professionals in this field to do this, to do that, the voting on these projects, that's the same thing our community feels. You have to start getting people that people respect. You can take those people on that Committee and walk through the street, and I don't think anybody would know them. Then God showed you all something last City Council meeting, right after you all had that big hurrah in here, a young man got killed. Then, they came, and the music player went and played music at the funeral. That's what you all think about us."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you, sir. Yes, sir, Mr. Bryant. I'm sorry. Yes, ma'am. Please step forward."

2. Julie Lawrence said, "Hello. I'm here to represent a group, an initiative that I hope that you will hear more about in the month of October."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Please identify yourself."

Ms. Lawrence said, "Hi, my name is Julie Lawrence. Our initiative is called 'Wake Up Charleston,' and it's an effort to bring awareness to prescription drug abuse. I'm also here so that you can see my face, and remember my face, because I am a mother who has a child that's addicted to drugs. There are a lot of us in Charleston. As an effort to make awareness greater in Charleston, we are joining together, and that's why we've started this 'wake-up' initiative. To give you a little insight into what that looks like, my son was freshman in high school when he started his drug use. It became a nightmare for our family. It almost tore us apart. In an effort to try and find someone that could help him, we ended up having to send him away from our home and prayed that the people we sent him to would be able to give him the help that we couldn't provide for him. What that looks like, if you can imagine if you have children, is signing a document that signs over power of attorney of your child and having that notarized. It meant having him gone for a year. That meant all of our birthdays, all of the holidays, Thanksgiving. We were able to talk to him on the phone at Christmas. That's what that looks like. He came back a different person than when he left our house and our family. So, he came back and had to go to the same school that he came from because there's nothing else to do. There are no other alternatives in Charleston, and he would come home and say, 'Mom, it's so hard.' He said, 'There are drugs everywhere.' He said, 'Everybody, all the teenagers use drugs. It's so hard to stay away from it.' I'm also a pharmacist, so I have experience with prescription drugs, and I can tell you that narcotics are so often prescribed that there are enough to fill nine out of every ten households with narcotics. That's how they are so easily accessed. So, people who succumb to opioid addiction or narcotic addiction, they get them from households 70 percent of the time. They are not having to buy them off of the street or somebody from Mexico. It's not like something you would see on a T.V. show. They're getting them from our drug cabinets, from our houses, from your houses, from grandparents' houses. They're too easily accessible. So, on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, the DEA is sponsoring a national take-back day. You may have heard of it before. We've offered it twice during the year. This year it's going to be October 22<sup>nd</sup>. It's a Saturday, and the location is the MUSC horseshoe. So, we're asking that anybody and everybody look through your house, and take out this

dangerous product which is equivalent to having a gun sitting out in your house. It's that easily accessible to these kids. Thank you for your time."

Councilmember Wagner returned to the Chamber at 6:44 p.m.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you very much. God bless you. Yes, sir, Mr. Bryant."

3. Anthony Bryant said, "I have a FOIA request. Anthony G. Bryant, 2123 Courtland Avenue, Charleston, South Carolina 29403, reference 'Anthony G. Bryant,' a letter signed by Vanessa Turner Maybank and all the public comments that I've made. It's a FOIA here. John Kazachowsky sent me a letter in 2010. We faxed it from Berkeley County in 2009, and on the letter was the Federal Bureau of Investigations against me, the Department of Homeland Security, which we filed a public comment asking whether or not many counties were actually in compliance with the directive of 2003. Also, we had a public opinion against the South Carolina Court system and Federal Court, which is across the street, which would then assume that I am operating in bad faith, the Department of Justice, as well, in assuming that the public comment that we did make against the Court system and also the failure of Federal agencies regarding the African American community, in particular, so that's there, too. Also, on this public comment made August 1, 2016 to Al Cannon who was involved with the Federal Grant regarding Emanuel (Mother Emanuel AME Church) and MUSC, that my public comment was taken in a certain kind of way by those involved, and I did not get it back. The Commission on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., which we believe that the Emanuel situation is not fully disclosed to the public and the FOIAs we made. Also, we believe, I believe, on June 22, 2015, a public hearing was not allowed for changing of zoning for rejustification of grievances and assemblies and protests. We filed a complaint in 2015 about that during the Emanuel situation. All of my public comments of Emanuel are online and offline to be viewed as being investigatory. We deem it to be the First Amendment and free speech. So, I know some of you personally, and I know how you get personal. I don't get personal with anybody in business. At the end of the day, we believe that the DEA is a failed organization. It's completely a failed organization, and your names, social security numbers, addresses, and birth dates are in the record for years to be criminally discovered over and over again like an article in the paper. It's a violation of the Fourth Amendment, securing your person, house, personal effects, if we address your grievances, State records, acts, and judicial proceedings. A Federal agency does not have the capacity or power to act like Congress. They are not Congress at all, period. We were held as chattel in this City for hundreds of years under the Constitution, hundreds of years. So, therefore, I'm not going to have anybody First Amendment right, period, nobody. I don't care if it's Greg (Chief Mullen), Tim Scott, (President) Obama, nobody. It was paid for by my ancestors on the wharf, okay? Have a nice day and all the best, and I need to get that back to me immediately."

