

## COUNCIL CHAMBER

Regular Meeting

October 11, 2016

The nineteenth meeting of the City Council of Charleston was held this date convening at 5:00 p.m. at Grace on the Ashley Baptist Church.

A notice of this meeting was electronically mailed to the news media and an agenda was posted to the City's website on October 5, 2016.

### PRESENT (12)

The Honorable John J. Tecklenburg, Mayor

Councilmember White	District 1	Councilmember Waring	District 7
Councilmember Williams ( <i>excused 6:45 p.m.</i> )	District 2	Councilmember Seekings	District 8
Councilmember Lewis	District 3	Councilmember Shahid	District 9
Councilmember Mitchell	District 4	Councilmember Riegel ( <i>excused 6:46 p.m.</i> )	District 10
Councilmember Wagner	District 5	Councilmember Moody	District 11
Councilmember Gregorie ( <i>absent</i> )	District 6	Councilmember Wilson	District 12

Mayor Tecklenburg called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.

The Clerk called the roll.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "I'm going to call on Councilmember Wilson to give an invocation and lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance."

Councilmember Wilson opened the meeting with an invocation.

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

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you very much. We only have one microphone so we're going to have to pass it around, so there may be a little time lag sometime between the speakers and questions. First, I would like to call forward for a proclamation, Ali Titus and Robert Flagler. We're going to make a proclamation recognizing that October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month."

---INSERT PROCLAMATION---

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "I will now call on Ali if she would like make any comment."

Ali Titus said, "Thank you, Mayor Tecklenburg, and thanks to all of the members of this City Council for validating the importance of this conversation and for allowing us to do our little part to raise awareness about it tonight. As we all know, this is an issue that affects 36,000

people, which is almost 100 people a day in South Carolina. So, this conversation belongs to all of you and to me and everyone who is not here. We are grateful at the Center for Women to be working in partnership with a number of organizations across the State to broaden the dialogue and raise awareness, and also to advocate for results-driven change. We commissioned this report, I have a whole stack of them, in 2015, and a big part of it is to raise awareness about health and safety of women in South Carolina. We can all do our part, if it's a parent having a conversation with a child, or a youth minister, or a teacher, or a non-profit administrator, all the way up to policy makers and change makers and law enforcement officers who made it so often street-level policy. I just thank you all for having us, and I also really quickly did want to say that the number 5 in the statistics within the nation is based on a really limited number. It's just a number of women who are killed at the hands of men in a singular act. So, at the Center for Women we really want to pay attention to getting more information, and getting better information, and holding all of us accountable to actually knowing the real story of domestic violence, and not just sticking to that one small statistic that's based on one thing that's easily measurable and conquerable across the State. Thank you, again. We appreciate it."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Well, thank you very much. The model that comes to my mind is the same one for anti-bullying for kids in school. If you see something, say something, and so we can all be a part of helping to prevent domestic violence in this State. Thank you very much."

There was applause in the church.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Next, I would like to call Cindy Coats, who is also, as you may know, the Chairperson of our Charleston County School District, along with Jason Sandoval from 'Wake Up, Charleston', to join me in a proclamation recognizing Prescription Drug Awareness Month."

---INSERT PROCLAMATION---

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "I'll turn it over for just a minute to Chairperson Coats."

Cindy Bohn Coats, Charleston County School District Chairperson, said, "Hi, and thank you all so much, Council, for doing this. The one very quick and easy thing that you need to remember is everybody knows this is an epidemic, everybody knows that this is hard and complicated, but this part is really simple. Forty percent of the drug overdose deaths every day in America are from a drug that was legally prescribed to somebody somewhere. If we would simply appropriately dispose of those medications, we could literally make a 40 percent impact in this epidemic with one simple move. So, October 22<sup>nd</sup> is the DEA's National Prescription Pill Take Back Day and we will be publishing locations where you can drop off your unused or old or no longer necessary prescriptions into a safe and appropriate receptacle and remove these parts, these pills, these issues from your homes and from our streets. So, thank you all very much."

There was applause in the church.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you. Thank you very much. As you all probably know, we just had a little storm blow through town this past weekend. I've got to tell you it's a real testament to our preparedness that in Charleston County and the City of Charleston, there was not a single reported injury or death as a result of this storm. As I say, that is a remarkable testament to our preparedness and what I have come to appreciate so greatly in our City, and I

guess I got my first initiation the day after I was sworn in, I asked City staff to have a mock emergency, and they took me down to our Municipal Emergency Operations Center. We had a trial run, a practice what if a flood or a disaster occurred in Charleston. Well, we had the real thing here over the last week, and I've got to tell you how deeply I appreciate how professional our City staff is, and how cooperatively they worked together and connected with other agencies and local government. Folks, we really have a system, an Incident Command System that we should be proud of in the City of Charleston, and it helps provide public safety and protects us every day. I want to recognize and call on the Director of our Emergency Operations Center, Mr. Mark Wilbert. Let us give him a big hand. Mark, please come forward."

There was applause in the church.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We can now go on to full recovery mode, and Mark is going to give us a quick update on our recovery efforts. Mark."

Mark Wilbert said, "Well, thank you, Mr. Mayor. I'm a little embarrassed to get all of the credit for that, because I really need to say that it's a team effort, and this City has got some remarkable leaders and our Incident Commanders, who have been Chief Mullen and Chief Brack, who are two of the best. So, I get embarrassed, but thank you just the same. What I'm going to do today, the Mayor asked me to give you an update, and I intend to do that. I will let you know that the City's focus right now is getting back to normal, and we've made a lot of really good progress in that. We've gone through the preparation, the response phase, and now we're into the recovery phase. I would like to just point out a couple of factoids along the way.

The City of Charleston provided 15,500 sandbags to its citizens this go-round. That's just an amazing number, and I'm sure that exceeds many State totals provided, and that was a total team effort. Laurie Yarbrough from Recreation and her team were over there with the Public Service folks putting those sandbags out. That's just incredible to be able to put that stuff together. Our police officers started the I-26 reversal, and we saw how well it went. You could say 'yes' or 'no.' There were a lot of people that evacuated or didn't, but the point is we had 75 City of Charleston Police Officers out there 24 hours to make sure that reversal went the way it was.

So, today's objective is on the recovery, and we're going day by day. We started out with 240 streets closed after the storm. When I left today, we had one street partially blocked in the entire City, and that's really just a low-hanging wire that you couldn't get a bucket truck or a firetruck under, so I left it blocked. We do expect, as the tide comes in over the next the rest of the week, that we may see some more flooding down on Main Road. I know that the police Department has a plan for that. For those of you that don't know, we're going into the King Tide Cycle, and Thursday of this week we're looking at maybe a foot plus. So, it's going to be another pretty interesting King Tide Cycle that we face, just the same as after last year's flood. Traffic signals, that was another one of our priorities today. We started with 103 traffic signals out right after the storm went through. As of this afternoon, we are down to 93 of those repaired. We had ten signals that weren't working properly throughout the City. One had no electricity, four had major work to be done on them, and five had just minor issues that they'll be working on as they get to them. Electricity was our third priority today. We had over 10,000 people in the City when I left tonight still without electricity, but I can say we have been on the phone with SCE&G all day, and they have been very responsive getting back to us, as we brought the City back up where it needed to be. That's 7,500 SCE&G customers and 2,700 Berkeley Cooperative Electric customers. Tree issues, we've had over 292 tree issues reported in the City at the start of this. As of this afternoon, 82 of those have been removed out of public

rights-of-way. That has helped us get our streets open and get things back to normal, and then a number almost too high to count of trees that have been removed off of City properties, City parks, so we can get the recreation centers and the parks opened up again, so, just a great amount of work.

Tomorrow, we're going to continue moving on. Debris pick-up will start tomorrow. That's only four days after the event. That's just some great coordination that goes on by our County as well as our City Public Service folks. That information is already available, and we'll start with two neighborhoods tomorrow, and we'll keep adding neighborhoods every day as we go along. Again, a great job by the folks over in Public Service to get that going. We'll continue to work to get the power turned on. You might have seen the news just as we were walking in tonight, President Obama has declared a major disaster declaration for the Tri-county area but I want to give you the facts on that. If you read the piece in the paper, it's clear that's for public assistance. So, that will take care of public projects, public funding. The counties have not yet met the criteria for individual assistance, which is the money that goes to homeowners. That's strictly because the timeline hasn't reached that point yet. We haven't even submitted our damage assessments yet, so that's the only reason that you're going to read that. I can't make any predictions which way it's going to go, but I just wanted you to know as you read that, that's the way the process works. Our damage assessment teams have been out there for all day yesterday. They were out all day today. I bumped into a couple on the way back. So, the individual assistance is yet to come. It's a county by county determination and it's got to be rolled over as the County goes up to the State for a determination. I don't want to predict, I don't want to make you guess on where that's going, but I will just tell you that is underway, but it would be odd for us to get that declaration so early already just because we haven't had the teams out there. So, I just wanted to be clear on that.

