

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Regular Meeting

May 25, 2021

The one-hundred and twentieth meeting of the City Council of Charleston was held this date convening at 5:04 p.m. at the James Island Recreation Center and over video conference call (Zoom).

A notice of this meeting and an agenda were made available on the City's website May 20, 2021 and appeared in the Post and Courier on May 24, 2021.

PRESENT (13)

The Honorable John J. Tecklenburg, Mayor

Councilmember Delcioppo	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 Griffin	District 10
Councilmember Brady	District 5	Councilmember Appel	District 11
Councilmember Gregorie	District 6	Councilmember Jackson	District 12

Mayor Tecklenburg called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

The Clerk called the roll.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "If you would like to join us, Councilmember Appel is going to lead us in the [invocation](#)."

Councilmember Appel said, "Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Since we're all getting together in person for the first time in a while, I can't get away with my standard moment of silence. So, I went and found the Jewish prayer for the health, well-being, and safety, protection of the government, so if you will indulge me."

Councilmember Appel opened the meeting with an invocation.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "If you would like to join me for the [Pledge of Allegiance](#)."

Mayor Tecklenburg then led City Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you very much, and it is so nice to be meeting in person again. This is our first meeting in person now in almost 15 months and so wonderful to welcome our citizens here in person, as well. Thank you for coming out and joining us this evening. We're going to start our agenda with a [Resolution](#) honoring Edward Earl Ledford. Is Ms. Ledford and his daughter, Ms. Brady, here? If you all would please come forward, I will read this proclamation and then present it to you. Also, note that, I think, we have family and staff of CDC who are joining us by Zoom, as well. So, welcome to the meeting, and I did mean to also let everyone know that this is our first in-person meeting, but it's also the first time we've done a hybrid meeting where we're on Zoom. People can still join us by the internet, and you see some faces there and names over on the screen. So, be patient with us just in case we get a little glitch with our technology, but I believe it's all working well. It certainly seems to be so far. So, for our first proclamation:

Mayor Tecklenburg read the proclamation.

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There was applause.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Ms. Ledford. Would you like to make a few remarks?"

Ms. Jillanna Ledford said, "Sure."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Come forward."

Ms. Ledford said, "Thank you, Mayor, and City Council. This means a lot to us. Ed lived a long life of service to the community. He loved Charleston, he loved the Lowcountry, and he was always busy working tirelessly to make it better. He left his full-time paid work in his sixties, but he continued coaching part-time at the College of Charleston. He gave that up when the athletes were running faster than him, and then, he went on to be the liaison for field education for social workers, guiding them and helping them with their career. At 80, he finally decided to retire from that job, but that didn't stop him. He continued to volunteer, and his last volunteer job was helping with the Food Bank at Bethel Methodist Church up until the pandemic, which stopped that work for him. But, thank you so much. I know that he lived here for over 55 years, and some folks may not know him, but we appreciate the opportunity of sharing his legacy with those that are here, and we hope that his life work will inspire others to love their community and their neighbors. Thank you so much."

There was applause.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you, Ms. Ledford. Is Shannon O'Brien with us this evening? There's Shannon. Come forward, Shannon, if you would. I saw your name on the chair over here so I wasn't sure just yet. So, I have a [Proclamation](#) recognizing this amazing woman who you will hear about just now. Do you have any family you would like to have come up and join you? That would be fine."

Laurie Yarbrough said, "We've got the whole section."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We've got the whole section over here. We've got a cheer section."

Mayor Tecklenburg read the Proclamation.

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There was applause.

Ms. Shannon O'Brien said, "Hi. I'm completely humbled by this Proclamation, and my work with LAPS has been a labor of love. We have some of my staff here that's been with me the entire time. We would have served the children this year, year nine, but with COVID we couldn't. We plan on continuing, but it was my partnership with the City of Charleston that we were able to do what we did, and I really want to recognize the Recreation Department, Aquatics Director, Laurie, Stella, and J.J., you all stand up for me."

There was applause.

Ms. O'Brien continued, "They were so supportive of me and have been there for me all of this time, and it's made us be able to serve all of these children in the City of Charleston. It's amazing, and we have saved lives. I heard a story from a teacher at Sanders-Clyde, which is right across the street from the pool, whose daughter took swimming with LAPS. They were away at Myrtle Beach, and all of a sudden a five-year old was missing, and the girl that had taken swimming lessons from LAPS jumped in and saved that child and the mother told me, 'Shannon, if she hadn't taken swimming lessons, there was no way she would have gone in that water.' So, that's my favorite story, and I'm honored to have been able to be a part of LAPS. I appreciate it. Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "You're welcome."

There was applause.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you, Shannon, and I'm just going to say, personally, I've been over to the pool while Shannon and the LAPS team have been giving these lessons, and it's really remarkable. It occurred to me, as we went through the last few years of year after year, storm after storm, and flooding that's occurred in our City, that part of being resilient as a City is that everyone in the City of Charleston ought to know how to swim. Really. Everybody in Charleston ought to know how to swim. Shannon, you're taking us there, and your creation of LAPS is a remarkable achievement. Thank you, again, so much."

There was applause.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "So, next we have a presentation to be given to us by the wonderful folks at the [Clemson Design and Architectural Center](#). Ray Huff is the Director. David Pastre is the Senior Lecturer. This was requested by Councilmember Waring. Even though we've had years of collaboration with Clemson, just recently they built this amazing walkway and dock over the in Ardmore subdivision in West Ashley. After Councilmember Waring mentioned it at the last meeting, I went over there myself and took some pictures, and walked on it. It is really beautiful, you all, and it's provided to us lovingly, at no charge, by the students that Ray and David mentor over there. So, without further ado, Ray and David, you all want to give us a little presentation? Let's go, Tigers!"

There was applause.

Councilmember Waring said, "Wait a minute, Mr. Mayor. Before they get going, you know when Carolina and Clemson play one another, historically, we have a blood drive, and we try to give blood to help, obviously, the community and the State at large. I don't think it's any secret that I'm a big Carolina fan, but these gentlemen, students, and this program that Clemson has been gracious enough to extend down into the Lowcountry has exponential benefits not only from the students gaining experience, but the beauty that they leave behind is generational, and I'm not saying that to be magnanimous. Hopefully, these screens will show you a little bit of what we all get to enjoy in person. They draw on their contacts to give at minimal cost, not only to this City, but to the Tri-county, or metro area, benefit. Most of us don't know what they do. Most of us on this Council don't know what they do. I know I didn't know the extent they had done until I witnessed it in person, and they do it in areas sometimes that don't even expect it. So, that impact that you're about to see, we need to be an ally, too. It shouldn't be them or us, it should be that we help make sure that this program stays in this area and is enhanced in this area and grows in this area. Thank you for all that you all do."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you, Councilmember. David?"

David Pastre said, "Thank you, Councilmember Waring, for the invitation and the kind words. It's really nice, and I promise I didn't put a Tiger Paw up there just to get in your craw."

There was laughter.

Councilmember Seekings said, "Technology problems is what it was."

Mr. Pastre said, "That's right, and then thank you, again, for allowing me to be here today. Actually, Ray Huff is here with me, as well as a couple of students, which maybe when we get to the end feel free to ask them a question or two. They were two that worked on this most previous project and will be also working with us here in the fall on something new. The Tiger Paw is up there just to kind of make sure everybody knows we're with Clemson, and being a land grant institution, it's our job to give back to the State. Our dedication to service, to collaborate, is something that has really driven a lot of the work that we've done over the years. We're located in the Cigar Factory for those of you who don't know, have been for about five years now and plan to be at least for another five until we maybe move on to be in our own building. Within there, there is architecture. We teach landscape, landscape architecture, architecture at both graduate and undergraduate levels, as well as we have programs in historic preservation and urban design. I'm glad to say that all of our programs that work there out of the Center are all very focused and serve as learning projects, and they all do stuff within the City. We've worked closely with Mayor Tecklenburg on several initiatives so, just keep that in mind, that we do outreach. But, I direct the program that just came up here on this slide. This is the Architecture and Community Build Program and what that is, it's a Certificate Program. Students who come to Clemson for a Master's Degree are interested in this, and I've basically just written something so I don't get it all mixed up. But, for more than ten years, the Community Build Program has been developing relationships with local partners to engage our students and various community-oriented design build service learning projects, and these projects seek to serve the community through direct engagement and tailored design solutions while the students gain experience and learn how architecture can be a catalyst for positive change.

There is a quick map here, and the orange dots are going to show you some of the sites in which we've done projects. You may find your district is one of them, and we just haven't had you to one of our meetings. You know the project, but didn't know we were involved. So, we'll maybe catch you all up on it, and you will notice there are a couple that are down in Johns Island

that are off this map. Otherwise, it would have gotten a little out of scale and actually one in Greenville, which we're not going up there anymore. There were too many miles on my truck doing that project, so we'll leave that to the main campus to do those projects.

I'm going to start by kind of showing you stuff starting way back in 2010. When we started trying to get people to give the students a chance to do these projects, the first person who really was our partner on that was Mark Sloan at the Halsey. So, we would couple with them on shows that would come through, and we were working closely with the City on this. This is a project that was actually in Marion Square and stood during Spoleto, and it was a kiosk showing different events that were happening there. It would light up blue at night, and then it would be a little bit more calm in the daytime.

The next step two is build a mobile movie screen, and during Spoleto there was a premier of a movie that was shown here.

This is one I'm particularly proud of. This was a project at the Halsey in which we created a stair platform for a show called 'Return to the Sea: Saltworks.' A Japanese artist by the name of Motoi Yamamoto came, and he lays the intricate saltwork across the ground. It was a great concept, but there was no way to really take it in as part of the show given the confines of the Halsey Gallery, so we fabricated a platform. It had about an 8-ft. cantilever in which people could actually get up on and see. At the time, it was the highest turnover of people coming through to see a show that the Halsey ever had, which was pretty cool. It was at this time that we really started to understand that these are very impactful projects to go into the community, but they were temporary, and that kind of got at me after a little while. So, we did one more with the Halsey, this next one here, which was a bamboo geodesic dome made completely out of bamboo and recycled bicycle tires, but, again, always trying to push limits of design and architecture whether they ended up needing some cross bracing below afterwards or not.

At this point, we're really focusing on trying to do some permanent structures, and we're also trying to find partnerships. We know that everything we do is stronger with the more people we can work with, so we started to work with some of our extension agencies. This project was brought to us by our Extension for Community and Economic Development. So, a GAP shed is something in which farmers can go ahead and use to process their vegetables so that they can go to sale. This was also done with a non-profit, Sweetgrass Garden, and this is a Johns Island project just off of Plowground. The one following is also one that's right next to it that ended up being, this is a reclaimed, single-wide trailer. It's 60-ft. long that we took from the chassis, re-built completely, and framed, and it houses a commercially graded kitchen, one which allows farmers to share in the area and process at DHEC and USDA certified ways. This was a partnership we did with the College of Charleston, and let me make sure I don't say it wrong, their, I think, the Riley Center for Social Impact and Healthy Living. They brought the money to the project, and we went ahead and created this prototype, which it's still being used, and this is where we go up to Greenville and build a second one up there. Mill Village Farms up there is still running that one. Again, the whole concept was so local foods could get into the schools, and schools required DHEC and USDA certification, and the local farmers couldn't do that. So, those two projects came from that partnership.

Now, we'll get into COVID. We're not jumping through chronologically. I'm trying to keep these as sort of groupings. We had a project that we were working on with the City and the Conservancy back in the spring of 2020. When that canceled at Spring Break, we were at a loss for what can we do, and we wanted to do something, so we partnered up with MUSC. They had created, and a lot of you probably spent some time in line at this drive-thru testing center. It was

one of the first in the Country, if you didn't know that, and it also was very cutting edge in the way they queued people in line. So, they needed help documenting that so that they could share it worldwide. So, our students for weeks, I mean, this is from Spring Break on, we're talking six or seven weeks, helped them put together an 80-page document, which they shared, and during that process, we're realizing that it was not equitable. You need a car to be able to go through this, and those who were coming by bus were catching COVID on the trips over there. So, how can we start to give testing and screening to people when they don't have a vehicle?

The next slide goes into the summer where we started to work on what we called PPODs or Portable Point of Dispensing. We also nicknamed them Porta-Swabbies. For economics cases, we could go ahead and purchase portable toilets never used, re-cut them, and apply acrylic bases. We did all of the studies with MUSC as far as how we could get good clean air exchange, and the image on the right side is at Meadors Construction, who ended up actually building about 30 of those for MUSC, and that's how they're now going forward. These will be things that they'll use not just for COVID, but it could be for strep throat or any other kind of things down the line in which they can go ahead and keep the people working safe.

We like to work with non-profits. These are a couple of projects we did with Enough Pie. So, that shack is a mobile indigo dyeing station in which it can move from school to school and go ahead and do seminars with students. On the right is a project that is along King Street. It's right behind the First African Evangelical Christian Church and near Food Lion up in that neck of the woods. It was a partnership between that church, Enough Pie, and the Dart Library. This structure is there as sort of an outside place to read for students and after school programs, and Redux also kind of helped with the murals and some things along there.

The next slide is actually Redux. We did a project with them in which we helped them design out their gallery space, articulating walls, giving them flexibility as to what kind of shows could go on. So, we worked the interior, as well, built the reception desk, and things like that.

If we go to the next slide, this is one that's pretty near and dear, a very recent one we did, which was a partnership with Green Heart Project and the Charleston Housing Authority. So, this was a tricky one. We had to work not only with the City and the Housing Authority, but this project had to go before the BAR and get approval. At this point, I should note that these projects that you're seeing here, with the exception of the two commercially graded kitchens are ones that we do in a semester's time. So, we're talking four months, start to finish. We do community sessions, we go through design iterations, we do a full set of construction documents, get building permits, and in this case, had to go before BAR and get approval. So, anyway, this is one in which it's very successful now, and Greenheart does great work bringing in the community. They also have a Farmer's Market there weekly.

We'll go to the next one, and this is going to be a series that I show you now are really where probably our tightest partnership has been to date, which has been the Charleston Parks Conservancy. We really rely on them and any of our non-profits on being sort of the boots on the ground getting community excitement for us coming in. We don't want to look as like we're flying in to try to save people, but what we want to do is to be able to get our students this experience and be able to apply our skills in a positive way. So, these projects have a few years in the making for sure, and then we can kind of come in and help put it together quickly. This was a seating and shade structure, which was a playground renovation up at Corrine Jones in the Wagener Terrace neighborhood.

The next slide here, this sort of was our big kick-off for the Community Garden push that's been happening through all of the neighborhoods. This was one we did with the Magnolia Community Garden. We built this structure first with no beds in place, and then the garden kind of grew around it. One of those Field of Dreams sort of things, and the community has taken that on and enjoyed it.

Moving forward to the next slide, this is over on James Island in the Medway Community Garden. That Community Garden was in place, but they didn't have any structures. We really try to create these structures as places to commune, but also for teaching. A teaching aspect is important.

If we move on to the next one here, we came back to Corrine Jones not too long ago and made another one. This one is sort of special to me because I live in that neighborhood, but also it's one in which it caters to the new Community Garden, but also plays to the playground. So, it has birthday parties going on there weekly while it services a Community Garden which has taken off, as well.

Now, we're getting in over to Councilmember Waring's District, and this project here is great because this one was completely City funded. It was a project that was on the books with Jason Kronsberg, and I need to mention that Jason has been involved with all of these. I'm just bringing him up now, but he comes, and he meets with our students. He sits in on our reviews. He helps us coordinate with the City Parks Department and their work, so it's been a wonderful relationship. Then, this project in particular, our students worked very closely with folks in the Parks Department, the pouring of concrete, learning first hand from their masons, and grounds crews. The students light up because they're tired of hearing me talk, and the folks at the City are just loving the chance to get to work with our students.

This project next here is the one that Councilmember Waring has been bringing up. This is Mulberry Crossing. Interestingly, this isn't even a park yet. It's just a bridge over sort of a drainage pond, and it's one in which we're looking forward to it being a precipice for new stuff to happen over in these neighborhoods. We're real excited about that and the next project going forward with the Parks Conservancy this fall.