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

4. Angel Quintero said, "Good evening, and thank you, Mayor Tecklenburg and Council. My name is Angel Quintero. I'm the Chairman of the MOJA Arts Festival. Everybody's familiar with the MOJA Arts Festival. We've been here for 30 years strong. It's a great festival, African American, Caribbean Arts, and we bring entertainment and invest it into this City. That's what we do, and I was just made aware the other day that we were in a little dilemma. The only hope that I had was to come to City Council with this. The festival actually starts this Thursday. That's our opening, and then of course we go into the reggae, and we have an R&B concert, which is pretty much one of our biggest events, and we draw a big crowd from it. As a volunteer member and Committee Chairman, when I started hearing that

something was going wrong, and something comes to my attention, the only thing I could do is bring it to the Office of Cultural Affairs to respond. We were, at that point, tied to not knowing what to do. What I'm asking is we need some help with an R&B concert that was here, which is our biggest event. We had a promoter. Our promoter at the last minute bailed out, and we had some people that stepped in to try and save that event. A lot of the deposits were made, and then, of course, the ticket sales are coming in now. So, a lot of the money will be recouped, what we are asking for. We're asking for about \$80,000, and a lot of that will be recouped as ticket sales go forward because we are a City that gets a lot of walk-up traffic. I have some of the promoters that have stepped-up here that came at the last minute to try and save that date. All of the commercials have been running. All the pamphlets have been put out. Everything is out there in the public's eye, and the last thing I would like to see is an embarrassment, not only to the festival, but to the City, with the MOJA Arts Festival."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you, sir."

5. Donavan Moten said, "Good evening, everyone. I'm Donavan Moten. I'm the promoter of the event. To piggyback off of what Angel stated, I've spent \$57,500 of my own money for this event. I was hoping that other sponsorships were going to join me in reference to paying for this event, but that has not happened at this point. Granted that this is last minute, we are trying to make this event happen. Like he stated, we have radio promo that is going on. We have individuals purchasing tickets and things like that. So, what we are asking from you guys is to help us finish the project, so we can save the name of MOJA and also save the name of the City."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you very much. Would anyone else like to be heard during our Citizens Participation Period?"

No one else asked to speak.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Hearing none, we will move on to our Petitions and Communications. First we have a Resolution extending an invitation to the City of Panama City, the Republic of Panama, to become a Sister City, and inviting the people of Panama City to participate in this program. I would like to just thank and recognize Ms. Neita Wiese and also Harry Gregorie is with her this evening. They have worked very hard for some time to make this possible. We think this is a very appropriate outreach to a city that we share a maritime heritage with. We really think that the City of Charleston and the City of Panama City, along with the Panama Canal, will enjoy a lot of commerce and relations in coming years as our port will be, we think, one of the most used ports for vessels coming from the City of Panama City. If you all would just stand and be recognized, I would like everyone to recognize Neita and Harry for all of the work they've done on this, and if Council has any questions about it, we'll be able to ask them."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Wilson.

Councilmember Wilson said, "If you need someone to go to Panama to handle any business, I'm available."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Councilmember Wilson's ready. Do they allow swimmers to swim the Panama Canal?"

Councilmember Wilson said, "Well, I'd be the first."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "You could be the first."

Councilmember Seekings said, "So moved."

Councilmember Waring said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Moody.

Councilmember Moody asked, "What is our financial commitment, if any, to this program and where is that coming from?"

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Mr. Gregorie."

