

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Regular Meeting

July 20, 2021

The one-hundred and twenty-first meeting of the City Council of Charleston was held this date convening at 5:03 p.m. at the Charleston Gaillard Center and over video conference call (Zoom).

A notice of this meeting and an agenda were made available on the City's website July 15, 2021 and appeared in the Post and Courier on July 19, 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 5:03 p.m.

The Clerk called the roll.

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

Councilmember Shealy opened the meeting with an invocation.

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

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Well, thank you very much. We have a few recognitions and presentations. First, I'd like to thank our new hostess of the Gaillard Center, and I want to introduce you to the wonderful Lissa Frenkel. She is the new [Director of our Gaillard Center.](#) If last weekend is any indication, and I know it is, she is going to do a fabulous job uplifting the cultural arts of our City. We had this event over at The Citadel that the Gaillard co-sponsored bringing the American Ballet Theatre to Charleston. It was a remarkable performance and so well attended by almost 6,000 of our citizens. Lissa served as the Managing Director of the Park Avenue Armory, which is in New York City. Similar to the Gaillard, it's a very multi-cultural arts organization and venue, I think a little bigger than the Gaillard, but her hands-on experience there directly comes to us here at the Gaillard. Prior to that, she worked with Lincoln Center and helped with a \$500 million cultural redevelopment of Lincoln Center in Manhattan. She is originally from Boston, but she received her undergraduate degree in Art History from Emory University. Listen to this, Planning Department, after that she got a graduate degree in Urban Planning. So, she might be able to come up the stairs, put on another hat, and consult with the Planning Department. I invite Lissa to come forward and say a few words to us. Lissa."

Lissa Frenkel said, "Thank you so much, Mayor. I'm delighted to be here as the new President and CEO of the Gaillard Center and to welcome all of you. I hardly need to welcome all of you to your own house. We're delighted to be partners with you, and there is such a great partnership with the City, and I hope that will only strengthen under my leadership. As the Mayor mentioned, I started off my tenure here with a big bang. There were 6,000 attendees at the American Ballet Theatre performance with The Citadel this past weekend. It was a lot of fun. It was a beautiful presentation of ballet and an example of the type of partnership that we hope to continue with other Charleston institutions like with The Citadel. It also was sort of the kick-off of our artistic season, which we are starting in earnest over Labor Day with the Lowcountry Jazz Festival here at the Gaillard. We hope you all will join us for and help us celebrate the revival of the arts after this very hard year for everyone. We were able to start our education program again with programs with the American Ballet Theatre dancers working with both intermediate level and beginning level ballet students on our main stage, which was thrilling for all of the kids, and again, a sort of kick-off to our program, which I know you are familiar with, where we bring in many, many students a year to experience art on our main stages. I think in the last year we did full programming, 73 percent were Title I schools, so we're very proud of those programs. We're looking forward to continuing our partnership, and we're looking forward to seeing you all back here many, many times this year. Thanks so much."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you, Lissa. We certainly look forward to working with you. So, next, we'd like to recognize [Olympic athlete Raven Saunders](#) who, unfortunately, can't join us tonight. I think she is already in Tokyo preparing for the big show, the Olympics, and the time is 12 hours different from us, so, hopefully, she is resting up for the Olympics to start. At our Recreation Committee meeting on Friday we approved, and we will later in this meeting formally approve by Council, the naming of the track at Stoney Field in Raven Saunders's honor. I want to call on Councilmember Jason Sakran maybe to share a few words with us about Raven since he knew her from his Charleston School District days."

Councilmember Sakran said, "Thank you, Mayor. If you will indulge me for just a minute or two, I worked for the School District, and I was working in the Communications Office back in 2012. I got a call from the principal at the school, and he said, 'You really need to come out and meet Raven Saunders. She's a remarkable story.' So, I went out and interviewed her, talked with her extensively, and talked to her coach. The long of it is she started shot put in 9th grade, had no experience in shot put, and learned how to do the shot put by going to YouTube, practicing in the parking lot across the street from Burke. It was not a shot put field, and, basically, by 10th grade she was well-known in the State. She had remarked to me that at her first meet, she didn't even have the proper attire. She just showed up. To put things in perspective, by the age of 20 she had won four NCAA Championships at Southern Illinois and Ole Miss and represented the U.S. in the Olympics in 2016, and she is proudly representing our Country today, which is why she is not here.

I can't think of anyone more deserving for a variety of reasons, symbolically, to have that field named in her honor. She is a remarkable individual, came from a tough background, and has been on record publicly saying that. As a school district employee going to meet her, it's been an honor. She actually signed a plaque for me that says, 'Keep spinning.' It's just a term for shot put, but I am so honored to be on Council at this point in the City of Charleston's history to name that track and that field in her honor. I know she would be beaming if she was here. So, hopefully, we can get her to an upcoming meeting, but I just wanted to share that quick story with you all."

There was applause.

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

No one else asked to speak.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "I would just add, did you all see the clip from Raven's longest shot put and her personal history just a few weeks ago when she qualified for the team? The first words out of her mouth were 'Charleston, South Carolina.' I swear we didn't pay her to promote us, but she represents us so well. We're so proud of her. No matter the outcome, we look forward to having her at a meeting when she returns from Tokyo.

Now, I just found this out the other day, I thought I would mention it to Council, particularly in light of the long agenda that we have this evening, that we have another Charlestonian who is going to be an Olympian this year, and that is Chris Middleton who is a star player for the Milwaukee Bucks. When he finishes up the series, he will be going to Tokyo, as well, and representing Charleston and our Country on the Olympic basketball team. So, I mention that because the Milwaukee Bucks, hopefully, the final game starts at 9:00 p.m. this evening. We don't want to miss that, right? Okay. We've got a consensus on that for sure.

So, next, I'd like to share a [proclamation honoring Captain Philip J. Conlon](#) and his family. His wife, Gail, is with us tonight. We were together at the ballgame the other night, as well. Captain Conlon, you all, served the City of Charleston in our Police Department for 52 years, a really remarkable achievement, and I'm going to share this proclamation now with you all."

Mayor Tecklenburg read the proclamation.

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There was a standing ovation.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Captain, if you will come forward with Chief Reynolds and your wife, Gail, and, please, make a few remarks."

Captain Phillip J. Conlon said, "Thank you, Mayor, for this proclamation. Thank you, Chief, for recommending me. It has been my sincere privilege to have served. Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "God bless you, sir."

There was applause.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you for being with us this evening. So, next, we have a brief presentation from [Dr. Kendra Stewart with the Riley Center](#) over at the College of Charleston. Among her many duties, she has agreed to lead up an amazing community-wide citizen engagement that's called One Region Roadmap: Opportunities for All. Kendra, please share with us this important work."

Dr. Kendra Stewart said, "Thank you, Mayor and members of Council, for allowing me to be here tonight. I have some slides. They're coming up. One Region Roadmap: Opportunities for All is a regional partnership forum to strengthen our economy and produce opportunities for

all residents by delivering strategies and actions that will make a difference in the lives of people in our Tri-county region. The partnership is built on the shared desire of the public and private sectors to make our region stronger and more resilient when facing major disruptions, such as the global pandemic, and addressing long-standing challenges related to inequality. As our community recovers from COVID-19, we need a robust, pro-active, and actionable roadmap to economic security and stability. This effort is made possible through a U.S. Economic Development Administration Grant secured by the Berkley, Charleston, Dorchester Council of Governments whose Executive Director is also here with us this evening, Ron Mitchum, and additional support from partner agencies. We understand the pandemic has impacted all facets of our community stalling the tourism economy, increasing housing insecurity, changing where we work, how we commute, and how we shop. This recovery and resiliency plan will include strategies to address some of the most critical challenges that have emerged over the course of the past year. We utilize eight areas of focus based on the previous planning work of our regional partners. These eight areas are the regional dynamics, and they organize our plan and focus groups. The essential themes of the plan are equity and economic momentum. These two dynamics will drive all of our strategies. The strategies will be organized around six action areas: affordability, global fluency, infrastructure, innovation and entrepreneurship, talent, and quality of place. These action areas are our framework for organizing the issues facing our region and the strategies needed to address them.

We are engaged in a one-year process to develop the plan and are currently in our public engagement phase. To date, we have examined long-term trends and the impacts of COVID on the region and discuss these issues in our first round of focus groups. Focus groups also gathered input from participants about what they understand to be the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats in our region. Currently, we are engaging more broadly with the public through our business and resident surveys. The feedback we collect through the focus groups and surveys will shape the issues addressed in the plan and will be brought before the public for additional feedback and a virtual meeting later this year.

Finally, I would like to encourage all folks, all residents, in our Tri-county area to take the Resident or the Business Survey, and you can do so by scanning this QR code or visiting the website www.oneregionroadmap.com. If you would like a paper copy, any of the partners can be contacted to receive a paper copy. The survey is available in Spanish as well as other languages. So, thank you very much, and we hope members of Council will be engaged in the process.”

There was applause.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “Great. Thank you. Are there any questions for Dr. Stewart?”

No one asked to speak.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “Alright. We look forward to it. Thank you, Kendra. So, next, is our [public hearings](#). We have a few of those this evening, and normally Mr. Morgan helps me to introduce those, but I don’t think this one came out of the Planning Department. Tracy McKee was the lead for this. It has been brought to Council before. It’s an ordinance that changes our right-of-way rules of the road.”

Tracy McKee said, “Thank you, Mayor, and good evening members of Council. You all have seen this before, but tonight we have a proposal for a permit fees structure change for T&T. The goals of this restructuring is to really reduce the number of applications or the number

of departments that are visited to gain approval to do work in a right-of-way. Like I have said before, this is really kind of the first bite at a big elephant. So, really what we're doing tonight is kind of the second piece of this where we're looking to increase safety and minimize disruption to residents and businesses. We're doing that through increasing collaboration, optimizing the length of time for right-of-way permits, and proactively inspecting the right-of-way permit activity.

So, we all know that by State rules we can only charge what it costs us to actually produce these permits and review them. We went through a thorough analysis looking at what it took for us to actually issue these permits. We were very thoughtful about that, so this fee structure has that in mind. We did some process mapping, we did time tracking with staff who actually issue the permits, and we actually did some GIS drive time analysis, as well. I'd like to point out that a lot of the permits that T&T currently issues, there is no fee associated with those permits.

So, really quickly, the new structure will look like this. We simplified the fee structure and, basically, we're looking at full street closures, partial street closures, and those can be broken down by whether it's a major or minor street, and we use some classifications that are in our GIS system and the DOT system for that clarification, then parking space closures or obstructions. Those are delineated between whether they're metered or non-metered spaces. This shows the actual fee structure associated with those particular permits. There is a one-time review fee, daily inspection fees, and then fees for metered spaces.

Then, lastly, how those fees are actually applied. So, very quickly, it's the highest applicable fee for the review, as well as the inspections, and then if there are any metered spaces that are impacted. I'm happy to answer any questions you all might have."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Alright, but, first, we're going to see if anyone from the public would like to be heard on this matter. Would anyone like to be heard on this matter? Mr. Knapp, please come forward."

The Clerk said, "Mr. Mayor, do you want to set a time?"

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Two-minute limit, if you will, please."

1. Marc Knapp said to call it what they wanted, but it was another tax. A lot on Council didn't understand they were spending other people's money, and that concerned him because whoever asked to get the permits charged the person that they worked for. One of the problems he had lately was that it took him three weeks to get a line across Conroy Street because Charleston Water couldn't schedule their inspector on time. He thought it was ridiculous because most of the streets in Charleston were State, which they basically had no control over. He was sure the State would be interested in what the City charged as they would probably want a cut. The bottom line was it was a tax, and the people were the ones who would end up paying for it. He was getting tired of it because every day he dealt with government, and it was always very easy to spend somebody else's money.

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

2. Justin Hunt asked what the discretion was as far as properly applying for streets to be closed down for events because they had had difficulty. He asked for guidance or suggestions for them to properly put the paperwork in on time. They didn't mind paying the fee, they just wanted it to be done. Charleston was one of the few cities that would not shut a street down for them to peacefully organize.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you, sir. This is a comment period, not a question and answer."

Mr. Hunt said, "Okay."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "No problem. Would anyone else like to be heard?"

No one else asked to speak.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "But, just to let you know, Mr. Hunt, this applies mostly to the construction companies who will put a dumpster in the road or closing something for construction."

Mr. Hunt said, "Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Yes, sir. Now, it comes to Council."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Griffin.

Councilmember Griffin said, "This is a second reading, so if we were to approve it and give third reading tonight, this would go in effect at what date? Does that mean that we're going to be able to collect some fees in this fiscal year?"

Ms. McKee said, "I think Mallery is here. I believe August 16th is the implementation date. It takes a little time for us to get it implemented into the tracking system."

Mallery Scheer said, "That is correct, and we also wanted to give the public time to be aware of the fees."

Councilmember Griffin said, "But, we would be able to collect fees this year, correct?"

Ms. Scheer said, "Yes."

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

Councilmember Seekings said, "So moved."

Councilmember Shahid said, "Second."

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

On a motion of Councilmember Seekings, one (1) bill (Item E-1) received second reading. It passed second reading on motion by Councilmember Shahid and third reading on

motion of Councilmember Seekings. On further motion of Councilmember Shahid, the rules were suspended, and the bill was immediately ratified as:

2021-090 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 19 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON BY AMENDING ARTICLE XVII, SECTION 19-493, TO UPDATE DUMPSTER PERMIT FEES; TO ADD A NEW ARTICLE XX PROVIDING AN AMENDED DEFINITION FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY OBSTRUCTIONS, A NEW FEE FOR FULL STREET CLOSURES AND PARTIAL STREET OBSTRUCTIONS, AND OTHER RIGHT-OF-WAY OBSTRUCTION FEES SUCH AS METERED PARKING SPACE AND NON-METERED PARKING SPACE PERMIT FEES; AND ADOPTING A FEE SCHEDULE THEREFOR, ATTACHED HERETO AND INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE AS EXHIBIT 1.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you very much. Next up is our [Charleston City Plan, Comprehensive Plan](#). Mr. Summerfield."

