

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBER**

Regular Meeting  
April 25, 2023

The one hundred forty-second meeting of the City Council of Charleston was held this date convening at 5:01 p.m. at City Hall and over video conference call (Zoom).

A notice of this meeting and an agenda were made available on the City's website April 20, 2023 and appeared in the Post and Courier on April 24, 2023.

PRESENT (13)

The Honorable John J. Tecklenburg, Mayor

Councilmember Gregg	District 1	Councilmember Waring	District 7
Councilmember Shealy	District 2	Councilmember Seekings	District 8
Councilmember Sakran	District 3	Councilmember Shahid	District 9
Councilmember Mitchell	District 4	Councilmember Bowden	District 10
Councilmember Brady	District 5	Councilmember Appel	District 11
Councilmember Gregorie	District 6	Councilmember Parker	District 12

Mayor Tecklenburg called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

The Clerk called the roll.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Now, if you would like to join us, [Councilmember Shahid will lead us in an invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.](#)"

Councilmember Shahid said, "Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Sunday, we attended the Holocaust Memorial Service at the Gaillard, and I'm asking Councilmember Appel to join me in reciting a prayer that was drafted by all the conferences, a Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales for the 2023 Prayer for Holocaust Memorial Day."

Councilmember Shahid and Councilmember Appel opened the meeting with an invocation.

Councilmember Shahid then led City Council in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you. We have a few presentations and recognitions to make this evening. To start that off, I'm going to call first and invite Beverly Hutchinson and Cait Przetak with the [Dee Norton Center](#) to please join me along with Mindy Sturm. You all come on up to the podium if you will. We had a delightful presentation week before last over at Colonial Lake where we put the pinwheels up. It's a sign of the fact that children should have joy in their lives, and nurturing, and love. Unfortunately, we bring awareness to everyone that that's not always the case, that child abuse does exist in this world, and it happens here, as well. We want to raise awareness and prevent child abuse from happening in our society. So, here's a proclamation."

Mayor Tecklenburg read the proclamation.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "I'd like to invite Beverly to come forward and say a few words. She's with the Dee Norton Center as was mentioned here. For those who don't know, they do a remarkable job providing resources to kids when they do, unfortunately, find themselves in trouble. Beverly."

Beverly Hutchinson said, "Thank you, Mr. Mayor, and thank you. Without your support, there would be no Dee Norton Child Advocacy Center. There would be 30,000-plus children who would not have received a wonderfully coordinated response to their trauma. I love the prayer that was said, and I'm not going to remember the line exactly, but I'm going to try to paraphrase, 'Strengthen us all in our everyday ways.' That's really what we've been talking about all of April. Each one of us in our everyday lives has an opportunity to prevent child abuse from ever happening, to keep children from coming through our doors, to prevent the abuse from ever happening. So, as we wind out the month, I love being here. It was Mayor Riley and Chief Greenberg, and Libby Ralston, and Dr. Sarah Shue, who has now gone to God, who believed, the members of the Junior League of Charleston who believed, that our community could build a better response to child abuse. And, together, as a group. We don't do anything in a vacuum at Dee Norton. It's all through collaboration. Together we have come up with a better response. I dream of a day when there's no child abuse, but until there is, I pray that you partner with us continually so with that we have the very best response for the children in our community. I know you believe they deserve it. So, thank you, all."

There was applause in the Chamber.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you. And, thank you to Mindy Sturm, by the way, who heads the Mayor's Office of Families, Youth, and Children, and they work very closely. Just in case Council didn't know, or for our new members and maybe those who had forgotten, we are Dee Norton's landlord."

Ms. Hutchinson said, "A whole dollar a year."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "A whole dollar a year. We're a tough landlord I know, but their facility on Upper King Street was provided by the City of Charleston. We're very proud to partner with you and help in any way we can. Thank you for the work you do."

So, next, we have a proclamation recognizing two amazing individuals, both originally from Cornwall, England, who have made Charleston their home. [Ben Towell and Charlie Layton](#). Would you all come forward, along with Councilmember Ross Appel? You know you would think in this modern day of transportation that they could find a better way to get back and forth across the water from Europe to the United States, but they decided to do it in a rowboat. These two gentlemen actually rode across the shore, from one shore to the other, from Europe to the Caribbean, and it's an amazing story. So, we're here to recognize them for their pretty amazing effort."

Mayor Tecklenburg read the proclamation.

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There was applause in the Chamber.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "There you go guys. Would you like to say a few words to us?"

Ben Towell said, "Absolutely. Mr. Mayor and City Council, thank you so much for having us. During this journey, it was a two-year journey, one of the things I wrote to the Mayor before coming here today was that it was really the community that got behind us. We had never rowed a boat, we had never been to sea, we had no idea what we were doing when we signed up for this thing, and it was just an amazing group of people who got together to help us, support us, find a place to put our boat, teach us how to row, and get us in shape. We carried 500 letters from school children across the ocean. There were some tough days, and letters like that and messages from people in the City of Charleston is really what got us through. Charlie and I have come back with a sort of renewed love for the City and feel so grateful to call this home and very privileged to be here today. So, thank you, all."

There was applause in the Chamber.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Great. Charlie, you want to say anything? You good?"

Charles Layton said, "No, I'm good."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Councilmember Appel brought this as I meant to mention."  
Councilmember Appel said, "Well, thank you, Mr. Mayor, and I'll be very brief. I've known Ben for several years now. I just recently met Charlie. I just can't tell you all how unbelievable it is to row across the Atlantic Ocean. I know it doesn't take that much of a leap of faith to understand that. If any of you all have been on a rower like an indoor Concept2 rower and you've rowed for a 5K, or 30 minutes, that's a heck of a workout. These guys rowed two hours on, two hours off, continuously for 40 days. It's unbelievable, it's inspiring, and I hope it inspires each of us in our own way, in our own lives, with what we do to go that extra mile, to make that challenge, to hold yourself accountable, and to succeed and accomplish great things. Today you're getting a piece of paper and a day named after you, guys, but if you row across the Pacific, we will build you a statue."

There was laughter in the Chamber.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Next is a proclamation recognizing Julian Wiles of Charleston Stage and now Frank has come onboard to help lead Charleston Stage forward in light of Julian's retirement, and the proclamation has a little something to do about that."

Mayor Tecklenburg read the proclamation.

There was applause in the Chamber.

Julian Wiles said, "Thank you, Mr. Mayor, and Council. One thing you might not know is 45 years ago, the City was very instrumental in the founding of Charleston Stage. Spoleto started in 1977, the Office of Cultural Affairs was created the next year, and Mayor Riley and Ellen Moryl were very supportive in the first couple of years of the company. You guys have made the Dock Street available to us for all of these years. We've been very fortunate to perform in one of the greatest theatres in America. Now, we have the West Ashley Theatre Center, which is west of the Ashley, where over 350 kids have classes, and we rehearse all of our productions over there, as well. As you know, we were shut down for 17 months during the pandemic, but we've come back. We have just had the most successful season in Charleston

Stage's history, playing to over 65,000 people, including almost 20,000 school kids from around the Country. You've been very instrumental with the Dock Street and the great renovations you did. We are very appreciative of the new state of the art LED lighting that will be going in next year, and Frank, and Marybeth Clark, who is our new Artistic Director, will be taking the company forward for many, many years to come with great productions. So, thank you very much, and thank you for this proclamation."

There was applause in the Chamber.

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Shahid.

Councilmember Shahid said, "I just want to say, Mayor, that we're so appreciative of the Charleston Stage being relocated at Ashley Landing in my district, and the activity that is generated by the number of young people who are attending Charleston Stage and some of the practice sessions, as well. It just creates a wonderful vibe in the community and a lot of energy over there. So, thank you for being there, thank you for relocating. It's a wonderful asset to West Ashley this year. So, thanks for all the work, and enjoy retirement."

Mr. Wiles said, "I will. Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you, Julian. Alright. Without objection from Council, I have one other guest I'd like to introduce and have him make just a few comments. I think you all know and remember how last October I went with Rhoda Green, and her son Dwayne, and a troop from Charleston to visit Barbados to further the relationship started, again, by Mayor Riley, but I think back in 1996 when we formed a Sister City relationship with Speightstown, Barbados, which was the town from which the original settlers and ships that came to Charles Towne Landing set sail from. They came from Barbados. They didn't come from Cornwall, England. They came from Barbados. In some very real fashion historically, we were more like a sub-colony of Barbados than we were a colony of Great Britain. So, to continue that relationship, we're blessed this week to have a contingent visiting us from Barbados, and they are led by [Rudy Grant who is the Consul General to Miami from the Country of Barbados](#). I'm going to ask Rudy to come forward, introduce his colleagues, and make just a few remarks to us this evening while they're here. Rudy. Rudy took real good care of us when we were down there in Barbados, I can tell you that. He rolled out the carpet."