A little bit of news I, don't want to characterize it as good or bad, but for those of you who were interested in the Flood Mitigation Assistance Grant, the Mayor asked me to provide this update today, so that's why I'm doing it. That's the FMA Grant, which is the acquisition and demolition of homes throughout the City. We heard back from South Carolina DNR that that grant was not accepted by FEMA earlier. We just found out this afternoon that it is being resubmitted. It's the only grant under that program that the State is taking forward for reconsideration, and it's going to be resubmitted to FEMA itself. I would say that's good news. I don't want to say that it's good news, and it will predict the outcome. I want to say it's good news that they're taking the effort to go through that. They feel like we did meet the criteria, and it's going to be resubmitted and that has to be in, I believe, sometime in October. So, you will see that pretty quickly. I don't know what the outcome will be, although it will have to be pretty quick. Also, I'll just add one other thing. There is another grant out there that's covered under the same Buyout and Acquisition Program. That one has not even been submitted by the State yet, but it was submitted by Ms. Cabiness and her team on the 16<sup>th</sup> of September, and that's 35 homes for one grant and 13 homes for another. We won't even find out about that until after the first of the year. So, those are just the facts. That's where we are on those two particular grants. The City Information Line remains open. One thing that Mayor Tecklenburg was very insistent upon, and I hope we did a good job on it, because we really wanted to in working with Jack and Cameron to communicate with both City Council, as well as the rest of the citizens in the City. We really leaned forward, and hopefully we did a good job of that and that will continue. The Citizens Information Line remains open. There will be people there throughout the week to answer your questions, and if we need to do it next week, we'll continue doing it next week, and that's my update."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you, again, Mark. He made you aware of some news about those mitigation grants that were applied for, not because of this storm, but because of the big flood that we had last October, which impacted a number of citizens right in this neighborhood. I almost viewed it as being Divine Providence that our meeting was scheduled here today after the storm and this recent round of flooding. So, I'll share with you that if you folks called me in the midst of the storm and immediately after the storm to reach out and offer their help in any way, the President did not call me, but someone from the White House staff did. Also, notably, our Congressman Mark Sanford called me in the height of the storm really and just assured me that if there was anything that he could do to help us, that he was on standby. When I heard the news about the grant today, I reached out to Mark and asked him to please help us to facilitate getting these grants approved so we can move forward with the mitigation of these properties. Mark is in town, so he's here today. Please come forward and recognize Congressman Mark Sanford."

There was applause in the church.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "He said 'yes,' he would help."

Congressman Mark Sanford said, "I take my words from the Mayor. I'll be very brief. Just to commend you, Mayor and Council, for what you all have handled, the Congressional office has really followed, I mean, these guys are the first responders from the standpoint of executive capacity and what comes next. The Congressional office, Senate office, really follows up in the wake of storms. I just want to say as we go through this process, and it is a lengthy process, Mark correctly pointed out you hit certain thresholds from the standpoint from an overall aggregate damage. I believe that we will hit that in Charleston County. I believe we will hit it in Beaufort and Dorchester Counties. I'm not as sure about Berkeley County, but once those thresholds are hit, it opens up certain possibilities in terms of individual assistance. We're going to be doing a number of satellite office hours. You can find those on our website. You can find them via Facebook, so if we can be of assistance in that process in terms of individual assistance, I hope you will let me know or if there is anything else we can do, let me know. Meanwhile, I'll certainly be following my orders from you with regard to this flood grant program. Thanks, Mayor."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you, Mark."

There was applause in the church.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "I would also like to recognize your local County Councilmember, Judge Rawl, is here. Vic, where are you? Oh, he walked back out of the room. We're working very closely with the County on all of these emergency operation matters, I can assure you. In addition to all ourselves reaching out and helping our neighbors and looking to your government to help assist in times like this, we also have the Trident United Way, and we know their track record of helping our community and being there in times of disaster. I'd like to call Chris Kerrigan to come forward and join me. This is a wonderful announcement that to aid in the recovery from Matthew that the Trident United Way, working in partnership with the Post and Courier, has established the Tri-County Hurricane Matthew Recovery Fund. As part of the effort, the Trident United Way has set aside \$100,000 in funds to match dollar for dollar up to another \$100,000 for funds to help citizens who might not otherwise have help from anyone else. Let us thank Chris and Trident United Way for their efforts to help."

There was applause in the church.

Chris Kerrigan said, "Thank you, Mayor. Absolutely, your staff should be commended for really just a terrific, terrific job. We're launching this fund, the Tri-County Hurricane Matthew Fund in order to help assist Not-for-Profit Organizations that will then assist the families and individuals impacted by the storm. It's a great partnership with the Mayor. It's a great partnership with PJ Browning and the Post and Courier, who are our immediate partners on this. The way that it will work is Trident United Way will match up to \$100,000, the donations that come in off of that fund. Trident United Way will assure absolutely 100 percent of that money will be granted out to not-for-profit organizations helping individuals and families. Trident United Way will not keep any of that money. We will pay for all of the fundraising and the administrative costs, and we will absolutely ensure any contribution will stay in our three-county area to help our friends, our neighbors and our co-workers in need. We all know what an incredibly caring community this is, and we just really appreciate this opportunity, the leadership, and support. Thank you very much."

There was applause in the church.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you, Chris, and the Trident United Way. Now, if I may step back for just a second, back to our Municipal Emergency Operations Center (MEOC). I introduced you to Mark Wilbert, and, Mark, I wasn't leaving out all our other City employees and staff who have been just remarkable in this effort in both preparedness and recovery, but just to explain to folks the way the Incident Command process works is, when our MEOC is called into action, we have an Incident Commander, and when we go 24/7, that means 24 hours a day we have someone in charge of the day-to-day operations when we have an emergency management situation or a crisis. Frankly, I'm just the pitchman. I'm designated to help communicate to the public and to the media what our actions are and what we're doing in trying to keep everybody informed. I want to give a special recognition and shout out to the two individuals who have served over the last week as our Incident Commanders by day, Chief Greg Mullen, and by night, Chief Karen Brack, of the Fire Department. Please recognize them."

There was applause in the church.

Mayor Tecklenburg continued, "It's really just incredible teamwork with the City and with our citizens that helped us in times like this, and, admittedly, Charleston didn't get beaten up as much as we might have. We were looking Matthew right in the eye, but in a way we were blessed that there wasn't more wind damage. I was certainly surprised that at low tide, water was coming over the Battery downtown. We had a six-foot storm surge in the harbor of Charleston and, of course, it came on up the rivers and helped to hinder water from being able to get out of Church Creek. If that storm had come six hours earlier, or later at high tide, it would have meant an additional five feet of water everywhere where we saw water, at least that was tidal. Now, in the case of Shadowmoss and the Church Creek Drainage Basin, I believe most of the impact that we got, as what had happened a year ago, was from rainfall. There was over 12 inches of rain. True, the storm surge was out there in the Ashley River, and that may have prevented water from being able to get out. The fact of the matter is, the constrictions that exist between Bees Ferry Road and railway tracks and a limited number of drainage routes out of the other side of Bees Ferry Road, made it difficult and timely, too long, for water to be able to get out of that drainage basin. The actions that we hope to take, and I know I'm going to hear from some of you in just a minute during the Citizens Participation Period, but the actions that we intend to take or are taking, are further requirements on development in this area. Most people don't realize this, but we actually have tighter requirements in the drainage basin here

than we do in other parts of the City, but we're going to make them even more restrictive. We're going to pursue this mitigation grant with Congressman Sanford's help to buy out the properties that have continually had problems. We're going to renew efforts with Charleston County. That is why I was hoping Judge Rawl would stick around."

Councilmember Riegel said, "He's coming back in."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "He's back in now. I recognized you a little bit ago, Judge, and you had walked out. To walk every doggone foot of ditch and drainage routes out of this neighborhood and make sure that, some of it's in the County jurisdiction, some of it's in the City jurisdiction, to make sure we are doing everything we can to clear and maintain those routes. Also, a fresh look at our Capital Projects that could have some impact to the basin and, believe it or not, it is not because of the storm, but I met with our Public Service Department and the engineering firm. The firm is out of Columbia, but we have been doing business with Public Service for a while, Woolpert and Associates. This summer, they drafted a whole set of recommendations to the City of things that we should take a look at. Anyway, with all that being said, the next thing on our agenda would have been the City Council minutes, but they are being deferred because they aren't ready yet. Councilmember Gregorie wanted us to know that he has a conflict and he can't be here with us this evening. Next, will be our Citizens Participation Period. How many would like to address Council this evening? Can I see a show of hands, and it just kind of gives me a sense? Let us call for a two-minute limit on remarks to City Council, and we ought to be able to keep well within a good time period. We just have the one microphone, so whoever comes up first, just grab it from me and then, if you would pass it on to the next person so everybody can be heard. Whoever would like to speak, please come forward. Yes, sir. Please introduce yourself and your address before making your comments. Thank you, sir."

