

Community Development Committee

July 17, 2025

A meeting of the Community Development Committee was held on this date beginning at 3:02 p.m. at 80 Broad St. and over video conference call.

Notice of this meeting was sent out to the news media.

Committee Members: Councilmember Mitchell, Chairman, Councilmember Gregorie, Councilmember Appel, Councilmember McBride (joined at 3:05 p.m.), Councilmember Parker (joined at 3:14 p.m.), and Mayor Cogswell **Also Present:** Robert Summerfield, Geona Shaw Johnson, Melissa Cruthirds, Christopher Morgan, Hampton Logan, Josh Martin, Malena Dinwoodie, Elizabeth Dieck, and Patrick Carlson, recording.

The meeting opened with an invocation led by Chairman Mitchell.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion of Mayor Cogswell, seconded by Councilmember Gregorie, the committee unanimously approved of the June 18, 2025, minutes.

Public Participation

None

Old Business

None

New Business

1. Approval of a request for Subordination and Modification of Loan Agreements – Charleston Redevelopment Corporation (CRC)

Jonathan Oakman spoke on behalf of the Charleston Redevelopment Corporation (CRC). He requested a deferral based on previous conversations with the Mayor's office.

On a motion of Mayor Cogswell, seconded by Councilmember Gregorie, the committee unanimously approved of deferring consideration of the request for subordination and modification of loan agreements with the CRC.

2. City-Owned Properties: Affordable/Workforce Housing Zoning + Entitlement Strategy (24 Calhoun Street, One Cooper Street, and others) (Requested by Councilmember Waring and Councilmember Appel)

Councilmember Appel said he would be discussing several ideas that sought to advance the City's housing affordability goals, specifically responding to the recent Bloomberg report. He said he had discussions with Councilmember Waring and City staff to identify which of the City's current property holdings could be developed into affordable housing to prepare for future affordability development proposals.

Chairman Mitchell agreed and said there was a collection of City-owned properties that could be used for that purpose, and it was time for them to advance the conversation forward.

Mayor Cogswell said the City staff had done an excellent job of outlining some areas that could be targeted for development.

Councilmember Gregorie said that the recommendations they discussed had also come from the Human Affairs and Racial Conciliation Commission.

On a motion of Councilmember Gregorie, seconded by Councilmember Appel, the committee unanimously approved of continuing to develop the proposal and discuss the topic at the next meeting.

Adjourn

Having no further business, the Committee adjourned at 3:17 p.m.

Patrick Carlson
Clerk of Council's Office