Robert Summerfield said, "Good evening, Mr. Mayor, and members of the Council. So, with me today is Mr. Christopher Morgan, who has valiantly led the effort through this COVID period in working to deliver what I think is a groundbreaking Comprehensive Plan for the City. This evening we're requesting first reading and the public hearing on this item understanding, of course, that there is a pretty intense workshop, the second one that's been requested by the Council, that we will be engaging in in September before this item would come forward for a vote on the actual plan. So, with that, I would like to turn it over to Mr. Morgan who would like to go through just a couple of quick slides to do some table setting for the public hearing and then we are prepared for any questions. Thank you, sir."

Christopher Morgan said, "Thank you, Robert, Mayor, and members of Council. So, of course, we did a full presentation to you all of the plan back on June 30th. What we are bringing to you tonight is, as required by State law, the plan that has been recommended by our Planning Commission. They recommended it unanimously on June 23rd. Obviously, you all will have more comments beyond those you've had in your workshop, and we will be undertaking those as we move forward with further Council review, but we wanted to, of course, as per State law, have this public hearing tonight. We're just going to go into a few of the slides that talk about what a plan is for the City of Charleston and in the State of South Carolina, so we have the elements that are all required for a plan. I hope some of you can see these, and you've seen a lot of these slides in your workshop before, but there are elements that range from population and natural resources to economic development and transportation. This plan, of course, has strong emphasis in the areas of housing and land use, and then we also added an extra area, resilience, which was added to the required elements in 2020. Then, our plan expands on this requirement by addressing equity and resilience as interdependent goals. Both resilience and equity are interwoven throughout the plan and summarized in the final resiliency and equity element in the document.

So, the guiding principles of this plan were to have water first, to be anchored in where water is and where water is going to be, to be data smart by using the best data available to understand the challenges facing our City, to have strength in diversity, to be oriented towards actions to protect our City's historic diversity, and to be community empowered to ask all members of the community to partner in this planning process. We did have a very extensive public engagement process despite the pandemic, many, many meetings on Zoom, as well as in-person workshops when we could begin having them in a socially-distanced manner. The plan incorporates many other plan documents, some of which are soon to be before you all and

will have other incorporation elements as we work through the adoption process with Council. One of those, of course, is the new Charleston Parks and Recreation Master Plan which you all are going to be reviewing tonight, also the EIRC Final Report that will be incorporated, other recent plans such as the Climate Action Plan, our All Hazards Vulnerability and Assessment, Housing for a Fair Charleston, the Dutch Dialogues Report, and a number of others including big ones such as Plan West Ashley and many other plans the City has worked on over the last ten years. The plan also does something that we have never done in our documents before which is to outline the Historic African American settlement areas throughout the City. These are areas that are parts of existing neighborhoods or sometimes independent areas that deserve special consideration. This plan outlines them and puts them on the path for further delineation and further research and planning efforts. The plan has strong emphasis and the deepest dive we've ever had in our plans into affordable housing and housing in general. It has some very stark figures, which we have already discussed in the workshop. A figure of over 16,000 units needed in the affordable category over the next ten years to accommodate those who are already in our City and who are moving to our City in various areas around the City. We have some strategies in this document, and we will be working on those further, but it is a great area of emphasis, and we do have a tremendous amount of data in this document to help document why those units are needed. Then, in line with following up on the Dutch Dialogues, the Waggoner & Ball engineering and architecture group that worked on the Dutch Dialogues worked with us on this document to come up with the best way to move forward with our City despite the water that is inundating certain areas and the threats and risks we have from water in our City. This map, of course, is very difficult for most of you to see, but in the document that's available online you can see very clearly the areas that are green that are better for growth, the areas that are also tidal flood risk areas, and areas that could have increasing levels of water over upcoming years, and all of the land use recommendations in this document are based on elevation and based on maps such as this one here.

The land use element is always a key area of a plan that is utilized in South Carolina, and we have our different land use categories. Of course, a plan is just a plan. It does not change the zoning. It just makes recommendations when you all, in the future, are looking at zoning changes or other redevelopment or growth opportunities in the City. These are the different land use categories that are outlined in the plan and, again, they are based on the elevation and, ultimately, the plan does recommend an elevation-based zoning ordinance. We have the overall map here that, again, has all parcels in the City and surrounding areas inside the Urban Growth Boundary outlined with a future land use recommendation based on issues such as elevation, where mass transit is, where other key roadways and growth areas are, as well as our settlement areas.

So, the path forward on this document is that we are going to target September for a Joint City Council and Planning Commission Workshop based on Councilmember availability and this facility's availability. Then, after that workshop, also in September, we would have your next readings after tonight's hopeful first reading. We would then work on our plan implementation after the plan is adopted and incorporate such things as working to get a new Zoning Ordinance that we would be budgeting for and incorporate working with our Parks and Recreation folks on better incorporation of the Master Plan from the One Charleston document and EIRC document. Then, we would work to track and communicate the progress of this plan from our own department to the citizens of the City, as well as regular reports to Councilmembers. With that, that is our document that we have. It is available online. I hope the public members who are here have reviewed it online. Of course, we are happy to answer questions and hear their comments."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you. I know the whole Planning Department has worked remarkably on this plan, but I think an extra gold star goes to Christopher Morgan throughout the process. So, thank you for that, Mr. Morgan. Would anyone like to make a comment? Please come forward. This is regarding the Charleston City Plan, an update of our Comprehensive Plan. Yes, sir."

1. Anthony Bryant said Comprehensive Plans were established by the General Assembly in 1999, and now they were 20 years in. They were going to put in diversity as public safety, which was missing in it. Also, their meetings under FCC 230 governing the internet and social media had indemnified third party thought or speech. Therefore, under public safety, there was a special assessment on the May 2020 uprising which needed to be placed within the document. Under Federal law, any thought or speech between one or two people, a meeting of minds to break a particular law required no action. It was an expressed thought by letter, by e-mail, by a video post, or by a search engine. It was regrettable, dangerous, and indictable. The punishment was a crime. He said Harlow v. Fitzgerald 1982 provided for sequencing a standard, qualified immunity. He also referenced Pierson v. Ray 1967, and the unrest in the '60s and also said the Census tracks were reduced to at risk, homelessness, and chronic homelessness in the region. He said the BCDCOG received his position on public safety and transportation. The zip code was removed.

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

2. Betsy LaForce, Coastal Conservation League, thanked the staff for their tremendous work over the past year and for engaging the community during a global pandemic, which was no easy task. They especially thanked the staff for incorporating many of the comments they had put forward over the last couple of years specifically related to elevation-based land use planning recommendations, considerations for multi-modal transportation, and preservation of cultural and natural resources. Generally speaking, they were very pleased with the plan. It was clear it took a positive new direction and incorporated many of the tough lessons learned over the past several decades, like land use decisions that had led to traffic, flooding, and affordable housing issues. It was an opportunity to get it right from the beginning, especially for areas such as upper Cainhoy peninsula. There were two key items that jumped out at them as being inconsistent with the rest of the plan and the positive new vision that the City was putting forward. The first was that Upper Cainhoy future land use recommendations were currently for Suburban and Suburban Edge zoning to be followed with the zoning ordinance Suburban and Suburban Edge recommendations all the way up to the Francis Marion National Forest. It was some of the highest ground in the City of Charleston. It was imperative to use that land to the highest and best ability with considerations for existing transportation infrastructure along with the Clements Ferry Road Corridor. Their recommendation would be to amend the future Land Use Map recommendations from Suburban and Suburban Edge to Low Impact Conservation. Secondly, Transportation Element Recommendation #12, I-526 extension, they asked Council to remove it as it was inconsistent with the direction the plan took. She thanked Council for their consideration.

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

3. Cashion Drolet, Historic Charleston Foundation (HCF), said the City Plan was a bold document that, thanks to a robust and extensive public engagement process, represented the visions, goals, and priorities of the citizens of Charleston. The City Plan's commitment to the Dutch Dialogues Report, affordable housing, and maintaining Charleston's historic and cultural resources was highly commendable. The plan reflected many of the recommendations HCF had made throughout the process, and they were very grateful for the time and care that City staff had put into developing it. HCF was proud to support the City Plan with one caveat. They were concerned by a major change to the future Land Use Map for the Peninsula in the Land Use section that removed all of the area south of Market Street between King and Meeting Streets down to Broad Street in the Center City Category and re-designated the land use for the areas as Neighborhood making it primarily Residential. They believed the Corridors were an extremely important part of the historic Urban Core of the City as they were home to City Hall, Charleston County and Federal Judicial Complexes, and a mixture of local, regional, and national businesses. It was critical that part of the businesses remained Urban and Commercial in designation since the area had been the civic and Commercial heart of the City for hundreds of years. As such, HCF respectfully encouraged Council to re-designate the area as City Center or Historic City Center. They encouraged Council to do so, and they thanked Council for their time and attention to the matter, as well as all of the hard work that had gone into the City Plan.

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

4. Marsha Higgins, President of Maryville-Ashleyville Neighborhood Association, commended the Charleston City Plan team, staff, and all others for the additions of the Historic African American settlement communities and neighborhoods. It was eye opening and good that the 56 African American settlement communities and neighborhoods were recognized Red Top, Maryville-Ashleyville, and many others. However, she asked Council to take it a step further and to recognize the importance of improving the Historic African American communities and recognize the need for the spending of their taxpayers' money, for Federal funds that came in, other special grants that may be available to actually help improve the communities. Much improvement was needed in some of the communities, in particular, the Maryville-Ashleyville community. She also commented on the issue of housing, and she asked Council if they would consider the development of new affordable housing neighborhoods instead of bringing into current neighborhoods. When a developer came into the City, why not develop new affordable housing neighborhoods? She felt that would be an asset to the City and an asset to families in Charleston.

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

5. Katie Zimmerman, Charleston Moves, thanked Council, the Planning Commission, and all of the citizens who weighed in, particularly to add to the plan a couple of important things related to transportation. She wanted to highlight them for Council so they were aware and able to keep them in the plan and use them going forward. One of them was the acknowledgment of DOT's Complete Streets Engineering Directive which changed a lot about what they were going to

allow and not allow, and what Council could leverage and have control over in what DOT would be willing to maintain going forward. It was a huge change, and it was now highlighted in the Comp Plan, which would be beneficial for the City going forward. Also in the plan now was an assessment of when it was contextually appropriate to have multi-use paths in the City instead of just sidewalks. It was something that had been talked about over the years as well as how to make it happen, and it was now in the plan. It was important and she was appreciative that it was in there.

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

6. Jesse Kaasa asked if the Charleston ditch digging project on James Island was accounted for in this topic or did Council want him to hold up until later to comment.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Well, again, this is a comment period, not a question and answer period, but if you would like to maybe get with Mr. Morgan, he will be able to look up that information for you."

Mr. Kaasa said, "Specifically to the James Island ditch digging project, I'm not sure if that was this."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Which project was that, sir?"

Mr. Kaasa said, "I'm not sure of the name of it, but there were hundreds of acres of ditches being dug by the City of Charleston on James Island. I'm from the subdivision of Creek Point, and we've had a couple of e-mails back and forth with the City. So, if this is the topic to bring that forth, I can talk now or if you would like me to hold off."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "This is regarding the Comprehensive Plan that's being proposed for our City. If you have a comment about another matter, you probably signed up for our Public Participation Period."

Mr. Kaasa said, "Okay."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "So, we're going to have that in just a little bit."

Mr. Kaasa said, "Okay."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Yes, sir. Mr. King."

7. Kristopher King, Preservation Society of Charleston, said there was a lot of tremendous work that went into the plan, and he commended City staff for engaging and incorporating a lot of their thoughts and engaging with them in the conversation. Public engagement was a challenge, the team got creative, and they did a tremendous job. They were pleased to partner with the Conservation League in hosting one of the engagement sessions, and it was great to see that partnership opportunity with the City. There was a lot in the plan which was aspirational and great, but the reality was if they hoped to do any of it, they needed to better fund the Planning Department. They needed additional staff. They saw everything from permits struggling to big projects. If they wanted to

achieve the objectives and the goals they all aspired to in the plan, the way to do that was to fund the Planning Department and increase the staff exponentially. To the extent Council was contemplating changes to the plan, there were a few things he wanted to call Council's attention to. There were a couple of recommendations and things that he didn't see in the most current version. Under plans referenced, they asked Council to include the Tourism Management Plan. Also, they thought it was critical that the plan called for the creation of an Economic Development Department at the City of Charleston and urged Council to consider that. Also, they asked Council to set forward a vision for the redevelopment of Union Pier. They knew it would happen in the next decade. The plan was silent to it, they thought that was a huge void, and they wanted to avoid the potential negative consequences of the private sector leading on this. The benchmarks of success they encouraged Council to accept were to make it a model for urban resilient design, to ensure that it supported affordable housing and a vibrant mix of use, that it was integrated socially, culturally, economically, and architecturally, and that it had excellent commitment to public space. They urged Council to call for a robust community engagement process on that. No problem would have a bigger impact on the future of the City, and they needed to set the bar now and set it high. They asked that Council do that in the plan.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you. Would anyone else like to be heard on the Comprehensive Plan? Yes, sir."

8. Mohammed Idris said when he heard about the plan and it being comprehensive, he could not understand why the City had to leave this Country to go get someone from the Dutch Country to help the City.

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

No one else asked to speak.

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

The Clerk said, "Mr. Mayor, we did have one other person sign up online to speak. Dr. Koester, if you're online, if you could press *6."

No one asked to speak.

The Clerk said, "Then, we also received some comments online. We had one person who said that the redeployment of the ten-year plan of Union Pier should be included because it represents a huge opportunity that the City should plan for. Three people requested the removal of I-526 from the plan, and to adjust the future Land Use Map for Upper Cainhoy from Suburban and Suburban Edge to Low Impact Conservation wetlands and open spaces, and that the Cainhoy area and Gadsden Creek area should be preserved. Three people said that recommendation #12 of the City Plan should be removed. Expanding I-526 across James and Johns Island did not solve traffic congestion. It increased car and gasoline consumption and placed pressure on rural areas with important cultural resources. Those were all of the comments that we received."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Alright. So, now, it comes to Council."