1. Randolph Harley said, "Thank you, Mayor Tecklenburg. I also want to thank the City and Mayor and all of the departments. You all did a wonderful job, a great job, and you ought to be commended. I'm coming back with the same problem I had last October. I live right across the street on Winners Circle. Last year, we had the thousand year flood, and I had about 26 inches of water under my house. My whole house was on an island. I just heard the Mayor say we had 12 inches of rain this year as opposed to 24 inches last year. I still had two feet of water under my house, and my house is on an island, no access in or out of Hickory Farms. Last year we met several times. I had coffee with the Mayor one morning. I gave him pictures of my home. My house was actually on the national news on the Today Show taken by a robot, and my house is completely surrounded by a lake of water. The pictures that I gave you, Mayor, earlier this year, you can just duplicate those pictures for this year. I finally was home this year. Last year, I was out of town, and this year, I was able to remediate most of my personal belongings, but I still lost all of my air conditioning, all of the duct work, all of the fan coil units, the dehumidifiers, and I just told my contractor, 'Just replace what you replaced last year'. I have some serious, serious damage, and we talked in many meetings about the problems we had, and I don't think there were any promises made, but they were looking into it. I saw several recommendations in letters, and e-mails that had some recommendations that I thought had some merit, but to my knowledge not one thing has been done. We also submitted some questions last year for answers to the problems of all of this development . . ."

The Clerk called time.

Mr. Harley continued, ". . . that's going on in our area. We got no response. I've been living on that street . . ."

The Clerk called time.

Mr. Harley continued, “. . . for 25 years.”

A man from the audience shouted, “Let him speak, please.”

Mr. Harley continued, “Let me finish up one minute. We have never had a flood problem until they widened Bees Ferry Road and took all of those drainage ditches out. All of this development is causing the floods out here. Thank you.”

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “Thank you, sir. Your name, please.”

The Clerk said, “Sir, may we have your name.”

Mr. Harley said, “I’m Randy Harley, Randolph Harley, 2940 Winners Circle.”

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “Thank you.”

Mr. Harley said, “Sorry.”

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “Yes, sir.”

2. Charles Towne said, “My name is Charles Towne, and I live at 1927 Hialeah Court at the corner of Winners Circle and Hialeah, right across the street from Randy. Mayor Tecklenburg, I’ll limit mine to two minutes, but you had a whole lot longer patting yourself on the back and telling about why we had the problem this time, but be that as it may, as Randy has already stated, we had many, many meetings, and maybe somebody didn’t say, ‘I promise’, but there are many people on your staff, many departments that have projected nothing but ‘BS’, because they haven’t done anything to correct this problem. I think there’s been thousands of dollars spent on the corner down here on this West Ashley Circle, but it hasn’t helped a dadblamed bit. Hickory Farms and Hialeah Court and Shadowmoss and these other folks that you’re talking about are going to lose their homes because they’ve flooded so many times. I, too, had 12 inches of water in my home, and unfortunately, because of the incompetence of your staff and anybody who had anything to do with this Bees Ferry Highway Project and the West Ashley Circle, I’m not going to lose a good friend, but I’m going to lose a darn good neighbor, because he had 36 inches of water in October of last year and 18 inches of water in his home this year. It’s due to nothing, but for the incompetence of the people who helped and did the damage that they did. I built in 1988. We weren’t even in a flood zone. We’re now in a flood zone, and if last year’s was a thousand year flood, what do you call the little bit of rain that we had this year? You talk about this deep water thing that I don’t know anything about, the deep tide or whatever.”

The Clerk called time.

Mr. Towne continued, “Yes, I know. We’re going to have another flood, and we’re going to have to replace everything else. I would just ask of you a question, and I’ll be quick, ‘When are you and the City of Charleston going to be more concerned about us, the people and your constituents, than you are today of development and filling the coffers of the City?’”

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “Thank you, sir.”

3. Jenny Provost said, "My name is Jenny Provost. I'm in West Ashley. I live in Asheford Place, which is behind Canterbury Woods and has been our current property for 12 years. Last October, our house, which is adjacent to Church Creek, we've been there 12 years. We've never experienced any flooding until last year from Church Creek. It's very, very significant. I have pictures that I'd like to pass along to the Council to see. We have a four-foot chain link fence that divides our property from the marsh and Church Creek. The water came over our fence all the way into our yard up to our swimming pool. If we did not have the pool in our backyard with a slight incline, water would have been all the way up to our house. My biggest concern tonight, that I have voiced numerous times, and have been to City, Planning and Zoning Commission meetings, and echoed, quite frankly, what you have said and others have said, is that nothing is being done. I've lived in West Ashley 27 years. The Bees Ferry Road Development projects that are going on up and down the five-mile stretch of Bees Ferry Road are out of control. There is a 300 home property development, Harmony, by D.R. Horton, that is proposed directly behind my neighborhood of Asheford Place. That property is on the railroad line. It is on Church Creek and it is a disaster waiting to happen. There is nowhere for this water to go. It's going to be a traffic nightmare. It's going to be just terrible for the environment, terrible for the environment. If we had had storm surge and additional water coming, everybody's property in my neighborhood that backs up to the creek would have been completely under water. We could not leave our neighborhood for two days because our street was impassable. That is one of the streets that the City is approving as a cut-through . . ."

The Clerk called time.

Ms. Provost continued, ". . . street to Glenn McConnell. I am asking for the City Zoning Commission to reconsider this project and take it off the books. It has no business being approved."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you."

4. John Knipper said, "Good evening. I'm John Knipper. I'm from Bridge Pointe, and I want to thank you for the opportunity to ask two questions. I want to address specifically what we've encountered with the FMA Grant Award in May. Laura Cabiness and her staff were most helpful in packaging that for us, and we went through a lot of work. Then we found out last week that nothing was ordered, I think, overall in South Carolina. Laura told us that they worked to package that for a grant called HMG. I've got two legitimate questions. What is the amount that is available for this HMG Grant? The likelihood of us getting a solution that's acceptable to us is what is the percentage of requests versus the money available? We don't know. To just merely saying that you're putting in the requests, we could come up with the same answer that we had for FMA. How do we avoid that? That's a question I would like for you to answer, or possibly, the Congressman. The second question is once these grant applications are submitted, what is the advocacy that is required, from either the City or the Federal Government, to Congressman Sanford to move this along. Once the application is submitted, it seems that the more we advocate for that grant to be processed, the more likely it's going to be given to us. Those are my questions."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you."

5. Christy Boudolf said, "Hi, I'm Christy Boudolf. I live in Northbridge Terrace on Chelwood Circle. I am here today on behalf of Trident United Way to share some information with you about 211, and that is an information and referral hotline that you can call if you're

having trouble getting reestablished after the recent effects of Hurricane Matthew. Maybe you or a neighbor need some information on how to access basic needs assistance. 211 is there for you. It's available 24/7, 365 days a year. It's free. It's available in multiple languages, so if you have someone that needs assistance, I recommend that you let them know about 211 as a resource. We connect folks to local assistance through other non-profit organizations that are in our safety assistance network and other resources, as well. I will leave some business cards on the back table and some flyers if that's something that might be of assistance to you or someone you know. Please feel free to take one, and you can always reach out to 211. Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you."

6. Nell Allen said, "Thank you to each and every one of you being here today. I am Nell Allen, and we live in Hickory Farms on Hialeah Court as you've heard already from two of our members. No one wants a storm, but the damages must be addressed. Our City hasn't listened to others. Before this, and I have notes here from 1978, when a City engineer reported at that time, recommended that the area of Hickory Farms and Shadowmoss never be developed because of the potential for heavy flooding and the difficulty of solving these issues. But now we have West Ashley Circle, then we had the thousand year flood. Now we have another disaster. Has anyone from Charleston City asked for help from FEMA, the State, the County? Does anyone realize what damages have occurred? A year ago, we could not leave our home for four days. Luckily, we had no damages because we live on higher land, but there were many, many others that had lots of damages. Nothing has been done to help us, Mayor. Thank you."

7. Janet Segal said, "My name is Janet Segal. I live at 301 Tayside Court. I'm not going to repeat what's already been said. I just want to be on the record to say that something has to be done. We have a neighbor who likes his toys, and he has a drone, and I have photographs of Tayside Court, actually it's called 'Tayside Lake', by those of us who live in it and Burnham Court. We back up to a retention pond in Grand Oaks, which you will see in these pictures, from up top Grand Oaks is completely dry. All the water is coming into our lake and in our homes, and something needs to be done. That's all."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you."