Rudy Grant said, "Thank you, Mr. Mayor, members of the City of Charleston Council, members of the public, distinguished ladies and gentlemen. Let me first of all start by thanking you, Mayor, for this invitation to be here, and for the partnership. I am joined by my Consul in Miami Marvin Brathwaite from the Consulate General of Barbados, and I am joined, as well, with Ms. Kaye Greenridge, who is the Chief Executive Officer of Invest Barbados. My name is Rudy Grant, I am the Consul General for Barbados based in Miami. In the Consul, we have responsibility for 11 states and one of those states, Mayor, is South Carolina.

I always like to start by making reference to the strong relationship between Barbados and the U.S. and, Mayor, you spoke with respect to a bit of the history. I believe it was the Slave Code of 1661 that saw a number of persons from Barbados coming here to the Carolinas. I believe the Governor, if I am correct, of South Carolina--"

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "John Yeamans."

Consul General Grant continued, “was a Barbadian, of Barbadian descent, and the connection between Barbados and Charleston is certainly very strong. I don’t know how many of you are aware that the only place outside of the U.S.A. that George Washington visited was Barbados. In fact, in 1751 George Washington’s half-brother Lawrence, he wasn’t doing too well, and it was felt that he should go to a place like Barbados. While in Barbados, George Washington contracted smallpox and, of course, he was able to survive that. In those days, in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century in Virginia, smallpox was not rampant, and in the Caribbean it was an endemic in the Caribbean. What happened was that George Washington contracted smallpox and he was able to survive. In those days, once you survived smallpox what happened was you develop an immunity. So, when George Washington came back to the U.S.A. and he was leading the troops while other members of the troops got ill with smallpox and eventually died, unfortunately, because of his immunity, he was not affected.

I start with those things because I think it’s very important to recognize the contribution that Barbados has made in a very strong way to where the U.S. is today. Of course, your first President, indeed your republic is one that is very old, 1776, if my memory is correct. July 4<sup>th</sup> is the day that you celebrate your independence. Barbados became independent on the 30<sup>th</sup> of December, 1966, and on the 30<sup>th</sup> of December, 2021, we became a republic, so we are actually the world’s youngest republic. We’ve had over the years extremely good relations with the U.S.A., and we are certainly, Mayor, looking forward to the continued collaboration and deepening the relationships that we have with the people of Charleston. We believe very strongly that through that collaboration there can be mutual benefits. Of course, there are many similar issues that we must confront. Our Prime Minister, the Honorable Mia Mottley, has become not only a person who speaks on the global stage with respect to Barbados, but she has become a leader for small island developing states. We are impacted in Barbados by hurricanes in the same way that you are, and we have initiated what is known as the Bridgestone Initiative, and the Bridgestone Initiative essentially is designed to ensure that poor countries and developing countries are able to access funding with respect to climate change issues. The rich countries of the world are able to access funding at 1% to 4% interest, while poor countries have to access funding at 14%. Some people are referring to the Bridgestone Initiative as similar to the U.S. Marshall Plan, but we believe that is extremely important to push such an initiative.

Climate change is critical and important to us. We, of course, as a small island developing state, tourism, too, is important to us in the same way that it is to you, Mayor. During COVID when we had our significant challenges, we were able to introduce a program known as ‘Welcome Staff,’ where we encourage persons to come to Barbados not only to have fun, but to work, as well. So, those of you who hear my voice and you want to come to a destination where you can just relax on the beach and do your work at the same time, then Barbados is the ideal place for you. Of course, we are known, as well, for our culinary delights. I have to say that when I was here last year, I was given a Bible by the Gullah Geechee people, and when I got to the hotel and I looked at the Gullah Bible and I started to read it, it read like Bajan. We have a dialect in Barbados known as Bajan, and everything that was in there was something that I could recognize.

I know the Mayor said I should be brief so I will not speak too much longer, but simply to say that we are very excited to be here. Our delegation includes members from the Barbados Tourism Marketing, Inc. It includes Invest Barbados. Ms. Greenridge is the CEO of Invest Barbados. It includes the representatives of the National Cultural Foundation, as well as the Barbados Chamber of Commerce and Industry. The Consulate is here to help to facilitate and to see how we could collaborate, but I started by making reference to that 1661 Slave Code and,

Mayor, when you were in Barbados last year, you had the opportunity to meet with our Prime Minister, and during that meeting the Prime Minister said that one of the things that we want to do in Barbados is to collaborate and to work with entities, individuals, countries to ensure that we are able to contribute to the global public good. I have to say that I listened with great keenness to some of the awards that you gave this afternoon, and I thought to myself when I heard about when rowing across the Atlantic, I know that we have had persons in Barbados who have done the same thing. I have to say that that takes a bit of brave nature to be able to do that to row across the Atlantic, and I want to commend you.

But, I want to end by saying very clearly that we look forward to deepening and strengthening our relationships in a manner that is mutually beneficial to the people of Charleston and the people of Barbados. We think that this is exciting, and I always say that you know business is one thing talking about trade, talking about investment, talking about pharmaceutical opportunities because we are encouraging businesses to come to Barbados and produce medicines there, opportunities with respect to universities, any universities here in Charleston, we want to encourage you to come and set up in Barbados, but the fundamental element and aspect really in relation to business relates to the way that we interact with each other. I have to tell you that the Mayor has been an exceptionally good friend and has made me feel very welcome here in Charleston. In fact, when I came here on Sunday, Mayor, someone asked me how I felt to be in Charleston again, and I said, 'It felt like I was just coming back home,' so it feels good to be here, and I certainly look forward to our continued collaboration and deepening our friendship. Thank you, Mayor."

There was applause in the Chamber.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you. So, if our meeting proceeds as promptly as I think it could, I will let you all know, they're having a little gathering up the street here, and you all could spend some more time with our friends from Barbados if you would like to this evening.

So, next up is our [public hearings](#), and I think we only have four of those. Mr. Morgan will likely present those to us, and one has to do with conference space requirements for hotels that are off of the Peninsula, and then we have just a few rezonings. Mr. Morgan."

Christopher Morgan said, "Thank you, Mr. Mayor, and members of Council. As the Mayor said, we've got four public hearings. The first one is an [amendment to our Zoning Ordinance that would revise the section that relates to accommodations overlays](#). The reason it says 'in the Peninsula' is it would keep on the Peninsula a requirement for conference space, but it would remove it from other parts of the City. Here is in the Ordinance Amendment, and you all have this in your packages, but this was something that came about because of new Suburban hotels that have been planned or under construction or recently built that typically have not included conference space. They typically have been smaller hotels less than 200 rooms, but anyway, this has been through the Planning Commission. There is a development out in West Ashley that would like to take advantage of building a smaller hotel that does not have conference space, but is still a very nice facility, and so that is kind of waiting in the wings and, therefore, it is before you all for consideration tonight."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Great. Would anyone from the public like to be heard on this matter?"

The Clerk said, "And, Mr. Mayor, we have a sign-up list, and did you want to set a time limit?"

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Two minutes."

The Clerk said, "Alright. Anthony Bryant. The time is two minutes."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Mr. Bryant. Good evening."

1. Anthony Bryant said he wanted to piggy-back on the density question from the Union Pier development in terms of everything the City was doing currently that added density in the area. He was concerned that all of his public comments he had made on Facebook online at that meeting were on the Attorney General of South Carolina's website. He wanted to make sure Council knew that was there, and he wanted every one of his public comments from Zoning to be sent back to the Attorney General.

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

The Clerk said, "Mohammed Idris. I think you're signed up."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Mr. Idris, did you want to be heard now or at the open period?"

Mohammed Idris said, "Open."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Yes, sir. Alright. Anyone else?"

No one else asked to speak.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Then, the matter comes to Council."

Councilmember Waring said, "Move for approval."

Councilmember Appel said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We've got a motion to approve. This is for first reading only. Any discussion?"

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Shahid.

Councilmember Shahid said, "Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Mr. Morgan made comment about this. This is to help with a facility that I don't think, technically, is in the City at this point."

Councilmember Waring said, "Yes, it is."

Councilmember Shahid said, "It is now in the City? And, so it has come into the City, so this is really important for that development of that property. I would urge all of our Councilmembers to support this."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Alright. Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Waring.

Councilmember Waring said, "I wanted to thank staff again. We thanked them in the Real Estate Committee meeting yesterday, but I thank Mr. Morgan and his team for putting flexibility in here to accommodate the ebb and flow of business. This actually subscribes to part of the Revitalization of West Ashley. This is down toward the Dupont Road/Orleans Road/Sam Rittenberg area not too far from the mall across from the mall, so up and down the area of the TIF District frankly, so appreciate it. Without this, it may not happen. So, thank you a lot."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Great. Any other comments or questions?"

No one else asked to speak.

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

*An ordinance to amend Chapter 54 of the Code of the City of Charleston (Zoning Ordinance) by revising Section 54-220 pertaining to conference space requirements in the Accommodations Overlay Zone District in the Peninsula portion of the City.*

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Now, without objection, can we take the next three together? They're all three similar zonings."

Councilmember Seekings said, "So moved."

Councilmember Shahid said, "Second."

On a motion of Councilmember Seekings, seconded by Councilmember Shahid, City Council voted unanimously to take Items [E-2 through E-4](#) together.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Mr. Morgan."