Councilmember Shahid said, "So moved."

Councilmember Seekings said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We have a motion to approve first reading and a second. Is there any discussion?"

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Waring.

Councilmember Waring said, "Mr. Mayor, I do have some discussion. Mr. Morgan, can you come to the microphone, please, because I do have a couple of questions? I think Mr. King is right. The plan is silent on Union Pier. Well, why is that?"

Mr. Morgan said, "Well, Union Pier at present is used in an Industrial fashion. We know that the Ports Authority is looking at some other options, potentially selling all of the land or some of it, but at this point, we don't know the complete timeframe on that. By having it as Industrial in the document, it will require them to come in and have a robust planning process because they would have to essentially justify amending our Comprehensive Plan for a different recommendation for that site. So, one of the thought patterns behind that is that it helps us urge the Ports Authority to work with our community to create a great plan for that property."

Councilmember Waring said, "I'm not trying to put you on the spot. Does it make sense for the City to lay out a vision for that property in the plan? Now, obviously, there may be changes over the next ten years, but something is going to happen with that property in the next ten years. I would think that the City would at least have a vision or a goal for what it would like to see happen on that site. It's a very vital site to see."

Mr. Morgan said, "I think from our standpoint, looking at that site, the thought pattern is that we want to work with the Ports Authority, work with the community, and come up with recommendations for it over time. A Comprehensive Plan like this is not that fine scaled. This is more like a 30,000 foot view of our City and to get into those types of detailed questions for a 20- or 30-acre piece of property is probably beyond the scope of the Comprehensive Plan. So, again, that is why we felt like this was a good interim step to show it as the Industrial use. We also would like to update our downtown plan and use that as part of our work next year to help us with recommendations for Union Pier."

Councilmember Waring said, "We're going to have a workshop so we can kind of work through that and maybe have some additional comments on that at the workshop. Also, there is a provision in there where, as I understand it, the CPW lateral water and sewer lines will have to go through our TRC process. That is not a fast project. I think anybody in this room who is familiar with it would admit to that. That delay would create millions of dollars in additional costs to, in this case, CPW which will have to be passed on to the rate payers. Not only City rate payers, but wholesale rate payers. I'm not asking for an answer for that tonight, but between second and third reading, Mr. Mayor, maybe we can work that out. There is also an unintended consequence that our Stormwater, when we put in our drainage fixes, maybe some of this 1984 study that actually gets into the point of fixing our Howle Road and places like that. If our process has to go through the TRC process, it adds costs to our drainage process, which adds costs to the taxpayers. So, I think, those two definitely, I think there are unintended consequences there. It would be very difficult to get bids on major sewer trunk lines if you have to wait until you go through the TRC process for a contract to be finalized and vetted. So,

anyway, we can hopefully work that out. I'm going to vote for it, but, hopefully, we can work through some sort of meaningful solution with that between the second and third reading.

To what Ms. Higgins's said, she didn't get to complete her thought, but I certainly followed her. When she speaks in terms of having affordable communities, I know we have infill, and right now it seems like that is the only strategy. I know we've created incentives in the event that somebody were to do affordable housing, you know, setback advantages, both side yards, frontage, and railyards, but I don't know whether we've crystalized it to the point where if somebody were to do an affordable community or an affordable subdivision, the incentives of doing one versus what we are doing now, some people would call unaffordable communities. I don't know whether a business development officer, if we did hire one, could actually pitch that, if you will, to a developer. In other words, a track of land you're going to build something like that on, you may get 20 percent more buildable lots if you did an affordable subdivision versus the way we do it now, so, I think, if maybe that could be crystallized. I had a conversation with the President of the College of Charleston last week and, believe it or not, one of the problems with some students is you've got some students that are homeless. That wasn't the situation when we were in college. So, I brought up the idea of tiny house subdivisions. Is that refined in this process? If somebody wanted to do a tiny house community, would they have the ability to do that in this plan?"

Mr. Morgan said, "Again, that is a little bit more fine grained than the plan would address, but the plan has a number of recommendations to help encourage affordable housing throughout the City. I mean, it's one of the areas of key emphasis in the document and, I think, that is definitely the type of development that we've been talking about, figuring out ways to amend our Zoning Code or re-write our Zoning Code so it could allow such things."

Councilmember Waring said, "Alright. Good. Thank you, Mr. Morgan."

Councilwoman Jackson said, "Mr. Mayor."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Is there anybody else?"

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilwoman Jackson followed by Councilmembers Griffin and Seekings.

Councilwoman Jackson said, "Thank you, sir. I appreciate that you were ready to call the question. I just wanted to make it clear that just because we, as far as I can see we're going to have a majority of us wanting to give this fine document first reading, it's not because we're just passive, and we are not going to work in between our first, second, and third readings with some of the topics that you all are bringing to us, as the public, as well as things that we're talking about together and with the Planning Department. So, I just want to be on record that I'm ready to give this first reading tonight, but there is a lot of work that we still need to do. I've told people that have spoken to me about this that I'm a little double-minded because the plan is not the answer for how we know that things need to be changed in Charleston and in response to our conditions of climate, growth, and all of that. So, I personally don't want to see us try to make this a perfect plan at the sacrifice that this plan is good. I would much rather go on and spend our time as Council paying attention to the next steps that this plan leads us to, which are zoning and all of the things that come along with that, improving our transportation outlook, and improving the way that we think about affordability and all of that. Just because we're not going to talk a whole lot tonight, at least I don't think we are, I do feel like our citizens deserve to know that we're not done yet. So, thank you."

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

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Griffin.

Councilmember Griffin said, "I want to also thank our staff for a wonderful job. I want to thank all of our stakeholders for the amazing public input through a pandemic. I just want to put this on the record tonight, I think that we need to leave Union Pier where it's at. I think our staff did a good job with that. The reason I say that is because Union Pier is State Ports Authority property, and the goal of the State Ports Authority is to facilitate commerce through South Carolina and through our region. Right now, we don't need to start looking at alternatives to that. If and when it gets back into the private sector someday, that will be a big positive because not only will we have some private development that can facilitate commerce, but we'll also have tax revenue that we wouldn't get. But we know from the relationship that we have with the Ports Authority and how their former building is now becoming and going to be an addition to Waterfront Park, and it's going to create a new pier, they're going to continue to be a great partner. I really don't think we need to worry about whether or not whatever eventually happens with Union Pier is going to be a success. They've already proven that. In terms of economic development, that is something I think all of our citizens are yearning for. We see it every day. New business is going to other municipalities, and I would love to see Charleston find a way to get new businesses to West Ashley, to Johns Island, and to Cainhoy. We have to find a way to incorporate that in the plan. I agree with you, Christopher, this Comprehensive Plan is a 30,000 foot view, and we're not going to be picking through the weeds on every single issue, but I would love to see us mention that we're going to continue to find new business to bring back because business creates jobs. I see the municipalities around us every day finding ways to get new business, and I would love to see us incentivize that, as well, in the City of Charleston. Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you, sir."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Seekings.

Councilmember Seekings said, "Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Just very briefly, I would like to comment on and really respond to Councilmember Waring's question about Union Pier. I couldn't agree more. Mr. Morgan and Mr. Summerfield were kind enough yesterday to spend an hour-and-a-half with Councilmember Delcioppo and me. By the way, it's her district where Union Pier sits, to talk very much about what's going on over there. For those who don't know, Union Pier is currently zoned Industrial in its zoning, and its Height District is Warehouse, which is effectively one story. We all know in the next decade that it is not going to be Industrial, and it's not going to be Warehouses. I would think that our Planning Department, this is a chance and an opportunity of a lifetime to help in the visioning of it. There is clearly no chance that this property is going to transfer to the private sector until it's entitled and zoned. So, it's going to be a cooperative effort between the State Ports Authority, whoever is going to come along and buy what is arguably the most important and probably the most valuable 30 acres on the East Coast of the United States today, undeveloped, unzoned, raw property. It's an incredible opportunity for the City, for this region, for the private sector, and I do believe that the City's role in this, because we own it, is the zoning side of it.

So, visioning should, in fact, be part of that, and to Mr. Summerfield and Mr. Morgan's credit, they didn't give themselves credit standing up here, we had a really great discussion about that yesterday, and I think we all know, going forward, that we're going to be working with

the Port, the private developers, the City, the citizens, and everybody else to have a vision that really makes Union Pier, which is currently raw, the best development on the East Coast. So, I think the Comprehensive Plan should mention that. We talked about that yesterday. I think that between now and when we get through the workshop and get to second reading it will. I'm certainly hoping it will be based on the comments we had yesterday along with Councilwoman Delcioppo. I don't think there is any question about that so, I just think it needs to be out there. We're going to be talking a lot about it and it is, I think, the biggest, raw, undeveloped piece of property that we've got out there on the Peninsula probably and ever will again. So, I just want to make sure we're all on the same page about that. Thanks."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Gregorie.

Councilmember Gregorie said, "Thank you, Mr. Mayor, just a couple of things on creating affordable communities. I mean, we're going to have to define that because if affordable communities become concentrations of lower income people, then we're defeating our purpose. A part of trying to incorporate affordable units throughout a community is a healthy thing because it allows the coming together of all incomes in one neighborhood. The other thing is we've been talking about this Economic Development Department for some time now, and not just through recommendations for this plan, that's even a part of the Equity, Inclusion, and Racial Conciliation Economic Development Subcommittee's recommendation. But, I would like the record to reflect if you go to our ordinance, and you go under Community Planning and Development, you will see that there is an Economic Development function currently under that department. I think the logic for it is housing is the economic engine of this Country. So, placing it there, whenever it was placed there, might have been done as a result of someone clearly understanding that connection.

At some point, I think what we need to do is go back to our ordinances, and more specifically the Community Planning and Development Ordinance, where it's clear that the Economic Development function, while it may not be functional, is housed under that particular office. I just wanted to make that clear because throughout many of our discussions, we talk about this Economic Development Department and the Mayor headed Economic Development for a while but, again, if you want to go to the statute and determine where that function is in the City of Charleston, that function is under our Housing and Community Development Department, and I just wanted the record to reflect that. If we change it, fine, but, I think when we start talking about it, we need to find out where that function really is statutorily. It's under the Housing and Community Development Department.

As for tiny houses, we had a number of tiny houses that are right off of Huger Street. It's now a parking lot. So, if we are going to clearly make a commitment to tiny houses, then we need to keep them when we build them because that was the only community that I know of in the City where we did have a number of tiny house units. Many of those units housed the homeless population, and it housed many of our Section 8 Certificate Holders. So, again, let's not reinvent the wheel. We have done it before through the Housing Authority. It can be done, but when we build them, we shouldn't tear them down and make it a parking lot. Thank you, Mr. Mayor."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilwoman Delcioppo.

Councilwoman Delcioppo said, "Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Just because I see Fred here, unfortunately, with the weather this evening a lot of folks from Cainhoy tried to get here, and you can imagine, it's a trek to get to the Peninsula, but were unable to make it here tonight. It's hard to believe, we're here sitting in District 1. That's how big the area stretches. Jennifer, or someone, can we just walk through for those folks who may have just decided to log-in via Zoom what happens if we give first reading tonight, and then when second reading would be, and third, and the workshops because I do want folks to know that what's being presented tonight, I don't believe from conversations that I have had with folks and hearing things tonight, that this will be the 'be all end all.' So, I want citizens to continue to remain engaged, especially those who might not have been able to come tonight to state something on the record. So, can we just walk through that so folks are clear?"

The Clerk said, "Sure. So, this is actually just the first reading of the ordinance. The Planning Department, we are planning on having an additional workshop in September of this year, so that will take place before the plan comes back to Council for a final reading. This is only the first reading, so it will come back to Council again."

Councilwoman Delcioppo said, "Right. So, I just want folks to continue to stay engaged in the process whether you're sitting here tonight, you're at home, or you may watch this at a later date, that there are other opportunities, and we'll see some of these recommendations that have been made throughout implemented into the plan. Thank you. I appreciate that."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you."

Councilmember Seekings said, "And, Mr. Mayor, just to add on--"

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Let me go to Councilmember Shahid. He hasn't been heard yet, and I'll come back to you."

Councilmember Seekings said, "Okay."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Appreciate it."

Councilmember Shahid said, "Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Mr. Morgan, I noticed on page 10 of this draft a couple of points I just want to ask you about. We replaced the Century V Plan with this plan?"

Mr. Summerfield said, "This would be a replacement of the Century V Plan. Yes, sir."

Councilmember Shahid said, "Have we, in the past, done an internal check or a way of measuring how much we have complied with, satisfied, or implemented the Century V Plan between 2010 and 2020?"

Mr. Morgan said, "So, at the very beginning of this whole new plan process, we had a review of the Century V Plan with our Planning Commission and kind of saw its strengths, weaknesses, accomplishments, and things that didn't necessarily get done."

Councilmember Shahid said, "And the next question right on that same particular point, we make reference to a variety of plans since 2010 like the Climate Action Plan that was just adopted in 2021, the Housing for a Fair Charleston in 2020, and the Dutch Dialogues which we've been talking about, Sea Level Rise Strategy, Citywide Transportation Plan, and the

Dupont/Wappoo Community Plan. I'm not going to read all of them including my favorite, of course, Plan West Ashley, but how do we make sure that we integrate these plans because some of these things may have a way of conflicting within the Comprehensive Plan? How do we make sure that we're in compliance with these various assundry plans that we've adopted and approved? How do we integrate those plans with this plan?"

Mr. Morgan said, "So, by virtue of saying that we are adopting those plans as part of this document, they are all referenced, of course, in the appendix, and you can link up to those in the appendix digitally, but the most important thing is that they have been taken into account in the writing of the document. There is nothing in this document that should conflict with any of those plans. Plan West Ashley, for example, we scrutinized everything in it that should be in more of a 30,000-foot Comprehensive Plan. The Plan West Ashley was more like a 5,000- or 10,000-foot up plan, so a much more smaller scale, and this is a much broader Citywide plan, but we incorporated the things that we thought made the most sense from Plan West Ashley to be in this overall document."