8. Bob Lewe said, "Hi, I'm Bob Lewe, and I'm President of our Homeowners Association over at Bridge Pointe. I agree with what John Knipper just told you, but in addition to that, I'm very much concerned that nothing has been done about improving the storm drainage around Bridge Pointe. There are two very large ponds that have not been dredged for since they were built back in 1985. There are three drainage canals that come into our pond from all the other groups of homes surrounding us, and the result is that last year I had 35 inches of water in my place. This year I had 15 inches, and one of our residents is a registered civil engineer. I'm an engineer, and we suggested to our Councilman that he look into the property that if you go Glenn McConnell, and it ends at Bees Ferry, take a right, and the land on the right-hand side is all lowlands, and that would be an ideal area to build a retention pond. That would help to alleviate some of the water, or at least slow it down in the Hickory Hills area and Shadowmoss. That recommendation was made by me to our Councilman about six weeks ago, and I have heard nothing. As I say that, several of our residents are very upset about nothing being done since last October, and they want Bridge Pointe to institute a lawsuit against the City of Charleston. I think we might do that if nothing is done."

9. Dave Hale said, "Hi, everybody. My name is Dave Hale. I live at 21 Mowler Court. My house has flooded now for the ninth time, so you can imagine my interest in the grant programs. I just found out the other day, and I wasn't even notified by the City, of the result basically that our grant application was denied. I was kind of upset with that. The other thing I'd like to mention because I know how our government likes to spend money, in the previous eight floods, the Federal government spent \$350,000 remodeling my house. My house was originally purchased for \$90,000 back in 1991 when it was built."

10. Jennifer said, "Hi, my name is Jennifer. I live on 16 Oatly Circle in Shadowmoss, and I went to the meeting at Drayton Hall Elementary last year after the flood. I believe it was December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>. I'm sure a lot of you were there, and it was made very clear to me that evening that the City stance is that the flood was caused due to this thousand year flood. I just want to make sure that City officials know that in August, the end of August, right before the thousand year flood, a lot of flooding happened. My neighbors across the street had at least a foot, a foot and a half of water inside of their home, and this was at 29 Oatly Circle. All the other neighbors across the street had it in their crawl spaces. Then, of course, October comes, and this year we're flooded again, but the flooding issues have been before the thousand year flood. Neighbors of mine again had it inside their homes and offices."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you."

11. Matt Doszkocs said, "Hello, my name is Matt Doszkocs. I live Downtown. I'm here to talk about the Bed and Breakfast Ordinance. I would like to run a Bed and Breakfast out of my home. I'm unable to do so because the City only allows Bed and Breakfasts to operate in homes that are older than 1860 pre-Civil War or south of Highway 17 Downtown. Now, it's pretty arbitrary, the City, you all discussed this back in 2012. I have those notes and the meeting minutes if you would like to review them again, but basically, the City has a good ordinance. It's 54-208.1 that allows somebody like me to run a Bed and Breakfast. I could rent up to four rooms out of my home, and like I said, I'm not being allowed to at this point. I did talk to my Neighborhood Association and went through a year-long process. Still, after two years nothing has been done when we're building hotels left and right Downtown and in these narrow corridors that concentrate guests in these corridors, while Bed and Breakfasts are the oldest form of accommodations in Charleston and the world. They predate Zoning laws. They predate property rights like that and as a rental type, predate all of these things. It is built into our Constitutional rights, and we need action, okay? I'm sharply reminded of this every time now. I'm back on Craigslist, unregulated Craigslist, to find long-term tenants to share my home with, and not only am I locked into a lease with somebody in my own home, and I don't know who they are, a lot of them are duds, to be honest. The last one stopped paying the rent, and it took me two months to have them evicted. There are companies like Airbnb that can help me, that are regulated, that can help me to earn up to three times more out of my own home and still have the flexibility to host family and friends in my homes; or use the space for another reason at my discretion, not at the City's discretion."

The Clerk called time.

Mr. Doszkocs continued, "Or my neighbor's discretion, at my discretion. As long as we have a livability court, we have livability laws as far as noise is concerned and things like that so, if I'm not creating a problem..."

The Clerk called time.

Mr. Doszkocs continued, "The Task Force is supposed to wrap-up this December, and now it's not until next year that it's even getting started. This is going to be another season that I have to go without. Please change the Bed and Breakfast laws, expand the Accommodations Overlay Zone, so that I can just apply for a license. Thank you very much."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Yes, sir. Thank you. Just pass it to the next citizen here. Thank you, Matt."

12. Susan Welborne said, "Hi, my name is Susan Welborne, and I live on Ripplemoor Lane in Shadowmoss and we've been there since 1995. I do want to agree with everyone here. We've never had the flooding that we've had since all this development has gone on. The more development, that is only going to cause more problems. I would like to ask, when you're out walking like you say you're going to, when you're walking these paths, I've asked the City, since 2013, to clean a drainage easement that runs behind our house through the third fairway of the golf course onto Middleborough, that's full of vegetation, that has been there for years, that nobody has maintained. Not one single person has maintained it, and I asked our previous Homeowners Association, who was responsible for that, and it was determined the City was. They came out one time two years later and trimmed some trees that were hanging over and sent a request that said that it was done. I fired back and said 'No, it was not complete. It runs all the way through the golf course onto Middleborough in that big drainage easement that is alongside of Hickory Hill. It has to be cleaned out, and it has to be dredged. There's nowhere for the water to go, and it's only going to get worse.' You can sit here, and you can listen to what we're saying, but action has to be taken. I hope that you all can see that we're not here because of the thousand year flood. We're here because of overdevelopment, and 'pave the planet' is not going to solve our problems."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you. If you all would walk over to the stand to transfer the microphone."

13. June West said, "Hey, my name is June West. I live just in front of the condos in Middleborough Place and, if I'm correct, I believe that my street was like Ground Zero for 27 point whatever inches of rain last October, and I believe that because most of it was in my house to which, because of our Federal flood laws, which has nothing to do with anybody here, but because I live on a crawl space, anything below the first elevated level of my house is kicked to the curb. I haven't paid off the \$30,000 worth of loss that I lost to the curb because of loss of rebuilding that I was not reimbursed for. I was denied coverage over extra consideration left and right. I kind of laughed at what Susan said about going back to the City about those drainage ditches. My son, who is in his sixth year of a four-year college, bless his heart, was a baby sitting on Mayor Joe Riley's lap, getting his baseball cap, when I was down talking to Mayor Riley about the drainage ditch behind my house. She's exactly right. Every now and then they come by with a weed whacker. Okay. Can we have a little bit more than a weed whacker? The thing needs to be regraded, it needs to run, however, it needs to have somewhere to run to. Could we go beyond, I understand you guys did a great job, you really did. I wasn't in town, but I was watching on my cell phone and computer. Everybody did a great job. That's not the question, but let's go to the question of the root cause analysis of what's going on here. When I built the house in 1991, there weren't any floods like someone else had said. Now, all of a sudden, 12 years later, we're getting notices that you're in a flood zone now, and then all of a sudden, the bank is requiring you to buy flood insurance. Well, what the heck is this? This house has never flooded, and now in the last couple of years . . ."

The Clerk called time.

Ms. West continued, “. . . it’s been flooding. Just a moment, ma’am. It’s been flooding. It’s a real problem. Something definitely needs to be done, and it’s not more construction up and down the super highway here. When is it going to stop?”

14. Robert Myer said, “My name is Robert Myer. I live at 301 Tayside Court. I took Mayor Tecklenburg out behind my house. I showed him a drainage ditch that flows in from Grand Oaks. Everything in Grand Oaks flows right behind my house and convenes along with everything from Village Green down to my house and convenes. Everything in Shadowmoss comes right to my house, convenes, and goes down this little creek. I have pictures to show that that creek acts like a dam, and when that creek, culvert gets full, and it can’t get through there, it diverts itself. I have videos that show it being diverted down my street, down Shadowmoss Parkway, down the 15<sup>th</sup> Fairway of Shadowmoss Golf Course right into Bridge Pointe. It goes right there and then goes around back out, tries to get to the ocean through these eight culverts in the railroad track. Eight culverts, it’s like putting eight straws and pouring tons of water through the eight straws. It’s not going to make it, and right now, that road, Heather Glen Drive, is blocking and making a dam that increases my flood problems. I have never flooded until that road was built, and that neighborhood behind me diverted every single ounce of water to it, and my frustration is not having to fix the house. It’s having to live through the hell of not having food, going out, not doing anything. I was stranded last year in my house for three days. The flooding, the waters didn’t recede. How many high tides came and left, and that water never stopped draining, but it never receded. So, don’t blame the tide, don’t blame the surge. It’s not draining. It’s a drainage problem, not a tide problem.”