As I mentioned before, I've got a couple of students here that are happy to answer any questions. I don't want to go over, I don't even know what my time was, but I've tried to make it quick. There is also a website at the bottom of that so you can follow along on all of our projects. It's www.clemsoncommunitybuild.com."

John Owens said, "Hi. I'm John Owens. I'm actually a graduate student with Clemson who decided to take the Community Build year-long program, and it's surreal seeing that up there. You would be surprised that at an architecture school, this is my 6th year, and that's the first thing that I designed that actually got built, and it's so just weird to see it."

Councilmember Seekings said, "Hopefully not the last."

Mr. Owens said, "Yes, hopefully, not the last for sure. It was an awesome experience. Not only actually learning how to do construction documents, talking to a structural engineer, or learning that your beams aren't big enough. You always think in the design and on paper that they're big enough, but they are never big enough. The best part, as Councilmember Waring would know, is the actual community aspect of it. I think the best part was going to the site every single day, for a month straight, and just seeing community members that are driving by slowly to

see what you're doing or people on the bikeway get off their bikes, and then, talk about how excited they are to have their kid bike down this little bridge that you're doing. For me, that was the best part. Every time we would go back there just to take pictures or just because I'm in the area, it's always covered with people. So, it was an awesome experience."

Mia Walker said, "Hi. I'm Mia Walker. I'm an undergraduate student at Clemson. I'll be a 4th year this coming semester. Like John said, I think the main part of this project was not only being able to design something and have it be built, but seeing the reaction that the community gave was really, really important. During our review we had a gentleman speak up about how this would impact generations to come and how he could teach his grandchildren to fish, and I think, that's something that is a reward to us not only having this finished, but knowing that it's giving back, as well."

There was applause.

Ray Huff said, "I don't have any comments to make other than we appreciate the opportunity to tell you some of the things we are doing, but it's really David and these young people's show. So, let's give them a big hand."

There was applause.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "So, thank you all very much. I mean, seeing the projects is just amazing, and, boy, are we glad to give you an opportunity for this experience because we've all benefited, our whole community has. So, David, students, thank you all. I do also want to share with Council very briefly, there are three divisions, right, Ray, of the program here? There's the Historic Preservation Division, and they've helped the City on many initiatives, including elevating our homes and our Dutch Dialogues, and hosting us for that conference. Now, in addition, their Urban Resilience Design component will be assisting the City in our big project with the Corps of Engineers, the 3x3 study, to help make sure that the design is appropriate and best for Charleston. So, I mean, there is just so much value to our relationship. We can't thank you enough. Go Tigers!"

There was applause.

Councilmember Waring said, "Mr. Mayor, one last thing. I would hope that we can erect a plaque on these items shown with these students' names and certainly the program being recognized because as they grow up and become parents and come back with their children one day, they'll be able to look at that plaque and say, 'You know when I was a student way back in 2021, this is what we did.'"

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "That's a great idea. We can do that. Terrific. Thank you. So, two other announcements, if I may before we go forward with our public hearings. Spoleto and Piccolo Spoleto open this coming Friday, so in addition to getting 'back to normal' by having in-person meetings, well, it, frankly, feels like somebody just turned the switch back on after COVID now, and we're getting back to so many normal things that we love and enjoy, like Spoleto. So, you all pick up a Special Edition of the City Paper wherever you go, and there is a program in here with all of the Piccolo Spoleto events and information about Piccolo Spoleto. It starts Friday and lasts for about two-and-a-half weeks and, of course, Spoleto Festival USA, as well.

Finally, being May 25th, I want to acknowledge the one-year anniversary of the terrible murder of George Floyd a year ago and then also publicly acknowledge a week-and-a-half ago the video that our community saw of Jamal Sutherland as he was killed last January at the County

jail. We view this as a horrible tragedy at the intersection of mental health treatment and the Criminal Justice System and, I think, we have to acknowledge that and work with our community to improve those services and to police and criminal justice, so this cannot happen again. I do want to let Council know our valued partner, the Medical University, expertise in so many areas, including mental illness and treatment. I called Dr. Cole, and we had a meeting this past week of City staff and with staff from the Department of Psychiatry and with Dr. Cole, and he plans to form, along with our assistance, a regional Task Force to come up with recommendations to address both mental health treatment and policing matters as those two converge, so I did want to acknowledge that for everyone. Thank you.”

Next is our [public hearings](#), and normally, Christopher Morgan presents these to us. Christopher, are you out there? Are you online? We’re going to start with the first one, which is a Resolution to adopt the Amended Street Tree Manual in the City of Charleston. Christopher.”

Christopher Morgan said, “Hi, Mr. Mayor and Councilmembers. I hope you can hear me. Actually, this first one is, our Parks Department has put this together, and I’m not sure if there is somebody from Parks who is going to talk about this one.”

The Clerk said, “Jason, can you come up to the mic or Julia.”

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “Julia Copeland from our Legal Department and Jason Kronsberg from our Parks Department. Julia.”

Julia Copeland said, “Good evening, Mayor and Councilmembers, and just so you know, you guys have already approved by Resolution the actual manual. This is a required public hearing because, as part of the manual, we are altering the mitigation fee based on the diameter of the tree. So, that’s why we’re here tonight.”

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “Alright. Did anyone want to be heard on this matter?”

The Clerk said, “No. No one has signed up to speak on this matter.”

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “Okay.”

Councilmember Shahid said, “Move for approval.”

Councilwoman Jackson said, “Second.”

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

No one asked to speak.

On a motion of Councilmember Shahid, seconded by Councilwoman Jackson, City Council voted unanimously to approve the following Resolution:

Resolution to adopt the Amended Street Tree Manual

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “Number two, Mr. Morgan.”

Mr. Morgan said, "The first item is here at 2012 Meeting Street Road. This is Item E-2, Tax Map #466-16-00-012. It's about a third of an acre. It's to rezone this property from General Business to Light Industrial. I hope you can see my cursor on the map here. On the map here, the property is outlined with a black outline, and it is adjacent to other Light Industrial that's in the City. Also, adjacent to some Commercial property that is under Charleston County jurisdiction, and then everything further to the north is in North Charleston, so it's at the upper reach of our City limits. It was reviewed by the Planning Commission, and they recommended approval 7 to 0 on this. It's in our Comprehensive Plan as adjacent to this Job Center and Industrial area in the Neck. That's part of why we recommended it. Here is an aerial view. You can see a large auto lot and auto establishment to the north and then railroad tracks across to the west, a vacant lot, and an adult establishment to the south, and then further to the south a gas station. Here is another image of the subject property. A Residential structure is currently on the property. Here is the Residential structure that's on the property. Here is just another street view, and another view from the street. So, that is the item before you in E-2, and staff and Planning Commission recommend approval to the Light Industrial classification."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you, Mr. Morgan."

The Clerk said, "No one has signed up to speak on this matter."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "No one signed up. Would anyone here like to make a comment on this matter?"

No one asked to speak.

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

Councilmember Griffin said, "Move for approval."

Councilmember Shahid said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Mitchell.

Councilmember Mitchell said, "Yes, I just wanted to ask did they say exactly what they're going to put there yet?"

Mr. Morgan said, "It would be a location that would build cabinetry, I believe, and a contractor's office, and I think some light construction of cabinetry items for structures."

Councilmember Mitchell said, "Okay."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Are there any other questions or comments from Council?"

No one else asked to speak.

On a motion of Councilmember Griffin, seconded by Councilmember Shahid, 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 2012 Meeting Street Road (Peninsula) (approximately 0.32 acre) (TMS #466-16-00-012) (Council District 4), be rezoned from General Business

(GB) classification to Light Industrial (LI) classification. The property is owned by Myron H. Herron.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Number three, I would like to announce I'll be recusing myself from this matter."

Mr. Morgan said, "This is 1908 2nd Drive in West Ashley, Tax Map #350-05-00-006. It's .20 of an acre. It is a recommendation of (SR-2) Single-Family Residential. It's in the Dupont/Wappoo Overlay District that we share with Charleston County, and the Planning Commission did recommend approval 8 to 0 on this. It is in an area that we call suburban, so the Single-Family residence at SR-2 is quite in line with that. Here is an image of the subject property. As you can see, a Single-Family residence is there. Staff and Planning Commission recommend approval of the SR-2 for this property."

The Clerk said, "No one has signed up to speak on this matter. We did receive two comments online that express concerns about business trucks disturbing the neighborhood and the business being too big for the property. Was there anyone else who wanted to speak to that matter?"

No one asked to speak.

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

Councilmember Waring said, "Move for approval."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We have a motion to approve."

Councilwoman Jackson said, "I'll second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "And a second."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilwoman Jackson.

Councilwoman Jackson said, "Could I just ask the Clerk or somebody? I thought this was Single-Family, so why would the comment have to do with a business? Did we figure that out?"

The Clerk said, "I do not know. That's just what they put in their comment."

Councilwoman Jackson said, "Okay, but we are zoning it Single-Family?"

The Clerk said, "Christopher."

Mr. Morgan said, "Yes. It is a Single-Family designation. Obviously, in a Single-Family house, you could have a custom home occupation that the owner of the house or resident of the house could occupy and have an office there, but otherwise, it would need to be Single-Family zoned property."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Right. Are there any other comments or questions?"

No one else asked to speak.

On a motion of Councilmember Waring, seconded by Councilwoman Jackson, City Council voted 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 1908 2nd Drive (West Ashley) (approximately 0.20 acre) (TMS #350-05-00-006) (Council District 7), annexed into the City of Charleston April 13, 2021 (#2021-054), be zoned Single-Family Residential (SR-2) classification. The property is owned by John H. and John J. Tecklenburg.

Mayor Tecklenburg recused himself from voting on this item and completed a Conflict of Interest Form, which is on file in the Office of the Clerk of Council.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Number four."

Mr. Morgan said, "This is 738 Saint Andrews Boulevard, Tax Map #418-15-00-081. It's a quarter of an acre. It's a request for General Office zoning. It was in the County's Saint Andrews Overlay District in Charleston County, and it was an Office designation in that district. It was recommended for the (GO) 8 to 0 by the Planning Commission. It is in our highway designation in our current plan under Saint Andrews, so the Office designation would be appropriate for that. Here is an image of the structure. You can see it has signage and has been renovated in such a way to be an office at present. Both staff and Planning Commission recommended for the (GO)."

The Clerk said, "No one has signed up to speak on this matter."

Councilmember Shahid said, "Move for approval."

Councilwoman Jackson said, "I'll second."

The Clerk said, "For Council, when you all are making motions and seconds, could you make sure you've got your mic turned on just so we can pick you up on the recording? Thanks."

Councilmember Shahid said, "Move for approval."

Councilwoman Jackson said, "I second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Did anybody present want to speak on this matter? Let me ask before we take it to Council."

No one asked to speak.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Alright. Thank you. Are there any comments or questions from Council?"

No one asked to speak.

On a motion of Councilmember Shahid, seconded by Councilwoman Jackson, 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 738 Saint Andrews Boulevard (West Ashley) (approximately 0.26 acre) (TMS #418-15-00-081) (Council District 3), annexed into the City

of Charleston April 13, 2021 (#2021-053), be zoned General Office (GO) classification. The property is owned by Robert A. Limehouse, IV.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Mr. Morgan."

Mr. Morgan said, "This is E-5 at 3919 Savannah Highway in the Red Top area of West Ashley, Tax Map #285-00-00-205. It's a 1.83 acre parcel. It's a request of zoning General Business. It was zoned Community Commercial in Charleston County. It's a vacant parcel. The Planning Commission recommended this zoning by a 7 to 0 vote. Here is an image of it in our current plan. It also is in our Highway designation, so the GB would be appropriate for that. Here you see the undeveloped property. Of course, there is some wetland area that would not be able to be developed, but there is a good bit of highland area adjacent to the highway, and that is where any new structures would have to go. Again, staff and Planning Commission recommended approval for the General Business on this property."

The Clerk said, "No one has signed up to speak on this matter."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Would anybody present like to speak on it?"

No one asked to speak.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Seeing none, it comes to Council."

Councilmember Sakran said, "Move for approval."

Councilwoman Jackson said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We have a motion to approve and a second. Are there any comments or questions?"

No one asked to speak.

On a motion of Councilmember Sakran, seconded by Councilwoman Jackson, 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 3919 Savannah Highway (West Ashley) (approximately 1.83 acres) (TMS #285-00-00-205) (Council District 5), annexed into the City of Charleston April 27, 2021 (#2021-058), be zoned General Business (GB) classification. The property is owned by Lillie and Carl Smalls.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Mr. Morgan."

Mr. Morgan said, "The final item before you on public hearings is E-6 at Floyd Drive. This would be a future Tax Map number. It's part of an existing apartment complex that has recently been constructed. It's about a quarter acre. This was a portion of the right-of-way that previously had been unzoned that needed to be zoned to the General Business category. The remainder of the apartment complex, as you can see from this image, the vast majority of the apartment complex was zoned General Business, and apparently, the developer did not get this accomplished before they began construction on the apartment complex because, of course, the apartment complex is now built. The Planning Commission recommended for this (GB) with an 8 to 0 vote, and it is in our Neighborhood

Center designation in the current Comprehensive Plan, so that would fit with the General Business. Here is an image. This was when the site was under construction, and it's an extension of Floyd Drive that was not built on with the roadway, but ultimately it had the apartment units that were built upon it, and these are now complete on the site."

The Clerk said, "No one has signed up to speak on this matter."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Anyone present would like to address this matter?"

No one asked to speak.

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

Councilmember Shahid said, "Move for approval."

Councilwoman Jackson said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We have a motion to approve. Are there any questions or comments from Council?"

No one asked to speak.

On a motion of Councilmember Shahid, seconded by Councilwoman Jackson, 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 a portion of Floyd Drive (West Ashley) (approximately 0.22 acre) (previously unzoned right-of-way) (Council District 5), be zoned General Business (GB) classification. The property is owned by City of Charleston.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "That is the end of our public hearings. Next is our approval of [May 11th](#) minutes."

Councilmember Mitchell said, "So moved."

Councilmember Griffin said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Are there any additions, deletions, or corrections?"

No one asked to speak.

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Griffin, City Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2021 City Council meeting.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Next up, and we're so thankful to have you all here with us tonight, again, in-person, is our [Citizens' Participation Period](#). Madam Clerk, we have about 30 people who are signed up to speak, and we normally allot just a half hour for this period. So, I'm going to respectfully ask you to try to keep your remarks to a minute, and then we will notify you when a minute is up and don't cut you off right in the middle of the sentence, but just finish your thought, and we will be able to proceed. So, if you all would come forward and speak into the microphone would

be great, not only for us to hear, but that also allows the citizens who are on the Zoom call to be able to hear as well, or we can bring the microphone to you.”

The Clerk said, “First is Woodrow Norris.”

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “Please come forward. Before you start, if you don’t mind, maybe call out three people at a time so the next in line kind of knows, and if you need me to bring the microphone to you or something like that, just let me know.”

The Clerk said, “Yes. So, the next speakers we have, I have Godfrey – Gullah Geechee, Mary Willis, and Clare Goodwin.”

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “So, we will have you all in that order. So, please proceed. Thank you, sir.”