Harry Gregorie said "Councilman, it is a privately funded, non-profit corporation. So, we are not asking for any City financial support at this time. Thank you."

Neita Wiese said, "We would like to host a function for City Council after, hopefully, you have formally acknowledged this organization and this Sister City partnership with Panama, who is ready to move forward. So, at that time, we'd like to see if we could have City Council to have a reception to let you know a little more about this program and this model that Mayor Riley initially endorsed that was a 501(c)(3) that Mayor Tecklenburg has been kind enough to also endorse. Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Seekings.

Councilmember Seekings said, "Just very briefly, Mayor Tecklenburg, this has been going on a long time. Neita has been working tirelessly on it, and although they are not asking anything from us in terms of monetary investment, she has been spent a lot of her own time and her own money to make this happen. I know she's back and forth to Panama a number of times, and she's met with the government down there. This has come through the hard work of a private citizen, that we are going to get the benefits of being a Sister City with a great city that shares our maritime heritage. So, thank you for your hard work and sticking with it because I know there were some dark days in there at some point."

Ms. Wiese said, "Thank you so much. It's been a labor of love."

Councilmember Seekings continued, "I think you're going to get the votes tonight, so congratulations."

Ms. Wise said, "Thank you, and I will just leave you with the Mayor of Panama (City) had invited Mayor Tecklenburg and his wife, all expenses paid, to attend the inauguration of the Panama Canal in June, but unfortunately, timing was such that it was clear that you needed to be here. So, again, they are very interested in forming this relationship with us. I will leave you with this last thought that in your packet you will notice that in the very, very back on the left hand side, there is a photo of Mrs. Gaillard, who was David DuBose Gaillard's wife, who was from Manning, South Carolina; and Foster's (Gaillard) great uncle, who was one of the chief civil engineers for the Panama Canal. There are a lot of ties to this area, and for those of you who would like to know more about the Barbadian shared connections and architecture, history, and culture, we would love to sit down and have a cup of coffee with you at some point. Thank you so much."

Mayor Tecklenburg asked, "Are there any further questions or comments?"

No else asked to be heard.

On a motion of Councilmember Seekings, seconded by Councilmember Waring, City Council voted unanimously to approve the Resolution extending an invitation to the City of Panama City, Republic of Panama, to become a Sister City and inviting the people of Panama City, Panama to participate in this program.

-- INSERT RESOLUTION --

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you and congratulations. I would like to also advise Council that this may be the beginning of great endeavors for the City of Charleston, not only with Sister Cities, but, with our international tourism on the rise, and in light of some of our national, political scene, I am contemplating us starting our own State Department for the City of Charleston."

There was laughter in the Chamber.

Mayor Tecklenburg continued, "So, we may have an ambassadorship, in addition to a Sister City relationship to discuss with you at a future time."

Ms. Wiese said, "Just so you know, I have family in Sydney, Australia, and a brother in Cape Town, too."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "The next matter is the West Ashley Revitalization Commission Appointments."

Councilmember Williams said, "Move for approval."

Councilmember Seekings said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg asked, "Is there any discussion?"

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Moody.

Councilmember Moody said, "I just want to congratulate you, Mayor. I don't know if this is 100, 200, or 500 times better than our first effort that we screwed up, but congratulations."

Mayor Tecklenburg asked, "Are there any further comments?"

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Waring.

Councilmember Waring said, "I just wanted to second that effort. I mean you really did a great job. You took your time. You came up with some great names, great balance, and I just want to give you congratulations on your choices."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Well, thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Williams.

Councilmember Williams said, "I'd like to also thank you. I think that one process didn't have to stoop so low, but I'm happy to acknowledge the fact of the matter that I'm big enough to let you know that I fully support the Chairman and support this moment. Thank you."

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

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Shahid.

Councilmember Shahid said, "I just want to echo what has already been stated and my appreciation to you, Mayor, and your staff and to members of Council. We need this Commission. This Commission is going to be an important part, I think, of your administration. It's important for the citizens of West Ashley and for the entire City, and we're ready to get to work. So, thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Gregorie.

