

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Special Meeting

June 30, 2021

A Special Meeting of City Council of Charleston was held June 30, 2021, convening at 4:57 p.m. over video conference call.

A notice of this meeting and an agenda were mailed to the news media June 25, 2021 and appeared in The Post and Courier June 28, 2021 and are made available on the City's website.

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 4:57 p.m.

The Clerk called the roll.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "If you would like to join us, Councilwoman Delcioppo would you lead us in an invocation?"

Councilwoman Delcioppo said, "Yes."

Councilwoman Delcioppo opened the meeting with an [invocation](#).

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Now 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, "First we just have our [Ways and Means Committee Report](#) on the meeting we just had. Mr. Chairman."

Councilmember Shahid said, "Move for approval."

Councilmember Mitchell said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Is there any discussion?"

No one asked to speak.

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

Approval to submit a grant application to the U.S. Department of Transportation in the amount of \$25,000,000 to support construction of the 1.7 mile bicycle/pedestrian trail on reclaimed/abandoned railway track. A \$5,000,000 match is required. The City of Charleston, as the grant applicant, will be responsible for the match. Friends of the Lowline have included a letter explaining their intent to raise funds for the match. The City does not have funding identified at this time.

Approval of a Small Construction Contract with Howell & Howell Contractors, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 for completion of work at Savannah Highway Fire Station #11 to meet substantial completion. The Construction Contract will obligate \$50,000 of the \$9,530,761.66 project budget. The funding sources for this project are the Installment Purchase Revenue Bond (\$7,989,524), Proceeds from the Sale of Real Estate (\$1,135,607.64), Surplus Sales (\$1,130.02) and Hospitality Funds (\$380,000).

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Next up is bills for [third reading](#). This is for approval of our street vendor ordinance."

Councilmember Shahid said, "Move for approval."

Councilwoman Jackson said, "I'll second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We have a motion and a second. This is for third reading, as amended. We did make some amendments to this at our last meeting, as you may recall. Is there any discussion or questions?"

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Griffin.

Councilmember Griffin said, "Yes, sir. One of the vendors, Mr. Norris, sent me a short e-mail he wanted me to read since we're not doing any public participation today. He said that he, 'wanted me to thank all of the members of Council and you, Mr. Mayor, for listening to the small businesses and keeping them operational. They look forward to working with all of us in the present and the future.' Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Terrific. Great. I had a lengthy discussion with him yesterday, and he indicated his cooperation. He even went ahead and closed last weekend at 1:30 a.m. even though he wasn't required to, so that's certainly a sign of good faith. Are there any other questions or comments?"

No one else asked to speak.

On a motion of Councilmember Shahid, seconded by Councilwoman Jackson, City Council voted unanimously to give third reading to Item E-1. The bill was ratified as follows:

2021-089 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE 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)

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Our next Regular Meeting will be July 20th. I hope you all have a great July 4th weekend. If you want to attend our concert at The Joe, at this point, if you didn't get tickets, call Scott Watson. Is there any other business to come before us?"

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Shahid.

Councilmember Shahid said, "Mr. Mayor, I just wanted to mention to some of you who remember my dear friend Stanley Feldman. Today is the seventh year anniversary of his passing, and his sister called me today. We touch base every year to remember Stanley. So, if you can keep Stanley in your thoughts and prayers tonight, I surely would appreciate it. He was a fine gentleman, a wonderful lawyer, a good friend to many folks, and an avid sportsman from the City of Charleston. One of our citizen ambassadors. We called him the 'Mayor of King Street' if you all may recall, so I just wanted to pass that on. Thank you for indulging me, Mayor, for those comments."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Gregorie followed by Councilmember Griffin.

Councilmember Gregorie said, "Yes, Mr. Mayor, this is just an observation. I think we all are exhausted. It's been a tough 15, 16, 17 months of meetings after meetings after meetings, and here we are in June, and we're meetings after meetings after meetings. I'm just hoping either July or August, Mayor, we get a break because I'm not just talking about our Council meetings and our Ways and Means Committee meetings. As you know, we have other meetings during the week, as well. I mean, it's just, I need a break. I'm just saying, I need a break. Just prepping for our meeting on the City Plan, that's three or four hours of reading and study before we even get to the meeting. So, there's a lot of time, and I'm just saying if we can somehow give Council a break. Everybody's talking about it, and I'm the only one saying it."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We've got a holiday coming up Monday."

Councilwoman Delcioppo said, "We'll still be working."

Councilmember Gregorie said, "You know what I'm talking about, Mayor. You know exactly what I mean."

There was laughter.

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Griffin.

Councilmember Griffin said, "Yes, sir. I was logging on as we were approving the Committee Report, and I just wanted to make sure that Madam Clerk knew that I was in support of that."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Great."

The Clerk said, "Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Today is also the 50th anniversary of a fight that occurred at Stoney Field with Muhammad Ali in Charleston. Do you all remember that? Does anybody remember that?"

Councilmember Griffin said, "I wasn't alive, but I heard great things about it."

There was laughter.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "It was quite the event. Alright. Are there any other comments or business to come before us this afternoon?"

No one asked to speak.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "You all have a great 4th of July, and we'll see you in a couple of weeks so you have a little time off there, Councilmember."

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Jennifer B. Cook
Clerk of Council