The Clerk called time.

Mr. Myer continued, “Mayor Tecklenburg, you know how I feel. If you want to see the proof that thing acted like a dam, I have it on here, and I’ll discuss with our Army Corp of Engineers any of the plans, too. Thank you.”

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “Thank you, sir.”

15. George Karahalos said, “My name is George Karahalos. I live at 292 Shadowmoss Parkway. Members of Council, the thing that all of you can do is to provide direction and executive level thinking to the business of preparing for the recovery, rather than just the disaster itself. As well as all of the staff did during the recent events and the year ago events, what still seems to be lacking, is someone putting their hands around the neck of preventing it, by seeing through the problems and finding a solution. Right now, what you’re hearing is the litany of individual stories that create hardship, and report the hardship to their neighbors and have to live through all of the things that you’ve heard thus far, and I’m sure there’s more. To me, maintenance has to be ongoing. There can’t just be a one shot and done. It has to be organized, planned, and executed, and before you can do that, it has to be funded. While things are essential to be done on the Peninsula, and I’m not denying that those are important things that need to be done, but West Ashley contributes to the tax base that underwrites all of the programs, and so on, that we must get done in order for us to live together in peace and harmony and be able to enjoy the fruits of our labors in the homes that we occupy.”

The Clerk called time.

Mr. Karahalidis continued, "My concern is integrated planning. What I'm not hearing is that the steps that are taken as a part of planning embrace all of the things that surround these areas. What I'm hearing in this list of problems are things that should have been integrated as a single plan, a single set of requirements, and enforced by the City and its components. Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you."

16. Kim Simmons said, "Hi, my name is Kim Simmons. I live at 264 Shadowmoss Parkway. I've only lived here four years, but I have now attended half a dozen or more City Council meetings, workshops, presentations on resiliency and flooding in Charleston. I'm really dismayed to hear the folks who have come up here and talked about having had conversations 12, 15, however many years ago about the same problems that appear to be ongoing in this area. I'll admit I have a background in environmental law on the Federal level. I bought my house knowing that we would be living in part of the wetlands. I live right on Church Creek, and my first experience with serious flooding here was not October of last year. It was August with less rainfall, and I've now been able to observe a number of flooding events. My concern is that a lot of what's being discussed here today has already been brought to the Mayor and members of this Council, and it feels to me like there's some kind of missing communication occurring. For all of the meetings that I've attended and all of the people that I've talked to, I would think there would be a list, at least, of the things that the City is doing and why the City may be doing these things. I'm happy to hear that there's attention to it, but I'm very concerned that I don't hear on that list some kind of actual official assessment being made of the potential of all sorts of design problems in existing drainage ditches, like people are talking about with the Grand Oaks ditch that sits right on Church Creek behind Tayside Court. I think that in order to address and have people feel as though they are being taken seriously, because this is a serious issue, for many people here, this is their largest asset. This is their home. They've chosen this community deliberately. You will note that there are people who have flooded nine times that are still living here . . ."

The Clerk called time.

Ms. Simmons continued, ". . . because they are part of this community and the decisions that are not being taking by the City, the County, because they can't to talk to each other, whatever it is, it's something that needs to actually be fixed. People need to feel as though their representatives, all of you here that have us as your constituents, we need to feel as though you're here for a reason, and this ongoing talk is not going to fix this problem."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you."

17. Kevin Gerald said, "I'm Kevin Gerald. I live at 3176 Winners Circle over in Hickory Farms. If it sounds like the people from Hickory Farms, Crosstowne Church, and Shadowmoss are mad, and we're tired of flooding, it's because we are. We're very angry right now. I will tell you I went to public school here in South Carolina, but even I can figure out that it's a construction problem. So, my question is, there are three questions. One, are you going to consider a moratorium on construction? Two, when are you going to clean out the drains? Three, when are you going to answer our questions? We elected you. Answer our questions, please. That's it."

18. Major Broadus said, "Good evening. My name is Major Broadus. I live in Hickory Farms. I'm going to take you back to about 15 years ago when we had this problem.

We know that the water goes around in Hickory Hills twice before it goes out to Church Creek. Now, I go to work every day, and they depend on me to solve problems. I'm batting 100 percent. I have a suggestion and a solution. Now, down at the landfill, we have a big hole that's about ten acres wide and maybe 300 feet deep. Why can't we do this at the end of Church Creek, and put a pump station there, so when the tide goes down, the water goes out?"

19. Debbie Yaden said, "My name is Debbie Yaden, and I live on Cestus Lane in Church Creek Subdivision which is down this way. A lot of the flooding we're talking about is on this side of Bees Ferry, and I'm on the other side. I back up to Church Creek. On the other side of my property is the West Ashley Park. I've lived there for 28 years, and I first noticed a difference when West Ashley Park was developed. There was a spillway that they put some gates in, and we were told that that was to alleviate flooding. To help, they could open the gates or close the gates when it was needed. Ever since they put that in, as for Church Creek, I couldn't even see it from my house, it was so far away. Now, I live on pretty much a lake. It just flooded the whole entire marsh, and now we're on a lake. I flooded last October and also this past week. There were two and a half feet of water at my back door. Ten homes on my street were completely surrounded by water. I don't know, I'm not an engineer, but there are plenty of them available that could help solve this problem other than build a seawall behind my house, which I thought of, but I don't want to be forgotten. At the other end of Church Creek are also issues that need to be looked at. Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you."

20. Donna Perry said, "Hi, I'm Donna Perry. I live in Bridge Pointe. I just wanted to add, we've heard from a couple of people in Bridge Pointe, and Hickory Farms who said they were upset because they were given answers, but nothing's been done. I wanted to point out that Bridge Pointe was told that there is nothing they can do, that we would flood again, and we are still here a year later, and nothing has happened. There are a lot of elderly people who live there. This is so unhealthy for these people to have to go through this. This is the third flood in 13 months. Every single townhome in that development, 32 townhomes, has flooded three times in the last 13 months. We were told there was nothing that the City could do, and we're still here waiting for something to be done. I just wanted to add that in case you all didn't know that there are no solutions for Bridge Pointe. Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you."

21. Allison said, "Hi, my name is Allison, and I also live in the Bridge Pointe community. It was pretty much said that in the last year we've flooded three times. Do any of you all live in a home that's flooded three times in one year? It's an experience, especially when you work full time and have children. When you come home to it at night, and every time it rains, your anxiety levels hear, 'Mommy, are we going to flood again?' and I have to say, 'Well, honey, no, we're going to be okay', and of course, we weren't. We flooded again. As a homeowner, I haven't lived in Bridge Pointe more than three years, but I know plenty of my neighbors have and have been paying taxes to the City for 30-some years. Why are they getting less respect than big developers? Who's going to buy my home? Who would ever buy my home knowing that it flooded three times in one year? I am stuck. Do you know what anxiety that produces for me, also knowing that real estate prices are going up and up and up in Charleston, apparently because of all of the development. There are some 40-odd people moving to Charleston daily. I may be wrong with those statistics, but that's what I've heard. So, if I do get bought out, am I going to be able to afford another home, let alone a townhouse? These are big issues. We're sitting ducks here, and it's medically not good for a 90-year old to

be living in a house that continues to flood. That's not me, but I work full-time as a Nurse Practitioner, and it really upsets me to feel like our voices are not being heard."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you."

22. Daniel Gracie said, "Danny Gracie. I live in the newer part of Grand Oaks. I moved from Shadowmoss last year. Prior to where I am now, I lived in Shadowmoss for ten years and never flooded. Last year after my parents took over our house when we built a new house, it flooded, and then it flooded again this year. So, today it's Shadowmoss, Hickory Hills, Hickory Farms, and if you look at the upcoming Zoning Board meetings, the developments lined up for Bees Ferry were pretty astounding. Some of them have had a second meeting for some of the overflow into that. So, today it's Shadowmoss, Hickory Hills, and Hickory Farms, but pretty soon it will be all of Grand Oaks. It will be Carolina Bay. Whenever Harmony gets built, it will be Harmony. So, I think the problem is only going to get bigger, and I think the time is past to start addressing it. Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you, Danny."