Mr. Morgan said, "I'll just zip through these. These are all in West Ashley. They're recent annexations all SR-1, all in Suburban recommended areas from our City Plan. Just some images. These were all endorsed by the Planning Commission, as well. So, again, the three addresses are 9 Apollo Road, 19 Oakdale Place, and 1419 Adele Street."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Okay. We've got three rezonings to SR-1 Single-Family Residential classification. Would anyone from the public like to be heard on these matters? These three addresses? They're 9 Apollo Road, 19 Oakdale Place, and 1419 Adele Street."

No one asked to speak.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Alright. Hearing none, it comes to Council."

Councilmember Shealy said, "Move for approval."

Councilmember Shahid said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We've got a motion to approve. Any discussion?"

No one asked to speak.



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

*An ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Charleston by changing the Zone Map, which is a part thereof, so that 9 Apollo Road (West Ashley) (approximately 0.2 acre) (TMS #4181300229) (Council District 9), annexed into the City of Charleston February 28, 2023 (#2023-040), be zoned Single-Family Residential (SR-1) classification. The property is owned by Sue B. Chanson.*

*An ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Charleston by changing the Zone Map, which is a part thereof, so that 19 Oakdale Place (West Ashley) (approximately 0.47 acre) (TMS #4181400003) (Council District 9), annexed into the City of Charleston March 14, 2023 (#2023-050), be zoned Single-Family Residential (SR-1) classification. The property is owned by Elizabeth Oakley and Cindy Carter.*

*An ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Charleston by changing the Zone Map, which is a part thereof, so that 1419 Adele Street (West Ashley) (approximately 0.13 acre) (TMS #3510700046) (Council District 7), annexed into the City of Charleston March 14, 2023 (#2023-051), be zoned Single-Family Residential (SR-1) classification. The property is owned by Kerr Adele Properties LLC.*

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "That concludes our public hearings for this evening. Thank you, all, very much. Next, is our [City Council minutes approval for March 28<sup>th</sup>](#)."

Councilmember Shealy said, "Move for approval."

Councilmember Gregorie said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Any additions, deletions, or corrections?"

No one asked to speak.

On a motion of Councilmember Shealy, seconded by Councilmember Gregorie, City Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the March 28, 2023 City Council meeting.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Next up is our [Citizens Participation Period](#). We've got a few folks signed up."

The Clerk said, "We have seven people signed up."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Okay. We will do a couple of minutes each then."

The Clerk said, "Alright. The time is two minutes. Anthony Bryant."

No one asked to speak.

The Clerk said, "Mohammed Idris."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Mohammed."

Mr. Bryant said, "I'm here."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Mr. Bryant."

1. Anthony Bryant said he was at a public hearing for the City of Charleston Police Department. The Attorney General dealt with human trafficking, domestic violence, computer crimes, and all kinds of stuff. He said the question became what happened if he was wrong about that. He said they needed to do a moment of silence for six poor people in the County jail who did get killed. He said there wasn't one moment of silence because they were poor and they weren't important, so his work was going to be on the Innocence Project. He wanted to make sure that the U.S. Attorney General was right. He said to make sure they were right before they executed somebody and make sure they were right before they came with 30 and 40 years. He would go back to his comfortable house. The causation wasn't poverty, life, what they had to go through, and they were Black. He said it was the causation of what they had to deal with as people for 40 years in the Country. They just arrived at violence. He just talked about a Code of 1661 to control Black people, to punish them, and to bring brutality to them. He wasn't scared to say he was a Black man in America and the Black man in America was humiliated for 40 years in the Country and the Indians before them. They took their land and worked Black people for free.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you, sir."

The Clerk said, "Mohammed Idris."

2. Mohammed Idris said racism was dead and buried. It was executed in 1975. He said they were not experiencing racism, but they were experiencing greed, jealousy, envy, and ignorance. The Country said that the majority rules. He said the majority of people were poor people Black and White, and they needed to get together to have the strength. When they said they were helping the minority, they were talking about the rich because the rich was the minority, and the poor was majority. Poor White folks and poor Black folks needed to get together so they could get their share of that wonderful land.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you, sir."

The Clerk said, "Jermaine Powell."

3. Jermaine Powell said it was his first City Council meeting and he just wanted to get the experience of it so he could at least give back to his community, to know what was going on, and what he could do to help his community, neighborhood, and the City, as well. He hoped to soak up a lot of information and knowledge and looked to be back at some other meetings in the future.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Welcome, Mr. Powell. Thank you very much."

Councilmember Mitchell said, "Where in the community?"

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "What neighborhood do you live in, may I ask?"

Mr. Powell said, "Well, I grew up on Longbranch. I was born here in Charleston, and I stayed in Longbranch in West Ashley for a little while. My father was a Marine. My mother was a nurse. We moved to Atlanta, but then he came back, and I was living on Spring Street when I was about three years old, and then I've got a grandma that's out in McClellanville. So, when I finished up, I kind of stayed out with my grandma for a while and did a little time in the military. Just back in the community, in the City, and just trying to want to give back now."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Okay. We will try to connect you with one of our neighborhood folks. Thank you, sir."

Mr. Powell said, "Alright. Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Great."

The Clerk said, "Josh Dix."

4. Josh Dix, Government Affairs Director for the Charleston Trident Association of Realtors, said many on Council had been supporting and celebrating Fair Housing Month which was the month of April. He thanked Council for all the gestures and the comments regarding Fair Housing, but their housing didn't need to be just one month out of the year. He said there was a lot they could be doing with regards to making housing more equitable for everyone. He said looking at the regulatory environment and how long it took to permit projects into completion, their ability to create more housing in a denser, more sustainable environment was something that they needed to look after. Council's launch of the zoning rewrite was a big step, and that would be a multi-year project, but those were conversations that they needed to continue having. He said as they went down that path as they looked at how Union Pier was developed, how Ashley Landing was developed, Citadel Mall, they needed to look at how they could more efficiently use space. He said that was something they had limited supply of in Charleston, but people were coming by the day, and they needed to think responsibly and think how they were going to accommodate for all of that potential growth that's coming their way. He thanked Council for the work that had been done, but there was a lot more ahead, and they looked forward to partnering in future endeavors.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you, sir."

The Clerk said, "Andy Gladstein."

No one asked to speak.

The Clerk said, "Erik Hofstrom."

No one asked to speak.

The Clerk said, "Emily Schmitt."

5. Emily Schmitt said she was there to give voice to the voiceless, specifically the horses who worked in Charleston streets pulling tourists in carriages. The current practice of horses pulling the heaviest loads in the oppressive grueling heat of Charleston was cruel, inhumane, and embarrassing for the City and State. In the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, the

smell of horse manure and urine and the sight of collapsed horses in the streets were not a good look for a thriving city. Fortunately, they could give the citizens and tourists an alternative. A local entrepreneur, Kyle Kelley, recently unveiled an electric carriage that didn't require horses, but still gave riders the charm of the carriage. She said the e-Carriage gave Charlestonians and tourists a safe, eco-friendly, and pro-business alternative to horses and mules working in the streets. The only person who lost their job was the horse. She said they needed one person on the City Council or one person within the Mayor's Office to break with the carriage industry on the issue, one person to show that they had even the tiniest bit of compassion for God's creatures who were forced to endure oppressive working conditions through no choice of their own. She asked who would be pro-business and celebrate that local entrepreneur to give citizens and tourists who cared an option and who would help attract tourists to the City, who wanted an alternative to animal-drawn carriages? She understood Council didn't want to ban anything, but someone on Council could stand up and take a pro-free market, pro-business, pro-competition stance and bring some competition to the market by supporting the e-Carriage. She said Charlestonians were organizing on the issue and building a movement to speak out against the dated inhumane practice of carriage horses and demanded the City take a pro-free market, pro-business, pro-competition stance, and give them another choice for those carriage tours.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you."

The Clerk said, "And those were all of the speakers that we had. We did receive some comments, and this is just a summary. All of the comments in full were sent to Council prior to the meeting. Ceitha Steele said that e-commerce wagons should be allowed as a safer and more humane alternative to carriage horses. It would cast a much more positive light on the City and present a model to other cities.

Tony Daniell submitted comments stating that a road closure must be in the best interest of all and not a group of individuals, and those were all of the comments we received."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Alright. Did we miss anyone? Would anyone else like to be heard this evening that didn't come forward?"

No one else asked to speak.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you for your comments, those that spoke, and appreciate you being with us tonight. So, next up, we have just [one appointment, an alternate to the BAR-Large.](#)"

Councilmember Seekings said, "So moved."

Councilmember Mitchell said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Any discussion?"

No one asked to speak.

On a motion of Councilmember Seekings, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, City Council voted unanimously to appoint Steve Ramos as an alternate to the Board of Architectural Review-Large.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “Next on [Council Communications](#), Councilmember Parker would like to chat with us about [National Volunteer Week](#).”