Councilmember Shahid said, "I think that helps answer a lot of the other questions that my colleagues have brought up, in particular, which are very good points when we're dealing with these things about fair housing, affordable housing, flooding issues and economic development. Those plans, when you look at them collectively, and you put this all together cumulatively, address a lot of those issues. As you said, we're getting more into the weeds for those particular plans, from the higher-level view to the more lower-level view, and I think that's important that a community understand that. While we have these integrated plans weaved throughout this City Comprehensive Plan, these other plans are very important, and they're a very integral part of the overall strategy that the City has adopted through these individual plans from year to year, several of them through this current makeup of our Council. The public just needs to be aware that we have these other issues and these other plans that are available to us to address some of these particular concerns that my colleagues have brought up. That's really important that we keep that in mind, as well. So, thank you for those comments, Mr. Morgan. Thank you, Mr. Mayor."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Seekings.

Councilmember Seekings said, "Just very briefly, Mr. Mayor, just to add on a little bit to what Councilwoman Delcioppo was talking about with those in Cainhoy who are interested in this plan, if they're watching tonight, I do believe we're having our next City Council meeting on Daniel Island in Berkeley County, so that will give them the opportunity to have a public comment period. They're not just limited to when we actually have a hearing on this. They can come and make comment then, too."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Absolutely."

Councilmember Seekings said, "So, we will be up in their neck of the woods in about three weeks."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Four weeks. So, just to reiterate, and we talked about the schedule today, it was difficult to get everybody, between us and the Planning Commission, together in early August. So, we just decided we would drop back and punt. We won't even take up the Comprehensive Plan in August officially, although we would welcome comments at our next meeting from the public about it. We won't have that workshop until early September. Jennifer will send out a notice to you all to set up a time, and then at our regular meetings in

September we'll proceed with the second and third reading if we're ready. So, we want to get it right. We're going to continue to work on this."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Appel.

Councilmember Appel said, "Thank you, Mr. Mayor. While we're having this good discussion about the Comp Plan, I think it's important for members of the public and people that may be listening in today to realize that a Comprehensive Plan in South Carolina has practically no legal significance. A Comprehensive Plan does not make anything law, it does not zone property, it does not implement any policy, it is simply a plan. It's a plan that's mandated by our General Assembly in order for us to exercise our zoning and land use powers, but until we pick up the ball and start running with some of the very great ideas that our staff, our community, and our Planning Commission have put together, this is a document on a shelf or in a pdf. It's very incumbent upon us over the next several years to actually pick up the ball and start running with these very important strategies and these very important recommendations in the plan. Like around affordable housing, there are major changes we need to make to our zoning ordinances. There is a lot of talk about missing middle, affordable housing, and bringing affordable housing units on the market. The City cannot cure the affordable housing crisis on its own through structured LIHTC deals and all these various deals that we do. They're important pieces of the puzzle, but we cannot make a dent in this problem by putting 100 units on the market a year. We need thousands of units in addition in the market every year. Should the City of Charleston eliminate Single-Family zoning, eliminate it, like the City of Minneapolis has done? We would be national leaders in affordable housing if we were to do something like that, but that's going to take us putting together an ordinance, putting together the momentum and the political support for doing something like that to get it over the line. So, while the plan is important, and I don't want to undermine the plan's significance, nothing really matters unless we pick up the ball, champion certain causes, identify proposals and measures that are going to really move the needle, get support for it, and get it over the goal line. So, I just thought I'd mention that. Thanks."

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

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Mitchell.

Councilmember Mitchell said, "Yes, Mr. Mayor and Councilmembers, even out to the community, as they say, this is just a plan. We have to have a guide to work from, so that's all we're doing with this plan. There always can be changes to that particular plan, even when they're talking about affordable housing. We were talking about affordable housing for years and years. I'm sitting here, and sometimes I don't see the affordable housing that we are talking about, but the people are really thinking about affordability. I said normally we, as a Council, or we as a City and other cities, we all use the HUD area median incomes, and that's what everybody is building by. Until HUD changes that, that's what everybody is still using, that's what it's going to be. We have to really try to educate the community about affordable housing. People get confused when they see affordable housing and say we are not doing affordable housing. So, even in this plan we really need to write more into the plan to explain some of these things to individuals that don't understand or put more information out so people can understand it because a lot of people in this community do not understand what affordable housing means. That's why we're getting a lot of kickback dealing with affordable housing, but like I say, this is a plan, and it's not over yet. We still have opportunity for calling in, putting information in, or asking for information that you want so that we can maybe make some changes, too, because we are not perfect here either. The Planning Commission did a good job,

the staff is doing a great job, but they're not perfect either. So, you might come out with some type of plan to include in this plan and say, 'Oh, we never thought about that.' These are the things that we are doing, so we ask the community to come out and step up to the plate. Don't wait until everything is done, and it's already approved, then come back later and say, 'Oh, we weren't involved in that.' We have to get involved in these things, especially if you think it's going to affect us in the long run. Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you, sir. Is there anyone else?"

No one else asked to speak.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Alright. Let's take first reading on number two, our Charleston City Comprehensive Plan."

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

An ordinance to adopt the Charleston City Plan as the Comprehensive Plan for the City of Charleston, South Carolina.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you very much. Next up is our [584 Meeting Street](#) rezoning."

Mr. Morgan said, "E-3, 584 Meeting Street in East Central. It's approximately 1.623 acres. It's a request to rezone from General Business to Mixed-Use/Workforce Housing (MU-2/WH). There is the property. I can't really use a laser around it, but it's at the center of the screen. It fronts on Meeting Street. It's across from the Grant Homes. It is immediately north of the old Regis Milk Company that was recently also zoned to MU, in that instance, MU-1/Workforce Housing. To the rear is a restaurant, and to the north is a site that has been approved for a hotel. It is in an area that is immediately on the path of the Lowcountry Rapid Transit that will come right down Meeting Street in front of it. So, it's a great place for density to be. The Comprehensive Plan at present calls for this site to be in our Urban Core. It is in our new City Center designation in the new plan because of its proximity to the Lowcountry Rapid Transit. There are images here of the property. You are probably familiar with it. There is a church on the property at present, and the potential developers are working with that church for a new location for them. Here are some closer end images of the property here. You see it from the street, the property to the south, and that's to the north, another new large apartment building that's also been built on the Meeting Street Corridor, and across the street. Planning Commission did recommend approval of this rezoning with a 6 to 0 vote."

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

The Clerk said, "Mayor, we did have one citizen who signed up to speak online."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "He's here in person."

The Clerk said, "Okay. Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "You're the applicant?"

Mr. Roberts said, "Yes, sir."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Yes, sir. Thank you."

Councilmember Seekings said, "Mayor."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Seekings.

Councilmember Seekings said, "Well, while we've got him here, can you give us 20 seconds on your vision for what this is going to be ultimately?"

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Fair question."

Councilmember Seekings said, "We've got you here."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Come to the microphone, please."

Mr. Roberts said, "We're developing commercial activation with significant floor-to-ceiling heights fronting on Meeting Street. The building's mass, which we will soon bring to BAR, is going to be Multi-Family apartments, Mixed-Use with commercial activation. We hope to bring a beautiful structure that will really add to the Central District that you envision in the Master Plan."

Councilmember Seekings said, "Great. Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Alright. Are there any other questions?"

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Mitchell

Councilmember Mitchell said, "It's not a question."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Or a comment."

Councilmember Mitchell said, "Everyone had a chance to speak up in the community, out in the audience?"

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Yes, I had asked for that, and no one came forward."

Councilmember Mitchell said, "Mr. Mayor, a lot of people don't know it, but this was Eastside Baptist Church at one time. It's still standing. I met with Mr. Jeff Roberts. We walked the particular property because he called me when things were going on with the property and the church. He has done a marvelous job. I have to give him kudos for that. He has done a marvelous job by working with the church. He did some things that a lot of us wouldn't do, so I have to commend him on that. I met with him, and I said, 'Now the only thing we have to do is just get with the neighborhood association, and let them know what's going on.' He promised me he would do that. He has done a marvelous job working with those people in that church. I was sorry to see the church go. A lot of people don't know the background of what happened, but he has done a marvelous job with them in working with them and is still working with the church in helping them on their way to a better place where they can afford. So, I have to give him kudos on that, and I just want to say that publicly. You have different developers and contractors out here that really think about people. That's one person that is doing it and not

thinking about himself always, but about the people and what they were going through. He helped them out a lot, so I have to give him kudos on that. Thank you.”

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “Thank you, sir.”

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Appel.

Councilmember Appel said, “Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I have to recuse myself on this vote. I just wanted to make sure I noted that for the record.”

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “Yes, sir. Would anyone else like to be heard or have a question?”

No one else asked to speak.

Councilmember Seekings said, “So moved.”

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “We have a motion to approve. Do we have a second?”

Councilmember Gregorie said, “Second.”

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “We have a second.”

On a motion of Councilmember Seekings, one (1) bill (Item E-3) received second reading. It passed second reading on motion by Councilmember Gregorie and third reading on motion of Councilmember Seekings. On further motion of Councilmember Mitchell, the rules were suspended, and the bill was immediately ratified as:

2021-091 - 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 up is an ordinance regarding a [Special Parking District](#). Mr. Morgan.”

Mr. Morgan said, “Thank you, Mayor. This came out of some of our Emergency Ordinances. We’re helping our King Street merchants and properties. This is making this permanent for the area of King Street from Calhoun to Broad. I’ll show the map so you can get a sense of where those parcels are. It’s the same parcels that have been part of the Emergency Ordinances, and essentially this allows for new uses in those existing structures. They do not have to meet parking requirements. Again, it’s in the existing structures for uses going in those. The ordinances are outlined here. I’m going to just kind of flip through this real quick and get to the map. Then, show you the map that is all of the parcels that front on King Street. A couple of exceptions where you’ve got a government building, County Courthouse, but otherwise all of the

parcels running on King Street from Calhoun Street to Broad are included in this Overlay that would change the parking requirements for them.”

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “Great. Thank you. Would anyone from the public like to be heard on this matter?”

No one asked to speak.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “Seeing none, it comes to Council.”

Councilmember Seekings said, “So moved.”

Councilmember Shahid said, “Second.”

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “I have a motion to approve. Councilmember Appel.”

Councilmember Appel said, “You want me to make a comment about it or a second?”

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “Do you mind making a brief report about the success of this and its emergency form?”

Councilmember Appel said, “Absolutely. I’d be honored to. This is an example of picking up the ball and running with it. This is something that had been on the City’s planning horizon for years. This is something that’s burgeoning in the land use and planning world for trying to reinvigorate some of these historic commercial corridors. Parking has become an impediment for getting vacancies turned over, and we saw that really starkly during COVID. Long story short, I’ve been in close communication with our staff and am happy to report that several businesses have actually availed themselves of this relief this year. That is going to amount to vacancies turning over, and the reason for that is because, prior to now, if you had a vacant storefront, and you didn’t have some sort of grandfathered status for your zoning spots, it could cost you tens of thousands, if not hundreds of thousands of dollars, to comply with the City’s minimum parking requirements. What this policy says is that a lot of these structures were built generations before automobiles were invented. You should be able to open up a business without having to prove that you can make certain parking arrangements on your own. This is going to make it easier for small businesses to compete downtown. YETI across the street from my office, they don’t have a problem striking a six-figure check for parking spaces, but maybe a small business in the community finds that too difficult to do. This is a major deregulatory effort by the City of Charleston, it’s a pro-business measure by the City of Charleston, and it’s a way to drive economic vibrancy and diversity in our Commercial Corridor, and it doesn’t relate to business.

Now if you’re a property owner on King Street, and you’ve got a second- or third-story floor that’s been vacant or has been used for storage over the years, you can turn those into apartments. Maybe they can be affordable or get more units on the market. Maybe that will drive down costs. I’m very excited to see what this measure will continue to do over the years. It’s already had some great success and, hopefully, we can expand this in the future. We’ve got adequate parking infrastructure all over the City, and I am very happy to see how much progress this has made and great collaboration on this with Councilmember Seekings and Councilwoman Delcioppo, as well. They were very instrumental in making this happen, as well. So, kudos to all and, of course, our staff for listening to me pester them about this. I’m glad we’re at the finish line here. It’s very exciting. The last thing I’ll say is the City of Charleston got covered by *Wired*

Magazine, a national publication, in an article about the most progressive, dynamic, leading cities in the realm of transportation and Urban renewal, and it was really good to see that happen. I hope we can get some more positive national attention for our zoning improvements in the coming years to piggyback on what we just talked about with our Comp Plan. So, thank you, Mayor. I appreciate it.”

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “Thank you. Are there any further questions or comments?”

No one else asked to speak.

On a motion of Councilmember Seekings, one (1) bill (Item E-4) received second reading. It passed second reading on motion by Councilmember Shahid and third reading on motion of Councilmember Seekings. On further motion of Councilmember Shahid, the rules were suspended, and the bill was immediately ratified as:

2021-092 - 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 OFF-STREET 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, 457-04-02-184 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, 457-04-04-129 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, 457-08-01-078, 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, 457-08-02-135, 457-08-02-159 TO 161, 457-08-04-003, 457-08-04-015 TO 017, 457-08-04-019, 457-08-04-0191, 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, “Next up is a matter regarding property line adjustments.”

Mr. Morgan said, “This is [Item E-5](#) and this is to amend our Subdivision Codes to essentially allow for the requirement of on-street parking or other parking areas within new subdivisions. What we've increasingly found in Charleston is as developers have built streets in our subdivisions that meet our City Codes, that provide for good safe access for cars, they have not included areas for on-street parking either along the street or adjacent to some of the housing. This would require that in certain instances, based on the number of lots in a neighborhood and the size of the lots in the neighborhood, relative to how much extra parking those lots can allow. It could be in HOA areas, it could be in on-street areas, but we think this is something that will make for better neighborhoods in the City and make for fewer points of

consternation when someone has a few folks over to their house for a barbecue or something like that, but staff and Planning Commission recommended approval of this ordinance.”

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “Thank you. Would anyone like to be heard on this matter?”

No one asked to speak.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “Seeing none, it goes to Council.”