1. Woodrow Norris said he was the owner of Booze Pops and was there in regard to the mobile ordinance that would completely shut down their business. He said they created and made the business in Charleston and now were looking at shutting it down with a 250-ft. ordinance of being no mobile food trucks within any restaurants, as well as 1:30 a.m. He asked the Councilmembers to vote no on the ordinance. He said the name was deceiving, but they created safe places for the people to go after the bars. They gave them free water, helped them get Ubers every weekend, and they weren’t hammered and drunk because of them. They tried to create a safe place and make the City better. They had been in Travel and Leisure magazine, Reasons to Discover America. They just signed on with NASCAR, so they were bringing the attention and money to Charleston. They sold Gullah-Geechee tours on their trucks. He retired, and before he started the business, he worked in Afghanistan and Iraq for eight years contracting for the Army. He was injured, and he made the business for his daughters and to put people to work. They had put over 250 people to work since he opened. It was going to cause about 30 jobs to be lost if it passed.
2. Godfrey said Charleston was a powerful City, and they needed some help. He asked Council to vote no on the ordinance. He tried to get help in the City with tourism. He was a small, black-owned tourism company. He tried to sell his tickets around the City, and it was the only company that helped him to sell his tickets other than on his own. He asked Council to really look at the situation. It really was a good business, and Council was some of the most powerful people. They could do anything they wanted. He was just asking for Council to take a look at it, as they needed some help, and he knew Council could help them out.
3. Mary Willis was an attorney in Mt. Pleasant who represented Woodrow Norris and Booze Pops. He was also a long-time friend of hers. She looked over the ordinance and did some independent research on whether or not it was actually constitutional. She thought there were some constitutional challenges under both the 5th and 14th amendments to restrict her client from operating on his private property. Booze Pops operated at four different locations on private property downtown. He was in an area that was so condensed with restaurants that there was no conceivable way that he could get consent from every restaurant owner. He would be required to obtain ongoing consent from over 100 restaurants at any given time. In addition to that hurdle, which potentially could be overcome, but

probably not considering the restaurant owner could deny for any reason or no reason. As stated in the ordinance, the purpose was to address some of the social upheaval and the need to manage crowds after hours downtown. A 250-foot rule had no bearing to whether or not the City was able to get some of the violence and upheaval under control after hours. She said they asked Council to say no to the amendment.

4. Clare Goodwin was an attorney who represented Booze Pops Corporate and their franchises. She reiterated what Ms. Willis had just said. She didn't think the amendment was really going after the issue Council had before them, specifically in regard to Sec. 17-121(b). Their client was there to help the public when they needed to. They weren't serving people that were intoxicated. They provided free water, as her client had said. Moreover, they had somebody there that was sober the entire time. They were not drinking off of the truck, and they were in a private parking lot trying to run a business. She thought this would be detrimental to their business, and they really hoped Council would reconsider, at the very minimum, the parameters there currently.
5. Arthur Lawrence said they had a wonderful Police Department, but the Police Department couldn't solve all of their problems that they had created. With regard to the 16-year old and under ordinance, they should not send the Police Department to handle that. If they stopped one individual, they would have a problem if that individual was 17 or 18 years old. It would create problems for the Police Department. He had just met with some of the officers on Allway Street about the substation that was supposed to be created there a few years ago. They kept getting pushed back on the substation, but they needed the substation. There was chaos in that particular area. Their community was being overlooked for King Street. It was a shame the way Allway Street looked with trash containers and garbage on the street. Code enforcement needed to step up, and the stores that didn't do anything, but hurt their kids. The people from the Housing Authority were there, and all of the kids coming out of Gadsden Green on the other side of the street were creating problems. The police had a difficult job in the City, but they, as a community, had to take the responsibility for their kids. The parents needed to be held accountable, not the kids.
6. Paige Collins, along with Harrison, said they lived at Creek Point, and she represented many of the Creek Point residents. They wanted to address the drainage ditches that had been put into their yards. They had huge ditches in their yards. People were going to tell them that they didn't have flooding there. She looked at the study that gave the 30 basins, and their sub-basin had not flooded in 40 years, even within the report the work was based on. Their money had been wasted to dig trenches in their yards. Their children had already been falling in the ditches, and they were so deep in some cases that small children could drown in them, and they wouldn't even see them in there. They asked for the pipes and the soil to be returned, or if there were no pipes, if they didn't want to pay for that, then pay them their money back that was wasted by putting the soil in there. They also wanted to be relieved of liability. If it was so safe, then why couldn't Council be liable? It was not fair that the liability was on them with the massive ditches that were unsafe. First responders couldn't make it to their homes if they had cars in their driveways right now. Their main priorities were relieve them of the liability, return the soil, and go look back at the plan and analyze the data. She told Council

to look at the communities and see which ones were the real problem and put their money there so that they were taking care of the people that needed it.

7. Mohammed Idris said racism was executed in 1975. He was displeased with the Office of Diversity because they set up an office dealing with diversity and an African American man who came to all of the Council meetings for 27 years was not invited to be a part of that Committee on Diversity. They need not continue to talk about racism and the Police Department because that wasn't their problem. Their problem was greed, jealousy, envy, and ignorance. They elected Council to serve them.
8. Ed Buckley said he was also a resident of Creek Point. They all learned from their mistakes. What they were doing in Creek Point was a huge mistake as they had never had a flooding problem. There were people there at the meeting that had lived in Creek Point for over 40 years. They had seen the 1,000-year flood, they had seen Hurricane Hugo, Hurricane Matthew, and many heavy rains, and they had never had a problem. The City came into their neighborhood and dug ditches in many places up to their knees right through yards. They had not solved any problem. They had created one. He told Council to stop and re-think it as everything could be repaired. He said they had a wall on the southern border of the United States that was underway that stopped when people realized it was wrong. They had a pipeline, and when certain people realized it was wrong, it stopped. He asked Council to stop right now so they didn't diminish the value of their property. He doubted very seriously when they got to Rebellion Road, Chadwick, Formosa Drive, and Broughton Road in The Crescent that they would do this through their yards, so they shouldn't do it to his.
9. Gary Kaasa said he had lived in Creek Point for over 30 years, and he had raised his three sons there. They had never had any flooding in that area or standing water on the streets. Even in the worst of situations, they were always free to come and go as they pleased in their motor vehicles. There was never any deep water any place, and he knew that this was possible because on James Island they had special soil. It was a sandy soil, and it drained quickly, but yet it supported life. Bad soil was taken from their easement, approximately four times the amount of cubic yards that it would have taken to put in pipe. Not only that, but if they did decide to approach placing in pipe, it was going to cost them more than it would have been if the soil was there to begin with. Even if the people said they would give them soil, they wouldn't be giving them back the same sandy soil that was liken to Charleston, to James Island, a barrier island, and they needed that work stopped so that no more of the valuable, irreplaceable James Island soil was removed.
10. Dr. John Franklin said he was a hospice, palliative medicine, and geriatric physician at the Charleston VA Medical Center, and a resident of Creek Point. Some of Council, the Mayor and Councilwoman Jackson, had seen what they were talking about. He was 5'11 and standing in the ditch was up to his thighs. He had read the Stormwater Management Report for James Island, the drainage study from Thomas & Hutton, and it was very comprehensive with one exception. He showed a sign the City had put up, and it said, 'With improved drainage, we can improve the quality of life of our citizens and the water quality of our local waterways.' He said they were certainly not going to improve their quality of life. He asked Council where the Environmental Impact Study was. He read a warning that was on every chemical he used in his yard, pesticide, fertilizer, insecticide,

and rodenticide. 'To protect the environment, do not allow a pesticide to enter a runoff into storm drains, drainage ditches, and gutters.' Another one was Sevin, which said the product was extremely toxic to aquatic and invertebrates. All of their chemicals were going into the drainage ditch and into the James Island Creek right in his backyard. He asked Council if an Environmental Impact Study been done.

11. Jeannie Kaasa said she had lived in Creek Point for 33 years. At first, they weren't alarmed by the notices on their doors that they were going to do drainage ditches, as they thought they would have a nice little uniform ditch, but instead the City brought their bulldozers out there and gauged out ugly, ragged, jagged trenches. They weren't a standard width or depth. She had a six-foot trench behind her mailbox, and that was the widest depth. It went from a width of six feet to four feet, and the depth went from two-and-a-half feet to 14½ inches. The City carried away thousands of cubic yards of topsoil, sand, and dirt, which were the most natural impediment to flooding, and left them with deep and dangerous pits that would quickly fill in with mud exposed by the careless digging. Their property had been defaced, devalued, and destabilized. According to the SCDHEC regulations and standards of stormwater management and sediment, the land disturbing activity was defined by use of land by any entity that results in the change of the natural cover of topography that may cause erosion and contribute to the quantity and quality of stormwater runoff. The City's drainage ditches were not stormwater management. They were land disturbing activities. She told Council to please restore their property.
12. Joseph Matthews said he had coached for 41 years. He enjoyed doing what he did, but when they asked for help and they didn't get it, it really hurt. It bothered him because they had a lot of kids that competed every year to try to be the best they could be. They were losing a lot of their kids to the street. A lot of the kids broke into cars and homes because they didn't have anything to do. They asked for a gym because if they got a gym, they could take all of the kids off the street and put them in something where they could be and have something to do. He had talked to several Councilmembers, and it bothered and disturbed him that there were some that had really helped him, and there were some that didn't help him. Right now, he was at the point where they needed help. They were trying to give the kids something to do, and they had W. Grayson Meggett right there, a gym that was about to be leased, where they could have something to do. When it rained, the kids didn't have anywhere to go. When it was cold, they didn't have anywhere to go. They needed something for the kids, and he was coming to Council to ask for Council's help. He felt like they were dealing with their babies. They were kids that didn't have anywhere to go. When the kids got in trouble, then everybody wanted to know where was this person and where was that person, so he was coming to Council now. He was tired of seeing kids being killed on James Island, and it was happening all over now. They needed Council's help, and all they were asking for was to lease a gym for the kids.
13. Seth and Lisa Rhyne presented Council with affidavits from Creek Point neighbors. Mr. Rhyne said they all came in solidarity, and the affidavits were from members, some who had lived there for up to 40 years, attesting to the lack of flooding and stormwater damage in their neighborhood. They were all very much against the current ditch process, but he wanted to speak about several of the aspects from the environmental to the safety to the general concerns. He would like to also mention, because they were all homeowners, the property value and the

aesthetics. Charleston was the most beautiful City in the world, and they loved living in Charleston. What was happening in their neighborhood was not beautiful, and they deserved better than what they were seeing. The ditches were not uniform, they were ragged, they cut through some yards, and they were tearing out thousands of dollars' worth of irrigation that had been there. Basically, it was destroying their yards and everything that was there. They deserved a better aesthetically pleasing option because curb appeal was the number one thing that people saw when they looked at properties and the property value. It had ruined their curb appeal.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you, sir, and let the record show that he handed in 25 individual slips of citizens each saying that they had never had a stormwater flooding issue in their yard. One more, 26, two more, and there are a few more."

14. Allie Menegakis said she was a criminal defense attorney practicing in Florida and Charleston. She was also the founder and Executive Director of South Carolina for Criminal Justice Reform and the Chair of the City Ordinance Committee for the City of Charleston Special Commission on Equity, Inclusion, and Racial Conciliation. She understood that there was an ordinance of juvenile curfew violation being proposed. The ordinance committee had not been consulted regarding the ordinance, and they would at least like to talk about the problems they saw. She and their team had reviewed it at SC for CJR, and they believed there were arguably some constitutional challenges to it. Aside from that, from the appearance of the ordinance, she thought it could have grave disparate impacts, especially on people and children of color. This was the one-year anniversary of the death of George Floyd, and they were curious what research had been done to suggest that such a curfew would actually have any effect whatsoever on the alleged crime that juveniles were committing. They just asked for research to be done and to be consulted, and an actual analysis be done on the issue before any ordinance was passed.
15. Sabrina Polites said she was from Creek Point and by this point clearly Council knew how unhappy they were about the project. It was billed as a neighborhood improvement, but it was far from an improvement, and they were there to let the Mayor and Council know they were not happy. They sought immediate action on their part, as their island neighbors and representatives, to remedy the situation. While their safety was number one, they had already heard tales of kids falling into ditches. She had two neighbors within view of her home with limited mobility. One had small children, and she could no longer cross her yard to go care for her two young children because there was a huge ditch. They had been treated very poorly by the workers, and they had been made to look ridiculous by Mr. Fountain on local t.v. This was a catastrophic failure, one that Council had all signed off on, and one that they would hold Council accountable to fix.
16. Josh Dix thanked Council for taking up the ordinance to look at the minimum parking requirements. As they looked to reopen businesses, he thought this was a great first step to getting folks back in the Business District. He knew revisiting and revising ordinances was not an easy task, so he just wanted to say thank you and hopefully it would go through that night.

17. Carl Fleming said he was a retired Federal Officer, and now he worked with the program that Mr. Matthews spoke about earlier. They were trying to get the gym, and they were hopeful that Council would approve the gym so that they could expand the lives because if they could save one, they could save a million. Being in Corrections for 27 years, it just takes a word or two and just listening and being there. When it was all said and done, he hoped and prayed that they could receive a gym and could continue constructive development to better young men.

The Clerk said, "Karen Muckenfuss."

No one asked to speak.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "She had to leave."

The Clerk said, "So, we'll move to our virtual speakers. Oh, Jason, we had you on our virtual list."

18. Jason Crowley, Communities and Transportation Director of the Coastal Conservation League, spoke with regard to the Municipal Improvement District being considered for Johns Island. The Conservation League thought it was a positive move for Johns Island. It was something the City had talked about for many years. They encouraged the City to move forward with it and recommended the City work with the Johns Island Task Force, which was a coalition of different organizations and individuals on Johns Island, to direct staff to work with them to work on the boundaries of the Municipal Improvement District, as well as the prioritization of projects that could be funded with it. In particular, getting the Southern Pitchfork completed, as well as the network of parallel roads on either side of the Maybank Highway Corridor, which came under the Johns Island Community Plan and also the opportunity to address stormwater infrastructure and programming in building out the two parks and one potential park that were in the Maybank Corridor. He looked forward to working with Council and supporting it as it moved forward.

The Clerk said, "Now, we'll go to our virtual speakers, Dr. Herman Daniell. If you're on the line, if you could press *6."

19. Dr. Herman Daniell said he had a stroke recently and it was hard for him to talk. His son, Tony, spoke for him. His children were important as were all the other children. The law determined their safety, not the neighborhood. The barricades were not to be permanent. He was living here in 1976. He knew there was a neighborhood school when he moved there, as did everyone who moved into Country Club II. He asked that they enforce the traffic and safety codes.
20. Tony Daniell said Councilmember Ross Appel should be recused from any discussions or service regarding the roads in Country Club II. He asked the other members of Council and the Mayor for help stopping the miscarriage of justice and cronyism. The traffic negatively impacted their street 24/7, and not just during school. He said Councilmember Appel had engaged in prejudicial acts and false and defamatory statements about him in e-mail discussions. He was sorry Councilmember Appel thought he had lost his mind and that he had had it with him. He solicited negative comments, spread the word, and comments from 38

families called the roads closed. He doubted he did the same with Blessed Sacrament. He maintained the roads were not closed and incorrectly stated they were barricaded with growing pine trees. The City had an undebatable, non-discretionary duty to maintain and make open roads accessible. Digging up asphalt and planting trees were not City mandates. In a recent newspaper article, he said, 'Council is unlikely to vote to reopen the barricaded streets that so many residents opposed.' He asked if they were closed or opened. His statements did not follow Title 57.

21. Miguel Torres said he was also following up with Dr. Daniell and Tony Daniell. He was the neighbor that sat next door to them also. The school traffic had become a problem. He said Councilmember Appel basically should have followed the word he said that morning to become a better individual for the simple reason he still had not formally apologized for the unprofessional, unethical, and shameful behavior he exhibited against him at the Council meeting on April 27, 2021 when he shooed him away as if he was insignificant. He had divided Charleston Country Club II and had pitted neighbor against neighbor. He had made their streets unsafe to travel during the school hours, and he had made it difficult for anyone to be a part of a safe neighborhood. He said he had an agenda with friends within the neighborhood, and he needed to live up to the pledge that he took as a lawyer and as a Councilmember.

The Clerk said, "Greta Anderson, if you're on the line, if you could press *6. Greta Anderson."

No one asked to speak.

The Clerk said, "Marcus McDonald, if you're on the line, if you could press *6. Marcus McDonald."

No one asked to speak.

The Clerk said, "Tracey Owens, if you're on the line, if you could press *6. Tracey Owens."