Councilmember Parker said, “Yes. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. We had a few proclamations on the schedule tonight, so it’s hard to pinpoint just one or two volunteers in the City, so I just wanted to recognize that it is National Volunteer Week. I had Ms. Cook put this in your agenda. I would love everyone to take a look at it. This was shown at the Master Plan Workshop, but I think everyone, you know, looking at these numbers it’s really important to see how important Recreation is and has become in our City. Total volunteers in 2022 were 4,338, 4,000 volunteers. I mean, we do not have a Recreation Program without volunteers. So, I thank you for just listening to me for a couple of minutes as budget season will quickly approach, and I just hope that we’re taking this into consideration. We have a lot of moms, dads, grandmothers, grandfathers, guardians out there supporting our youth, and I just think it’s so important that we continue to recognize that. I have folks on the Island who are raking and taking care of fields just so kids can play on them. I’m not happy about that. I think that the City, we have to do better for our Recreation Programs and managing all that we do in this department. We know that we’re limited, we know that we’re spread thin. Please just keep that in mind on all of your all’s committees. Remember, 4,338 volunteers. I think that’s a pretty impressive number. Ms. Hutchinson was here from Dee Norton, and I think she said it perfectly, I mean, this is how. We’ve got to keep these kids on the fields, keep them engaged, and these 4,338 volunteers are why they’re out there. So, thank you, all.”

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “Great. Thank you. Any response or comments?”

No one asked to speak.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “We’re very thankful, Councilmember, for all of those volunteers. I don’t know about you all when you had kids, but I did it when my kids were coming along, and it’s a rewarding kind of thing to do, but you do have to put some time into it. That’s for sure. It’s no question our Recreation Department could not nurture the thousands of kids that we do every spring and fall with our team sports without volunteers and coaches. There’s one of them sitting right over there, Edward Jones. Thank you, sir, for your volunteerism. So, moving on, next is our [Council Committee Reports](#). First up is [Committee on Human Resources](#), Councilmember Gregorie.”

Councilmember Gregorie said, “The Human Resources Committee met on Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, and we had two items under New Business. One was the Staffing and Retention Report and Employee Wellness Program, and in both areas, our numbers are headed in the right direction so far. We will see how things are as we attempt to look at next year. The Medicare supplement was not discussed at that meeting. There was a meeting with the Director of Human Resources and someone from the Budget Division, and I met with the consultant last week to discuss the Medicare Supplement Program of which I think would be extremely beneficial to people 65 years old and older. Later in our next meeting I’d like for the consultant to make that presentation to the body of the whole in Human Resources. Right now, we’re just doing our research to determine whether or not that’s possible. There is one City that’s already doing it, so we have an example, and that’s Horry County. I’m a little excited about it because it is the opportunity for us to give our seniors an option to save money, as well as the City. So, hopefully, at our next meeting, I’ll be able to report on the Medicare Supplement Plan. That concludes my report.”

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Correct. Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Parker.

Councilmember Parker said, "Yes. Thank you, Mr. Mayor, and thank you, Mr. Chairman. I do just want to touch on the Staffing and Retention Report. I hear it a lot, and I know we're headed in the right direction, but I know that many, many departments we are spread so thin. I mean, we have very few individuals serving an entire City. What are we thinking ahead? What are sort of our plans? Again, I brought up the ballfields. I mean, I know that sometimes money isn't always the issue. It's in the budget. We just don't have the staff, and I know that that's multiple departments, so I think if we did it department by department, got those numbers, that would be great. Again, we keep saying that it's getting better, it's looking better, but I think the reality is they're still spread pretty thin, and I'm just wondering what our plan is moving forward? I know we talked about a pay study last year, but ultimately how do we assist department heads, our directors, all of this, to get the work done? I mean, we don't have the staff. We have the money, we don't have the staff."

Councilmember Gregorie said, "I think the only way to do it is something that some of our departments are already doing, and that is Indefinite Quantity Contracts and trying to get some private folks to take care of the shortfall. Other than that, I know of no other way other than for us to keep our recruitment. I think things are jelling, but there's a connection between what we pay our employees and whether or not they could even afford to live here. So, when we're recruiting people from different parts of the Country to try to attract them here, I think one of the stumbling blocks is affordability. Even though we've had salary increases, affordability is still an issue. So, to me, the only way that I think that we could take care of our shortfall is through private means, through Indefinite Quantity Contracts, where we can. That's why I said that we're going to have to really look at things as we approach this budget year because \$17.00 as a minimum may still not be enough to be able to attract the kind of caliber of people that we want to work for the City. So, there's still work ahead, and I do think it still has to do with salary and affordability. If the housing is not here for folks to move to, it doesn't make sense for them to take a job here, and I think that's a part of our dilemma. I hope I answered your question."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Alright."

Councilmember Parker said, "Okay. Can I ask one more thing?"

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Yes. Sure."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Parker.

Councilmember Parker said, "Absolutely. I was just hoping for the rest of 2023 whether we're putting that pay study out? Are we considering it? Are we going to budget for it? Is it something we're still going to discuss? I know that, I think all of us agree and let our department heads know that we're here, and we are ready and willing to see those contracts if there's additional work that needs to be done that our staff can't get to through no fault of our staff. I mean, we know that they're working hard, they're doing multiple jobs at times, but ultimately, we have services that we need to provide to our citizens and, you know, we're all in agreement that our department heads are ready and willing to take on those. Unfortunately, those bids are expensive, but I just want to see some action. What are we going to propose in the coming years to kind of fill those gaps?"

Councilmember Gregorie said, "And I do think that that's the importance of the Ad Hoc Committee."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "I do want Ms. Wharton to address the issue you raised about the pay study. In the meantime, I did want to share with everyone we're continuing to recruit. I hope you all got the flier. We sent it out to everybody. It's not too late tonight to post it on your social media. We have our Job Fair tomorrow at the Gaillard. All of our departments are going to be represented. We've had a net increase of about 50 employees so far this year, and we're looking to hire more, so you are all empowered to be recruiting agents for the City of Charleston. Let your friends and neighbors know we're still hiring. Amy."

Amy Wharton said, "So, we are putting together an RFP for a compensation study so I would say probably within the next couple of weeks that will be put out, so we'll, hopefully, get that fairly quickly."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "There you go."

Councilmember Gregorie said, "Thank you for that, Amy."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Alright. Thank you much. Any other comments on Human Resources?"

No one else asked to speak.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Hearing none, next is our [Committee on Recreation](#). Councilmember Shealy."

Councilmember Shealy said, "Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Last Monday, our Committee on Recreation met at 4:00 p.m. April 17<sup>th</sup>, and we had Pegeen Hanrahan join us at the beginning of the meeting. She mentioned that she is starting to talk with several of the Councilmembers one on one or maybe two or three at a time about the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Jason Kronsberg did give us an update. I want to remind you that he sent out an e-mail back on Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup> about the introduction to the Master Plan in Chapters 7 and 8 which are the most important parts of our next steps, but he needs us to, me too, I'm just as guilty, I haven't responded either, but he needs to get our top three or four, two or three, priority things out of each district if you would and get those back to him. But he sent out that draft project list and just asked that each of you come up with that and get it back to him. It was great discussions in our meeting about what types of recommendations we should make, as well, but if you haven't had your meeting with Ms. Hanrahan, please reach out and do that if you would, as well.

We also heard from Justen Braddock, our Enterprise Manager. He gave us a great update. He has spent his first 90 days coming on board with the City of Charleston by building a foundation and platform. He's met with Tom O'Rourke on what should be expected from the Master Plan, and he's focusing on opportunities for City of Charleston residents, and he's put together a business plan and a pro forma and had it approved. He's built a network, I thought this was pretty impressive, he's built a network of 963 decisionmakers in the community, and he's had a one-on-one conversation with 196 of those decisionmakers. Those are going to be ongoing long-term discussions that he's going to have, but he has so far brought in \$22,500 in sponsorships and was expecting another \$7,500 to be in very soon for a total of about \$30,000 so far. He's brought in another \$15,000 of in-kind value through some marketing that he's got



through some media advertising. He has about \$90,000 worth of proposals being reviewed by decisionmakers that he just hasn't heard back from yet. So, he also has \$65,000 that is going to be committed for 2024 already. So, on top of the sponsorships, he's kind of re-vamping our marketing. He's showing the value and the impact of Recreation being the first line of impacting a child's physical development and social development. So, the City of Charleston Recreation, he's trying to show is more than just a babysitting service or somewhere where you can send your kid to catch a break. He's doing a great job with a lot of that, and he's got a story that he's telling on how we're impacting the lives of children in the City, and we're going to see a lot more of that, but he feels like it's going to increase the value of the program and also will increase not only the number, but the amount of money we have in sponsorships as far as the program. Laurie Yarbrough let us know that there is an account that these funds will be put into or are being put into, and those will go back into our programs and their uses will be identified. Councilmember Parker brought up great ideas mentioning the staffing capacity and taking care of maintenance on fields, and she asked if that could be a possible place for some of these funds to go back into for maybe helping take care of our fields through having those Enterprise funds to be able to contract some of that out where we're having a shortfall like you were saying. But the number of participants is high in our Recreation Department right now, and it's continuing to climb. So, the Parks Department's really kind of fighting an uphill battle, Jason and his crowd are, for the demand for field facilities maintenance. Nothing to vote on on this. It was just mainly for information only, but a great report and a great meeting. So, thank you, Mr. Mayor."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Alright. Next up is our [Joint Committee, an historic meeting, of our Planning Commission and Community Development Committee](#), Councilmember Mitchell."