Councilmember Gregorie said, "Mr. Mayor, I, too, would like to applaud your effort, one appointment in particular. I think that adding Councilman Lewis is bold because he also has representation of Downtown. So, for me, that alone completes it. Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Might I add that this was a little difficult, not just because of the little back and forth that we had as a Council, and it's uplifting, really, but the incredible interest of good citizens of our community that offered themselves to serve. There were over 200 individuals, and they all could have ably served on this Commission. So, in addition to the Commission members, I went ahead and suggested some subcommittees to the Commission that included individuals and Barry Whalen who was here this evening, but many others. I also would point out tonight Amy Riley, Harry Gregorie, and Donna Jacobs, and maybe I missed somebody, but at least those members of the Commission are present here this evening. Thank you all for your willingness to serve, and we're going to do some great things."

Councilmember Williams was excused from the meeting at 6:59 p.m.

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Moody.

Councilmember Moody said, "I just wanted to be sure that we were clear on one thing, that we are approving tonight the Committee, the 19 members."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "That's correct."

Councilmember Moody said, "The subcommittee is really going to be part of what that Committee does. I mean, we're not directing them that they need, say, a technology committee, but if they need one, here are some suggestions, and they will set it up, and they won't have to come back to us. I just want to be sure that we all kind of understand where we were headed. At least that was my understanding."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "That is technically correct. I would suggest to the Commission that they look very favorably upon these individuals."

Councilmember Moody said, "And there may be other committees that you haven't identified that they may need, and that will be their job to select them and staff them."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Absolutely."

Councilmember Moody said, "Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg asked, "Are there any further comments or questions?"

Councilmember Gregorie said, "Yes, Mayor, with a strong name like Gregorie on that Committee, it can't hurt you."

There was laughter in the Chamber.

On a motion of Councilmember Gregorie, seconded by Councilmember Seekings, City Council voted to approve the appointments to the West Ashley Revitalization Commission.

-- INSERT APPOINTMENT MEMO --

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "I have one other announcement. We, for the first time this evening, we didn't announce it because we wanted to make sure it worked. We kind of combined our video capability that normally just tapes our proceedings for replay on Comcast to also be able to live stream our City Council meetings. Nobody knew about it, but on YouTube tonight, if you had known the correct address, you would have been able to see our live stream tonight. Now that we know it works, we'll be announcing to the public and have a link on our website, so that anyone who would like to enjoy listening City Council meetings from the comfort of their own home, will be able to watch us on a live stream here on out on YouTube."

Councilmember White said, "Just to clarify, that doesn't include any of us."

There was laughter in the Chamber.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Everybody is in view of the camera, and also it does pick up our audio, as well. So, our meetings will be available and transparent to the public in that fashion, as well, which I think is a very good thing. Next, are our Council Committee Reports. The first is the Committee on Human Resources."

Councilmember Lewis said, "Move for approval."

Councilmember Mitchell said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Councilmember Riegel is no longer in the room. Is there any discussion?"

No one asked to be heard.

On a motion of Councilmember Lewis, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the report of the Committee on Human Resources.

-- INSERT COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT --

(Approval of the Blue Cross/Blue Shield Administrative Contract, 2017 Healthcare Budget, and Approval of Cigna Life and Disability Renewal

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Committee on Community Development."

Councilmember Lewis said, "Move for approval."

Councilmember White said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Mitchell.

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

Councilmember Mitchell said, "We just sent one item to Real Estate. That's about it. Everything else was information only."

On a motion of Councilmember Lewis, seconded by Councilmember White, City Council voted unanimously to approve the report of the Committee on Community Development.

-- INSERT COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT --

(Request to extend the timeframe for performance under the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Charleston and the Episcopal Diocese Community Housing Development Organization of South Carolina (Information Only)

(UDAG Funding Presentations: City of Charleston Requests to the Charleston Citywide Local Development Corporation (Information Only)

(Discussion: Land Acquisition Opportunities (Information Only)

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Committee on Public Works and Utilities."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Waring.

Councilmember Waring said, "Move for approval."

Councilmember Mitchell said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg asked, "Are there any further comments?"

No asked to be heard.

On a motion of Councilmember Waring, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the report of the Committee on Public Works and Utilities.

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

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

(i) Sidewalk at intersection of Ripley Point Drive and Highway 61 Connector - Approval to notify SCDOT that the City intends to accept maintenance responsibility for 12 feet of proposed concrete sidewalk and ADA ramp with detectable warning assemblies for a portion of the sidewalk located within the SCDOT right-of-way at the intersection of US Highway 61 Connector (SC 61 Conn) and Ripley Point Drive (local). Letter and map attached.