No one asked to speak.

The Clerk said, "It looks like we had two people who signed up online that also appeared in person, so those were all of the speakers that we had. We also received some comments online. One person left nine comments referencing the closure of roads on Frampton Street and Burningtrees Road. A video link submitted showed three driveways blocked for 25 minutes during the carpool pick-up at Harborview Elementary School. One person left two comments saying that it was bad enough that the roads were illegally inaccessible and causing a traffic problem and other nuisances. One person said that a non-existent HOA should not have a vote or say-so regarding illegal road closures. One person left three comments referencing South Carolina Code 57-17-80. One person left three comments referencing the City's Ordinance Section 28-21 that required permits for disturbing surface of or opening streets or taking up sidewalk. One person said he filed a case with the U.S. Court of Appeals, now docketed within the Supreme Court of the U.S., regarding governing access to the internet and social media and that citizens of low and moderate income families were not able to attend City Council meetings by Zoom. One person supports the Mobile Vendors Ordinance. One person said his Uber passengers were displeased

to witness the display of Confederate Flags at The Battery and said they could not support a City that allowed such an activity. Those were all of the comments that we received.”

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “Alright. Thank you, Madam Clerk. I want to thank all of the citizens who came out tonight and expressed yourselves, particularly the citizens from the Creek Point neighborhood. Thank you all for coming and sharing with all of Council your thoughts and feelings about the drainage project. I will just tell you our intentions are nothing but to help our City be protected from flooding, and I know I heard you loud and clear you’ve never had flooding in your neighborhood. We have the 30 signed documents here. I got that, but I just want to share with you, and we’ll look at what we’ve done and what we can do to help ameliorate the situation in the future, but we had nothing but the best intentions. We plan to reinstate ditches all over our City. I forget how many hundreds of miles we have of them, and you all have them in your neighborhood, too, or had them, or they were designed that way. So, I just want to tell you, I hear you loud and clear. We have nothing but the best intentions because we want to protect our City and our citizens and their property from flooding, and that’s where this all came from, but we’ll look at it. I appreciate it. It’s not a question and answer period. If you want to send us something else, please send me an e-mail or call my office tomorrow. Thank you.”

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilwoman Jackson.

Councilwoman Jackson said, “I’m just saying I try to respond to everyone who writes so, please, write me.”

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “Alright. So, next we have our [Petitions and Communications](#). We have appointments to the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Advisory Board.”

Councilmember Seekings said, “Move for approval.”

Councilmember Griffin said, “Second.”

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “Are there any comments or questions?”

No one asked to speak.

On a motion of Councilmember Seekings, seconded by Councilmember Griffin, City Council voted unanimously to approve the appointments and reappointments to the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Advisory Board:

a. Minority and Women Business Enterprise Advisory Board:

- Sam Skardon -- Reappointment
- Marcella Brucellia -- Reappointment
- Karen Wright-Chisolm - Reappointment
- Kimberly Gaillard – New Appointment
- Reba Martin – New Appointment
- Holly Chesser – New Appointment
- Nilsy Rapalo – New Appointment

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “Next our Health and Wellness Advisory Committee.”

Councilmember Seekings said, “Move for approval.”

Councilmember Gregorie said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "All new appointments, and these are really dedicated health care professionals in our community. Is there any discussion or questions?"

No one asked to speak.

On a motion of Councilmember Seekings, seconded by Councilmember Gregorie, City Council voted unanimously to approve the appointments to the Health and Wellness Advisory Committee:

b. Health and Wellness Advisory Committee:

- Quenton Tompkins – New Appointment
- Aretha Jones Powell – New Appointment
- Katherine Richardson, MD – New Appointment
- Anne L. Andrews, MD – New Appointment
- Meredith Berlinsky – New Appointment
- Kimbo Yee, PhD. – New Appointment

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Next is a Resolution expressing the intention to establish a [Johns Island Municipal Improvement District](#), authorizing staff to prepare an improvement plan, and other matters related thereto. Robert Summerfield is here, our Planning Director. If you've never seen him in real person, here Robert is, and he might want to say a few comments and be open for questions."

Councilmember Brady said, "Move for approval."

Councilmember Griffin said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Alright. Robert."

Robert Summerfield said, "I was just here. In speaking with Councilmember Brady earlier, I thought there might be some questions on what's next and what this Resolution meant for the process, but if there's not--"

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Are there any questions for Mr. Summerfield?"

Councilmember Brady said, "May I be heard?"

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Brady.

Councilmember Brady said, "And less of a question, but I just wanted to for the sake of the public and my colleagues on Council. One of the things that we've really been trying to, as Mr. Crowley mentioned in his comments during the Participation Period, we know that people moving here are putting strains on the infrastructure. I don't think that's lost on anyone, but with tight budgets and having to prioritize projects, we really wanted to look at how can we come up with creative ways to finance infrastructure improvements that will improve quality of life, not just for our citizens who currently live here, but for those that are moving here, as well. The MID, the Municipal Improvement District, was kind of the mechanism that we had come up with in order to

begin raising and bonding the necessary money to do that, but this Resolution is the first piece of that to get staff to really start looking into it and ironing out the details. So, for the folks on Johns Island, this means good infrastructure improvements are coming, but we've just got to work out the process and work with the stakeholders to accomplish that."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you. Are there any other questions or comments?"

No one else asked to speak.

On a motion of Councilmember Brady, seconded by Councilmember Griffin, City Council voted unanimously to give first reading to the following Resolution:

A Resolution expressing the intention to establish a Johns Island Municipal Improvement District; authorizing staff to prepare an improvement plan; and other matters related thereto.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "So, Mr. Summerfield and his staff will continue to work on this MID idea and bring us back something more definitive. Next, I really don't have much of an update for you on [COVID-19](#), and Tracy McKee is taking a well-deserved day off today, so she's not with us. She did want me to share with you that between vaccinations and individuals who have had COVID and, hopefully, have some immunity, that we are very close to 70 percent immunity and 70 percent in Charleston County. That's according to MUSC. That's shots, plus natural immunity. So, you all, we're knocking on the door of being a member of the herd here, and we're really making progress. You've seen our case count over the last week. They've been in single digits a number of days for the whole County, which is excellent. I do want to let everyone know, if you haven't been vaccinated yet, we still highly recommend that everyone get vaccinated. We still have our partnership with MUSC with a COVID vaccination site at 180 Lockwood. It's open six days a week. There is no charge. You don't even need an appointment anymore, with free parking. So, come on out and get your vaccination if you hadn't gotten one yet.

So, next we go to [Council Communications](#). There wasn't anything on the agenda, but with the tragic events in the Middle East, and then I must sadly report from the news yesterday of the increase in incidents of anti-semitic remarks and violence in the Country over the last ten days, Councilmember Appel asked that he be recognized and make a statement and maybe bring us back a Resolution to consider."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Appel.

Councilmember Appel said, "Thank you, Mr. Mayor, and my apologies to my colleagues. This kind of came together over the weekend, and we didn't have time to get this officially on the agenda and to you all. Obviously, anybody that's been paying attention to the news both internationally and domestically is well aware of what's been happening over in Israel and also, unfortunately, here in the United States and elsewhere regarding the rise of anti-semitism in all of its forms. I've been hearing a lot from our community, not just our Jewish community, but also our Christian community and other folks in the community that are very passionate about Israel, and they wanted to know where Charleston stood on this issue. I took a crack at putting together some thoughts. If you all would indulge me, I'd like to maybe read them this evening, and if it suits everybody's pleasure, I'd like to maybe bring this back to the floor in June for a more formal Resolution we can get behind. These might be famous last words, but I've done everything in my power to structure this in the most neutral, even-handed, positive way possible. So, here it goes, without further ado."

Councilmember Appel read the proposed Resolution:

'WHEREAS, the City of Charleston known to the world as the Holy City has for centuries treasured religious tolerance;

WHEREAS, the Charleston Jewish Community traces its roots to 1695 and has played an important role in Charleston's history ever since;

WHEREAS, both Jews and non-Jews in Charleston have a deep and abiding connection to the State of Israel;

WHEREAS, the United States and Israel have long been close allies with strong bipartisan support;

WHEREAS, the City of Charleston unequivocally rejects anti-semitism and all other forms of racism, religious intolerance, and other prejudices both here in Charleston and around the world;

WHEREAS, the City of Charleston expresses strong support for Israel and its Jewish, Muslim, Christian, Druze, and other citizens;

WHEREAS, the City of Charleston also supports a peaceful future for the Palestinian people living in the West Bank and Gaza;

THEREFORE, NOW, BE IT RESOLVED the City of Charleston, the Holy City, supports peace in the Holy Land and, of course, here in Charleston.'

Councilmember Appel continued, "So, that's what I came up with, and maybe I'll bring this before everybody in June. We'll have a chance to look at it and talk about it."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Councilmember, thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Shahid.

Councilmember Shahid said, "Mr. Mayor, I chatted with Councilmember Appel earlier and he read that to me, and I'm ready to go ahead and pass this Resolution tonight. I think it's well-spoken of--"

Councilwoman Jackson said, "I agree. I second."

Councilmember Griffin said, "It's not on the agenda."

Councilmember Shahid said, "I understand. If we have to move to amend the agenda to include it, I so move to add it to the agenda."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "The only stipulation, I'm going to ask to call on Counsel to advise Council about the emergency nature of adding something to the agenda."

Susan Herdina said, "Yes, sir. So, Councilmember Appel and I e-mailed a little bit earlier, and this is not on the agenda. It would require a two-thirds vote and a finding of an exigent or emergency circumstance. That probably is not here, so what the recommendation would be is to

put it on the next agenda. That would allow notice to the public and an opportunity for people to come out and support it and comment on it. As we know, adding things to the agenda is a very unusual situation, so my recommendation was that he approach it this way, and he agreed. Thank you.”

Councilmember Shahid said, “That’s fine, Mr. Mayor. I think that, as a Council, we recognize this, and we’ll go through the formal process next June at our meeting to do it properly and make sure that we’re all giving the public an opportunity to comment on it. I appreciate Councilmember Appel doing this and bringing it to our attention, and it’s something we all need to take recognition of.”

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “Thank you. We’ll have it on our next agenda. Thank you very much. So, next is our Council Committee Reports. First up, Councilmember Waring, the [Committee on Public Works and Utilities](#).”

Councilmember Waring said, “Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I have to collect my thoughts. I thought Councilmember Appel, the words he put together so quickly, if you really concentrate, because that was actually beautiful, the words you put together. So, although it’s not on the agenda today, I think it will benefit our community. As our wise Counsel said, have it on the agenda so all of the community will be able to read, digest, and pray over the words that you put down today. So, thank you so much for what you have done.

Our Committee on Public Works met yesterday and, as you have seen on the agenda, all items passed unanimously, and I so move for adoption of that report.”

Councilmember Griffin said, “Second.”

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “Is there any discussion or questions?”

No one asked to speak.

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

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

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

(i) **Barons Drive (Portion) (Grand Oaks)**: Acceptance and dedication of that certain right-of-way designated as a portion of Barons Drive and the City of Charleston drainage easements shown on the plat attached hereto. All infrastructure has been constructed or bonded.

- Title to Real Estate;
- Exclusive Storm Water Drainage Easements; and
- Plat

(ii) **Daniel Island, Parcel R, Block O, Lots 1 through 7**: Acceptance and dedication of that certain right-of-way designated as Helmsman Street, Longshore Street, Spartina Lane, and Waterman Street, as well as the City of Charleston drainage easements, shown on the plat for the subdivision. All infrastructure has been completed or bonded.

- Title to Real Estate;
- Exclusive Storm Water Drainage Easements from Parcel R Phase 1 Development Company, LLC;
- Exclusive Storm Water Drainage Easements from B/S Parcel R, LLC; and
- Plat

(iii) **Marshes at Cooper River, Phase 3:** Acceptance and dedication of that certain right-of-way designated as Harlequin Alley, Pathfinder Way, and Flatwoods Alley, as well as the City of Charleston drainage easements, shown on the plat for the subdivision. All infrastructure has been completed or bonded.

- Title to Real Estate;
- Exclusive Storm Water Drainage Easements; and
- Plat

(iv) **William E Murray Boulevard (Portion):** Acceptance and dedication of that certain right-of-way designated as a portion of William E. Murray Boulevard shown on that certain plat including a portion of William E. Murray Boulevard recorded in Plat Book L17 at Page 0472 in the ROD Office for Charleston County, South Carolina. All infrastructure has been constructed or bonded. NOTE: City Council previous accepted this portion of William E. Murray Boulevard by deed from The Whitfield Company, but title to a portion of the right-of-way was vested in University Medical Associates of the Medical University of South Carolina (“UMA”). The quitclaim deed from UMA facilitates certainty in the chain of title.

- Quitclaim Deed;
- Plat recorded in L17/0472

b. Public Service Department Update:

(i) Discussion regarding Agreement between the City and Dominion Energy regarding tree trimming and power lines.

c. Stormwater Management Department Updates:

(i) Small Project Allocation – Approve a Memorandum of Agreement with the Town of James Island for the City to provide a 50% construction cost match, not to exceed \$65,000 for the construction of drainage improvements on Highland Ave by the Town’s contractor. Funding was previously recommended by the PW&U committee as part of the 2020 Small Project Allocation and is available within the Stormwater Utility Budget.

(ii) Low Battery Seawall Restoration - Project Funding Discussion

(iii) Low Battery Seawall Restoration Phase III – Approval of Fee Amendment #9 in the amount of \$417,773.00 with Johnson, Mirmiran, and Thompson, Inc., for the engineering and design services related to Phase III of the Low Battery Seawall Restoration Project from Limehouse St to King St. Approval of this fee amendment also adds 365 days to the contract time. Funding is from Hospitality Funds, Municipal Accommodations Tax Funds, and Charleston County Accommodations Tax Fees.

(iv) Medical District Tunnel Extension at Ehrhardt St – Approval of Fee Amendment #3 with Davis & Floyd in the amount of \$151,837.00 for environmental permitting

services, development of front-end contract documents, bidding phase services, and optional services for permitting/coordination for the closure of Cannon St. during the project construction if needed. Funding is from the HUD CDBG-MIT Grant and the Drainage Fund.

Councilmember Waring said, "Now, I do have part of an update that, I think, Councilmember Seekings would penalize me if I don't point out. It's a wonderful opportunity that you alluded to, Mr. Mayor, earlier about to advance the project on Low Battery, instead of it being a five phase project, reducing it down to four. Mr. Fountain, just come to the microphone. We want a Cliffs Notes version of that because if we were to put this in a bond, we can take advantage of low interest rates, keep down the inflationary costs of that repair, which is one of the best linear parks in America. If you haven't seen Phase 1 and looked at Phase 2, I invite you all to go take a look at it. So, this could be a cost saving mechanism that improves the quality of life for all of us. Mr. Fountain."

Matt Fountain said, "Yes, just very briefly, Councilmembers. As you mentioned, the recommendation is to look at changing the project from five phases to four phases by basically lengthening the third phase, Limehouse to just before the King Street intersection. That would require taking the money that Council has been setting aside for the last number of years from the Accommodations and Hospitality Tax fees and taxes and using that to bond off of the same revenue sources to be able to advance the construction since it is shovel ready. It is ready to go. It's not a typical situation where you're bonding for some future project. You're actually bonding from a cash flow perspective. You're ready to spend. We have been seeing in the area about a ten percent per year increase in construction costs. So, with the bond rates that we're seeing, there is the potential to actually reduce the overall cost of the project, instead of having that extend out in the future. In addition to that, of course, it does prevent us from basically having gaps in time for the project where you have somewhat of a gap tooth look of The Battery as you wait for the funding to come in to build those additional phases."

Councilmember Waring said, "Thank you, Mr. Fountain. That's it."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Alright. That's it for that report. Are there any questions?"

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Seekings.

Councilmember Seekings said, "If I can, just very briefly, one of the things we did tonight at Ways and Means is we approved monies for the design of Phase 3. So, are you going to go and make sure that the design of Phase 3 is extended a little bit further, so if we do go back and bond this off, that we'll have an extended project design in advance?"