Councilmember Mitchell said, "Yes. On April 20<sup>th</sup> at a little past 3:00 p.m., we had a Joint Meeting with the Community Development Committee and the Planning Commission. I think in attendance there were approximately 100 people there onsite in that particular meeting, and we had the Planning Commission. Everyone was looking at the workforce affordable housing piece. The biggest thing that came out of that meeting was that they figured that there should be more units onsite with what the State Port is planning, but I think right now they are planning on 50 units. Everyone there stated that they needed more units onsite. They would like to see more units onsite. Even the Planning Commission said it. Everyone who came up to mic in the Citizens Participation Period, they said the same thing. They reiterated the same thing, so that's one thing we've got to look at very seriously. This meeting was formed and came together because we wanted the Community Development Committee to be able to make a sound judgment and decision when it comes back on voting what we think we need to do insofar as the Port side is concerned about the housing piece. This is only in reference to the housing piece. So, that's what it was, and no action was taken on that.

Then, there was a big discussion. We had public participation like I stated, and we had 30 people there. I gave everyone a minute to speak, and everyone got everything out they wanted to say. I also asked if anyone else wanted to say anything, so everyone was pleased. They got everything they wanted to say out, but the main thing is that their voice was being heard, and they were satisfied with that. But the thing is, we have to look at this site very seriously when it comes to the affordable housing piece, very seriously. It's a big development that's going to happen, and 50 units will not be enough. Also, they're giving the Housing Authority a couple million dollars to building housing on the corner of Huger and Meeting, and that's a part of the affordable housing piece, but we still would like to see more housing onsite, and that's the state of information on that particular joint meeting. We'll be giving them a



response, and they did a good job explaining what they are planning on doing, so we have to make that decision when it comes back to Community Development before it comes back to the full Council. So, there's no action to be taken on that particular joint meeting."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Any questions or comments about that?"

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Shahid.

Councilmember Shahid said, "Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Mr. Chairman, I was present at that joint meeting. It was very long. Actually, the presentation from the State Ports Authority was short. There was more discussion and input from the community as you mentioned. Is your Committee going to come back with a specific recommendation as to a minimal number of affordable units?"

Councilmember Mitchell said, "That's why I was stating that this would come back to Community Development, and we will vote on it one way or the other and make recommendations if they don't come back with more units. If the Community Development Committee says no, we want to see more units there, then that's going to hold it up because that's what we are looking for. Everyone was saying the same thing, you need more than 50 units onsite at that particular site, and that's what we are looking for. So, this was really for the Community Development and the Planning Commission to hear and make decisions and to make some points on what they feel about what the Port is proposing. They're proposing only 50 units. Then, we were saying to them that we need more, we want to see more than 50 units onsite, although they're doing some units offsite on even Meeting and Washington Streets. They want to put something there and give us some space to build some housing there, but we still want more units onsite. This is what everyone is saying. If you listen to everyone that came to that mic, the 30 people that came to that mic, they said the same thing, so this gave the CD Committee something to think about when they make a decision when it comes back to us."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Gregorie.

Councilmember Gregorie said, "Any chance that I can say something very good about staff and what they do?"

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Well, yes, and in fact, they are responding correctly to the Ports Authority."

Councilmember Gregorie said, "Correct, and our Director of Housing and Community Development, and in response to your question, I think she was very specific in terms of where the Administration and where our Community Development Department stands on the number. While there is no number that's out there, trust me, what is being discussed is substantially more onsite than 50 units. I mean, if you just use our formula of 20% affordable which is not required of a PUD, however, we're talking about 300 and something units onsite. So, there are some discussions being had with respect to the number and, hopefully, once we get back, as the Chairman had said, to Community Development, we will have something to come to the body of the whole."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "They will come back to both the Planning Commission and to City Council, as well, ultimately."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Shahid.

Councilmember Shahid said, “Mr. Mayor, and to your all’s response, I heard all of those comments, and I was present for that, but at some point, and maybe we will just wait until our staff comes back with the number, but I think the community, to move this project along, this is going to fall in our laps sooner or later. The project is going to come to us sooner or later, but at some point and time we’ve heard these numbers and we’ve heard more than 50. I’ve heard that a thousand times, more than 50, so does that mean, like you said, a 20% number? Does it mean 200 units? Does it mean 51 units? But, I think at some point, we need to have a recommendation from either staff or from the Community Development Committee as to either a range or to a specific number. I mean, I’ve heard the comments made, I heard the presentation that our Director made about that, but I think it’s just fair to say that we have some clarity as to what we’re looking for. There are other considerations I think go into this PUD, obviously. I sat and listened to the Traffic and Transportation Committee Report on that. There are a lot of moving parts to when this PUD’s going to come to our attention, but we haven’t heard specifics. I’m not saying that we need to hear that tonight. I’m not asking for that, but at some point, and time, I think it’s just better for us to have more clarity as to where we’re headed with this and what is going to be that magic number.”

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “Well, if I may add at this point, that the Ports Authority did give specifics in their presentation, and I assure you Ms. Johnson has replied to them with specifics that were consistent with the comments that were made at the meeting the other week.”

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Sakran.

Councilmember Sakran said, “Thank you, Mayor. Just to provide a little additional context and some thoughts on my end. I did get a chance to meet with the developer. I’ve spoken with my neighborhood association, the Wagener Terrace Neighborhood Association, and North Central. The big feedback that I’ve shared with them is more affordable housing, more greenspace, and less density. So I say this, with all due respect to those that are listening to the project, that some of those run counter to each other. So, I think it’s important to have this conversation, and not in a vacuum and isolated, on the number of housing units, but to include in the conversation that when you pull from one, something else has got to give somewhere else. So, I just wanted to share that, that it’s important to have the conversation around housing, not in a vacuum, and that it needs to be contextual with the other requests that are coming in from our community. I’m all for more affordable housing, but that’s going to require another lever to be pressed if we add more housing.”

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “That’s right. Absolutely.”

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Gregg.

Councilmember Gregg said, “Well, I spent some time with the developer as well as the folks from the Ports Authority with Councilmember Waring last week, and I came away impressed with what they were offering. So, we’re talking a lot about these 50 housing units onsite, but in addition 72 more units at Huger Street, 85 units there at Washington Street, and the big one that I think is maybe we’re not focusing on is there’s a 1% transfer fee on every sale in the PUD. That’s going to generate a significant amount of money that we, as the City, can use to develop affordable housing anywhere where we get the most bang for the buck that produces the most amount of units that we, as a Council, and the staff deem is the best use of that money. So, maybe it’s not perfect, but I feel like it’s a really good start. I mean, if you add up all

of those numbers, it's over 320 units, not including what we could purchase with this 1% transfer fee, so it's a significant leap into affordable housing."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Mitchell.

Councilmember Mitchell said, "Mr. Mayor, I thank all of my colleagues with what they're talking about spreading this around and doing this. I met with the developer when they first came. I was the first Councilmember that they contacted when they came here. I said, 'I understand what you're saying, but it's not just the district I represent, it's Councilmember Seekings,' and they said, 'No, we want to talk with you.' I met with them four times, and I told them the big piece that's going to be in there is affordable housing. Let me tell you something about affordable housing in the City of Charleston. We have lost a lot of it. See, we are talking about things that they really don't know because they haven't been in this community and seen what we have lost. We are talking about getting 1,600 more units in the City of Charleston. They're talking about giving us this and giving us that, but the people in the City of Charleston deserve to have more units there onsite also. That property was given to them, too. It seems like we get some properties, and we try to do the best we can with putting affordable housing, and that's all we're saying. Fifty units is a slap in the face sometimes, with the community, not just only us sitting here, it's the community. They stood up there and said it. I didn't make it a motion. I told them what we are talking about and everyone that came to that mic, and probably you all might not be hearing what's happening in the community and what they're saying also, but I'm hearing it every day, but everyone that came to that mic, the 30 people that came to that mic to speak, everyone said the same thing. Everyone on the Planning Commission said the same thing. They are looking for more onsite. Sure, we could have units offsite, we're always talking about offsite and building everything there, but how about the people living here who were born and raised? I said, 'Sometimes they're forgetting about the people born and raised here that can't stay here, and we need more affordable housing.' We're talking about it every time on Council to provide more affordable housing for teachers, lawyers, doctors, or whoever the case may be here in the City. And then we will start talking about some other things, 'Oh, they're putting housing over here.' That's not the case. We're still part of the City of Charleston. We all here are still part of the City of Charleston, too. We want to see some things so that some of our constituents can stay there, too, and we've been talking about it for 30 years. We've got to look at that 30 years, too. You know how quick 30 years goes by? And then that's going to market rate. So, all of these things we've got to take into consideration when we're making these decisions and looking at it, and be serious about it. That's all I'm saying, insofar as that is concerned, but there is no action to be taken on it. We are looking at it, and it's going to come back to Community Development, and Community Development will make the decision along with the Planning Commission because the Planning Commission will make the decision, and we will see what comes out of it. We will have a definite number. Ms. Geona Shaw Johnson had already spoke and advised what she was looking for, insofar as affordability is concerned, and more housing is concerned. Putting with that what they want to give us with the Housing Authority, there could be more units. That's all it's about. People are moving here every day. We've got to have affordability. We've got to have people to stay here and work in this community. You talk about traffic coming in. We've got to do a little better insofar as housing is concerned. We've got to do better."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "So, Councilmember Mitchell, right back to you because we also had a [Special Committee on Community Development](#) meeting just yesterday, and we need for you to report out on that, as well."