-- Letter

-- Map

(ii) Gadsdenboro Park Sidewalk – 85 feet along Concord Street north from intersection with Laurens Street - Approval to notify SCDOT that the City intends to accept maintenance responsibility for 85 feet of proposed granite curbing for a portion of the sidewalk located within the SCDOT right-of-way along Concord Street (S-10-396). Letter and map attached.

-- Letter

-- Map

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Next is the Committee on Ways and Means."

Councilmember Moody said, "So moved."

Councilmember Mitchell said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg asked, "Is there any discussion?"

No one asked to be heard.

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

-- INSERT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS REPORT --

(Bids and Purchases

(Police Department: Approval to accept the 2016 Edward Byrne Memorial grant from the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Justice Program's-Bureau of Justice Assistance (FY16 Allocation: \$21,387) for Automated License Plate Readers. The Automated License Plate Readers cost \$25,598. A match in the amount of \$4,511 will be budgeted for in 2017.

(Fire Department: Approval to accept a SLED grant in the amount of \$70,000 for the Low Country Regional Collapse Search & Rescue Team-Charleston. Funds will be used for replacement of equipment and required training. No City match is required.

(Office of Cultural Affairs: Approval to accept a grant from Charleston County Accommodations Tax Committee in the amount of \$10,714 for the 2017 Piccolo Spoleto Festival. No City match is required.

(Office of Cultural Affairs: Approval to accept a grant from Charleston County Accommodations Tax Committee in the amount of \$5,275 for the 2016 Holiday Magic in Historic Charleston. No City match is required.

(Office of Cultural Affairs: Approval to accept a grant from Charleston County Accommodations Tax Committee in the amount of \$6,107 for the 2016 MOJA Arts Festival. No City match is required.

(Mayor's Office for Children Youth and Families: Approval to accept an Office on Violence Against Women grant in the amount of \$353,697 to enhance training and services to end abuse in Later Life Program. No City match is required.

(Parks-Capital Projects: Approval of a CPD Forensic Lab Professional Services Contract with Stubbs Muldrow Herin Architects in the amount of \$450,250 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. A specialty forensic lab consulting fee is also included. The Professional Services Contract will obligate \$450,250 of the \$6,591,000 project budget. The funding source for this project is the 2015 Installment Purchase Revenue Bond (\$6,591,000).

(Parks-Capital Projects: Approval of a Purchase Request with Sole Source Justification for a CIAC/OWIP Agreement with SCE&G in the amount of \$52,622.86 for a high pressure gasline relocation for the Savannah Highway Fire Station (FS#11). Currently, a 10" SCE&G gasline bisects the site and its relocation would accommodate the most optimal placement of the station and should be executed before the start of construction on the building in 2017. The CIAC/OWIP will obligate \$52,622.86 of the \$8,505,131 project budget. The funding source for this project is: 2015 Installment Purchase Revenue Bond (\$8,505,131).

(Public Service: Approval of the Forest Acres Drainage Improvement Project – Phase 1 construction contract with Gulf Stream Construction Co., Inc. in the amount of \$11,416,960.21 for the construction of Phase 1 drainage improvements in the West Oak Forest neighborhood and along Heathwood Drive. With the approval of the 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 the Blue Cross/Blue Shield Administrative Contract, 2017 Healthcare Budget, and Approval of Cigna Life and Disability Renewal (***Councilmember Riegel abstained from voting on this item in the Committee on Ways and Means meeting and completed a Conflict of Interest Form which is on file in the Office of the Clerk of Council.***)

(Request approval for the Mayor to execute the attached Lease Agreement whereby the City leases to MUSC 80 parking spaces located at Charleston RiverDogs VIP Lot. The property is owned by the City of Charleston.

(Request approval for the Mayor to execute the attached Agreement to Buy and Sell Real Estate whereby the City agrees to purchase a 1,699 square foot parcel located on Nassau Street for \$75,000. [TMS#459-05-03-005; Nassau Street (south of Lee Street and west of Nassau Street)] The property is owned by Edward K. Pritchard III.

(Request approval for the Mayor to execute the attached Memorandum of Agreement whereby the City agrees to abandon a portion of its easement interest on Meeting and Huger Place, LLC's property. (TMS# 459-01-01-017) This property is owned by Meeting and Huger Place, LLC.