Mr. Fountain said, "So, I think that was one of the things Councilmember Waring was alluding to. In Public Works and Utilities, we discussed that budget for Phase 3 is for the 1,800 ft. of an extended Phase 3 project, and it also includes a little bit of preliminary work for the King Street intersection parklet because we assume that's going to be a two-year design phase versus most of the wall, which is very similar to what we've seen in the last phase, but, yes, it does include that anticipation of a longer phase."

Councilmember Seekings said, "If you haven't been down there, Mr. Mayor, they poured the first concrete last week and this week on the first 100 ft. and, so they're moving. It looks great."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Yes, sir."

Councilmember Seekings said, "So, go take a look. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "I was down there yesterday asking somebody else to help us find us some money. Thank you. Next up, back to Councilmember Seekings, our [Committee on Traffic and Transportation](#)."

Councilmember Seekings said, "Thank you, Mr. Mayor. The Committee on Traffic and Transportation met yesterday at 1:00 p.m. We took up a few items, one of which I just want to take a minute to tell you all about, and that is the Traffic and Transportation right-of-way permit fees discussion. One of the things that you all sitting here on this Council may not realize, and it's been interesting to see it as it comes together through staff looking at it, is we have lots of people using our streets to do a lot of things. We basically give those spaces away, if not for free, for very little. I love metrics. I think you all need to hear this. In 2019, the City issued 979 street blocking permits, 979. Punch line, how much revenue did we get from the 979 street blocking permits? That would be zero. We got nothing. We had 518 dumpster permits which, as you know, dumpsters, generally, if they're downtown are where meters are, so we did get a little revenue from that, about \$118,000 against probably a value of triple or four times that.

Meter bag permits, we gave out 499 meter bag permits, but this is great, representing 2,229 parking spaces. Do you all know how many parking space meters we have in the City of Charleston? Who knows that? 1,702, plus or minus. We gave away 2,229 spaces and, by the way, it's hard to go back and figure out how many days that represents. That's just spaces and not days. The total revenue that was collected from that was \$239,000. I suspect, if we went back and recreated the days, the spaces, and all that, it would be vastly significantly greater than the \$239,000. We had 239 construction parking permits issued, 159 moving permits, and we did actually collect a few late fees.

When it's all said and done, we issued 2,243 various and sundry permits to block our streets. This is not, by the way, including sidewalks which, I see Mr. O'Brien here, is a whole separate conversation we'll have before the end of the year. Our total revenue was about \$379,000. Ladies and gentlemen of City Council, we need to fix that. I think we will. Ms. McKee, who is not here tonight, has really worked hard with her staff in coming up with a process. There is some thought that we are limited by State statute and how we can charge for the use of our streets and sidewalks. They have to be user fees based on some rational basis of our cost. Now, we're going to look at this, I know Councilmember Appel has a little bit different view, and we're going to talk about it, and we will. For now, anyway, the formula that is being used goes back and tries to recreate staff time that it takes to not only issue all those crazy permits that we did, but to go out and inspect the projects that are ongoing while these permits are outstanding and the streets are closed, in some instances, for years. The Mayor put up the example of Cumberland Street during our Committee meeting yesterday. If you all might recall, they've just finished a project called the Saint Hotel on Cumberland Street. Cumberland Street was effectively closed from East Bay back to Concord Street. Some days it was closed, and we didn't even know about it. It was an unpermitted and unpaid closure, and it was unsightly.

They've come up with a formula that shows about what, in 2019, based on those numbers that I just told you, the estimated lost revenue was. Estimated lost revenue, if we base it on time and inspection time, and without limiting ourselves and really coming up with some fees, totals about \$4.9 million. For those of you who are the budgeteers that we are up here, that all equates to about 4.5 mils of property taxes, something near and dear to all of our hearts. There's a real issue out there, and for those of you who want to be using our streets for free, I think those days

are about to end. This is regrettably, but I think appropriately, for tonight for information purposes only. I think you now have some information that I hope will lead you to the same thought that our Committee had, which is to ask Ms. McKee and her staff to come back to us with an ordinance so we can adopt some of the things that we need to do to be able to charge fees to be using our streets.

Footnote one, we also have to look at sidewalks, which is a whole different issue through the engineering department. I understand there are some people, and I may be one of them, that think that there are some issues with us limiting ourselves to time and expense for issuing the permits and inspecting based on the State statute, but, of course, we'll look at that, and we'll try to make sure that we reasonably maximize the revenues that we can collect for closing our streets. That, ultimately, will be to the benefit of every single taxpayer in the City of Charleston. I took more time than I wanted to, but I thought it was interesting. I will have this sent to all of you, this PowerPoint presentation, so you can see these numbers. Great talk. Now that we're out there in public, as you're out there banging on doors or going to cocktail parties, you let people know about this. I think we'll have great support for doing something to fix it, right?

That was essentially what we talked about most of the time yesterday. We also had, for information purposes only, the Parking Dispatch and County 911 Center MOA, which came through Ways and Means. Mr. Benjamin gave an update. I know that he's out there virtually. I don't know if he wants to add anything. The update was nothing really major, other than one of the things that is on the radar is the repaving, perhaps, of the entire length of Rutledge Avenue and Boulevard in 2023. For those of you whose district transects, and that's a good number of us, you might want to put that on your radar because it probably is an opportunity to reconfigure Rutledge Avenue before they go lay down about five miles of tarmac. With that, Mr. Mayor and fellow Councilmembers, I will cede the floor. That is my report. There is no action needed by this Council. I will make sure that you get this presentation with all these numbers."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you."

Councilmember Seekings said, "Thank you very much."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Any questions or comments?"

Councilmember Seekings said, "And thank you, by the way, to fellow members of the Traffic and Transportation Committee who attentively listened to this and enthusiastically asked that we bring this back to Council for some revenue enhancement."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Waring.

Councilmember Waring said, "I think that's the best T&T report I've heard in years."

Councilmember Seekings said, "Well, I've had a year and a half to practice."

Councilmember Waring said, "Well, let me ask this. You know, we're going to be getting together, Mr. Mayor and Mr. Chairman, for I don't know whether its mid-year budget adjustments, we have to get together for this COVID money. Is there any way when we get together for, let's term it, 'mid-year budget adjustments' that some of this information can be brought forward, and that would be part of those potential adjustments for Fiscal Year '21?"

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "If we pass the ordinance, we probably need three readings. It wouldn't go in effect until the latter part of this year."

Councilmember Waring said, "That's okay."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "I'm happy to consider it. I know that our CFO often doesn't like to count on anticipated revenue. She likes to have the money in the bank, but I'm happy to. Let's have a discussion."

Councilmember Waring said, "Put it in the queue. Thank you, sir."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Yes, sir."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Appel.

Councilmember Appel said, "Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Councilmember Seekings, we received a letter yesterday from the Charleston County School District regarding the Country Club II issue. I spoke with Mr. Benjamin. He had maybe a few minutes just to give a brief update, if that's okay with everybody. I know this has been a recurring issue, and I think it would be good for the public and for Council to hear that the City has been very active and engaged on this issue. Like a lot of things Traffic and Transportation related, it's not all up to us, and there are certain things that are outside of our hands. If Mr. Benjamin is available to make a few remarks."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "If it's the pleasure of Council, that would be fine. Mr. Benjamin?"

Councilmember Appel said, "Thank you, all."

Mr. Benjamin said, "Good evening, everybody. Let me know if you all can hear me properly."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "You're good."

Mr. Benjamin said, "I'll be really quick. We have maintained our relationships with SCDOT, Harbor View Elementary School, neighborhood leadership, and also our City partners with Public Service and Legal regarding that very area. Some months ago, we met with the school and the school district regarding the traffic control plan that's been in place for some time. Last week, we spoke with the Executive Director of Transportation for the school district, as well as with Jeff Borowy, who's the Chief Operating Officer, who sent the letter that I sent to a number of Councilmembers. I can send it to all if necessary, but I sent it to the T&T Committee, to the Chair of Public Works and to Councilmember Appel. They have been doing their due diligence in the midst of COVID as they are trying to make sure their school is safe with their pickups and drop-offs. They've also made their school resource officers available for enforcement on the street as necessary. They said 'just call us, and we'll make it happen.'

One of the other pieces that they wanted to stress in the letter that they offered was their trepidation about placing stopping, standing, prohibiting signs along streets that they currently use for their traffic control plan. To do that would essentially make their pickup and drop-off illegal and nullify their traffic control plan. Per their letter, they ask that we support them in their traffic control plan and their efforts that they're making to work with adjacent neighborhoods and otherwise on the design of their on-campus stacking space, as well as their capacity to move vehicles

throughout. Just wanted to make it clear that we have been doing our due diligence throughout, and we have the full support of the school district, as well as the State DOT.”

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “Thank you, sir. Councilmember Appel, you want to add anything else?”

Councilmember Appel said, “Just wanted to really thank Mr. Benjamin. He’s been on this from day one, as soon as I first started to receive some complaints about this issue. He’s been non-stop in his diligence and advocacy on behalf of everybody in the neighborhood, and I just want to personally thank him for that. Thank you for the opportunity to put some of this information out in the public so that we can all be on the same page. Thank you, all.”

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “Absolutely. I’m not sure if Mr. Benjamin mentioned, but I saw the letter, and they will also attempt to queue more of the cars on the school property, which would be helpful, as well. We’re working on it. Next is our [Committee on Public Safety](#). Councilmember Shahid.”

Councilmember Shahid said, “Thank you, Mr. Mayor and Members of Council. By the way, Madam Clerk, I do like our new microphones. I notice when we’re talking our names pop up on these screens, so this is really sophisticated. This is pretty cool.”

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “We know who you are.”

Councilmember Shahid said, “Everybody has their own name on here, so we know we can’t hijack someone else’s microphone. The Committee on Public Safety met Friday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. I will not mention to you where I was during this Committee meeting. We had two ordinances that we needed to address and discuss. The first ordinance was to address this mobile food truck, we’ve had different names for these street vendors that we were discussing. The intent was to address these food trucks or mobile vending operations on King Street, to address some of the unrest that we’ve been experiencing over the past several weeks. We made several changes to the original proposed ordinance. You should have received an email that outlined the four changes. The Committee recommended approval of these four amendments. The very first one as to B(1)d to read “no mobile food vendor may operate outside the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 a.m.” We had pushed that back to 1:30 a.m. We also made that consistent change of time in the sentence about from 1:30 a.m. to 1:00, so we had an amendment within an amendment. We altered the definition of mobile food vendor vehicle definition to include non-motorized carts because there were some instances in which they may not have been self-propelling, and we amended section B(1)a to change 250 feet to 100 feet and remove the reference of the word ‘truck.’ So, as amended, this ordinance was proposed unanimously. Chief Reynolds is present. I’m sorry, proposed unanimously to have this brought before Council, and we bring it to your attention. Chief Reynolds, if you want to make any comments about the purpose of this ordinance and the impact it may have on parts of King Street.”

Chief Reynolds said, “For now, we’re just talking about the food vendors?”

Councilmember Shahid said, “The food truck, yes.”

Chief Reynolds said, “I can talk a little later maybe more about the problems overall, but yes, I believe that the vendor ordinance, as well as, just in general, the goal beginning to shut down King Street earlier and uniformly, so that we don’t have businesses open up until 3 or 4 in the morning that are actually attracting people to stay there that really have no business there.

We've experienced a lot of problems related to that, so we really need to work hard on a whole variety of things. We've done some things that are, I think, helping significantly, and this is just a step of many others to get us to a better place."

Councilmember Shahid said, "Just to echo that, this is one of many changes we've been addressing on King Street, along with the other things the Mayor has instituted with the one-way traffic and parking along the line. Mr. Mayor, I would recommend to Council that we adopt this amended ordinance, as amended, as I read into the record. I would so move."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We have a motion. Do we have a second?"

Councilmember Seekings said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We have a second. Would anyone like to be heard or have a question?"

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Sakran.

Councilmember Sakran said, "Thank you, Mayor. I think it would be helpful just for some context for folks listening, will this change any of the licensing requirements for vendors on King Street or reduce the number of potential spots for them to be serving?"

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "From my understanding, it does not change any licensing requirements, and contrary to a comment made earlier, folks can still do business, they just can't do it until 3:00 or 4:00 in the morning. They'll have to shut down at 1:30 so that when the bars and restaurants also have final closing at 2:00 a.m., we're hopeful that folks will go on home, and that will be the end of the evening."

Councilmember Sakran said, "One additional question. The change from 250 feet to 100 feet, what was the rationale for even including something like that in the ordinance?"

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Well, the reduction was to make it a little less restrictive, if you will, to not have a food vendor literally just a door away in close proximity to a competing restaurant or food service provider."

Councilmember Sakran said, "How does that address any safety issues though? Are we just minimizing the potential competition between two vendors? I personally feel like the vendors actually add a benefit to King Street. Many folks don't have the ability to purchase a lease and open a restaurant. For safety reasons, I get the time difference, but having a vendor next to another restaurant, I don't quite understand how that addresses any safety issues."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Griffin.

Councilmember Griffin said, "Yes, sir. Thank you. I called Chief Reynolds today, and we had a very pleasant, long conversation about what the future of King Street looks like. In a lot of ways, I'm glad that we have a plan. However, I didn't find out about it until today, a couple of hours ago, about what our plan is. I had no idea that we were looking to reduce all of King Street back to 1:00 a.m. I'm guessing, more or less, this is the first step in doing that. What kind of message are we sending if we're going to let people sell liquor later than we let them sell food? I know that

a lot of you probably don't patronize King Street late at night, and I try not to as much anymore either because I'm getting older, but there is a value added when you walk out of a bar, and you've had a few drinks, and you're waiting on your public transportation or your Uber, your private transportation, that could be 45 minutes to an hour right now due to the shortage of drivers. What are you going to do? Are you just supposed to plop down on King Street drunk, and sit there for an hour, or can you go to a well-lit, safe place, get some food to sober up a little bit, and get home safely? If I was a 21 or 22-year-old girl, I would want to go to a well-lit, safe area, which is what these vendors are, and get some food in my stomach or get some free water. I've heard from several vendors. I've called a lot of them. They all offer free water, and a lot of them are small, minority-owned businesses that I really appreciate in a lot of ways. I think we're doing a disservice to those vendors by saying, 'hey, look, if you own a big store, you are more important than this local, small business vendor. Because you're competing with them, you're no longer allowed to be in this space near them.'

I don't know if you all have seen some of the alleyways or the walkways where some of these vendors set up. They're very, very poorly lit. Very poorly lit, and they would be very, very dangerous alleyways where illegal activity could go on. Somebody could pull a gun on somebody. So, I almost wonder whether or not we're being counterproductive by taking away these street vendors. Ultimately, like I said from the beginning, what kind of message are we sending that we're saying 'hey, the bar that's serving liquor drinks and shots, you can stay open later than the guy that's making a Philly cheesesteak on the street?' That, to me, is reactionary. If we're going to go in a direction where we want to change King Street, this is not an emergency ordinance. This is an ordinance that would be in place forever, unless another Council decides to change it. If we're going to make wholesale changes like this, why are we doing it, sort of, bring it up to a committee on Friday and pass it on Tuesday, and we move on to the next? This is a very, very, very important issue, and I understand that there's going to be a meeting with some of the business owners coming up this week. I'd like to hear what their feedback is before we move forward with this. Ultimately, it's a 'no' for me tonight. I agree that we have to make some wholesale changes because everybody that visits this City and every one of our citizens should be able to go down to King Street and patronize it safely. We should not have people there all night long. This is not Bourbon Street. Ultimately, telling the food vendors to pack up before the bars, to me, is backwards. That's where I'm at. Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you, sir."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Shahid.