Councilmember Mitchell said, "Yes. We had a Special Community Development meeting yesterday at 2:00 p.m., and we only had one ordinance that we were dealing with. It was an ordinance to amend Chapter 54 of the Code of the City of Charleston (Zoning Ordinance) by revising Section 54-220 pertaining to the conference space requirements in the Accommodations Overlay Zone District in the Peninsula portion of the City of Charleston, and that was approved by the Committee. And then we also had a presentation about affordable housing by the Point Hope Developer Berry Company which was a very good presentation they did. So, the only item that we had to vote on or had a motion on was Item (a.), and I ask for approval for Item (a.)."

Councilmember Gregorie said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Alright. And we've just given that first reading, as well, earlier."

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Gregorie, City Council voted unanimously to approve Item K.4.(a.) of the Committee on Community Development Report as presented:

- a. An ordinance to amend Chapter 54 of the Code of the City of Charleston (Zoning Ordinance) by revising Section 54-220 pertaining to conference space requirements in the Accommodations Overlay Zone District in the Peninsula portion of the City.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Any other discussion or comments on this Committee Report?"

No one asked to speak.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Next up is our [Committee on Public Works](#). Councilmember Waring."

Councilmember Waring said, "Thank you, Mr. Mayor. The Committee did meet yesterday, and all actionable items passed unanimously. I would like Mr. Fountain, if you would, just to touch base briefly on the Concord Pump Station and an update on the brick arches. While he is coming to the microphone, we did have a spirited conversation last meeting, and somewhat not as much this meeting, on Third Avenue at 208 Gordon Street. That public right-of-way we didn't vote because the application was withdrawn for the gate, but the consensus was, obviously, to keep it open for the public, and put up proper signage. We have had some issues with vandalism at a new bridge, sometimes I call it the Brantley Bridge."

There was laughter in the Chamber.

Councilmember Waring said, "Brantley Moody fought very hard to get the money for this bridge on Ashley Plantation Road, but it's actually named after Paul Wachter, a constituent. But, anyway, we had people coming at all times of night, full day in the morning, painting very negative verbiages on that bridge, and our Police Department actually put up an infrared camera to basically catch the perpetrators. Let's put it like this, the cameras went up and all of a sudden it stopped. So, I suggested we get in contact with our very professional Police Department to put up a camera, because apparently there have been some negative activities dealing with bicycles and things like that, but if there are some bad actors out there on a dead end one-way in and out, they certainly can be caught. The third thing was they've had some volunteers that planted some marsh grass in an attempt to hold off erosion. So I would hope that the City, Mr. Kronsberg's back there with his team, and he's got one more thing on his 99

list of things to do, but, hopefully, we can coordinate with those volunteers to plant some grass, or whatever measures we could take, to at least slow any erosion. Mr. Fountain. Go ahead.”

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Gregorie.

Councilmember Gregorie said, “Yes, on 208, in particular, because there have been a number of allegations that things are being stolen, ladders, this, that, and the other, but there is no police report. They never even called the police. So, a number of things that they’re saying are suspect and I think it’s more to try and justify their position because I was very, very clear. If all of this illegal activity is going on back here, where are your police reports? Show them to me. They couldn’t. I just wanted to put that point out.”

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “Gotcha.”

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Sakran.

Councilmember Sakran said, “Thank you, Mayor. I just want to piggy-back on Councilmember Waring’s suggestion. I was not there for Sunday’s meeting, but it’s my understanding it was a bit fractious and boisterous. I do think that some sort of environmental effort might bring the community, the parties and the neighbors, kind of back together on some focused effort. Because my conversations with both of the feuding neighbors that was the one common theme was, ‘You know we love this, and it’s degraded a little bit. There’s been some erosion.’ So, anything we can do to support that I think would be helpful for those neighbors.”

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “Right, and I’m committed. We will have staff, both from the planting of the bank and the wetlands, to see what we could do with community groups to enhance it.”

Councilmember Waring said, “Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Mr. Fountain. Well, I will say this, now, the meeting we really were tested, but I would say it was very respectful. A couple of community members had an opportunity to speak both times, but it was very respectful conversations yesterday. Mr. Fountain.”

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “Yes, sir.”

Matt Fountain said, “Thank you, Mr. Chairman. So, we did have two updates yesterday. The first one was on the Concord Street Pump Station. We did a relatively brief presentation on the history of that station and what it serves. It’s, obviously, we’ve talked about this quite a bit, the first deep tunnel system that the Stormwater Department constructed in the City. It’s called Calhoun East. It serves the corridor that runs along Calhoun Street, basically from the Aquarium out to Marion Square, and then it turns and goes up Meeting Street almost up to the Visitor’s Center. That was constructed in the very late ‘90s and the pump station coming in the early 2000s. We did review some photos that we had dug out of the archives back when we were still doing hand-taken photography in a studio, which is interesting, but showing how severe the flooding was in those locations, because it’s something we’re not used to anymore that we’re used to the pump station operating and keeping those intersections from going under water. Especially East Bay and Calhoun was the one that was well known for any kind of small rainstorm leading to very deep flooding and blocking that intersection.

In the early 2010s, the City did the Market Street Tunnel Extension Project through Union Pier, brought a deep tunnel down, and then that tunnel turns and goes under the Market.

If you walk between the Market sheds on the north/south running streets, you will see that a large concrete structures with great inlets on top of them that are drop shafts connected into that deep tunnel which is why you no longer see people kayaking through the Market. It does still flood because we have not yet built the service conveyance improvements on top of those shafts. That's a project that's been in design for some time, and we're currently working with Dominion on the power undergrounding plan for that corridor. That's getting pretty close to being accomplished, and we will be able to look into that construction approach again. But again, the reason we have a limited flood depth is because once the water gets deep enough to flow to those inlets, there is a deep tunnel system that pulls that water to the pump station. The pump station is the very pretty brick building with the copper roof sitting in front of the IAAM, the International African American Museum. That pump station, again, was built almost 25 years ago now and has been having some serious reliability issues as we've talked about. It works. I mean, we have backup pumps, we have it set up properly, but we really have our optimum performance on that station with everything running, a full four pumps running, to provide maximum level of service. So, we have been working over the last couple of years, through some of the reliability challenges, to upfit the station, right. It's 25 years old. We, basically, hit end of service life, we need to come back and restore that pump station. We've had a number of items come through Council about this. We did an initial preliminary engineering report, came up with some different options, came back with a design contract, progressed the design contract, decided to go the construction manager at risk approach which the Council has approved, and brought the construction manager at risk firm on board for pre-construction services. Which it's just, basically, where they partner with our design team, design engineer, to come up with a final plan eventually going to a guaranteed maximum price approach, and then build the project. So, we are now at a stage where we are negotiating the, we call it an early procurement package, similar to what we've done with Spring/Fishburne Phase 5 where we're going to buy upfront the very long lead time items. It's a little bit different. Spring/Fishburne is a traditional design/bid/build project where we do the design. Then it gets sent out as a lowest bidder approach. So, when we do early procurement on that, we purchase the pumps, right. We go through our procurement process and buy the pumps. With a CMAR approach, because you have the contractor on board already, the contractor basically enters an early procurement contract to be able to purchase, in this case also the pumps, and then the major electrical equipment for the station. So that is what we're working through right now. We expect to bring that to Council for consideration in the next month or so, and that will let us buy those long lead time items, again, to be able to basically shift to a GMP, negotiate a GMP, and, hopefully, start construction by this fall. Then, construction will continue out through at least middle of 2025. It's a very, very tight site, with the IAAM sitting behind it, and the station and, obviously, Concord Street. So, it's a relatively long construction process, because we also have to keep the pump station running throughout the entire construction process, so we don't see any recurring flooding while we're doing those upfits. So, I just wanted to bring everyone up to speed. There's a slightly more detailed presentation with graphics in the Public Works and Utilities Committee if anyone needs to go back and take a look at it. Any questions or comments on that item or I'll switch over to the brick arches?"

No one asked to speak.