Councilmember Shahid said, “Move for approval.”

Councilmember Mitchell said, “Second.”

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

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilwoman Jackson.

Councilwoman Jackson said, “Yes, I just want to make sure that this is first reading, right?”

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “This is first reading. Yes, ma'am.”

Councilmember Jackson said, “I feel a little dumb about trying to follow the bouncing balls on these numbers and what it would actually look like on some sort of subdivision layout. I'll be in touch with you, Mr. Morgan, so you can help me figure it out. Some of it doesn't make a lot of sense to me. I do appreciate the purpose of living in a neighborhood that people don't have anywhere to park, and it causes traffic congestion on the side of things, but I'm willing to vote 'yes' to the first reading.”

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

No one else asked to speak.

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

An ordinance to amend Article 8 (Subdivision, Property Line Adjustment or abandonment), Part 3 (Subdivision Design Standards), Section 54-821 (Street Design Standards) of Chapter 54 of the Code of the City of Charleston (Zoning Ordinance) and add requirements for on-street parking in new subdivisions.

Councilmember Mitchell said, “Mr. Mayor. Could Mr. Morgan take six and seven together? Both of them are annexations.”

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “Actually, on number six we have to annex it later in the meeting. So, we're going to have to come back to vote on number six, but we do want to avail the public of the opportunity to make any comment. Mr. Morgan, if you present both of them, then we will seek any comments.”

Mr. Morgan said, "[E-6 is 420 Arlington Drive](#). It would be an annexation of a Single-Family lot. It was R-4 in Charleston County. It would come into the City as SR-1, and we are recommending approval. Here is an image of the property. It is adjacent to the Greenway in West Ashley off Arlington. The Planning Commission recommended for that SR-1.

Now there is a difference with [E-7](#). This is a parcel that is off River Road, and the applicant was interested in getting a little bit more density on this site, not because they wanted more units, but because they wanted different setbacks. But, from a staff standpoint, we felt like SR-1, what the applicant had requested, was not the right category here given that the adjoining development was much lower density than that. That's the Stonoview Development that's adjoining it, so we had recommended R-4, which is in conformance with the Comprehensive Plan both current and future. The Planning Commission did endorse the, I'm sorry, we had recommended RR-1. It was R-4 in Charleston County. We recommended RR-1 for it, and the Planning Commission endorsed the RR-1 for the property, so that is a little bit different from the previous one."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Got you. Would anyone from the public like to be heard on 420 Arlington Drive zoning or 2147 and 2151 River Road?"

No one asked to speak.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Hearing none, at this point, we're going to take number seven to Council and come back to number six after we complete the annexation."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Brady.

Councilmember Brady, "Christopher, for E-7, she's requesting SR-1, but the Planning Commission and staff approved RR-1. If we vote 'aye,' what's getting implemented?"

Mr. Morgan said, "Well, it depends on what your motion or a Councilmember's motion would be, but the Planning Commission and staff send it to you as recommending RR-1 which is a little bit lower density than the SR-1."

Councilmember Brady, said, "Because the way it's presented on the agenda for number seven it says to be zoned Single-Family Residential SR-1."

Mr. Morgan said, "Right, but you all have the power, just like the Planning Commission does, to make recommendations. You all have the power in making the final decision on it to go lower than what the applicant had asked for."

Councilmember Brady said, "Okay. Then, I would move that we follow the Planning Commission and staff's recommendation to go RR-1 on this."

Councilmember Mitchell said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Madam Clerk, did you want to make a comment?"

The Clerk said, "I was just going to say, I think Christopher covered it, but the motion would either be for Rural Residential or Single-Family. In other words, you have the option."

Councilmember Brady said, "Yes. Alright."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "I'm sorry, did you make a motion?"

Councilmember Brady said, "I did. I moved that we follow staff and Planning Commission's recommendation to make it RR-1."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We have a second?"

Councilmember Mitchell said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Griffin.

Councilmember Griffin said, "Mr. Mayor, I think number seven is pending annexation, as well."

The Clerk said, "The applicant requested deferral of that. We're not taking up the annexation, but the zoning is still on the agenda."

Councilmember Griffin said, "How can we zone something that isn't annexed into the City?"

The Clerk said, "So, Christopher, I don't know if you want to cover that, but this is just for our first reading of the zoning. What will happen is the annexation and the zoning will happen at the same meeting."

Mr. Morgan said, "Yes, ma'am. So, it could be the applicant, by virtue of that deferral, they could be watching, and if they don't like the RR-1, they may withdraw their annexation. That has happened before, but, from a staff standpoint, felt strongly enough that it was important to have the lower density. So, that's why we recommended that, and the Planning Commission concurred with that."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Alright. Are there any further questions or comments?"

No one else asked to speak.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Hearing none, we're voting on number seven for an RR-1 zoning classification."

On a motion of Councilmember Brady, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, 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 2147 and 2151 River Road (Johns Island) (approximately 4.78 acres) (TMS #315-00-00-110 and 048) (Council District 5), pending annexation into the City of Charleston, be zoned Single-Family Residential (SR-1) classification. The property is owned by Abbi L. Beckford.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "That ends our public hearing matters. Next, we have the [approval of City Council minutes from June 15th and June 30th.](#)"

Councilmember Mitchell said, "Move for approval of June 15th and June 30th."

Councilmember Griffin said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We have a motion to approve. Are there any changes or deletions?"

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 June 15, 2021 City Council meeting and the June 30, 2021 Special City Council meeting.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Next up is our [Citizens' Participation Period](#). We only allot 30 minutes for this, and we've got 27 people signed up. I'm going to respectfully ask you all to stay to a minute of comment period each. I would like to request no outbursts during the citizens' participation period. If someone would like to ask for a show of hands if folks agree with their point of view that's fine and we'll be glad to recognize your joint sentiments that way, and I respectfully ask for no personal attacks on anyone and no profanity. We'll call out three or four names at a time and ask you to come to the mic and state your name and address. I look forward to hearing from you."

The Clerk said, "Tracey Owens, Leslie Armstrong, Erin Leach, and Shai Gilbertson."

1. Tracey Owens said there would be five of them reading in sequence to tell a story that they thought was vital for Council to hear. Every Sunday a group of racists brought a huge confederate flag to the defenders of the confederacy statue. They started this display when the confederate flag was taken down from the statehouse in the wake of the murders at Mother Emanuel. Her group gathered each week to counter-protest. They hoped that the elimination of the statue as the focal point would cause the group to be less emboldened. Her group had read the proposed ordinance in full and were concerned about language found in division three titled regulations and penalties, item number 13. The language sounded alarming because they had seen how the subjectivity of discretion could play out in real situations.
2. Leslie Armstrong said she was at the battery every Sunday, and on July 11 her group had a situation where a police officer got in their faces and kept telling them where they could and couldn't stand. He threatened some of the white anti-flaggers that he was going to arrest them for failure to obey a lawful order. She said they didn't know what he was talking about. Later in the morning a young woman walked by and started yelling obnoxious comments. Then, she crossed the street, looked at them and yelled some more. One of the anti-flaggers, Marlana, who happened to be black, stepped off the curb and was walking across the street. The police officers did to her what they did not do to her white colleagues.
3. Erin Leach said she would not publicly give her address because many of the anti-flaggers were targeted by the very group they were talking about. After the young woman kept taunting them and after Marlana crossed the street, she was surrounded and handcuffed by police. More officers swarmed, and it appeared as if backup was called. The only black man in the group was questioning why his friend was being arrested. The police tried to grab him and tried to arrest him, as well. His crime was

unknown. All of them had asked why Marlana was being arrested, but no one would answer them. Finally, they were told she was being charged with disobeying a lawful order. She felt like Officer Wiese had been itching to charge someone with that offense. She said this should have been a ticketable offense, but she was arrested, put in the back of a jail car, and sent to jail for a ticketable offense.

4. Shai White-Gilbertson said that when the group arrived at the jail to get answers and petition for Marlana's release, they were told that she'd have to stay until the next day's bail hearings, although no jail time should be associated with that charge. It required paying a fine. They paid the fine and waited. She was finally released and very curious as to what she had done wrong. The answer was a police officer decided to arrest her because she had not obeyed him. She said the reality seemed to be that if someone was black, you could be arrested and treated as a criminal for exercising the first amendment rights that everyone was supposed to have.

The Clerk said, "Next is Justin Hunt. Rita Kazirskis, did you want to speak, as well? Your name was on, but it was crossed through. Marcus McDonald, Greta Anderson, and Maddie Durham.

5. Justin Hunt said he was the president of Stand As One, which was one of the many peaceful activists groups in the City. Over-aggression of Police was something that was real, and they wanted cooperation and communication on the issue. The ignoring of it through the City, as well as the Charleston Police Department, had them traumatized. He had been at that Battery for over a year peacefully. He had no violent charges, and he led protests for over 200 people. They were asking for the same constitutional rights that were promised to them when they stated, that all men were created equal. They were constantly having a fight in this City, and they needed their elected officials to at least be the voice for them. It hurt his heart to see Marlana incarcerated for something that was non-violent. These were their elders. He asked City officials to please be the voice, be accountable, and remember to speak for those that put them in their seats.
6. Marcus McDonald, Charleston Black Lives Matter, said that anybody who was a Councilmember who had been arrested for a DUI should be ashamed of themselves. He said they had mutual friends who had been killed by drunk drivers, and it didn't make sense how the City would not make a code of conduct for politicians and people who were supposed to be representatives. They'd rather make a code of conduct for people who were standing for their rights and standing for the rights of folks. He said there was a recent press conference where folks on Council and law enforcement made a statement and said that they needed to protect citizens from those people. He said that when things happen in his community on the Eastside, he's there. They could ask Councilman Mitchell. Before Council tried to demonize this and make rules to alienate first amendment rights, they should know who they were targeting. They were targeting black folks. He told Council to stop shifting blame and hold themselves accountable.
7. Greta Anderson reminded everyone of the videos where a police officer slowly killed George Floyd while a crowd of onlookers begged him to stop. She said some friends had told them about the incident that happened a week and a half ago where Charleston Deputy Police Chief Jack Wiese abused his power in threatening, physically abusing, and even falsely arresting a 60-year-old black woman, as well as a 70-year-old black man. During the completely unnecessary melee with peaceful protesters, he was begged repeatedly to de-escalate the situation. His answer was no. His behavior was a

huge liability to the city of Charleston, and his inability and refusal to control his temper presented a serious threat to the safety of all who lived and visited. She said when one saw something that was not right, they had a moral obligation to say something and to do something. She asked Council to not abuse their power by failing to address this dangerous situation.

The Clerk said, "Next is Mohammed Idris, Marc Knapp, and Rolanda Bayoumi.."

8. Mohammed Idris said there were 13 members of Council. There was a saying that Friday the 13th was bad luck, and sometimes he wondered why. There were 13 representing government, there were 13 stripes in the flag, and Jesus had 12 disciples. He appreciated Councilman Waring working and struggling and his competition with Councilman Seekings. That's what politicians were supposed to be doing, representing for their community, for their people. He asked everyone to read the Bible and live up to it, as they had sworn on it."
9. Marc Knapp said there was an ordinance they were getting ready to do for recreation stuff and permits. He said the funny part was that it had to be produced 14 days before the event, but if it got turned down, they had 30 days to hear an appeal. With regards to firearms, a lot of it was contrary to State law. State law said someone couldn't possess a concealed weapon on certain property, but they could have it in their vehicle. The word 'possession' meant if it was in one's vehicle, they possessed it. He said the other important item was parades. One couldn't have an open display of a weapon. He asked what would happen when an honor guard showed up.
10. Rolanda Bayoumi said he was there on behalf of her family and the food stand ordinance that was passed on June 30th. She listened to several of the conversations that evening, and she was going to bounce off of some of the things that were said. Councilmember Griffin said that the pier, once privatized, would bring employment to Charleston. The ordinance that was passed for the food stands had devastated employment. They talked about certain small businesses that needed parking in front of their business. They were a small business, and the ordinance that was passed had destroyed the business. Closing at 1:30 a.m. was taking 80% of their profit. It made them wonder what the future held. They didn't establish their business overnight. It took seven years, yet the ordinance was passed in a matter of moments and the rug ripped out from under them.
11. Mohamed Bayoumi said he came to talk about the mobile food vendor ordinance that was based on the theory of June 30th. He wanted the City to reverse and consider moving the closing time from 1:30 to 2:30 a.m. They did 75-80% of their business during that hour. The ordinance had killed their business. It had taken food off their table. They were struggling to pay personal bills, not to mention the overhead costs to run a business. They were willing to work with the City, but the City had to work with them.

The Clerk said, "Next is Anthony Bryant, Mohamed Badaway, Gail Hall, and I believe it's Mac or Mark Swartze. Anthony Bryant."

11. Anthony Bryant said the Public Service Commission in South Carolina had a public comment he made on the Dominion Energy rate increase and it removed and redacted his physical address. On April and May 2020 a call came from West Ashley to his

neighborhood and cops came. He wanted the video camera of what happened in May 2020 and at the Public Service Commission in 2019.

12. Mohamed Badaway said he was there as a food vendor working on King Street. After the ordinance, he didn't see anything that had changed. Before that, everything was safe. They closed early for safety, but he didn't see anything that affected that. Their businesses have been very affected. They could not keep up with their bills or family needs. He asked Council to extend it for one more hour.

The Clerk said, "And was Gail Hall here? Mark Swartze? Tristan Whitaker, Trey Davis, Ahmad Elsayed, and Andrew Tweedy."