Councilmember Shahid said, "Yes, sir, Mr. Mayor. Thank you. The agenda for this meeting was published well before today. We met on Friday, so this information was available to everybody prior to Friday as to what we were proposing. We're not shutting down mobile vendors, and I think the misconception of this is that we're shutting down or sending these people on their way. That is an inaccurate description. What we're trying to do is, you're right, we're trying to change the atmosphere on King Street. The atmosphere on King Street has changed. I grew up on King Street. My family was born on King Street, so I'm very familiar with this part of King Street, and I understand the dynamics of this. What we have down there is a toxic environment, and the Chief warned us about this early on at the beginning of the year as to what was taking place with young people and with gangs being formed in the area. We have a problem with things that are attracting people to stay downtown. We want to change the environment of King Street. We want it to remain a wholesome place where folks come and have a good time, patronize the restaurants, patronize the businesses that are down there, and patronize the other enterprises. That's the whole idea behind this.

We're also trying to come up with a major plan for addressing what has been the root problem, as to the violence that we've experienced in the past several weeks. This is one step towards that. This is going to be a first reading of this ordinance. This is not an Emergency Ordinance. This is a first reading. We can have folks come back during our June meeting to talk about this, offer input, and other suggestions on how to address this. If we want to make sure that King Street remains a safe place that is welcome to all people, this is an opportunity to start addressing that particular point. It was not long ago in which a SLED committee was formed before I was on Council, addressing some of these exact same issues. Some important measures were taken, and it had an impact, to avoid it looking like Key West or Bourbon Street in New Orleans. We don't want that. That's not the environment that we want. Hopefully, this will be a first step, along with the other things that we've taken up to address this. I just want to reemphasize, we're not shutting these vendors down. We're just making some adjustments to their hours of operation and making sure that we are sensitive to them being able to operate. That's been some of the reasons for the changes on the 100 ft. to 200 ft. that we allow them to operate and not be restricted and to continue some of the practices that they're having. I would urge Council to vote for this, get this through first reading. If we need to make some other adjustments to it, we've got between now and June to do that. Thank you, Mr. Mayor."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you. I would like to just add at this point, if I may, that the one vendor we, and I look forward to hearing from the other vendors, if we give this first reading tonight, they'll be able to come forward, heard from tonight has four locations. They get their name from booze, Booze Pops, and he's not a food vendor, although he might offer a free drink of water to someone. He's selling a food product that has alcohol in it. Unfortunately, our State law, with the Alcoholic Beverage Commission, does not regulate food products that contain alcohol. So, even though the bars have to close and quit selling liquor and beer and wine, he can still sell Booze Pops laced with alcohol, and it's like folks going out to get another drink after the bars close. Respectfully, I think this is a step in the right direction. It may need some tweaking, and I do look forward to hearing from the other food vendors. Some accommodation might need to be made for them, both in the distance and time. The real purpose is to try to avoid a continuance of a party atmosphere well past when the regular businesses have to close. Our momma said, 'after midnight,' and this is after two o'clock, 'it's time to go home.'"

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Waring.

Councilmember Waring said, "Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I think there's merit to all that's been said, certainly what you just said now, Mr. Mayor. As the Chairman said, we're trying to come up with a major plan, and you don't come up with a major plan meeting on a Friday and having it on the agenda on Tuesday, with all due respect. The information that the Public Safety Committee had, certainly the presentation during its Zoom meeting, the entirety of Council, on this particular issue, affecting probably one of the most major districts in the entire City of Charleston, we should make the decision based on thorough information being supplied to all 12 of us, certainly, the Mayor being the 13th member of Council. I would ask, respectfully, that we defer this item because I'm not fully informed to vote on this one, Mr. Mayor. There's something that Councilmember Appel has been saying for almost his entirety on Council, many of our issues lie in our zoning. Many of our solutions lie in zoning. I think this is one, too, that can find a solution if zoning is properly applied. One of the things that our entertainment, if we want to call it an entertainment district, is that it has expanded beyond the capabilities of our zoning. I would say that there are places now where there are bars that used to be paint and body shops. The paint and body shops would close at 6:00 or 6:30 p.m. Now, the bar closes at two o'clock, in close proximity to neighborhoods because that zoning was, in effect, grandfathered. This is a little bit different, but we used to have

an adult bookstore on the corner of Sycamore and St. Andrew's Blvd., and it literally provided havoc for the Ashleyville Neighborhood Association. All kinds of illicit activities are going on. The City aimed to change that so much until it went all the way to the Supreme Court, and that neighborhood found success because the City realized that the wrong zoning was in place at the wrong time. It used to be a grocery store, a red and white grocery store, and an adult bookstore moved there, and the zoning was grandfathered. It took a better part of 10 years to get to the Supreme Court on that, but you ride by there now, and you'd never know that that, frankly, house of ill repute was ever there. I think a little more study and due diligence on all our behalves, certainly input from our Chief, to crystalize a problem that, right now, all of us don't know about, some of you do, but not all of us know about, and I include myself in that. That's why I respectfully ask that we defer this one right now, so we don't have a tug of war. When we come back on this one, we'll be fully informed and, hopefully, we will vote collectively on a major change, as you said, Mr. Chairman, and I agree with you, on a major district in this City. So, I move to defer."

Councilmember Gregorie said, "Mr. Mayor?"

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Gregorie.

Councilmember Gregorie said, "I'd like to second that motion for deferral."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Mitchell.

Councilmember Mitchell said, "Yes, Mr. Mayor, I understand what my colleagues are saying, and I told the Chief, and you, Mr. Mayor, and part of the Public Safety Committee that if we got into a big dialogue over this, I would have deferred until next month or next Council meeting, so that everyone would be informed on what's going on, so we wouldn't have to go through these things over and over again. If this is a consensus, and I know we have a motion on the floor, I'll just move to have both Items A and B deferred, until next month. Give all the Councilmembers an opportunity to contact the Chief or contact the Mayor, or if we have to have another meeting to even go over all these items that we are talking about or that we are planning on doing, so we can make a fair judgement, and then we won't have to go through all the dialogue that we are going through now. This could save a whole lot of time and not put the wrong perception in the community. They're looking at us saying this is what they're doing, this is what they're not doing. So, I think this would be the best way, to defer it. In fact, I would make an amended motion that we defer both A and B until--"

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Will you accept that amendment to your motion to defer?"

Councilmember Mitchell said, "Until next month, and in the meantime, let's get together and try to have a dialogue that we can iron this out, and come back next month and iron this out, and let's have this completely taken care of."

Councilmember Waring said, "I accept your amendment, Councilmember Mitchell."

Councilmember Gregorie said, "I second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We have a motion on the floor to defer both of the ordinances 3A and B."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Appel.

Councilmember Appel said, "Thank you, sir. I'm all about going about this in a deliberate, smart, engaging manner. I just want to remind everyone about what happened three weekends ago on King Street. We had a very serious, dangerous situation unfold. We had women stabbed. We had officers beaten by a crowd, by an out of control crowd. This is not some hypothetical thing that we're doing for no reason. We avoided a very serious problem about three weekends ago that, frankly, has been brewing for a long time. I'm very open-minded to a series of steps we can take so that all of the brunt and all of that chaos is not thrown at the feet of our law enforcement because by the time it gets to that point, we have already failed. If there are some smart, creative, fair, non-discriminatory ways that we can get to that point, so we can lessen that burden from our officers, that Lord knows have had a heck of a year and a half, I'm all for it. I just wanted to make sure that we had the context here about why we're talking about these various issues. I've got a tremendous amount of respect for our Chief. When these issues are brought to us, and these potential solutions are brought to the table, it's not coming from any place other than a genuine desire to come to a resolution here and to avoid King Street from becoming a very dangerous and, frankly, scary place.

My wife, thankfully, has allowed me to go on a few "fact-finding missions" late at night, Friday and Saturday night on Upper King Street. I've seen a lot of it firsthand myself. I'm telling you guys, it's wild out there, and we have to get it under control. I'm very open-minded to it. I agree we don't need to be rushing into things. We don't meet that much in the summer. First reading doesn't make anything a law. It does move the ball forward. We'll have a substantial amount of time between now and the next meeting in June to have as much outreach and coordination and thought process going, but guys, we may be in for a tough summer. We've all read the news about what's going on in North Charleston and what's going on, frankly, all over the City and all over the world. It's a dangerous time right now. Crime is way up. We're coming out of COVID-19. Look at what happened out in Kiawah on the Ocean Course. I mean, those guys got crazy at the end of that golf tournament. Society is kind of, I think, coming into, it's going to be a pretty interesting summer, is what I'm trying to say. We need to be careful about this because things are getting wild out there. That's all I have to say."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Seekings.

Councilmember Seekings said, "Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I agree on the second part, on the curfew, that we should defer it and talk about that, but on the food vendor issues, I'd like to speak to that, Mr. Mayor. It is a Zoning Ordinance, but who's standing before us and asking for that? It's the Police Chief. With all due respect to everyone at this table, I don't think anybody who sits on this Council has spent more time on King Street between 10 p.m. and 2:00 a.m. in the morning in the last two months than me. I've been up there just about every night. Mr. Mayor, you described it as a party atmosphere. That is kind. It's way beyond that. Do you not agree with that, Chief? It is scary up there. You would not go up there alone if you did not know the Police Chief or other officers up there. It has gotten to that point. We need to do something. If you go and ask the people who are on that team late at night what they would wish for from this Council, in the top three things they ask for is this food vendor ordinance because the food vendors have been places of the congregation until all, God knows, what time of the day and night and morning. It has created incredible issues and problems.

We have gone through a lot in the last year. A lot. We have invested a lot in trying to bring back our economy on King Street. One of the things we asked the CVB to do was go out there and take some of the storefronts and dress them up a little bit, right? Well, if you all have been by Bluestein's lately, which is an empty storefront, what's going on there is a major investment from the CVB with an art installation. It's really cool. You know why it hasn't opened up yet, although

they've expended all the money, the artist has been there? You know why it hasn't opened up, yet? Because there's not one, not two, but three bullet holes in the glass at Bluestein's today. Today. It didn't get shot in history, or a year ago. That got shot two weeks ago when they were installing the art. The detectives were there investigating at the same time.

We have a problem up there, and our Police Department is asking us to help them. Help them control it, manage it. This is simply a management ordinance that we're putting first reading on. If our Police Chief and our team that's up there every night, who are in harm's way, and I mean really in harm's way up there, it's no kidding, go up there and look at it. Don't go alone, by the way. Go up and look at it. They're asking for this, and we have an obligation to give it to them now, not later. Not later. This didn't come out of nowhere. It's one of many things. If you've been up to King Street lately, we've got one-way traffic. We've taken parking away between the 300 and 600 block. Now, the 200 and 600 block. It's getting calmer. The request for this is part and parcel of that. By the way, one of the things that they have instituted is, once everything shuts down at 1:30, you know what the first thing that shows up there is? Street Sweepers. Well, do you want street sweepers blasting past outdoor food trucks? Hello? I mean, that makes no logical sense, and in terms of public safety, I would request all of you, don't defer this one. Give it first reading, and if you've got questions about it, talk to that man in front of you or any of his deputies, who are up there every single night.

Last week, we had Charleston Police Department, we had the County, we had SLED, and we had the National Guard on call. It's gotten to that point. It's not the future. It's not time for deliberate and smart. It's time for smart, action-based on what we've been asked to do. The craziness up there is not patient, okay? It is something that we have to address. I agree we need to study and do due diligence, but we also need to listen to the team that we employ to make us safe, and they're telling us right now that we're not safe. Your eyes will tell that to you, so let's take a step forward and make it safe. I'm going to vote against the deferral on the food truck ordinance, or the food vendor ordinance. I do think that curfew is something we need to talk about some more, but please, fellow Councilmembers, give this Police Chief and his team what they've asked us for. It's important. Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilwoman Jackson.

Councilwoman Jackson said, "Thank you. I am compelled by the last few speakers. I'm obviously too old to go to King Street. Nobody would want me there at this point in my life. I wouldn't want to be there. I am benefited by those of you that are eyewitnesses to what's happening in a season that we haven't predicted in the past. I think that I resonated with Councilmember Sakran's question of why we are trying to limit competition. I mean, if we're really just trying to make things safer late at night, after the restaurants and the establishments are required to close, then I don't really understand the whole reason for making food vendors have to get all this permission and not be 100 ft. away. If we give it first reading right now, which I'm prepared to vote 'yes' on that, then I really would like to drill down and understand better why we need to have any sort of distance regulation to go along with that."

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

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilwoman Delcioppo.

Councilwoman Delcioppo said, "Thank you. First, I'm going to rub some of you all the wrong way when you say you didn't have enough notice about this. I spent my Friday evening watching the YouTube video of the Public Safety meeting because that's how important this is to

me. We spent, what, an hour and a half yesterday, Chief, Deputy Chief Walker, Councilmember Mitchell, and some others, going through about the curfew and exactly how you manage minors and the implications of that. So, to say that you have not been given proper notice, when things are properly notified in accordance with FOIA, I'm going to call you out on that. You take the time for the things that matter. This matters. It obviously mattered to me. We have, Councilmembers Mitchell, Seekings, Shahid, and myself, sat in umpteen meetings over the past couple of weeks and spent hours and hours on these things because we represent these areas. We've spoken with the business owners. It's not haphazard that these things are coming forward. I agree, a curfew and when it comes to minors, I would be remiss if I did not thank Robert and Chief and Deputy Chief and the others for the conversation we had yesterday. When I saw that curfew, my mind went into a million places that I don't want to get into right here. It was so reassuring, the conversation we had. That is what we all need to do more, is to actually have conversations with each other and to pick up the phone and to set up a Zoom meeting or whatever needs to be done. These folks are nothing but at our disposal, and for that, I am forever grateful for the amount of time you all spend with the 12 of us and our crazy questions and requests and everything else. That curfew was something that was so, it just weighed on me all weekend and made me almost unbearable all weekend. I appreciate a deferral on that. I'm okay with that. The food vendor, I think we need to go ahead and move forward with that. If a brick and mortar has to close down at a certain time, then a mobile one should, too. They should all have to shut down at the same time.

To Councilmember Seekings' point, what's the great benefit coming out of all this? Our streets are getting cleaned, which is something that the business owners and residents and everybody else have been begging for, for the street, the entire area, to be cleaner. Now, we're getting that. I'm not going to stand there chewing my Philly cheesesteak or whatever, and there's a big street sweeper coming by. It is dangerous. I have said to some folks, you know what, I'm going to go down there and see for myself in these wee hours what's happening, and I appreciate, I've been told, 'its no place for a lady to be at that hour. Please stay home, Marie.' That's very sweet that you all are always looking out for my best interest. I'm okay if we want to work through the curfew more because we're dealing with minors, and that's an entirely different issue. We had such a great conversation about that. It was raw, and it was honest, and it was just incredible. The street vendors, they need to play by the same rules as everybody else."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you so much."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Gregorie.

Councilmember Gregorie said, "Just sitting here listening, if our entertainment district is that dangerous to public safety, it sounds like we need to shut it down. I mean, it sounds like we're playing at it, that what we're doing is we're going at symptoms. We're not getting at the base of the problem. What changed? Was it the food trucks, I don't know, that start attracting the kind of element to our entertainment district that makes it unsafe, that makes it a place that we don't even want to go? To me, if it's that serious, it does require much more thought. If we're talking about a curfew, I think that needs a lot more thought because it's targeting. I think it's going to have a specific problem on certain populations. I think it's going to backfire on us. I think we really need to be careful with regard to both of these because I still say if it's that bad out there, then we've got to do much more than just these two actions. We've got to get to the heart of the problem, find out the whys, and then act.

Now, we're saying that the Booze Pops and those vendors are attracting the wrong element to our entertainment district. That's what we're saying, and it sounds like, to me, then perhaps we need to go even further because public safety is our number one priority. From what

I've heard from my fellow Councilmembers about how bad it is down there, this is a serious problem. I drove down last night just to check things out. I knew it was a Monday night, but I drove down anyway, and it did seem a little peaceful. I am going to try this weekend, but I think both of these need to be deferred and given much more thought, and perhaps we need to take even more drastic measures to protect the public safety of the residents of this City. What I heard from Councilmember Seekings, what I heard from Councilmember Appel, what I heard from Councilwoman Delcioppo, we've got a serious problem, and these are the people on the Public Safety Committee. We have a serious problem that goes beyond these two actions, so I think we should defer both and really have a further and more lengthy discussion on cause and effect. Thanks, Mayor."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you, Councilmember Gregorie. Does anybody else that has not been heard like to speak? Anyone would like a little follow-up, just a short follow-up?"