23. Gary Leonard said, "My name is Gary Leonard. I live at 2982 Winners Circle in Hickory Farms. All I can do is say what you've heard is exactly what I have experienced for the last two years. It's 'Octoberfest,' except it's not joyous, it's rain. Because of that, we expect it will continue to happen. Last year when we met, I think it was Ms. Cabiness, took some of the suggestions we offered to her as a group and made some of the additional changes in trying to clear out ditches and drainage, things they can do. There are things obviously we can't do, or we won't do. If we can't do them, then please explain that to us. There probably isn't any other option besides us waiting every year until something happens to us. I think, Nell, mentioned that it was four days that Hickory Farms could not get out of their entrance. I was on Kiawah for the first two of those days, and the water was very deep. I could not get my cars out, but Kiawah has a lock system which, within two days, they are able to recycle all the water out. On day three, I woke up and walked outside, and it was absolutely dry. The water was up to my knees on the second day, and above my thigh on my first day. They were able to solve that problem somehow. When I got back to my home, luckily I borrowed a kayak from my daughter and actually paddled in. I could not have driven in on day three. On day four, I might could have, but I wasn't going to be that dangerous about it. What you have is a situation where many homeowners are crying out for help. They're not feeling like they're being helped, and I understand it's a very difficult problem. It's not a bike lane. It's not a hotel Downtown. It's the quality of life that we have, and that's why we live in Charleston, and that's unfortunate we have to live in a great city like this and have to experience what we're doing. Thank you, sir."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you."

24. John Baatz said, "Mayor Tecklenburg, Council, thank you for letting me speak. First of all, my name is John Baatz. I'm at 3142 Stanyarne Drive in Maclaura Hall. I just want to make a few comments. I was one of the lucky ones. I didn't get flooded, but the lakes in the back of our house and in our community are used for drainage of the area. We've had to replace the dams in the last couple of years in our neighborhood at the cost of well over \$30,000. We may have to repair another one shortly, but one of the problems that I have is that each one of the communities being constructed has their own engineer. It is up to the City Technical Review Committee, as well as the engineers, to make sure everything integrates. Everything works well for one community, but together, it's not working so well. The other thing is, when we asked if we could have our lakes dredged, as well, because they're becoming very,

very shallow. The comment that was made at our meeting from the engineering department with the City was, 'Well, if there's a tree that grows in it, we'll take care of it', and that was it. That's all I'm going to say."

25. Paul Rienzo said, "Mayor and Council, thank you so much. I'm Paul Rienzo. I'm the Pastor of Crosstowne Christian Church. First of all, I want to thank you folks in the community. You're awesome. Thank you for your kindness. Once again, we're repairing the first flood costs, \$250,000 out-of-pocket. We will not be insurable probably in the near future, but we do ask, Mayor you've spoken to me, and I appreciate that. The Harmony development, we can't read your minds and the intention or the will of the engineers. There is no engineering solution being put forth. I, too, have met with City engineers. We know you're probably great, wonderful people. The only way the will is going to be reflected is what happens in the future. The Harmony Subdivision will take 45 acres of the current draining field that is insufficient at this particular moment. It will take 45 acres of it. So, the way that you can show us that you really are concerned is say 'No' to Harmony because the empirical evidence is clear. Thank you."

26. Trice Solomon said, "Hi. I've lived in Hickory Farms, my name is Trice Solomon, since 1993. I have the unique perspective of being able to ride into all of these wetlands that are now filling up with sand and dumping into the power lines and ending up in Hickory Farms. I'm talking about the Sabal development that was cited for dumping into the wetlands. They now have official water drainage. They should be penalized. It's against the law. I went to the City Planning meeting for that development, and I was told, I said, 'Promise me, we cannot handle any more water in the wetlands behind us'. He said, 'All of the water will go the other way.' That's not happening. People are breaking the rules and not being held accountable. I'm talking about Sabal Farms development, just one. Let's talk about the Sienna development also in Grand Oaks that for years has had a drainage ditch that dumps behind our properties. It was the design. That needs to be redesigned. I need to tell you one thing. I evacuated to Aiken this past storm. My two horses and I went to a place called Bruce's Field. Some philanthropist out there had the foresight of the change of the nature that the City was going to encroach on that wonderful horse tradition that's been a part of Aiken, Steeplechase. He bought 66 acres to prevent that from happening, and outside all of the 66 acres is all the building that people want to do, but not that 66 acres. I cried. He has died, but he created the foundation to keep that area to have the same flavor that it had before. Hickory Farms used to be a charming place to live. It's now kind of a nightmare. I would like to propose that circle that went in behind us, that the creeks around us were never as big as they are now. People are living on waterfront property that used to be dry ditches. This has been a result of all of the improvement to the roads and opening up the roads to prepare for more building that is only going to trouble us more."

The Clerk called time.

Ms. Solomon continued, "I'm asking somebody to take particularly behind Hickory Farms those wooded areas, make it a park, don't pave it. Just put nature trails in them. What is wrong with buffer zones? Do we have to do back-to-back condos? Can't we have a little bit of class and have a lot of space to breathe and not be built up upon? We have Citadel Mall. That's enough shopping for me."

The Clerk called time.

Ms. Solomon continued, "I don't need to have it in my backyard. I've got a car. I'm going to have two legs pretty soon, too, not a horse-related injury. Anyway, I just ask you that

you consider maybe doing something for the good of us who have been here for so long, who love living here. Make a big lake. Take that area right behind us. Turn it into a lake. Make it a park. Don't build behind us, please. Don't, please."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you."

27. Dr. Don Hurley said, "I'm Dr. Don Hurley, 2834 Aqueduct. In the late 80s, the City engineer of Charleston told the Mayor that this was not a good idea. Then we had the floods. There was a short-term fix back in the 90s. We now have paved over so much of the drainage that the flow-through is what's killing us. Well, when we had that little meeting over at Drayton last year after that flood, the consultant, the model was there, and she made some very interesting statements. She told us that the drainage at the West Ashley Circle wasn't a problem. In fact, in their computer model, they had actually paved over the entire area, and it didn't change the drainage. Now, I'm just ex-Navy, so I'm not the brightest stone in the box there, but I said, 'Well, gee, what do shrubs and trees and grass do to water flow? They slow it, don't they?' All of a sudden her face got blank and tight and I kept reiterating, 'So, your model didn't change when you paved over the entire neighborhood?' She wouldn't respond. The model was an error, we paid for that model, and I've yet to see a City lawsuit against our consulting and engineering firm. In fact, I think they are still working for us on this project. I think we need to have a little more action and look at the people that profit from this problem selling real estate. We need either a tax on selling business property, real estate there to repair, to dig the drains, to dig the well pumps, to repair these houses, or buy these houses out and turn those areas into parks that are no longer tenable, or something else needs to happen. We had this discussion before the election, and it's not gotten better. Thank you so much."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you."

28. Deborah Watkins said, "Good evening. My name is Deborah Watkins, and my granddaughter goes to Capers Prep Christian Academy. I need the Board or someone to tell me where should she go on Monday because the building that we were in got flooded out, so where is she going to school? That's all."

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

29. Carol Lenhardt said, "Good evening. My name is Corel Lenhardt, and I live in Shadowmoss. We bought our home in 2013. At that time, we were told that we did not need flood insurance, but we bought it anyway just to be safe. The house that we live in has never flooded until last August. The garage flooded, and we were like 'Oh, okay, well, that's a fluke,' and then October came. When we woke up, we were in the middle of Armageddon. My husband and I and my dog had to be rescued with that couple that you saw over and over and over again in Shadowmoss. We were displaced for three months. We didn't get into our home until the middle of January. Everything was new and nice, and were like 'Okay,' but we were still very uneasy because we didn't feel like it was over yet. We went to multiple meetings. We were told that nothing could be done about the drainage issue, but they would look at it. We didn't qualify for the grant, because we hadn't flooded before, so we couldn't help ourselves with that. Every time it rains, we're on edge. I'm running to the window. I'm looking to see if water is collecting in our neighborhood. Every single time it rains, we are stressed out to the point we don't even know what we're doing, because when we hear rain, we cringe, and I look all over to see what's the amount going to be. What is the amount? Is it going eight inches, 10 inches, 12 inches? During this third time for our garage, it's now starting to rot in there. Some of it is

structural damage now. We decided to evacuate, so we went to Charleston, and my neighbor sent a picture of the house. I just lost hope. I literally could not get out of the bed for 24 hours because I knew what we were going to have to do when we got home. Our house is not sellable at this point. In good conscience, how could you sell that house to another person knowing that it is going to flood again? It is not the thousand year flood.”

The Clerk called time.

Ms. Lenhardt continued, “There is a serious problem, and there are millions of dollars at stake. This is our investment, our home. We love West Ashley. We were told that there’s nothing that you can do, so if you can’t do anything about it, somebody has a responsibility because we should have been told. This is just very emotional and difficult, and I just hope that you have a solution for the problem.”

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “Thank you. Would anyone else like to be heard? One more. Yes, ma’am.”