13. Tristan Whitaker said he moved to Charleston two years ago. On his first night, he met Mike at his food cart on King Street. He had seen him about every weekend since. He asked Council to give them that extra hour to operate their business because he knew it hurt them, and he liked to support local businesses.
14. Trey Davis said he lived with Tristan and also wanted to express support for extending the food cart hours. He saw the impact that it had on Mike and his family, and he also saw the lack of impact that this ruling had on safety. He didn't see any direct correlation between food cart times and the safety of King Street late at night.
15. Ahmad Elsayed said he was one of the members of that business and would interpret what his friend said about extending the time especially when they were struggling to shut down by 1:30 a.m. because of the crowd around them. After they shut down, the crowd was still there, and it had been divided in different spots for food which made more of a crowd. They had noticed that they had been leaving while the police were still there, so even if they extended for one more hour, he believed they would still leave while the police were there.
16. Andrew Tweedy said he was there on behalf of Mohamed and his family. He wanted to voice support for the extension of the time period one could have carts on King Street. There were no other options at 1 a.m. where someone could get food walking down the street, and he thought to say that it made it unsafe was unfair with the amount of police presence on King Street. He thought it would be fair to extend it back to 2:30 a.m.

The Clerk said, "Next is Max Gentilin, Jesse Kaasa, Tony Daniell, Donna Daniell, and Melanie Bennett, and I believe Melanie may be online on the phone."

17. Max Gentilin said he was there on behalf of the food cart and believed that it should be open later, as well. There had been a lot more police on the street and there hadn't been a problem and he didn't think the food carts ever caused a problem to begin with. Late at night, that was really the only option for food. As someone who lived downtown, when he got off work late he had to get food somewhere and that was the main place he would go. He thought they should reconsider the time.
18. Jesse Kaasa said he lived in Creek Point Subdivision, and the project he wanted to comment about was the roadside ditch maintenance and rehabilitation under Matthew Fountain and Stormwater Management. There were hundreds of acres of ditches being redug throughout James Island and that project. In Creek Point, they were seeing a lot of erosion on the shoulder of the road, and the supporting soil of the road was eroding into the ditches. They were also seeing in driveways that the supporting soil of the driveway

was eroding into the ditches and causing more of a problem. It wasn't addressing a problem. That would cost taxpayers money to fix it when it was compromising the integrity of the public road, and it would also cost the private citizen money out of their bank account. It was a direct hit to their bank account when they were seeing cracks in their driveways that weren't there.

19. Tony Daniell said he wanted to show them what their neighborhood looked like and how it was a farce to believe that there was no cutting through. The road with the dead end sign was the open road with trees and a fence in the middle of it. All cars had to do was go one-tenth of a mile, and they were back where they were. Everybody drove by what used to be an open road and cut through to his section. He had lost the quiet enjoyment of his house and his property value had gone down.

20. Donna Daniell asked what military service meant. It meant extended periods of being alone during deployment, never knowing if one's spouse was going to come home, constantly aware of danger. To Country Club II, it was ugly comments about one's absence while serving one's country and stating in writing that you had no say in their childhood home. To a Councilmember, it meant deceiving their father-in-law who did research in saving medicine at MUSC and promising her husband that he was helping while encouraging a person who falsely claimed to be an HOA President to organize a letter-writing campaign. She asked if they looked the other way, violating their ethics and oath of office to enforce the law and called the streets with trees and fences open. She asked them to do the right thing and obey the law as they expected all citizens. They should remove the illegal road closures in Country Club II.

The Clerk said, "Melanie Bennett, if you're on the line, if you could press *6. I don't believe she is on, and we did not receive any other comments for Citizens Participation."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Were there any email or telephone messages?"

The Clerk said, "No, sir. I think I already summarized those earlier. Those were for the Comp Plan, I believe."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Alright. So, that ends our Citizen's Participation period. Thank you all for being with us this evening. We appreciate hearing from you. Next up is our [Petitions and Communications](#). We have back to you appointments on various Boards and Commissions."

Councilmember Shahid said, "Move for approval."

Councilmember Griffin said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We have a motion to approve and a second. Any discussion?"

Councilmember Seekings said, "Can we separate out 1(a) and 1(b) please, Mr. Mayor?"

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Sure. We have a request to separate 1(a) and 1(b). Does that mean we could go ahead now and take 1(c), 1(d), and 1(e) and then come back to (a) and (b)? Is that okay with you?"

Councilmember Seekings said, "Sure."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Any discussion on 1(c), 1(d) or 1(e)?"

No one asked to speak.

On a motion of Councilmember Shahid, seconded by Councilmember Griffin, City Council voted unanimously to approve the appointments and reappointments to the Board of Zoning Appeals (Site Design), Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, and Minority and Women Business Enterprise Advisory Board.

Board of Zoning Appeals (Site Design)

Paula Murphy (Reappointment)
Jeff Webb (Reappointment)
Jennifer DeCiantis (New Appointment)

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Adriana Lopez Hernandez (New Appointment)

Minority and Women Business Enterprise Advisory Board

Dr. Shawn Gathers (New Appointment)
Joan Berry Robinson (Reappointment)

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Next, can I entertain a motion to approve the appointments for the Design Review Board?"

Councilmember Griffin said, "So moved."

Councilmember Shahid said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Any discussion?"

No one asked to speak.

On the motion of Councilmember Griffin, seconded by Councilmember Shahid, City Council voted to approve the appointments and reappointments to the Design Review Board.

Design Review Board

Erica Chase (Reappointment)
Dinos Liollo (Reappointment)
James (Andy) Smith (Reappointment)
Ashley Jackrel (New Appointment)
Stephanie Tillerson (New Appointment)
Ben Whitener (New Appointment)

The vote was not unanimous. Councilmembers Delcioppo and Seekings voted nay.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Next, can I entertain a motion for 1(b), Board of Zoning Appeals (Zoning)?"

Councilmember Griffin said, "So moved."

Councilwoman Jackson said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Any discussion?"

No one asked to speak.

On a motion of Councilmember Griffin, seconded by Councilwoman Jackson, City Council voted to approve the reappointments to the Board of Zoning Appeals (Zoning).

Board of Zoning Appeals (Zoning)

John Bennett (Reappointment)

Allison Grass (Reappointment)

Walter Jaudon (Reappointment)

The vote was not unanimous. Councilmembers Delcioppo and Seekings voted nay.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you so much. Based upon some discussion this evening, we'd like to defer the report on the Central Business District Improvement Commission and come back to you with that when we discuss that Business Improvement District. Does that make sense, everybody? We'll come back to you on that one. Next up would be a [report on the Resiliency and Sustainability Committee](#). Katie McCain couldn't be with us, but Mark Wilbert is with us. A brief report."

Mark Wilbert said, "Mayor and members of Council, just a quick update on the June 17th Resilience and Sustainability Advisory Committee Report. The Committee met on June 17th. All members were present. We had an update on two items. The first item was the Peninsula Flood Risk Management Study, and the big update on that would be that we hope to bring the chairman back to you from the Committee that you chaired on August 17th to give you a couple of recommendations from that Committee. The Army continues to work on refining that report for a September 10th release of that report. The second update was on the Heat Watch Initiative, which will hopefully take place on July 31st, which will go through every section of the City, and it will document the heat that we're currently experiencing. We will use that data. NOAA is funding this entire project. We're partnering with MUSC, USC, UNC, College of Charleston, and the Citadel, and all of that data will be given back to the City and published online for how hot our City is getting throughout. Then, the third thing was a presentation that we had by Dr. Kathryn Roscoe from Deltares University in the Netherlands on the Community Flood Resilience Support System where Charleston has been chosen as the pilot City for a project funded by the Department of Homeland Security and FEMA for this system. We're the first City in the world to have this, and all of this is being paid for by DHS. It's designed to support decision-making by looking at projections like your economy, the population, events, whether it's rain, sea-level rise, or different strategies that you could apply whether it's raising homes, building sea walls, installing additional pumps. The main goal of this system, and FEMA wants to put this throughout the country, is how do communities best spend their next dollar on adapting to the changing environment that we're seeing. So, more on that as it comes out. They're just getting to the point now where they can make those public announcements, and that was our committee. Any questions for me?"

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Any questions for Mr. Wilbert? I have to tell you, that presentation from the lady with Deltares that he was just describing, it's really cool and, like Mark just said, we're the first on the planet to have this focus on resiliency and decision making. It's going to be really cool."

Mr. Wilbert said, "I do want to just say, the reason we were chosen from just about everybody in the United States is because of what a great job so much of our City staff does in keeping us ahead of many other municipalities throughout the country, whether it's documenting our data or the work that we're doing, whether it be Stormwater or Planning or Floodplain Management, it was recognized by FEMA to come to Charleston and pilot this project here and spend these, probably millions of dollars here for it to be piloted in Charleston. So, they really deserve the credit for that."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you, Mark. Appreciate that. Next, another brief report on, unfortunately, you all, [COVID-19](#) is still with us. We did have to keep one ordinance alive, so after Tracy, Susan's going to relay that to you."

Ms. McKee said, "Good evening, again, everyone. I do have a couple of slides, but I'll just really hit the high points so that they don't have to bring them up. Over the last couple of weeks, we've seen a 400% increase in COVID cases. The prevalence is still low, but the growth rate is very high. MUSC reports that they are seeing an increase in hospitalizations. Again, the numbers are low, but we are seeing an increase. Most of those cases are actually from folks that have not been vaccinated or have received only partial vaccination, so they've only received one shot. So, that's the majority of cases and, of course, a lot of this is stemming from the variants. Most of the cases that are documented and tested at MUSC are all variants of concern, not just variants of interest, but variants of concern that are much more transmissible and result in worse outcomes for those that contract the disease. I'm happy to try to answer any questions anyone might have."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Any questions for Tracy? If not, Susan, if you would share the one ordinance we feel necessary to keep going."

Ms. Herdina said, "Good evening, Mayor, and City Councilmembers. Tonight, we just have one emergency ordinance that we're asking to be extended, and that came from the Planning Department as a request. They have numerous board and commission meetings every month, and they are just working through how to safely conduct those meetings and working with IT on that. So, they would like to continue for another 60 days, the ordinance reads, to have their meetings virtual. But, hopefully, by September, they will be ready to go with a hybrid method which would mean that all their board members would be present, and the public would either be present or virtual. But, again, because of the number of boards and commissions that they deal with on a regular basis, it's taken them some time to figure out safely how to unwind the current emergency proceedings and to move safely into the in-person meetings. So, with that being said, the one item is I-4 in your agenda, and it is to extend the emergency guidelines related to certain public bodies. The original ordinance is attached here for your information. The only thing I would like to note is based upon our last meeting, or actually it was the June meeting, the ordinance dealing with the suspension of City Council rules for meetings in City Council will expire on August 14th. So, unless extended before then, the emergency rules dealing with City Council meetings will have expired, and we'll be back to the normal in-person rules that are in our Council rules at this point in time. So, I'm happy to answer any other questions you might have."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Brady.

Councilmember Brady said, "So, to provide for the hybrid format if, for instance, the City Council Committee meetings go back to in-person, would we just need a simple something on the agenda for next time to change Council's rules since that is at our discretion?"

Ms. Herdina said, "Yes. If Council would like to amend the rules as they currently exist, it would have to be brought forward as an ordinance with three readings."

Councilmember Brady said, "Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Griffin.

Councilmember Griffin said, "When is our next meeting?"

The Clerk said, "Our next regular meeting is August 17th. We're looking at maybe having a Special Meeting next week that I think some of you received an email about. But, if we can't have that, then we'll end up just having our regular meeting on August 17th."

Councilmember Griffin said, "We need to take care of that tonight then because it would expire. We're having an awful lot of special meetings during the summer months when we're only supposed to have one meeting a month. Maybe we ought to change the rules of Council and go back to two meetings a month if that's what we really need to do, but I don't think we should come back for a special meeting to handle this one item. Let's handle it tonight if we have that opportunity."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Well, we do plan on having a short Special Meeting before our August meeting because there is an item that would need approval before our next scheduled meeting in order to get on the ballot in November. Then, also, I think you all remember, we had to redo our procurement on the smokestacks. That should be complete and, frankly, we want that to move along as quickly as possible as soon as Capital Projects is ready on that. So, we did have a couple of legitimate things. It won't take long. It won't be a long meeting prior to the next regular meeting in August. But, there's really no problem to let these special meeting requirements of Council to expire. I mean, we're meeting in-person now, and it would just allow us to meet telephonically, correct, or by Zoom? As long as we're agreeable that we're going to meet in person from there on out, this is after August 14th, I don't see that we really need to renew that, personally, but if you all want to, we can."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Griffin followed by Councilwoman Jackson.

Councilmember Griffin said, "I think what Susan is bringing up is that we're meeting via Zoom for all our Committees, and I don't think our rules state that we can do that unless we're under the Emergency Ordinance. So, when that expires, we're going to have to meet as a committee in person unless we change those rules which, if we wait, is not going to be done in time."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Is that right, Susan?"

Ms. Herdina said, "That's correct."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Okay, and do you all not want to meet in person for committee meetings anymore? It's the pleasure of Council, whatever you all would like."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilwoman Jackson followed by Councilmember Seekings.

Councilwoman Jackson said, "Thank you, Mayor. I was going to ask the same question as Councilmember Griffin. I don't know what I prefer. I do feel like maybe virtual Committee meetings is easier for the staff, but I would certainly like to hear from the Clerk's Office before we make that decision. I do think that maybe it would behoove us to extend what we currently are allowed to do under the Emergency Ordinance for another month until we figure out the best approach to our meeting format. Is there any reason that we shouldn't just make it another 30 days while we're deciding?"

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "It's the pleasure of Council. It's fine by me if you all want to do that."

Councilmember Seekings said, "Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Just briefly, and I think I took Councilmember Brady's comment to mean that we should debate this whole point of the Committee side, which we used to, by the way for a little history's sake, we did meet via telephone. We didn't have Zoom back in those days, in certain circumstances. We had very short Committee meetings, which we do all the time, and we have committee members who are far away, and for ten minutes, so I think we should put it all on the table going forward and keep everything that we have in place until we've actually debated that, including the option for City Council. If it's one or two more meetings, it's not a huge deal. It's worked well. I don't know that it puts Ms. Cook under a huge amount of strain because we're still going to have people participating virtually anyway. I would suggest, humbly, that we just extend all of it, Ms. Herdina, until we can take it up for debate and then make permanent rules about it. I think going forward, in the future, there are some advantages, Mr. Mayor, to having the ability to participate remotely, given the workload. I mean, the workload for us on this Council in terms of hours that we spend has gone up geometrically, and I don't see that changing. Having some options in the future for shorter meetings and all those things, I would like to have us debate that in public, hear what the public has to say, and I know there's been a large voice of people who think we should meet in person all the time. I get that, and there are some advantages to not doing that at certain times. Let's keep those options open until we can put it all on the table at one time. I would amend whatever you presented us to include City Council, as well, in the emergency ordinance until we debate it as a whole. That's a motion."