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Sakran.

Councilmember Sakran said, "I don't want to belabor this, I just want to make sure that I'm on the record. As you know, the Chief is in front of us. Councilmember Appel and Councilmember Seekings are absolutely right. This is what they're requesting. We need to act tonight. Deferral is not an option for us. Our job is to make decisions. We need to make decisions, not punt. We've got two or three times to make sure that we can make the changes. My issue with the vendor ordinance was simply placement. The timeline, when they end, I get it, you don't want to attract folks after the bars close. I understand that, but I do not want to limit the ability for a small vendor to operate a stand. These are shawarma folks selling shawarma sandwiches until midnight or 1:00 a.m. They are doing no harm. After one o'clock, I get it. I understand completely. As far as the curfew for our youth, I do think that needs more massaging, but there is no reason for us to defer that. We can do that on second, third reading. The Chief is in front of us asking for this. I have been down on King Street, and Councilmember Appel is not speaking hyperbole. Councilmember Gregorie is not speaking hyperbole. We have a serious challenge on our hands. As Councilmembers, deferring this is just punting. Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Waring.

Councilmember Waring said, "Thank you. Listen, I take all of my Councilmembers seriously. I don't think anybody's making anything up here. There are those on the Public Safety Committee that simply have more information than many of us who are not on the Public Safety Committee. All due respect, Councilwoman Delcioppo, I respect the fact that you Zoomed in Friday. All of us can't Zoom in on all Committee meetings all the time. I couldn't. I don't have that information. Obviously, the Chief presented information to the Committee that's public. This is that serious. The cause and effect from the bullets being in the window and the vendors, can you address that Chief, or some of the issues? I'm not a guy that punts, and I'm not a guy that abstains unless I just wasn't in the room when the issue was discussed. Some of the issues that, when it comes to Public Safety, you think we need to address tonight and why, that cause and effect, can you address some of that right now for those of us who didn't hear the Public Safety Committee?"

Chief Reynolds said, "Thank you for the opportunity for this engagement. Let me just say a few things. One, I view this as a continuum, and we've been meeting for months. This is not just 'hey, we've got to do this tonight,' or a knee-jerk reaction. This is an ongoing dialogue with the business community, Public Safety Committee, residents, and with Councilmembers. This is a significant conversation. It's not just something that happened overnight. It's not going to get fixed overnight. It's not something that's unique to the City of Charleston. It's something that's occurring

throughout our State, throughout our region, throughout our Country. There's a significant spike in violence. I'm just going to hit on some specifics related to this conversation. There are varied problems, and there are varied approaches, and we've already done some things. Some of those things have been mentioned with the traffic patterns, with nuisance businesses, frankly, and I'll hit on a few of those things. This is but a step in the right direction. Nobody's picking on any singular vendor tonight. I want to make that clear. I don't think anybody's trying to single anybody out.

We're trying to get to a place where we don't attract the wrong people to King Street. I'll name some of those people: young people, gangs, guns, drugs, excessive alcohol, and retaliation. Those are all things that are not good for our safety, and those are things that have increased, that are down there, not just 1:30 or 2:00, but 3:00, 4:00, and 5:00 in the morning. Why are they down there? Because these businesses are still open, and they're attracting people, and they're drinking excessively, and they're saying 'hey, let's go get some more beer. Hey, the drug dealers are around the corner. Let's go buy some dope. Let's do all these other things. By the way, let's invite our other friends down here.' A lot of the other areas in this region have shut down their businesses. They're not open, and those same people have now come here because we are open until 3:00 or 4:00 a.m., and we've kind of encouraged some of that behavior.

Increasing violent crime, I'll just name a few things. We referenced the three people shot and three stabbed a few weeks ago. What times did that occur? 2:30, 3:30 in the morning. Mary Street parking garage, a week before that, a 17 year old female was shot in the foot. I think she might have lost her leg or lost her foot. I'm not sure about that, but I think she might have actually lost her foot from that. Seventeen years old.

Increasing intoxication after hours. Increasing presence after hours. With COVID, we have colleges that have now relocated to our City because their cities are closed, and ours is open. They've come here, and let me just name some of the main colleges: Amherst from Massachusetts, Colgate from New York, Middlebury from Vermont, Kenyon from Ohio, Duke from North Carolina, Wake Forest from North Carolina, UNC Chapel Hill, and others. They literally have rented out houses, and they are going to their schools remotely, taking their classes online and coming here to party. It's those things, it's a combination of a whole lot of different things that are adding to underage drinkers.

We have certain problem establishments, and I'll call them out. I won't call them out by name tonight, but I will tell you right now, the business community, my officers, the Mayor, and others, including Councilmember Seekings, are tired of it. They are nuisance establishments. They are encouraging underage drinking. They are encouraging gang members to come to their establishments and, as a direct result, they're adding to the problems that we have on King Street after closing time. The direct outcome is some of this violence and some of these things that have occurred. We are beginning to deal with those problem establishments.

I'll throw another thing on top of this. Opioids. '19, '20, and '21, if you look at the chart, it's going directly in the wrong direction. The increased overdoses and the increased deaths are unbelievable. The State of South Carolina, number one in the Country, the worst state in the entire Country with opioid overdoses. We just earned that distinction recently. That's something that is overlapping all of this.

Last Saturday night, and I was on the phone with Reggie Burgess early Sunday morning, just was in a meeting with him a few hours ago, and we were working very closely together because that could have just as easily happened here. Fourteen kids shot, one 14 year old young lady killed. Gang signs, retaliation, girls fighting each other, and everybody has a gun, and they

don't hesitate to shoot each other. That's a problem. I can't agree more with this conversation that there's no easy solution, that this is comprehensive, that it's much bigger than a food vendor, but there are some things we can do that will have an impact. I pray to God, maybe we can save one life, and if we can do that, it's all worth it. I can't imagine Reggie going to that family and having to sit down with that mother. I can promise you, I'm tired of sitting with these mothers, and you'll never forget the sound of a mother's voice as she wails over her child laying on the concrete dead from a gunshot wound. I'm telling you, it happens too often.

It happened last night again in our City. Think about that. I was just talking to one of our officers who's an SRO in our schools. Just an hour ago, sitting in this meeting talking to him, and he's telling me how hard it is for these kids that were involved in that shooting Saturday night in North Charleston to go to school now and take a test. He said 'hey, what happened to your foot?' 'Well, I got shot. I was in that shooting. Well now I've got to take a test.' Think about the PTSD and the trauma related to that. Think about a 13 year old worried about taking their exam, but at the same time they can't sleep at night because they're worried about bullets coming through their windows. We have big problems, and it's much more significant than one street vendor, but we can solve it one thing at a time. That was not after midnight, by the way, so this curfew, and we don't need to talk about that a whole lot tonight, is not a solution. It never was, and it's been very divisive. I've said that I think it should be just taken off the table because it's so divisive, and the solution, the answer to this, is all of us coming together, which is what I'm hearing tonight. We have to get together and have some unanimity in our approaches. It has to be comprehensive, and it has to go, as Mr. Lawrence said so eloquently earlier, it can't just be the Police.

We don't have the capacity to fix all these problems. We're good at making arrests. We've made arrests in almost every one of these cases, and we're working with the Feds, and we're working with the State Solicitor, and everybody's working together. I'm just going to throw this out, since we're in a public forum, and we're talking about this problem of violence, in about a 10-year period, I'm told we had about 5 officer-involved shootings. The first two months this year we had three. I had an officer shot. We're lucky we didn't have a funeral for one of our Police Officers. Yes, we have a violence problem in our City. What do we get in return? Constitutional carry. Don't get me started on that. We need assistance. Throw me a life raft. I need one. Don't throw me an anchor, and hit me over the head with an anvil. It doesn't help. There's a lot of things that we can do to address and solve these problems.

I'll just end with this. I think Mr. Lawrence said this also, it's a shared responsibility. Our young children don't belong on King Street at 3:00 or 4:00 a.m. stabbing and shooting each other. I don't believe a curfew is the answer. That's been very divisive. It's been very poorly received, and I've gotten a lot of good feedback from good people in the community that have said, 'Chief, that's not the answer. It's not going to help us.' I don't know the answer. I don't think that's it. I don't think that was ever designed to solve this problem, but we have a problem. I'm thankful for the business community because they've been highly engaging. I think they've been sacrificial and same thing with all of our communities to get together. It's going to take a commitment. Not everybody's going to be happy. I'll just say this piece, King Street needs to shut down. It needs to shut down earlier across the board, so that people have an incentive, at some point, to go home, so we can clean the streets with our street sweepers. I think that's going to make a huge difference."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you, Chief."

Councilmember Waring said, "Mr. Mayor, I want to amend my motion based on what the Chief has said. Your timeframe for these vendors, you are recommending what?"

Chief Reynolds said, "I think 1 a.m. is where we're headed. We're going to meet with the businesses this week to have that conversation and that discussion, but I think King Street should shut down at 1 a.m. I think that would help significantly."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Can I make a suggestion? We have a motion on the floor to defer both of these items, and we've had some great discussion here. I think we all recognize there are some changes that we can make to this vendor ordinance. We have layered a lot of solutions or pieces to this puzzle already, including the street sweeping and the one-way and, by the way, I've called all of our departments to the fore, the Fire Marshal to make sure people are complying with their occupancy, Livability to make sure people are pulling in their trash cans, Zoning, Traffic and Transportation. We're all in on this issue, keeping our City safe and making King Street the entertainment district that it deserves to be. Could I suggest that we give first reading to A, and then we can change it next time with more input? Then, rather than defer B, go ahead and withdraw it. Take it off the table, as the Chief has said. We've had significant input here today. With the event that happened in North Charleston the other evening, it happened at 10:30 p.m. I mean, if you have a curfew at midnight, it would have had no effect, so we need to rethink bringing something like that. I think A is a legitimate measure that we should take and go ahead and give it first reading tonight, and then we can modify it at our next meeting."

Councilmember Mitchell said, "I'll second that."

Councilmember Waring said, "Well, Mr. Mayor, let me have a point of order? I withdraw my motion to defer."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you. God bless. Can I entertain a motion that we give first reading to A and withdraw B?"

Councilmember Mitchell said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Councilmember Shahid, you so move? Okay, and we've got a second. Any further discussion?"

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Gregorie.

Councilmember Gregorie said, "One question. I listened intently to what the Chief said, and I think the Chief and I are pretty much in agreement. When did we make the change, as a City, from closing things down? I think we went up to 2:00 a.m. At one point we were, what, at 12:30 a.m. Where were we?"

Councilmember Seekings said, "It was 4:00 a.m."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "No, at one point we were all night long."

Councilmember Gregorie said, "I mean, but we also had to vote for it to be until 2:00 a.m. Prior to that, what time was it?"

Councilmember Seekings said, "4:00 a.m."

Councilmember Gregorie said, "4:00 in the morning?"

Councilmember Seekings said, "Yes."

Councilmember Gregorie said, "Oh, I thought it was earlier. I'm sorry."

Councilmember Seekings said, "No, sir. It was 4:00 a.m."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "2:00 a.m. was backing it off. Before, it was all night long. Back when I worked for Mayor Riley in the 90's, we had bars that were open 24/7."

Councilmember Gregorie said, "We need to back it some more."

The Clerk said, "Who was the second?"

Councilmember Mitchell said, "I was."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Councilmember Waring and Mitchell."

Councilmember Seekings said, "It was seconded by everyone."

On a motion of Councilmember Waring, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, City Council voted to give first reading to Item A and withdraw Item B on the Public Safety Committee Report:

An ordinance to amend the Code of City of Charleston, South Carolina, Chapter 17, Article V, Division 8-Vending, Section 17-121 to add a new Section 17-121 (b), Rules and Regulations for mobile street vendor vehicles operating on private property in the Central Business District. (AS AMENDED)

An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Charleston, South Carolina, Chapter 21, to add a new Section 21-114 to establish a youth curfew in the Central Business District. (WITHDRAWN)

The vote was not unanimous. Councilmember Griffin voted nay.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you very much. Thank you, Chief, for your presentation. Let's continue to get some feedback and engagement from our business community and make those suggestions, Councilmember Sakran, that we feel are appropriate to the vendor ordinance."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Mitchell.

Councilmember Mitchell said, "I'm going to be quick. On the ordinance that we just took out, the curfew ordinance, I just want to make sure that people know when this first came up, I did it because of the safety reason. I'm down there all the time, too, because I live on King Street. I'm always down King Street, up and down, on the weekend, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sundays. Those are the days, and I know things were going on, but I hate losing so many of our young people. A lot of young people are dying, and my thing was safety, to try to find some mechanism we could use to try to save our young people down there on King Street. What's happening? You have these gangs, I don't know if you know, but gangs I know from living in New York. I've been around a lot of gangs. You have the Crips, the Bloods and all that right here in the City of Charleston now and other gangs. You have females that are in gangs, and they will use guns and everything else and are not afraid to use them. This is what we have down here coming

in on King Street from Summerville, Goose Creek, all these different Counties. They're coming here to the City of Charleston, and that's what we're running into. I don't know of a solution to it, but I was trying to find some way that we could save our young people because we are losing them, just like last night. Most of the Councilmembers don't even know that I was getting both beat up by this ordinance more than anybody else here on Council. They were going to come by and march up and down my house. A lot of you don't know what I was going through, being an African-American, and that's what it was doing to me.

The thing is, with me, I feel if I'm doing something correct, and it is right for my young people, and I have grandkids and kids that are out there, it doesn't matter. I'll stand for it, and I'll take it. That's why it's very hard when you see these things going on, when you see a young person laying out there and a mother screaming and hollering, and they're not coming back. These kids are not coming back. I was up last night until earlier this morning. I had a shooting on Johnson Street, which is my district. One young man died, the other young man got shot twice in the leg. That's another young man that's gone. It was not drug related at that time, but you don't know if his family was recovering from what happened in North Charleston. It's going to be another repercussion. There's going to be some more coming. They already said it last night. I was out there until 2:00 a.m. I'm always out there when something has happened in the district that I represent. King Street is also a district that I represent. This is the entertainment district, so I'm out there also. I just want to throw that out to everyone and let them know that we have to do something. I don't know what the answer is. I spoke to my colleagues, Councilwoman Delcioppo. She called me. I spoke to Councilmember Griffin. He called me to get input from me, and I was telling him what I feel could be done. I spoke to Councilmember Gregorie. He gave me his input on it, and I recognized what they were saying. I understood what they were saying. My thing was always because of safety. I spoke to the Chief on numerous occasions. He was calling me back and forth, back and forth. We're trying to get something done and see what we could do for King Street. I just want to throw that out, too, but something has to be done. Thank you very much."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you, Councilmember Mitchell. Councilmember Shahid, is that the end of your report?"

Councilmember Shahid said, "I was just going to make sure, Mayor, that we passed A as amended with those four changes to it."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Correct."

Councilmember Shahid said, "Then that would be my report. Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Yes, sir. Next up is our Committee on [Ways and Means](#). Councilmember Gregorie?"

Councilmember Gregorie said, "Move for approval, Mayor."

Councilmember Mitchell said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Any discussion? Questions?"

No one asked to speak.