30. Deborah Taylor said, “What I’d like to say is that if there is not a solution to this problem, if you cannot do anything, then put a moratorium on development, so you stop the flooding. I’m Deborah Taylor. I’m at 108 Shadowmoss Parkway and I know the water is coming. I do not have to have flood insurance, but got flood insurance because the water keeps rising, and it’s going to come. If you don’t stop the development, Shadowmoss is going to flood out. The whole neighborhood is going to flood out. It’s coming.”

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “Thank you.”

Ms. Taylor said, “Something needs to be done.”

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “Yes, ma’am. Is there one more down here?”

31. Debbie Patterson said, “My name is Debbie Patterson. Several of my neighbors are here that live on my street, and it is a disaster zone once again. I apologize for how I’m dressed. I’ve been cleaning up all day. I’ve lived in this house for 16 years, and it didn’t flood until last year when it all started in August and October. Here we are again. I actually live in Virginia Beach. My husband is stationed there, and I had to drive, it took me about 10 hours to get home, just to get here, You just walk in, and it’s like here we are again. We are all very close, and we help each other out like family. I love this town, I love West Ashley and I don’t want to move, but I don’t think any of us can really take this again. Something has to be done, and I know it has a lot to do with when you go to the new circle. All of the development needs to be stopped.”

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

32. William Hilburn said, “I own three units in Bridge Pointe, 104, 106, 108. I grew up on Church Creek in Magnolia Ranch. Probably some of you know where that is, and some don’t. I used to take a boat from the Church Creek Bridge to Highway 17 along the road here. I came out back on Bees Ferry Road when it was a dirt road. Even at any rainfall, both sides of that road were wetlands, and we had hog farms and hunting grounds there. It was undevelopable back in ’79. It’s been developed extensively, and it should be stopped. A moratorium should be put on building, although I am a commercial real estate investor, but that should be looked at extensively. Before they do build, I’d like to know how much money they

spent on that parkway circle, and nobody is even using it, and how it helps commercial redevelopment along that corridor with the circle. Also, if the City thinks it's their responsibility, and I'm not running down anyone on this Board or anybody in the last 10 or 15 years. This has happened over the last 30 years of development, but now that it's gotten so far out of hand, it's time for the City to quit trying to push the buck up the hill. Just let it stop at the City level, and take responsibility for what the City of Charleston has done to West Ashley residents for the last 40 years when Mayor Riley was in office. He put off and put off and put off for years. Now, there's a problem, and he's out of office. Now it's your responsibility as a Mayor to take initiative to stop pushing it up the ladder, and fix the problem. There is a fixable problem. I'm sure we spent millions of dollars trying to figure out if we could put a bike lane across the bridge."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Good point. Excellent point."

The Clerk said, "Your name, sir."

Mr. Hilburn said, "My name is William Hilburn."

The Clerk said, "Thank you."

Mr. Hilburn continued, "I own 104, 106 and 108 Bridge Pointe. My mother owned them before then, and they never flooded until the development started. I've owned about 20 different homes in Charleston in the Shadowmoss area vicinity."

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

33. A gentleman in the audience said, "I just have a quick question."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Yes, sir."

He continued, "The list that you mentioned that the firm in Columbia, the recommendations you mentioned at the beginning of the meeting, is that correct?"

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "The what?"

He said, "The list of the recommendations from that firm out of Columbia. Is that list public? Is it available for us to view?"

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Not yet. It is a draft memo and I have it right here."

He said, "You have it right here? Can we see it now, or at least read some of it?"

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "What I was going to propose to you, if I may, would anyone else like to be heard? That's the end of our . . .sir?"

Mr. Charles Towne said, "Can I make one other comment? I know I had my two minutes, but can I make one other comment?"

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Go right ahead, sir."

Mr. Towne said, "It might help you understand why we've got so much frustration."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Yes, sir."

Mr. Towne said, "At our December meeting, the engineer, and I'm pretty sure Ms. Cabiness can tell you who it was, but one of the City engineers admitted that they had made a mistake, but they were working with the City and with the County to correct that problem. Well, as of this day, not a dadblame thing has been done about it. The same culvert that was shooting up six feet of water during the thousand year flood was only shooting up four feet of water last weekend. Nothing is being done. All we're getting is rhetoric and the same old answers, and I'm sure that the answers we are getting is what they believe."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Yes, sir."

Mr. Towne said, "But they need some direction, please."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you very much. Alright. Well, thank you for this extended Citizens Participation Period. We do appreciate it, and I believe we were listening and I'll address the matter, but I see Councilmember Riegel with his hand up."

Councilmember Riegel said, "Thank you, Mr. Mayor. First of all, I want to thank all of the many, many citizens who came out tonight to express their concerns. Councilman Shahid asked me, 'How many of those are your constituents?' I said, 'Every one of them, and I'm proud of them.' I think it's important that we as members of City Council hear this firsthand. I've heard it for many years. The October floods happened. One year later, we're still here. I don't think that we're going to dwell a lot on what's happened, and there's no doubt in my mind, and no one's ever going to convince me that all of this mass development and filling in our wetlands and our marshes, and our various canals has not created this problem. We aren't going to walk it back. There's no way we're going to walk it back, but what I'm asking tonight, asking tonight, especially Congressman Mark Sanford, if he's still here, we need to push this thing hard, and I mean hard at the Federal level. Our seven United States Congressmen in this State and our two United States Senators in this State need to get off their butts, and get this grant money. When my Bridge Pointe people are sitting here over a year later, and their FEMA grants have been denied, someone has got to tell me why that's happened. It's illogical. It's beyond my comprehension. My ask tonight is, 'I trust Mayor Tecklenburg and I think he listens. I think he is going to try to move forward,' but the reality at the end of the day is there aren't any solutions, and my ask is 'We've got to get the Federal government involved. They sure want to stick their nose in everything else, and let's get that done.' Thank you, Mr. Mayor."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you, sir."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Wagner.

Councilmember Wagner said, "Hey, guys. This is predominantly Councilmember Riegel's home base. He's your Councilmember. I was out here on Sunday, and I want to take it in a different direction because some of my colleagues here will understand what I saw on Sunday. I saw you guys out there raking the yards, picking up the bushes, and every street was just about passable because you had taken that much pride in your homes, your neighborhood, and everything around you. People were cutting the grass after they had raked up, and this is the neighborhood we're talking about. I could not get into Hickory Farms, because there was a little problem there, about two to three feet of water, as I recall."

Councilmember Riegel said, "They wouldn't let you in anyway, Councilman Wagner."

There was laughter in the church.

Councilmember Wagner said, "I don't look anything like you, Dean."

There was laughter in the church.

Councilmember Wagner continued, "But anyway, the bottom line, guys, you all to need to pat yourselves on the back because I've never seen any subdivision in this City, and I've been here for a real long time, take that kind of pride after an event, and we're talking less than 24 hours out. If you want to clap for somebody, clap for yourselves."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you, Councilmember Wagner. Let me just make a couple of comments. Again, I feel that it was somewhat divine providence that we even had this meeting here in this place today after this, again, terrible flooding that you all have experienced. As a number of gentlemen and ladies have pointed out, this is a problem that started years and years ago and is shared, frankly, by many other folks in our City and being in the Lowcountry. We do over time develop drainage projects that can help. Just at our last Council meeting, this Council approved a \$12 million project to help with drainage in the West Oak Forest neighborhoods of West Ashley. It takes some time to figure out what to do and then to identify the funding to get it done. I don't know how long I can get away with saying, 'I'm a new Mayor, when the prior guy was here for 40 years. I'm hoping I can get away with it a little bit longer, but it's getting on to a year, so I hear you. I know that this Council and this City needs to take action on this matter, and once again, I met with the folks that did this model. It really baffles me a little bit about this model, as well, because it makes me wonder what good is it doing us when we have seen the kind of flooding that we've seen. So, when I met with them not too long ago, about a month or two ago, I asked them, 'I know I've heard all of these comments about it's real difficult, and it's really expensive or whatever, but just give me a list of things that you would recommend if the sky was the limit, just so we know what we're dealing with.' I have a draft memo from them that they just produced October 3<sup>rd</sup>, and it's got many of the things that you mentioned here tonight, but I'm at a point, just from an engineering point of view, and my confidence level, when we get sick and we really are sick, that we should get a second opinion. I feel like we need a second opinion."

Councilmember Williams was excused from the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

There was applause in the church.

Mayor Tecklenburg continued, "I'm going to ask this Council to approve, not tonight, but a new engineering study that will look at what our existing folks have recommended who have been running this model for all this time, and maybe they're spot-on, but I would like for us to get a second opinion. Before the end of the year, and this is the first time that I'll be going through our City's budget process, so far, I've been getting information from all our departments about what they would like to spend, and our Finance Department hasn't yet brought me, but they will soon, what our revenue stream is. Then we will know what we can spend, and I'm going to ask this Council as part of our budget for next year to go ahead and allocate funds without a specific project being priced out yet, so that we know in next year's budget we have some funds to begin addressing whatever projects. We could begin from the Columbia folks and compare it to what a second opinion would render. So, that's a commitment to you that we will ask for funding. We will get the right people and review what's been recommended and come up with any other recommendations and actually do something, but God Bless you all."