Councilwoman Jackson said, "I'll second."

Ms. Herdina said, "So, that is not actually on the agenda right now."

Councilmember Seekings said, "I would move to amend the agenda."

Councilwoman Jackson said, "I'll second."

Ms. Herdina said, "You would have to amend the agenda to add that ordinance back on the agenda that we took off."

Councilmember Seekings said, "To the extent we need exigent circumstance, I would say it is because we're going to lose the ability to meet if we don't do it right away before we meet again as a City Council and debate it. So, that's my motion and the exigent circumstance."

Councilwoman Jackson said, "And I second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "So, first we have a motion to amend the agenda to add back the emergency ordinance regarding City Council meetings. Is that correct?"

Ms. Herdina said, "That's correct, and this would be suspending Ordinance, well it's 040 is the Emergency Ordinance which was about to lapse. So, if we could amend the agenda and then add that to extend it for another 30 days, that would take us into September."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Okay, great. So, we had a motion to amend the agenda. We had a second. Any discussion on that motion?"

No one asked to speak.

On a motion of Councilmember Seekings, seconded by Councilwoman Jackson, City Council voted unanimously to add to the agenda the Emergency Ordinance extending Emergency Ordinance No. 2020-040 suspending the requirement of physical presence of Councilmembers at Council Meetings.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Now, we have a motion to—."

Councilmember Seekings said, "To add to and extend under the Emergency Ordinance the ability for us to participate in Council for the last year and a half."

Councilmember Mitchell said, "Second."

Ms. Herdina said, "Then, I would just add for the record, Mayor, that we are still working in a COVID situation. We are trying to work through how to safely unravel these emergency ordinances and put some safe ones in place. I just want to add that for the record as a basis for doing this."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Absolutely. Any further discussion on the motion?"

No one asked to speak.

On a motion of Councilmember Seekings, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, City Council voted unanimously to ratify the following Emergency Ordinance:

2021-093 - EMERGENCY ORDINANCE EXTENDING EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 2020-040 SUSPENDING THE REQUIREMENT OF PHYSICAL PRESENCE OF COUNCILMEMBERS AT COUNCIL MEETINGS

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Did we also need to take action on Emergency Ordinance 2020-049?"

Councilmember Griffin said, "So moved."

Councilwoman Jackson said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Any discussion?"

No one asked to speak.

On a motion of Councilmember Griffin, seconded by Councilwoman Jackson, City Council voted unanimously to ratify the following Emergency Ordinance:

2021-094 - EMERGENCY ORDINANCE EXTENDING EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 2020-049 RELATED TO TEMPORARY PROCEDURES FOR HEARINGS BEFORE CERTAIN PUBLIC BODIES

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "I think that's it. Any further discussion on this matter until our next meeting?"

Councilmember Shahid said, "Mr. Mayor, is this your last meeting with us, Susan?"

Ms. Herdina said, "That depends. If we have a Special Meeting, then the answer is no."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "But, this would be our last Regular Meeting with Susan Herdina as our Corporation Counsel. Thank you, Wilbur Johnson, for being with us tonight, being present as well, even though your duty hasn't officially started yet. But, I for one, and I know I speak for this Council, thank you, Susan, from the bottom of our hearts for your service, for your incredible intellect, for keeping us straight, and your total commitment to the City of Charleston. We are so pleased that you are going to continue that service in another role in just 30 something days to come. So, we look forward to continuing to work with you in that new role. God bless."

There was applause.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Okay, next are our [Council Committee Reports](#). Our first one up is Committee on Recreation."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Gregorie.

Councilmember Gregorie said, "Mayor and Council, the [Committee on Recreation](#) met on Tuesday, June 13th at 4:00 p.m. We had two items on our agenda. The first was the naming of the new track at Stoney Field in honor of Olympian, Raven Saunders, and we voted unanimously to do that. Item 1(b), approval of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, we also recommended approval of that. There was no specific funding tied at all to that approval. If I may, Mayor, so that Councilmembers would be at least close to the same page that we're on, ask for a brief presentation from Mr. O'Rourke."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Tom O'Rourke is with us. Please come forward, Tom. He and Pat Hoagland did a Yeoman's job over the last year, particularly with community engagement given the pandemic. I know this report was given at the Recreation Committee, but I would just add the importance of this ten-year plan for our future parks and recreation is so important to our City that we wanted at least a brief offering of it to the full Council. Tom."

Mr. O'Rourke said, "Thank you, Mayor, and members of Council. I'm honored to be here today to discuss this. We will have a presentation in front of you. I know time is short. I want to watch Chris Middleton also, but this is important. It really is important. All services don't touch everyone, but Parks and Recreation does in some way. We were awarded this contract, and then COVID hit, and we got a little worried. I will say this, it was a better product because of

COVID. These plans, no disrespect to everyone I'm looking at, they're not just yours. They're everybody's, this entire community. It enabled us to get out into the communities, meet people, talk to people, go to parks and to do that. So, I certainly want to thank you for having the foresight to do this. I want to thank Councilmember Gregorie and the Recreation Committee for their leadership on this, certainly the Mayor and all of Council, but I also, before we get started, want to make a comment about Laurie Yarbrough and Jason Kronsberg, two leaders of this community who walked with us every single step of the way, which helped this product. You all have a 250-page downloadable document that I'm not sure you'll read every single word of it, but I hope you go back for reference. So, what we'd like to do now is introduce Pat Hoagland, he was our Project Manager on this, to go through the presentation for you."

Mr. Hoagland said, "This was a four-phase process through an evaluation phase and a public engagement phase and vision phase, and now we're in the plan phase right now. I'm going to show you some of the things that we did to address equity throughout the community. For this slide, the areas in blue are those areas that have the most Parks and Recreation services, and the areas in red have the least. So, you start seeing that the upper portion of the Peninsula, outer West Ashley, Johns Island, and some areas in James Island have the least amount of services. That was one way we looked at it, by mapping access, the walk and drive times to your parks and facilities. That was just one way we looked at it. Another was we looked at eleven different socioeconomic factors by various census tracts throughout the City. Those areas in red are the areas that would benefit the most from social services of any type, not just Parks and Recreation. Those areas in blue are least impacted. You see again, large portions of the Peninsula, portions of West Ashley, some of those areas that have the highest social needs and condition problems. We took those two and combined them together to get this priority service areas mapping. You see the areas in the dark red colors here, upper portion of the Peninsula, outer West Ashley, some areas on James Island, and inner West Ashley, that are areas that would be good to target for increased services in Parks and Recreation and other services, as well. That's one way that we looked at equity throughout the community. Another thing we did was quite a bit of public engagement. We had 324 surveys that we did at 19 sites. Tom, do you want to talk about this one?"

Mr. O'Rourke said, "I do. As you can see from that picture, as you all know, the services of the Parks and Recreation Department go beyond just the actual implementation of programs. During COVID, one of the very meaningful things that went on, as you'll see, the lady in the green shirt there, we wore those out in the public, and it says 'Let's Talk Parks' on it. This was an event right by the MLK Pool where actually food was given to the people who live in that area, and it was an amazing opportunity for us to see everyone in that area and speak to everyone in that area. We did that around the entire City. Just because COVID hit, just because the program stopped, it didn't stop people from coming to the parks. So, when we went all throughout the parks, all areas of the parks, we found them to be used greatly, especially Johns Island and some of those places, with unsupervised activities. But, we were able to speak directly to the citizens, which helped us with some of the recommendations."

Mr. Hoagland said, "So, we had almost 2,500 web and handout surveys that were completed. There was a statistically valid sample of mail surveys that were sent out, and 600 people filled that out. 150 people did an online MindMixer site. Then, we also participated in the Charleston City Plan Sessions so we could listen to the people's comments that related to Parks and Recreation, and especially trails as we heard a lot of through the City Plan Sessions. There's a lot of coordination between those two efforts, as well. These boxes just show a few of the commons things: upgrading your existing parks, restrooms in the parks, more dog parks, and preserving open space. Those are some of the key things we heard the most without

getting into a lot of the charts and graphs. Now I want to talk about some of the recommendations. Tom, do you want to take that one?"

Mr. O'Rourke said, "Yes, I do. The interesting thing about the City's Parks Department and the City, in general, is just the growth. You have a tremendous amount of growth in the area, but what you have in the City right now is management in the Peninsula, all the way from the end of Cainhoy Peninsula all the way down to Johns Island. It's hard to do that. This is a 10-year Master Plan. We're not saying you should implement this tomorrow, but we are saying that there needs to be a different management structure in the City. What we recommended were five areas of the City, the Charleston Peninsula, James Island, Johns Island, West Ashley, and the Cainhoy Peninsula, where it needs to be highlighted how well you do with your core services. Things like teaching people to swim, serving the underserved, indoor recreation space, outdoor field space, trails, outdoor gathering spaces, you do that really well. Our recommendation is to ensure that all five of those regions have those core services there. An organizational structure that has almost like five different directors, they won't be a director, but they will be the person that all the citizens in those five regions know is the person they need to get in touch with for Parks and Recreation. It's not a bad thing, but it is different in these five regions. So, we should be serving the distinct needs of those areas when we're out there. You have five districts.

We're going to recommend another position here called an Enterprise Manager. You have tremendous facilities and opportunities for people to do many, many things beyond your core services. For this, people should pay a fee, and you have an opportunity, from an entrepreneurial standpoint, to institute programs and services that will be great, be for everyone, but also generate revenues, generate sponsorships, generate those things. In our report, we did a very brief, but you will see, easy, way to raise immediately \$200,000 in a year. I think that's extremely conservative, but that would certainly pay for a person and certainly get that person on track towards being proactive in issuing permits. We had a public comment tonight about the procedure for issuing permits, and rather than doing that, we hope this Enterprise Manager can go out, find these activities that will go around throughout all the entire City, bring people in, and actually start assisting the City with revenue generation for that.

It's all about finances, and what Councilmember Gregorie stated is that this recommendation that came to full Council did not include any dollar sign with it. When you looked at your draft, hopefully, you saw a number that might have knocked you off the back of your chair, but we did not want to hide what the costs were. So, that's what it is. You can like it. You can not like it, but we didn't want to say, 'oh, well maybe they can only afford this.' We dropped the whole number on your table, completely well aware that you're going to have to strategize in how big of an apple you take a bite out of. The financial part is a big part of this. What we found out that was amazing to me, and even to Pat because Pat's done these all around the Country for 35 years, Charleston, South Carolina, had the highest percentage of citizens that said, 'I'll pay for it.' So, they want it so bad that they said, 'I'll pay for it.' One of our recommendations was to ask them. Ask them in November in a referendum, 'do you want to pay for it?' If they do, it's almost like they are participating in the funding of this. We gave that as a recommendation, but what we did not do is say, 'go for this much. Go for that much.' You have very capable people in your Finance Department, Laurie, Jason, and certainly all of you, in a discussion that will happen. So, that's it. The other thing, there are philanthropic opportunities out there that are right here. You've got the Charleston Parks Conservancy. You've got the Friends of the Lowline. In fact, I think I saw Charles, I don't know if he's still here. You have these people out there that will work with you, that will help in the fundraising part of this and help you achieve your goals. The philanthropic community will be a big part of that.

Maintenance is real, and it's funny, one of the bullets on here, the demand for restrooms. It seems really basic. Guess what? It's not. Restrooms are important. A lot of places, they start with restrooms and everything else comes after, but I will tell you, the number one thing that your citizens told us was, 'can we get restrooms?' Another part of this, while we put it into maintenance, and I'm not blaming anything for this, but you have some great restrooms and some great parks, and they're locked sometimes. That's not a function of anything more than just needing the people that will be able to clean them, maintain them, and do that, so we have costs applied to that. But, I will tell you, your citizens are interested in restrooms. The other part of this that we tried to be realistic about, there are positions in both the Parks Department and Recreation Department that have not been filled. We're recommending that these are filled. I think we probably can recommend more, and I'm not sure Jason and Laurie will agree with this, but I'll bet you if they got back what they lost, they'd be happy with that. I think they think they need more, and they probably do, to do more, but at least bringing back the others will help.

I talked about the partnerships. You've got the Parks Conservancy, Charleston County PRC, a place I'm very familiar with. They do good things, but there's no reason to duplicate these services. You've got a tremendous person over there, David Bennett, that loves this City and will work well with them. We all know that at the end of Cainhoy Road is, arguably, your biggest need. You might get an argument about Johns Island, but Cainhoy Road is important. There isn't multi-millions of dollars in your wallet to run out there and just buy land right now. But, what we found, meeting with the School District, meeting with Matt Sloane, one of the developers in that area, they want to work with you. They want to partner with land deals right now. What their school district did, which I thought was great, they bought way more land than they needed. That usually doesn't happen. So, it's sitting there. They want to meet with you. They want to decide how the City can use this. The other thing that's going on right now, I guess I'm allowed to say this, Berkeley County Government is, right now, in the process of meeting with the Trust for Public Land to discuss a half cents sales tax program that's almost identical to the City of Charleston's Half Cents Sales Tax Program. You're buying land in Charleston County with half cents sales tax money, but you can't buy it on Cainhoy Road, because it's Berkeley County. So, we certainly recommended that the City is in contact with John Cribb and the people in Berkeley County to make sure that you are at that table and helping them any way you can to make sure you get your fair share as it relates to money for land on Cainhoy Road.

Everything that is done in this City, we're talking about flooding and water and things like that. We know that. Parks can be a great place where if, for example, West of the Ashley and the one townhouse project that came down, what was left was a park. That can be done everywhere, and I think it's going to happen more. So, we want you to do that. If the Corps of Engineers project that goes around the entire City is there, what a tremendous opportunity for a walkway. So, we highly recommended that you integrate these park features in anything that deals with flooding because it can be there. That's 250 pages in ten minutes. We are here to answer any questions you have today, tomorrow, the next day. I will say this, you've got a great department, you've got a great City, and the difference, sorry for being so direct, between the great and where you are today is money. It's bringing back these facilities that have been neglected because there have been facilities neglected. If you can get those back, I think your citizens will be really happy. Any questions? I'll be happy to answer."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you. Any questions for Mr. O'Rourke?"