(Consider the following annexations:

- 14 Shadowmoss Parkway (TMS# 358-07-00-007) 0.36 acre, West Ashley (District 10). The property is owned by Paula and Chris Iannuccilli.
- 7 Arcadian Park (TMS# 418-15-00-069) 0.25 acre, West Ashley (District 3). The property is owned by Kathleen and Josh Bell.
- 472 Woodland Shores (TMS# 343-16-00-040) 0.30 acre, James Island (District 11). The property is owned by Rolina Homes, LLC.
- 336 Folly Road (TMS# 424-05-00-029) 0.42 acre, James Island (District 11). The property is owned by George Smythe and David Smythe

First reading was given to the following bills:

*An ordinance to provide for the annexation of property known as 14 Shadowmoss Parkway (0.36 acre) (TMS# 358-07-00-007), 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.*

*An ordinance to provide for the annexation of property known as 7 Arcadian Park (0.25 acre) (TMS# 418-15-00-069), 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 3.*

*An ordinance to provide for the annexation of property known as 472 Woodland Shores Road (0.30 acre) (TMS# 343-16-00-040), 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.*

*An ordinance to provide for the annexation of property known as 336 Folly Road (0.42 acre) (TMS# 424-05-00-029), 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.*

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Next are bills up for second reading. We have an annexation of 614 Stoneboro Court."

Councilmember Mitchell said, "We can take K-1 through K-7, if I'm in order."

Councilmember White said, "Second."

The Clerk said, "Actually, we need to take items K-1 through K-4 and then K-6 and K-7. Item K-5 is being deferred."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "So, we're taking Items K-1 through K-4, K-6 as amended, and K-7. Is that correct? All together?"

The Clerk said, "Yes."

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

No asked to be heard.

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, six (6) bills (Items K-1 through K-4, K-6, and K-7) received second reading. They passed second reading on motion by Councilmember White and third reading on motion of Councilmember Mitchell. On further motion of Councilmember White, the rules were suspended, and the bills were immediately ratified as:

**2016-113** 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.

**2016-114** 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.

**2016-115** 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.

**2016-116** 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.

**2016-117** 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**)

**2016-118** AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY KNOWN AS SAVANNAH HIGHWAY (16.01 ACRES) (TMS# 286-00-00-033), WEST ASHLEY, CHARLESTON COUNTY, TO THE CITY OF CHARLESTON, SHOWN WITHIN THE AREA ANNEXED UPON A MAP ATTACHED HERETO AND MAKE IT PART OF DISTRICT 5. THE PROPERTY IS OWNED BY SELAF GATEWAY VILLAGE LLC.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Now, I'm going to start signing away here, and while I'm doing that, we have a bill up for first reading."

Councilmember Mitchell said, "Bill L-1 and L-2. Move for approval."

Councilmember Seekings said, "So moved, L-1 and L-2."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "L-1 and L-2 together. Is there any discussion or questions?"

No one asked to be heard.

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

*An ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Charleston by changing the Zone Map, which is a part thereof, so that 472 Woodland Shores Road (James Island) (0.30 acre) (TMS #343-16-00-040) (Council District 11), be zoned Single-Family Residential (SR-1) classification. The property is owned by Rolina Homes LLC.*

*An ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Charleston by changing the Zone Map, which is a part thereof, so that 336 Folly Road (James Island) (0.42 acre) (TMS #424-05-00-029) (Council District 11), be zoned General Business (GB) classification. The property is owned by George Smythe and David Smythe.*

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Now, if you will bear with me, the next meeting of City Council will be on October 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m."

The Clerk said, "It will be an away meeting."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "It's going to be an away meeting. Do we know the location?"

The Clerk said, "No, we're still working on the location."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We're working on the location. You all bear with me for just a minute because I'm supposed to sign these things while we're still in session. Is there any other business or matter to come before Council here this evening?"

Councilmember Mitchell said, "Mr. Mayor."

Mayor Tecklenburg asked, "Did I hear someone?"