Councilmember Riegel was excused from the meeting at 6:46 p.m.

Mayor Tecklenburg continued, "Moving along with our meeting, next is our Council Committee Reports. The first one up is the Committee on Traffic and Transportation. Councilmember Seekings is the Chairman of that Committee."

Councilmember Seekings said, "Thank you, Mr. Mayor. The Committee on Traffic and Transportation met today and took up for the second time a pilot program for the redirecting of the carriages Downtown. It was recommended by, among other people, our Director of Livability and the neighborhoods. It passed unanimously, and I would ask for its approval. So moved."

Councilmember Moody said, "Second."

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

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

---INSERT COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION REPORT---

-- Approve a Resolution to demonstrate support and approval of a temporary carriage route pilot program developed by the several neighborhood associations and the carriage industry.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you all for being with us tonight. You don't have to run off now. Ways and Means, it's been moved and seconded. Is there any discussion?"

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

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

(Mayor's Office for Children Youth and Families: Mayor and City Council approval is requested to pursue a grant from the Cooper River Bridge Run Fund in the amount of \$1000 to provide funds for the Youth Volunteer Corps to plan and hold a Teen Health Summit. No cash match is required. Due to a change in the deadline, this grant had to be submitted on October 7<sup>th</sup>.

(Housing and Community Development: Mayor and City Council are requested to accept a Shelter Plus Care Grant Award from the Department of HUD in the amount of \$59,571. The grant is used to provide rental assistance for persons or head of households who are disabled and formerly homeless. The City of Charleston's Department of Housing and Community Development (HCS) administers the initial grant in the amount of \$285,000 in partnership with the Berkeley, Charleston, Dorchester Mental Health Center and Family Services, now Origin SC. The initial grant was five years. The City of Charleston currently provides the oversight, which includes report preparation, monitoring the

grantees and inspecting the homes prior to clients taking possession of the apartment. We do not receive any portion of the administrative funding for our efforts in the grant. Origin SC/Family Services locates the apartments and manages when needed the funding of the individual or head of household. We have attached a flow chart depicting the current partnership structure. In addition, to accepting the grant, we are requesting approval to transfer the grant to Origin SC. The organization is a nonprofit with a great deal of experience managing grants and personal finances for individuals. Origin SC is willing to accept the grant and after securing approval from City Council and the Department of HUD, the organization would have full responsibility for the grant.

(Housing and Community Development: Mayor and City Council are requested to approve a contract between Meadors Architects and the City of Charleston for architectural and design services for the creation of four designs with seven unique site plans that will lend to the construction of seven or more homes on parcels in the Ashleyville community of the City of Charleston. These homes will be sold to first time homebuyers earning eighty (80) percent and below the Area Median Income. The contract amount is \$60,441 for architectural fees plus Reimbursable Expenses in the Not to Exceed amount of \$3,850 for a total of \$64,291 and will be borne by the 2015-16 Home Investment Partnerships Program Grant Account #470010-52206. The bid for services was released in March 2016 with responses reviewed April 2016.

(Parks-Capital Projects: Approval of the Daniel Island Boat Landing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between City of Charleston and SC Department of Natural Resources for the development, funding, permitting, construction, operation, and maintenance of a public boat landing on the Wando River. The landing will be constructed on property owned by the City (Governors Park) with the parking area to be constructed within the existing right-of-way of Interstate 526. The City has a preliminary design and permits in place. SCDNR will assist the City with the finalization of the design and any permit modifications, assist with the bidding and construction process. If needed, SCDNR will assist with any major repairs or renovations subject to the availability of funds. SCDNR will arrange funding for the construction (\$800,000 estimate) from SC Water Recreation Resource Funds and USFWA Sport Fish Restoration Boating Access Grants. The City will own and operate the facility. This agreement will remain in place for 20 years. There is no fiscal impact for this action. Approval of the MOU will allow Parks to coordinate and arrange for funding of the construction with South Carolina Department of Natural Resources.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Next, is our bills up for second reading. I would note that L-10 has been deferred, so we have matters L-1 through L-9 before us."

Councilmember Mitchell said, "L-1 through L-9. Move for approval."

The Clerk said, "And the bill for third reading has been deferred."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "The one bill for third reading has been deferred. Sir?"

Councilmember Moody said, "The one for third reading has been deferred?"

The Clerk said, "Yes."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "It's been deferred, as well. The only matters that we have really before us are L-1 through L-9."

Councilmember Mitchell said, "Move for approval L-1 through L-9."

Councilmember Lewis said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We have a motion that we do L-1 through L-9, and we have a second? Is there any discussion or questions? Now for third reading and ratification of Items L-1 through L-9."

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, nine (9) bills (Items L-1 through L-9) received second reading. They passed second reading on motion by Councilmember Lewis and third reading on motion of Councilmember Mitchell. On further motion of Councilmember Lewis, the rules were suspended, and the bills were immediately ratified as:

**2016-123** 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.

**2016-124** 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.

**2016-125** 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.

**2016-126** 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.

**2016-127** 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.

- 2016-128** 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. THE PROPERTY IS OWNED BY PAULA AND CHRIS IANNUCCILLI.
- 2016-129** 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. THE PROPERTY IS OWNED BY KATHLEEN AND JOSH BELL.
- 2016-130** 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. THE PROPERTY IS OWNED BY ROLINA HOMES LLC.
- 2016-131** 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. THE PROPERTY IS OWNED BY GEORGE SMYTHE AND DAVID SMYTHE.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "If you all don't mind, I'm going to put the microphone down and sign these things here because I'm supposed to do that during the course of the meeting. While I'm doing this, do any of my Councilmembers have any other comments or questions of any kind whatsoever?"

Councilmember Mitchell said, "Mayor."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Yes, sir. Councilmember Mitchell."

Councilmember Mitchell said, "Yes, I know the frustration of the people that live over here, but I would like to say that after the storm, a good friend of mine, and I drove the whole City of Charleston, the Peninsula, and we saw the flooding was over there. You saw people who had various conflicts in my district, like at a place that they call Bayside Manor, where people couldn't get in or out. They were trapped in and out. The fire truck couldn't go in there. So, we have a lot of flooding, even by my house, and you can see by my house, and there's been flooding there for the past 30-plus years. I've been there for 33 years. So, there is flooding down there too, and it floods every time it rains. It doesn't have to be a storm, but just at high tide, it floods. We have people on Drake Street that flooded out. The houses there flooded out on Drake Street, and it floods there every time it's high tide when we don't have a drop of rain. I know the frustration over here, but there is frustration of people that live there, too, on the Peninsula. There has been flooding ever since I knew myself, and that's 68 years, and that hasn't changed yet. So, they are frustrated, too. We have to all work together and remember that we still have all these other districts that have had these problems that have

gone on for 70-plus or 100 years and they're still being flooded down there, too. I hear them. I hear the frustration here. On King Street, that's right by my house, every day if you come on the corner of King and Huger, and it has rained or a high tide, you will see it flooding there. You can't get through it. They have a school there, for the Catholic Church, Sacred Heart. The kids go to school, and it floods there. So, I also feel the frustration that you all have over here, but there is also frustration that many people there have, too, and it has been going on there for more than 70, 80 years. We have to look at this and really be mindful of what's happening everywhere, and be mindful of others, too, and yourself. This is what I'm looking at when I do things. Even down in Councilman Seekings' district, I drove that district, too. You go into White Point Gardens, flooded. You go down to the Battery, it's flooded. All of these places were terrible with flooding. I'm just making a statement that we also need to look at others having these problems; I have traveled through the flooding ever since my days in high school and elementary school, walking through the water because my parents wouldn't allow us to stay home. My mother would tell us, 'Roll up your pants leg, take off your shoes, put them in your hands, get to school, dry off your socks, and then stay in school.' This is what we had to do when we were growing up in the City of Charleston all my life, and it's still flooding. So, we have a lot of work to be done, and I know it's going to take a little time. We are trying to do the best we can with the money that we have from the taxpayers' funds, but it's going to take time. It's going to take time, and we are going to do the best we can here as the Council because we are going to work hard in trying to solve these problems here and there, everywhere we possibly can. Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Yes, sir. Is there any further business to come before Council tonight?"

No one else asked to speak.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We are hereby adjourned. Thank you all for being with us tonight."

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Vanessa Turner Maybank  
Clerk of Council