Mr. Fountain said, "Okay. Again, it's a relatively expensive project. We're expecting somewhere in the order of \$3 million just for the early procurement package, so that's why we're trying to make sure everyone's updated and has time to ask any questions or get up to speed on it if they need to. The second item was the brick arches. So, if you recall, at a meeting a month and a half ago, we talked about an Army Corps of Engineering authorization that Representative Mace had supported for about \$20 million of stormwater projects through the

Army Corps of Engineers WRDA bill. The way those WRDA bills work is you have an authorization. Once there is an authorization, that gives the Army Corps the option to apply for appropriations which is the actual funding off of those authorizations, so the authorization doesn't give you any money, it just gives you the ability to apply for money. So, we had put in a series of projects, as we discussed, for consideration by the Corps and by the Federal elected officials. We did have success with Senator Graham's Office supporting a \$5 million appropriation request, not yet a funded appropriation, but a request for the brick arch retrofit work that we're doing on the Peninsula. So, that is being progressed by the Army Corps of Engineers for submission of the WRDA package. They will be asking us, they are asking us, for a letter of intent, where basically we do the same thing we've talked about with a series of other Army Corps projects where we can say, 'Yes. We would like to be the local sponsor on this project. We intend to advance the project. We have the financial capacity to be able to do the project.' Then, if it is appropriated, we then negotiate the final agreement with the Corps similar to what we just did with the MUSC Pump Station Project to say, 'Yes. We would like to move forward.' So, it's not binding in the sense that there is still an option to back out, but it is certainly a clear intent, hence, the letter of intent terminology that you would like to move forward, so we will be bringing that to Council also at the next Council meeting for consideration. It would be a \$5 million total project with a 75/25 cost split with the Corps providing 75%.

We did mention at the meeting as well on the current Brick Arch Project which we started on Limehouse Street, turned the corner and came up Logan and Coming. We have now gotten to Wentworth Street with that work. We are trying with the current funding this year, hopefully, to get just south of Calhoun Street. That's the goal where we are now, but we've hit a couple of major flood intersections already with that work and seen some significant improvements during heavy rain events, Beaufain being kind of the most noticeable, generally, but if we can get through kind of that Wentworth to Calhoun corridor, we will pick up another couple of areas of pretty steady flooding. So, it's been a great investment, but it would be even better to have someone else contribute some significant money into that work."

Councilmember Waring said, "Thank you, Mr. Fountain."

Mr. Fountain said, "Thank you. Sure enough."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Parker.

Councilmember Parker said, "Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Mr. Chairman, I may be jumping ahead. This may be coming up on Public Works, but I know, I just received, or we just received an e-mail from the James Island Public Service District. So, if I'm not mistaken, the SKIP grant money was awarded, and there's some pretty significant numbers in there. James Island Public Service District was awarded \$8.7 million for a public sewer expansion, CWS \$10 million for an upgraded sewer tunnel in West Ashley, I believe, so that's a City of Charleston area, right. Charleston County Central Park Culvert \$3.4 million, and the City of Charleston \$10 million for the King Street Pump Station, if I'm not mistaken."

Mr. Fountain said, "The King and Huger Project. That's correct."

Councilmember Parker said, "So, pretty substantial."

Councilmember Waring said, "I was actually saving the best for last."

Councilmember Parker said, "Oh, I'm sorry."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "And if he hadn't said it, I was going to say it."

There was laughter in the Chamber.

Councilmember Waring said, "I was saving the best for last for the Mayor to actually share that with everybody."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Back to Councilmember Waring, but thank you for sharing that."

Councilmember Parker said, "It wasn't on the agenda. I just wanted to make sure. Those were some pretty significant numbers."

Councilmember Waring said, "It's okay. Very significant numbers, but it came through when we were having the meeting and, of course, the Mayor shared that with the whole Committee. I don't know if there were any other points you wanted to add to that. I was saving that for the Mayor to share."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Right."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Gregorie.

Councilmember Gregorie said, "Yes. Thanks, Councilmember. I had a specific question on one of the grants, and that's Central Park. That's the \$3.5 million, I think, grant. Is that in addition to what we're doing with the Wambaw area?"

Mr. Fountain said, "That's correct. So, the County and the City, because of the overlapping jurisdictions, we had sort of, split is not quite the right word, but each taking a portion of the improvements. So, the City and County had applied for CTC funding that the County had basically taken, that initial funding, and done the design work for what is the west half which is basically where Hollings Avenue sits and the drainage that comes down there. That's where you see the tidal overtopping on Central Park Road. That funding is to advance the County's portion of the project work to try to elevate that section of Central Park Road to avoid the tidal flooding, and they're looking, as well, at check valves to try to limit how much of tidal intrusion may get."

Councilmember Gregorie said, "The folks over there will be happy to hear that. Thank you."

Mr. Fountain said, "Absolutely."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "That's right."

Councilmember Waring said, "Move for approval."

Councilmember Shahid said, "Second."

On a motion of Councilmember Waring, seconded by Councilmember Shahid, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the Committee on Public Works and Utilities Report as presented:



**a. Acceptance and Dedication of Rights-of-Way and Easements:**

- (i). Authorization to notify SCDOT that the City intends to accept maintenance of 44 LF of granite curb on America Street (S-480) in conjunction with the project at 52 Cooper Street.

**b. Public Service Department Update:**

- (i). Environmental Services Update
- (ii). Request from private landowner to erect a fence/gate in the Third Avenue R/W at 208 Gordon St. **(WITHDRAWN)**

**c. Stormwater Management Department Update:**

- (i). Update on the Concord Pump Station Upfit Project
- (ii). Update on status of Brick Arches Rehabilitation Project

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Mitchell.

Councilmember Mitchell said, "Mr. Mayor and Council, I'm happy to see King and Huger Street is there. \$10 million. This has been going on ever since I grew up. One thing Councilmember Lewis, when he was here, he was fighting for this, and he and I were fighting for this the whole time since we were here, King and Huger. I've been living there on that corner right by King and Huger for 39 years. When they had a big flood, the rescue squad had to come and get a boat and put the boat in front of my door to get the people out of the service station. That's how bad the flooding is on the corner of King and Huger when it gets rain, so it's a long time coming. My flood insurance is very, very high."

There was laughter in the Chamber.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "So, altogether as pointed out by Councilmember Parker, it's over \$30 million admittedly divided up between the City, Charleston Water System, James Island Public Service District, and Charleston County, but all serve for infrastructure, for sewer, stormwater, and water quality, as well. That's one of the main facets of the James Island Public Service District Grant. I want to remind everybody that all of this money, even though it's funneled through the State, and we're thankful for the administration of it, came from ARPA funds, came from the American Rescue Plan, that Congress approved, so we're thankful for that Act. It's coming down and hitting the road. Two more comments I would make. One, I was reminded, Councilmember Waring, with the update on the Concord Pump Station. Nobody complains about places that don't flood anymore and they don't notice it, but I was working for the City in the '90s when we were building that deep tunnel system down Meeting Street to Calhoun over to Concord Street. At the corner of East Bay and Calhoun Street, if you had just one or two inches of rain, you would have one or two feet of water on that corner. There was a new building that was going up there on the corner, and the developer was fussing at Mayor Riley because the completion of the tunnel took about a year and a half, maybe even two years longer, than he originally thought. So, the building was finished, and it was still flooding when he thought that the project would be over with, but it just shows you that, gee, when that problem goes away and you spent lots of money, nobody seems to notice it anymore."

The same thing is happening now with Coming Street and Beaufain, and Coming Street and Wentworth, because of the efforts of the brick archway tunnels. The same thing will happen at King and Huger Street, and we're going to get to that day where there is going to be but a few people remember that that intersection used to clog up the whole City every time it rained, right? So, one by one, we're knocking these intersections down. I ride across the Septima Clark Parkway from West Ashley often and I note that Cherry Street where the Burger King used to be, and it took them a while to find all of the places where the tidal water was getting in, but now that that tunnel is open and working by gravity, this is the Fishburne/Spring Street tunnel, you go by Cherry Street the next high tide over 7 ft. and, guess what, there is no tidal water on the street. There is no tidal water on the street, and y'all, anything over 7 foot, and you would have that street covered up with water, right? So, you get a lot for \$150 million, right, but there's no water on Cherry Street. The same is true at President Street and Septima Clark Parkway. That little corner store that would get one to two feet of water just with an afternoon shower. It's been dry for the last couple of months when we had a decent rain. I mean, at least it flows off quickly.

So, these things are really starting to make a difference, and that \$10 million and that \$3.4 million makes a huge difference because that means money that we can spend somewhere else. Every dollar that we get, from be it the authorization from the WRDA bill if we get that \$3.75 million to keep going with the archway cleanup and refortification, not only gets that job done, but that's work we need to do and that's money we would have had to spend. So now we can spend that money at DuWap or some other needed project in the City. So, it's all good news, but I just thought I'd share those observations because these intersections do make a difference, but it is funny 10, 20 years later how we don't remember how it used to flood all the time, and that's what we want to see. Alright. Next up, our [Committee on Ways and Means](#), Councilmember Gregorie."

Councilmember Shahid said, "So moved."

Councilmember Shealy said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Alright, and that was as is, no amendments. Any discussion?"

No one asked to speak.