On a motion of Councilmember Gregorie, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the Committee on Ways and Means Report:

(Bids and Purchases

- (Recreation Department: Approval of a contract between the City of Charleston and the Charleston County School District in the amount of \$33,660 to purchase meals to be served during the summer for children who participate in the school free/reduced lunch program. Funding is provided through the SC Department of Education to the City of Charleston as the local sponsoring agency. The program commences on June 21st and ends on August 8, 2021. No City match is required.
- (Stormwater Management: Approval of a Memorandum of Agreement with the Town of James Island for the City to provide a 50% construction cost match, not to exceed \$65,000 for the construction of drainage improvements on Highland Ave. Funding is from the 2020 SW Small Project Allocation. The City Contribution of \$65,000 is available within the Stormwater Utility Budget.
- (Stormwater Management: Approval of Ehrhardt Street Drainage Project Fee Amendment #3 with Davis & Floyd in the amount of \$151,837.00 for environmental permitting services, development of front-end contract documents, bidding phase services, and optional services for permitting/coordination for the closure of Cannon St. during project construction if needed. Approval of Fee Amendment #3 will increase the professional service contract by \$151,837.00 (from \$852,903.00 to \$1,004,740.00). Funding for this project is HUD-CDBG-MIT (\$9,964,190.00) and the Drainage Fund (\$4,245,646.00).
- (Police Department: Approval to submit an application to the FFY22 SCDPS Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Grant for \$205,300 in overtime costs that were cut from the 2021 Budget due to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. This application is due on June 4th. There is no match required for this grant.
- (Office of Cultural Affairs: Approval to apply for \$10,000 from Charleston County Local Accommodations Tax Funding, to support the 2021 Free Verse Poetry Festival. The project period is 10/15/2021 - 11/15/21. No City match is required.
- (Office of Cultural Affairs: Approval to apply for \$10,000 from Charleston County Local Accommodations Tax Funding, to support the 2021 Holiday Magic in Historic Charleston. The project period is 12/1/2021 – 12/31/2021. No City match is required.
- (Office of Cultural Affairs: Approval to apply for \$15,000 from Charleston County Local Accommodations Tax Funding, to support the 2022 Piccolo Spoleto Festival. The project period is 5/27/2022 – 6/12/2022. No City match is required.
- (Office of Cultural Affairs: Approval to apply for \$15,000 from Charleston County Local Accommodations Tax Funding, to support the 2021 MOJA Arts Festival. The project period is 9/30/2021 – 10/10/2021. No City match is required.
- (Stormwater/Parks-Capital Projects: Approval of Low Battery Seawall Restoration Phase III Fee Amendment #9 in the amount of \$417,773.00 with Johnson, Mirmiran, and Thompson, Inc., for engineering and design services related to Phase III of the Low Battery Seawall Restoration project from Limehouse St. to King St. Approval of this fee amendment adds 365 days to the contract time. Approval of Fee Amendment #9 will increase the professional service contract by \$417,773.00 (from \$2,445,698.05 to \$2,863,471.05). The funding sources for this project are: Hospitality Funds (\$17,077,901.53), Municipal Accommodations Tax Funds (\$15,651,479.68), and Charleston County Accommodations Tax Fees (\$400,000.00).
- (Parks-Capital Projects: Approval to Daniel Island Recreation Center increase to P160074 with Brunswick Corporation in the amount of \$66.03 due to the applicable sales tax on the freight for materials that were not included in the original quote. Approval to increase P160074 will increase the PO amount by \$66.03 (from \$49,132.83 to \$49,198.86). Funding sources for this project are: 2015 IPRB (\$7,392,186.00) and 2017 IPRB (\$5,000,000.00).

- (Parks-Capital Projects: Approval of Trolley Barn Parking Lot Lighting Agreement with Dominion Energy for the installation and maintenance of 8 lights with an installation cost of \$1,908.31. The agreement sets the monthly fee at \$360.96 per month for the full initial term of the agreement (10 years). Approval of the lighting agreement will obligate \$1,908.31 of the project budget of \$935,000.00 for the installation of the lights. Funding sources for this project are Contributions (\$400,000.00), and the Parking Fund (\$535,000.00). This agreement will also obligate \$360.96 per month (\$4,331.52 per year) for 10 years which will be paid from the Street Light Operating Budget (170000-52115).
- (Parks-Capital Projects: Approval of International African American Museum Professional Services Contract Fee Amendment #10 with Moody Nolan, Inc. in the amount of \$282,167.69 for additional construction administration services related to a 4-month time extension being provided to the CMAR for the completion of the construction contract. Approval of Fee Amendment #10 will increase the professional services contract by \$282,167.69 (from \$11,459,557.00 to \$11,741,724.69). Funding sources for this project are: Accommodations Tax (\$13,200,000.00), Charleston County Accommodations Tax (\$12,500,000.00), State Funding (\$14,000,000.00), IAAM Contributions (\$53,000,000.00).
- (Parks-Capital Projects: Approval of International African American Museum Construction Management Fee Amendment #2 to the Construction Management Contract with Cumming Construction Management, Inc. in the amount of \$169,804.00 for an extension of program management services to October 31, 2021, budget analysis and reconciliation services by CS&L, and schedule reviews and claim/COR review by Palmetto Scheduling. Approval of Fee Amendment #2 will increase the Construction Management Contract by \$169,804.00 (from \$1,064,181.00 to \$1,233,985.00). Funding sources for this project are: Accommodations Tax (\$13,200,000.00), Charleston County Accommodations Tax (\$12,500,000.00), State Funding (\$14,000,000.00), IAAM Contributions (\$53,000,000.00). [Additional expenses are to be covered by the IAAM.]
- (Traffic and Transportation: Approval of the Parking Enforcement Dispatch MOA between Charleston County Consolidated 911 and the City of Charleston. The current cost for the MOA between Charleston County Consol. 911 and the City of Charleston has been established. (\$8,764 for year 2021 and \$8,762 for year 2022=\$17,532). This will include one computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) subscription, CAD Mapping Annual maintenance and updates as needed, updates to GIS files in CAD system, all IT connections and processing for functionality. This system is needed to ensure accuracy, accountability and documentation of calls for services, vehicles towed/booted, staff members' shifts, FOIA request, etc. The CAD system is currently used by EMS, Fire, and Police nationwide. Cost for services per Agreement for 2021 shall be covered by a future budget transfer. Costs in future years will be included as a part of the budget process.
- (Executive Department: Approval to submit an application to the National League of Cities for the Equitable Economic Mobility Initiative Technical Assistance and Grant Opportunity in the amount of \$25,000. Funding would be for planning and early implementation of local efforts. There is no match required for the City.
- (Request authorization for the Mayor to execute, on behalf of the City of Charleston ("City"), the First Amendment to the Transfer Agreement between the City and JJR Development, LLC, to permit the closing on the transfer of the property located at 67 America Street and currently designated as Charleston County TMS No. 459-0902-132, from the City to JJR Development, LLC, to occur on or before September 30, 2021, and authorization for the Mayor to execute all documents necessary to consummate the transaction described in the Transfer Agreement, as amended. (ORDINANCE) [67 America St., TMS: 459-09-02-132]

- (Request authorization for the Mayor to execute the necessary documents for the purchase of 3, 5, 7, and 9 Cunningham Avenue, a 1.45 acre property located in the Neck area of the City, for \$1,425,000 subject to the conditions outlined in the attached Agreement of Purchase and Sale. [3, 5, 7 and 9 Cunningham Avenue, TMS: 464-14-00-139 and 464-14-00-119]
- (Approval of a Second Amendment to the Management Agreement between the City of Charleston and Charleston Digital Corridor Foundation for the lease space at 22 West Edge. Funds are budgeted in 2021 to continue the Management Agreement through the remainder of the year; will need to be budgeted for in 2022 if continued.
- (Request authorization for the Mayor to execute a Permanent Easement between the City of Charleston and the Commissioners of Public Works whereby the City grants to CWS Utility/Access Easement for access to Wastewater Tunnels and Wastewater Tunnel Shafts (Portion of Murray Blvd and intersection of Murray Blvd and Limehouse St) (Approximately). [Ordinance]
- (Request authorization for the Mayor to execute a Purchase and Sale Agreement between the City of Charleston and Michael Milhous Hollings, Helen Hollings Reardon, and Ernest Frederick Hollings, III, for the City's purchase of property located at 0 Canal Street, Charleston, South Carolina, TMS # 457-07-001-007 for a price of \$43,500.00 for long term drainage protection of Lockwood Blvd.
- (Executive Session pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(2) of the South Carolina Code, to discuss negotiations for the acquisition of property for public safety purposes.
- (Executive Session pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(2) of the South Carolina Code, to discuss contractual negotiations for the purchase of a Greenbelt grant property

First reading was given to the following bills:

An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2020-007 by authorizing the Mayor to execute, on behalf of the City of Charleston ("City"), the First Amendment to the Transfer Agreement between the City and JJR Development, LLC, to permit the closing on the transfer of property located at 67 America Street and currently designated as Charleston County TMS No. 459-09- 02-132 from the City to JJR Development, LLC to occur on or before September 30, 2021, and by authorizing the Mayor to execute all documents necessary to consummate the transaction described in the Transfer Agreement, as amended.

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute on behalf of the City of Charleston a Permanent Easement between the City of Charleston and the Commissioners of Public Works of the City of Charleston whereby the City grants to the Charleston Water System (CWS) a Permanent Utility/Access Easement attached to this Ordinance and incorporated herein for property owned by the City on Murray Boulevard in the City of Charleston, as shown on attached Exhibit A, and subject to the permitted exceptions set for in attached Exhibit B, for consideration of the sum of one million and no/100 dollars.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Now, [bills up for second reading](#). We have six items."

Councilmember Seekings said, "Move for approval of one through six."

Councilmember Mitchell said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Any discussion or questions on L-1 through L-6?"

No one asked to speak.

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

- 2021-073 -** AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA, CHAPTER 19, SECTION 19-277(9) TO EXTEND THE BOUNDARIES OF EASTSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD RESIDENTIAL PARKING PERMIT BOUNDARY TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL PORTIONS OF GRACE BRIDGE, LEE, JACKSON AND HARRIS STREETS WITHIN THE EASTSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD DESIGNATED RESIDENTIAL PARKING PERMIT DISTRICT.
- 2021-074 -** AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS TO MEET THE LIABILITIES OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020.
- 2021-075 -** AN ORDINANCE TO RECOGNIZE THE USAGE OF ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO MEET ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS AUTHORIZED BY ORDINANCE 2021-074 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020.
- 2021-076 -** AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF WATERWORKS AND SEWER SYSTEM REFUNDING REVENUE BONDS OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON IN ONE OR MORE SERIES IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT EXCEEDING \$160,000,000 AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.
- 2021-077 -** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2019-128, ADOPTED DECEMBER 3, 2019, BY AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON, THAT CERTAIN FOURTH AMENDMENT TO OPTION TO LEASE BY AND AMONG THE CITY OF CHARLESTON, AS LANDLORD; AND FLATIRON PARTNERS, LLC AND CLASSIC DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, LLC, AS TENANTS, UNDER WHICH THE GROUND LEASE ATTACHED TO THE OPTION IS REVISED TO INCLUDE LANGUAGE REQUIRED BY LENDER(S) FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE JAMES LEWIS, JR. APARTMENT SITE.
- 2021-078 -** AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY KNOWN AS 1453 S EDGEWATER DRIVE (0.47 ACRE) (TMS# 349-13-00-008), WEST ASHLEY, CHARLESTON COUNTY, TO THE CITY OF CHARLESTON, SHOWN WITHIN THE AREA ANNEXED UPON A MAP ATTACHED HERETO AND MAKE IT PART OF DISTRICT 11. THE PROPERTY IS OWNED BY CONSTANTINE D AND CHERIE A LIOLLIO.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Next up is our [bills for first reading](#). First we have--"

Councilmember Mitchell said, "One and two bills, so moved."

Councilmember Appel said, "Excuse me, Mr. Mayor."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Number one is a rezoning of 584 Meeting Street."

Councilmember Appel said, "Mayor?"

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Number two is to make permanent our--"

Councilmember Appel said, "I have to recuse myself from M-1."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We have a recusal."

Councilmember Appel said, "Sorry about that."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "From Councilmember Appel on M-1."

Councilmember Mitchell said, "So moved."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We have a motion to approve both one and two, or are we going to take them separately?"

Councilmember Mitchell said, "One and two."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Let's take them separately since we have a recusal. So, who wants to second number 1?"

Councilmember Shahid said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We've got a second. Any questions or discussion on number 1?"

No one asked to speak.

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Shahid, City Council voted 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 584 Meeting Street (Peninsula) (approximately 1.623 acres) (TMS #459-01-03-045) (Council District 4), be rezoned from General Business (GB) classification to Mixed-Use/Workforce Housing (MU-2/WH) classification. The property is owned by 584 Meeting Street LLC.

Councilmember Appel recused himself from voting on this item and completed a Conflict of Interest Form which is on file in the Office of the Clerk of Council.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Next is number two."

Councilmember Mitchell said, "Move for approval."

Councilmember Seekings said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We have a motion to approve. Councilmember Appel, can I call on you for a remark while I sign these six documents?"

Councilmember Appel said, "Most of the time people don't ask me to speak. That's pretty amazing. To speak about M-2 and the parking issue? Well, you know, I think I've said a lot about this over the last several months, and this has been a great collaborative effort. I'm not the only Councilmember pushing this. Councilmember Seekings has been tremendous in this. Councilwoman Delcioppo has, as well. Eliminating minimum parking requirements is the way of the future. This is how we activate King Street, and we help turn over vacancies. I'm not sure

about the most up-to-date statistics, but I can tell you this ordinance that's been in effect over the last several months has resulted in vacancies on King Street turning over. It's been a success. I'm glad that we're making this permanent and, frankly, I'd like to expand it, and I'd like to have that conversation with everybody, certainly, the Councilmembers whose districts this is in. We want to do it in a balanced way, of course, but we want our cities to thrive."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Okay, I've signed them all."

Councilmember Seekings said, "Filibuster over! You're done."

Councilmember Appel said, "Okay, good. We're done. We're good. Let's vote."

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Seekings, 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) to create a Special Parking District Overlay Zone for the purpose of eliminating minimum offstreet parking requirements applicable to certain uses within the district and to change the Zone Map, which is a part thereof, so that properties designated as Charleston County TMS Nos. 457-04-02-007 to 012, 457-04-02-014 to 033, 457-04-02-035 to 041, 457-04-02-081, 457-04-02-111, 457-04-02-113 to 134, 457-04-02-157 to 172, 457-04-02-175 to 182, 457-0402-184 to 191, 457-04-02-193 to 194, 457-04-04-009 to 023, 457-04-04-039, 457-04-04-041 to 047, 457-04-04-092, 457-04-04-094 to 105, 457-04-04-107 to 111, 457-04-04-117, 457-0404-129 to 130, 457-04-04-150 to 154, 457-04-04-157 to 160, 457-04-04-163, 457-04-04-167 to 201, 457-04-04-258 to 269, 457-04-04-271 to 277, 457-04-04-307 to 320, 457-04-04-322, 457-08-01-039 to 044, 457-08-01-046, 457-08-01-048 to 064, 457-08-01-072, 457-08-01078, 457-08-01-080, 457-08-01-088 to 090, 457-08-01-095 to 117, 457-08-01-125 to 127, 457-08-01-141 to 156, 457-08-01-163, 457-08-02-020 to 026, 457-08-02-032 to 038, 457-0802-135, 457-08-02-159 to 161, 457-08-04-003, 457-08-04-015 to 017, 457-08-04-019, 45708-04-0191, 457-08-04-020 to 032, 457-08-04-035 to 040, 457-08-04-042, 457-08-04-088, 457-08-04-091, 457-08-04-131, 457-08-04-133 to 134, 457-08-04-137 to 143, 457-08-04-148 to 149, 457-08-04-154 to 156, 457-08-04-184 to 188, 457-12-02-009 to 010, 457-12-02-041, 457-12-02-046 to 049 and 457-12-04-015 be included within the Special Parking District (SPD) Overlay Zone.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Our next meeting will be on June the 15th. We're going to be at the Bees Ferry Recreation Center in West Ashley. Any further business to come before us tonight? Hearing none we stand adjourned."

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 pm.

Jennifer B. Cook

Clerk of Council