Councilmember Mitchell asked, "Is there anything we can do or any suggestions you can give to the people dealing with the MOJA Festival? I don't know what I can do about it, but I'm just asking. The reason I'm saying that is because this thing was already advertised in that book, and everybody out there in the community knows it now. I don't know what we can do, refer them to some place or something we can do because it's already community-wide, and everybody is talking about it since the MOJA book is out. I'm just asking."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "The matter did come up to me just in the last day or two. No official request, however, had been made for funding until the request before you this evening. As you may or may not know, MOJA is a collection of events, some of which, maybe it's not as transparent as might seem, but most of the events are actually operated by the City of Charleston by our Office of Cultural Affairs. Some events are privately run, and this particular rhythm and blues concert is one of them. So, as they stated, they had a promoter lined up to run the event, and he dropped out, apparently just recently in the last week or two. I was told as of the other day that they had only sold ten tickets for the event. This is at the Joe (Joe Riley Stadium), so, you know, you can sell thousands of tickets there, and apparently the cost of the concert is substantial. Admittedly, you would probably sell most of your tickets close to the event or that day, but it's hard to imagine they're going to be able to sell that many. So, you've got this one event out of all the MOJA events that is in jeopardy. I would respectfully say that it does not ruin the whole festival, and this has happened before, I understand. I believe that our City, going forward, needs to look at who we're doing business with in terms of privately promoting events like this, and maybe even take the responsibility ourselves, rather than taking the risk of a promoter dropping out. I commend these gentlemen for stepping up and trying to make it happen at the last minute, but I don't know that we have a budget to accommodate an \$80,000 request at the last minute to save a concert that has sold so few tickets."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Moody.

Councilmember Moody said, "That is a private event. If there's any profit, that would be going to the promoters."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "That's correct."

Councilmember Moody said, "I mean that's not something the City was going to benefit from. I just want to be sure I understand."

Councilmember Mitchell said, "The reason why I ask that is because every year I normally go to that concert, that was when Ellen Dressler Moryl was here. She normally gave us tickets to go to it. We had The O'Jays here, you had various other singers, and it was always part of MOJA. She was always hounded. I don't know how it has changed, but this is the way it was. That's why I was saying because when we have it in the book, I hear a lot of people in the community talking about it, and it was in the book. I know they look at the City of Charleston. That's all they see, and that's why I was just throwing it out, because normally we have it at the tennis courts. When they brought (Patti) LaBelle here, and she was brought here for MOJA, and it was still part of the City in so far as I knew of it at the time. Ellen was handling it, and she would give Councilmembers, two tickets to go, no more than that, and all of a sudden they stopped giving us the tickets. So, I don't know too much about it. I was just saying that it was publicized in the book. All the people look at is the City of Charleston, so if there's anything that we can do or send them somewhere; I was just throwing it out that way."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Gregorie.

Councilmember Gregorie said, "As you said, there has been no formal request to the City, number one, but two, under your administrative authority, can we just have you handle that?"

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Absolutely."

Councilmember Gregorie said, "Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Yes, sir."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Seekings.

Councilmember Seekings said, "Just very briefly, and I don't want to keep my fellow Councilmembers here later than we need to be because we're getting out of here at a decent hour tonight. I did want to report to this Council, you may have seen it in the paper, that there was a competitively bid national transportation grant that was available for replacement of fleet. CARTA applied, wrote a great grant, and of the \$200 million, think about it, this was national including Chicago, Los Angeles, New York, CARTA was awarded \$6.1 million of the \$200 million available. We are going to use 100 percent for new fleet on the roads. We're going to look for some local matching, but we already think we've got that lined up, so it looks like we're going to have \$7.5 million for new buses at CARTA soon, thanks to the hard work of the CARTA staff and for the continued support of this Council, who has really supported CARTA and this City. So, some really good news out of the Charleston Area Regional Transportation Authority."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Great."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Shahid.

Councilmember Shahid said, "Not to keep us too much longer, but Mr. Mayor, last Wednesday was the inauguration of the West Ashley Farmers Market at Ackerman Park. It was a tremendous success. I would urge all of you to please come out tomorrow at Ackerman Park between 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. It was a lot of fun. There was great attendance, and I want to thank the Mayor and staff for all their hard work in getting that launched, so please come out and support it tomorrow."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "One more announcement from our Clerk."

The Clerk said, "Today you received an e-mail from me reminding you that your Trident United Way pledge forms would be on your desks. Councilmember Lewis was kind enough to give me his. I would appreciate those who have indicated what they are going to do, if you would give your form to me. Yes, it goes in the Clerk of Council Department."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "There being no further business, this meeting of City Council is hereby adjourned."

There being no further business presented, City Council adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Vanessa Turner Maybank  
Clerk of Council