On a motion of Councilmember Shahid, seconded by Councilmember Shealy, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the Committee on Ways and Means Report as presented:

(Bids and Purchases

(Budget, Finance, and Revenue Collections: Approval of Year 2022 Amendment to the General Fund Expenditure Budget. Approval is needed by 5/9 to complete FY 2022 audit and financial statements by June 30<sup>th</sup>. The request is to authorize the use of 2022 revenues in excess of budget and fund balance to fund unbudgeted expenditures in 2022. [Ordinance]

(Budget, Finance, and Revenue Collections: Approval of Year 2022 Amendment to the General Fund Revenue Budget. Approval is needed by 5/9 to complete FY 2022 audit and financial statements by June 30<sup>th</sup>. Funding is derived from the General Fund Assigned Fund Balance and revenues in excess of budget in 2022. [Ordinance]

(Budget, Finance, and Revenue Collections: Approval of contracts with Workday, Collaborative Solutions, LLC, and Sherpa Government Solutions in the amount of \$16,542,072.00 for enterprise resource solution and implementation services. The

- amount needed for this item includes a 10-year contract with Workday. The breakdown of costs over the 10-year period is included in the executive summary.
- (Police Department: Approval to submit an application for \$36,892.00 for the Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Grant. CPD will use funds to acquire comparative software to help precisely identify latent fingerprints. There is no match required for this grant.
- (Police Department: Approval to submit an application for \$800,000.00 for the Bureau of Justice Assistance's FY23 Smart Policing Initiative Grant. The funds will help evaluate the efficacy of CPD's new Problem Oriented Policing Initiative. There is no match required for this grant.
- (Police Department: Approval to submit an application for \$20,000.00 for the Duke Energy Emergency Preparedness Grant. CPD will use the funds to purchase a Multiple Event Response Trailer (MERT) for road closures. There is no match for this grant. However, there will be an overage on the equipment purchase of \$2,934.54 that must be covered using existing funds from the FY2023 Operating Budget.
- (Office of Cultural Affairs: Approval to accept a grant award in the amount of \$40,000.00 from the National Endowment for the Arts to support public art initiatives in the second half of 2023 and the first half of 2024. A 1:1 City match is required. Funding to meet the match requirements will come from private donations and where eligible Accommodations Tax. Any anticipated shortfall in meeting matching requirements will need to be included in the FY24 budget.
- (Office of Cultural Affairs: Approval to apply for a grant in the amount of \$15,000.00 from the South Carolina Arts Commission to support accessibility enhancements to website and digital platforms. Due to time constraints this grant application was submitted on April 12<sup>th</sup> and OCA requests after the fact approval. A 1:1 City match is required. Funding will come from private donations and 2023 Accommodations Tax allocation.
- (An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to accept the proposed land donation of approximately 12 acres from Kiawah Raccoon Run, LLC and Carolina Bay Property Owners Association, Inc. for the purpose of a Community Park. [Ordinance]
- (Please consider the following annexations:
- 1962 Ivy Hall Road (.42 acre) (TMS# 351-03-00-057), West Ashley, (District 7). The property is owned by Leondas Cole.
  - 525 Saint Andrews Boulevard (.18 acre) (TMS# 421-03-00-112), West Ashley, (District 9). The property is owned by Stephanie O. Green.
  - 319 Wappoo Road (.46 acre) (TMS# 350-10-00-147), West Ashley, (District 5). The property is owned by Krista Tilly.
  - 2246 North Dallerton Circle (.39 acre) (TMS# 310-07-00-019), West Ashley, (District 5). The property is owned by Pauline R. Johnson.
  - 2142 South Dallerton Circle (.26 acre) (TMS# 310-07-00-041), West Ashley, (District 5). The property is owned by Harold W. Owens Jr.
  - 3124 Maybank Highway (approximately 5 acres) (TMS# 313-00-00-021), Johns Island, (District 3). The property is owned by TBLB LLC.

First reading was given to the following bills:

*An ordinance to make additional appropriations to meet the liabilities of the City of Charleston for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2022.*

*An ordinance to recognize the usage of additional funds to meet additional appropriations authorized by Ordinance 2023-\_\_\_ for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2022.*

*An ordinance authorizing Mayor to accept proposed land donation of approximately 12 acres from Kiawah Raccoon Run, LLC and the Carolina Bay Property Owners Association, Inc., for the purpose of a community park.*

*An ordinance to provide for the annexation of property known as 1962 Ivy Hall Road (.42 acre) (TMS# 351-03-00-057), 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 7. The property is owned by Leondas Cole.*

*An ordinance to provide for the annexation of property known as 525 Saint Andrews Boulevard (.18 acre) (TMS# 421-03-00-112), 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 9. The property is owned by Stephanie O. Green.*

*An ordinance to provide for the annexation of property known as 319 Wappoo Road (.46 acre) (TMS# 350-10-00-147), West Ashley, Charleston County, to the City of Charleston, shown within the area annexed upon a map attached hereto and make it part of District 5. The property is owned by Krista Tilly.*

*An ordinance to provide for the annexation of property known as 2246 North Dallerton Circle (.39 acre) (TMS# 310-07-00-019), West Ashley, Charleston County, to the City of Charleston, shown within the area annexed upon a map attached hereto and make it part of District 5. The property is owned by Pauline R. Johnson.*

*An ordinance to provide for the annexation of property known as 2142 South Dallerton Circle (.26 acre) (TMS# 310-07-00-041), West Ashley, Charleston County, to the City of Charleston, shown within the area annexed upon a map attached hereto and make it part of District 5. The property is owned by Harold W. Owens, Jr..*

*An ordinance to provide for the annexation of property known as 3124 Maybank Highway (approximately 5 acres) (TMS# 313-00-00-021), Johns Island, 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 TBLB LLC.*

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Next up, [bills for second reading](#). We've got 1 through 6, right."

Councilmember Mitchell said, "Move for approval 1 through 6."

Councilmember Shealy said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Any discussion or questions on any of those, 1 through 6?"

No one asked to speak.

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, six (6) bills (Items L-1 through L-6) received second reading. They passed second reading on motion by Councilmember Shealy and third

reading on motion of Councilmember Mitchell. On further motion of Councilmember Shealy, the rules were suspended, and the bills were immediately ratified as:

**2023-078 -** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON, A QUITCLAIM DEED AND ANY OTHER DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO QUITCLAIM PROPERTY DESIGNATED AS CHARLESTON COUNTY TMS NO. 463-10-04-034, BEING THE SITE OF A SEWER PUMP STATION, TO THE COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC WORKS OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA.

**2023-079 -** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE THIRD ADDENDUM TO THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CHARLESTON AND FRIENDS OF THE LOWCOUNTRY LOWLINE.

**2023-080 -** AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY KNOWN AS 2245 SOUTH DALLERTON CIRCLE (.27 ACRE) (TMS# 310-07-00-055), WEST ASHLEY, CHARLESTON COUNTY, TO THE CITY OF CHARLESTON, SHOWN WITHIN THE AREA ANNEXED UPON A MAP ATTACHED HERETO AND MAKE IT PART OF DISTRICT 5. THE PROPERTY IS OWNED BY JANET HANCOCK.

**2023-081 -** AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY KNOWN AS 2223 NORTH DALLERTON CIRCLE (.26 ACRE) (TMS# 310-07-00-028), WEST ASHLEY, CHARLESTON COUNTY, TO THE CITY OF CHARLESTON, SHOWN WITHIN THE AREA ANNEXED UPON A MAP ATTACHED HERETO AND MAKE IT PART OF DISTRICT 5. THE PROPERTY IS OWNED BY CHRISTOPHER AND CONNER MORGAN.

**2023-082 -** AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY KNOWN AS 2138 WAPPOO DRIVE (.24 ACRE) (TMS# 343-06-00-181), 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 DAVID AND SAVANNAH HURT.

**2023-083 -** AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY KNOWN AS 912 SAVANNAH HIGHWAY (.16 ACRE) (TMS# 418-13-00-184), 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 9. THE PROPERTY IS OWNED BY ALEXANDER COOKER.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We have [one bill up for first reading](#) and that's a zoning matter. Do we have Mr. Morgan or someone from Legal to tell us about this one?"

Mr. Morgan said, "Yes, sir, Mr. Mayor. This is a property that you gave first reading to earlier for annexation, and this would give it General Business zoning so that they can be accelerating through the process."

Councilmember Mitchell said, "Move for approval."

Councilmember Shealy said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Any discussion on this one?"

No one asked to speak.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Alright. Somebody give me just a little bit of discussion on it, some comment."

No one asked to speak.

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

*An ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Charleston by changing the Zone Map, which is a part thereof, so that 3124 Maybank Highway (Johns Island) (approximately 5.12 acres) (TMS #3130000021) (Council District 3), be zoned General Business (GB) classification. The property is owned by TBLB LLC.*

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "So, our Barbadian friends are meeting up where Dwayne Green is a member of an outfit or a place up on Upper Meeting Street called the Wanderer, I think. You all know where that is? So, if anyone would like to join our friends from Barbados, they will be up there, and they might even have a sample of their rum punch in case you're interested. Any further business to come before us tonight?"

No one asked to speak.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Hearing none, we stand adjourned."

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Jennifer B. Cook  
Clerk of Council