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Waring.

Councilmember Waring said, "Great to see you, Mr. O'Rourke. Thanks for doing what you did. Do you have a priority, the list that you all went through, do you all have some sort of prioritized manner? I saw on the map some areas that were lacking. You don't have to answer that today if that's information to get back to us."

Mr. O'Rourke said, "I'd like to address that. I'm smart enough to also understand that every one of you represents a district and that everybody should get something. I don't mean you, individually. I mean the citizens that you represent. Every district has needs, so when we came up with, not the big, crazy number, but another one, if you saw, it was pretty equal among districts. It's kind of even all the way around. There is enough in this City where money could be evenly spent and citizens will be happy."

Councilmember Waring said, "Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Seekings followed by Councilmembers Shahid and Griffin.

Councilmember Seekings said, "Thank you, Mr. Mayor, and Councilmembers. Thank you for being here. Thank you for your service. It's great to hear from an expert on many things. You know what it's like to sit here all night long. This is super interesting. One of the things that we learned, and we've heard from Duane Parrish about this at the State level, is that during the last two years, parks have been in huge demand. There have been places where they're turning people away at 11:00 and 12:00 in the morning throughout the State, and I think the City of Charleston is going to see that and more going forward. My question to you and the team that has put this together, and really the challenge going forward is, as we look to improve our facilities and upgrade a product that we put out there for our tax-paying citizens, knowing that Charleston is a place that not just people live here, but people from all over the world come to, isn't there a balance and a way to monetize a good bit of this so we close that gap between what it's going to cost to get us to where we need to be and beyond, and all the people that are coming in? We've got to build a monetized way to approach this, don't we?"

Mr. O'Rourke said, "The way to monetize is whoever uses the service, pays for the service. Now, that's to a point. I go back to the people that live here, that have lived here forever, serving them. Another thing you should be thankful for, the amount of subsidy you give to your Parks Department is as high as anywhere else in this country. But, as you mentioned, the visitors, you've got to charge them. That's why we talked about this Enterprise person. Once this person comes in, and actually, I don't mean this to be too negative, but I don't think you have that person right now. This is an entrepreneurial, business-minded person. There are some great people in your department, not that they can't be turned into that, but once that happens, that's when you bring in the Helen Hills, Kathleen Cartland, and you figure out all of these people coming in, how do we capture that? How does the City create the new event as opposed to somebody else asking to use your facilities? That's where the money comes in. So, you're right. You have to do it, but I think it's going to be a combination of just getting this person in, getting the mindset there and bringing it into your department."

Councilmember Seekings said, "Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Shahid.

Councilmember Shahid said, "Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Tom, thank you for this report. I've gone through it. I haven't read it in great detail, but I've gone through it and looked at the

highlights on it. It's just so comprehensive and very detailed. I appreciate the amount of work that you and your company have gone through, and our staff. The Plan West Ashley talks about recreation significantly and while that may just be regionalized to West Ashley, what role did you all have in looking at Plan West Ashley and applying it with this plan?"

Mr. O'Rourke said, "Well, as you know, West Ashley is a pretty vast area as it relates. Luckily, you have some land already over there. You've got Bear Swamp Road, some places like that, but that's where the growth is going. The people that have given us the input, it's much different than a lot of the other places. You know, you've got the pickle ball people. You've got all the different types of activities there. But, really, West Ashley is one of those really fast-growing places, but the needs aren't more. That's why I think having an individual person in each zone will be good, so you can find out what those needs are and meet those needs, but West Ashley is the same as all the other places."

Councilmember Shahid said, "To your point that I think you're bringing up is that there are two sections of West Ashley, the inner and the outer sections. The outer section has great potential for much more parks and recreational facilities than the land you had just mentioned. I noticed this in your report, it's also rehabbing a lot of the existing facilities that we have and some of the improvements on that. We're planning to have this plan presented to our Revitalization Commission at our next meeting, Mr. Mayor. I think we had talked about that. So, to give it an emphasis on what it looks like for just the West Ashley region, almost half of our population lives in West Ashley, so there's sort of a different need because you're dealing with a greater concentration of the City's population there. I think that your point that you've been making about fees is really important because 'you use it, you pay for it' kind of idea, but we also have to be very careful that we don't do something too restrictive, as well. We spent a ton of money and time on rehabbing the Muni and, if anybody has paid any attention to trying to book a tee time out there, it's almost impossible. So, here's an old saying, if you build it, they will come. We built it and they came, and I haven't seen a slow down on the use of that facility. I think that will carry out with other facilities as we go forward with implementing these plans and suggestions that you had in here."

Mr. O'Rourke said, "Yes. One quick point on what you just said. So, we're here. We're in the City. We're looking at everything, and then we're looking at how much needs to be done. Again, I mentioned that number that scared everybody. If we were to do what you mentioned, let's look at this area with the growth, let's talk about what Councilmember Shealy and I have talked about, maybe we do have the ten-field soccer complex, maybe we have all these other things. Yes, but your need for fixing up what you have here is so great that we didn't push the nice, new shiny things. That's for ten years later, I think. We've got to take care of the people that are here. We've got to take care of the things that we haven't been doing in the past with a little bit of that good in there."

Councilmember Shahid said, "Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Griffin.

Councilmember Griffin said, "This report is so great. The only thing I'm still trying to wrap my head around is when you see \$117 million, it's an issue. I would love it if we were able to work with other organizations. We're going to be tasked with potentially having this vote on this bond referendum coming up. I mean, I know that you have at least an idea of what other municipalities have asked for in bond referendums. I'm sure it's been done before, and you've

worked with departments. If you don't want to answer it, I completely understand, but what are some normal asks because I still can't wrap my head around \$117 million."

Mr. O'Rourke said, "Good question, but this question is different than it is in Texas, different than it is in Ohio, different than it is in Charleston, South Carolina. So, the \$117 million, none of you are going to go for that. In fact, I'll tell you who won't go for it also is Jason. He can't do that much if you put it on him, so there has to be some reasonable amount that can be taken care of. The other thing that I have seen with referendums, the public is smart. They're smarter than we give them credit for sometimes. They don't vote 'no' because they don't like an amount. They vote 'no' because they don't think you've done your homework. They vote 'no' because they think things are wrong. We have everything lined up to answer any question that they want. I think, well Garland, Texas, is about this size. We just finished one that's very similar, they actually did a \$117 million bond, and it passed like 70%. We're not Garland, Texas, people, I promise you that. We don't have the same voter base. But, you asked, and I'm going to give you an answer. I think, if you took a number somewhere near half or maybe even a little less than half, what it does is get you started, you know what I mean? It gives you a start. The public will see this and feel it, and it's ten years. Ten years from now, and I apologize for understanding government finance, I'm the finance chair. If you don't sunset this thing, which I wouldn't recommend, you almost have another one in ten years. So, you get this, you pay it off. You get things in there that will pay for themselves, and you start generating the revenues. Ten years from now, without asking the public to give you more money, you just keep this thing going. Instead of saying, 'I'm going to get this money for these things', you're actually creating a financial, sustainable way to fund your Parks Department forever so that ten years from now you're not sitting there saying, 'we don't have any money' because, guess what, you're not going to have any money. But, if you have this, that the voters vote for, maybe you tell them that. I think they'll sign up for that, I really do. But, I think half, a little less, you're in some kind of ballpark."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Any other questions?"

Councilmember Gregorie said, "No other questions. We really appreciate what you did, and I think, Mayor, correct me if I'm wrong, there are already discussions with our CFO, Laurie, Jason, and their staffs, in terms of what is realistic. So, those discussions are being had right now, and I just really want to thank you for what you've done and everybody who pulled this together. It is indeed historic. Mr. Mayor and Council, I would like to recommend approval of Items 1(a) and 1(b)."

Councilwoman Jackson said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Any further discussion? We've already had a good bit."

No one else asked to speak.

On a motion of Councilmember Gregorie, seconded by Councilwoman Jackson, City Council voted unanimously to adopt Items 1(a) and 1(b) of the Committee on Recreation report as presented:

- a. Naming of the new track at Stoney Field in honor of Olympian Raven Saunders
- b. Approval of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Mr. O'Rourke said, "Thank you, and I'll close by saying this. Our goal is not to do the plan. Our goal is to get the things that the public want, so I'm not going anywhere. We'll help you with all of these things all the way up until it's done and then past that. Thank you very much."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you, Tom."

Councilmember Gregorie said, "That's my report, Mr. Mayor."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "That's the end of your report. Thank you very much. Next, is the [Joint Committee on Public Safety and Committee on Recreation](#). Since you've already had a turn, if it's okay with you, I'll turn to Councilmember Shahid to lead us on this discussion.

Councilmember Shahid said, "Thank you, Mr. Mayor and members of Council. The Joint Committee on Public Safety and Recreation met yesterday afternoon at 1:00. If I could take this a little bit out of order, Items d, e, f, and g, were the ones that are on our agenda that were part of both the Recreation and the Public Safety Committee meeting. You should have a Memorandum from, I think, Heather, who outlined the purposes and intent of what we're trying to accomplish with d, e, f, and g. We have Steve Ruemelin here who can answer some questions, but the intent of these four ordinances were to provide some clarification with our existing ordinances dealing with public assembly. It could be a protest, a parade, a special event, but the intent was to add some clarity to those types of events, and also at the same time provide for input from the applicants so they would have some clarity as to what they were applying for and what the rules were going to be, and so the public was made aware of what we were and were not permitting and why. In addition, they gave a very clear outline on the appeal process in the event that some of these applications may have been denied.

The other component with all of this was making sure that we were taking advantage of the new law that was passed by the General Assembly on what's called 'open carry' and to make sure that we were, number one, in compliance with our existing ordinances that may need to be repealed or modified, and to take advantage of some of the restrictions that the open carry law, as passed by the General Assembly, allowed us to do with these public assembly events. So, d, e, f, and g are all somehow interrelated with that general concept. We received a report from Steve outlining them in more detail than what I'm giving you right now, but the joint Committee on Public Safety and Recreation recommended, unanimously for your approval, d, e, f, and g. If you have any specific questions, Steve is here, Julia is here, Susan is here, Chief Reynolds is here, to answer questions regarding that. I'd like to bifurcate this report, Mr. Mayor, to submit items d, e, f, and g for approval by the Committee."

Councilwoman Jackson said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We have a motion to approve items d, e, f, and g. Since it was a joint committee meeting, in fact most of us were present, this is important as well, but since we had so many members present, I would just leave it with Councilmember Shahid's presentation unless, of course, we're open for any discussion or questions that anybody might have on Council. Any questions or further discussion?"

No one asked to speak.

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

An Ordinance to add a new Article III to Chapter 25 of the Code of the City of Charleston related to First Amendment Demonstrations to provide general provisions and definitions, to provide open carry restrictions and other safety prohibitions, to provide a permitting process, to provide regulations, and to provide for penalties.

An Ordinance to repeal Article IX of Chapter 19 of the Code of the City of Charleston related to Parades and to amend Article IV, Division 8 of Chapter 2 of the Code of the City of Charleston related to the Special Events Committee to provide new definitions, to increase the membership of the committee, to provide additional requirements and procedures for the special events permitting process, to provide open carry restrictions and other safety prohibitions, and to provide additional regulations related to parades.

An Ordinance to amend Article I of Chapter 22 of the Code of the City of Charleston related to Park and Recreation Facilities to provide additional requirements and procedures for the reservation permitting process for reserved use of parks, to provide open carry restrictions and other safety prohibitions, and to provide additional prohibited activities to be included in the park rules.

An Ordinance to amend Article X of Chapter 21 of the Code of the City of Charleston related to Weapons by amending the provisions related to carrying of handguns, concealable weapons and firearms, confiscation of weapons, and brandishing of weapons to be compliant with state law.

Councilmember Shahid said, "Thank you, Mr. Mayor. The other items up for consideration are Items a, b, c, and h. Item 'a' dealt with an application for, and I think we might have taken up a part of this already with our Ways and Means Committee, the 2021 BJA Smart Policing Initiative. Under Item 'b,' approval to submit an application for the 2021 BJA Connect and Protect Law Enforcement Behavioral Health Response Grant for \$550,000 and 'c,' approval to submit an application for the 2021 Police Assisted and Recovery Americorps Vista Program. The Committee recommended approval for a, b, and c. Finally, Item 'h' on our agenda was a revisit of the Civil Sidewalks Ordinance. We made some changes with that. Number one, we got rid of the warning section, and I think we added fines on that. Steve, what else am I missing on the sidewalk ordinance? It was the warning, the fees, and the third thing was?"

Mr. Ruemelin said, "Warning, it was the trespassing provision, it went from 60 days to six months. We made a clerical correction where on Market Street, there's the block that's not technically either north or south, and then the other one was, some people were sitting off of the actual sidewalk with their feet or their legs on the sidewalk and their belongings, so we made it clear that you have to be completely off the sidewalk. You can't have your body or your belongings on the sidewalk."

Councilmember Shahid said, "So, Mr. Mayor, that would be my report and the Public Safety Committee by itself, without the Recreation Committee, moved for approval and recommended a., b., c., and h."

Councilmember Griffin said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We have a motion to approve Items a, b, c, and h. Any further discussion or questions on those four items?"

No one asked to speak.

On the motion of Councilmember Shahid, seconded by Councilmember Griffin, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the following items from the Public Safety Report as presented:

- a. Approval to submit an application for the 2021 BJA Smart Policing Initiative grant for \$500,000. If awarded, this project will continue ongoing research related to innovative recruitment strategies. There is no match for this grant.
- b. Approval to submit an application for the 2021 BJA Connect and Protect: Law Enforcement Behavioral Health Responses grant for \$550,000 to be spent over a 3-year project period. If awarded, the grant will fund a second mental health clinician to be imbedded in the CPD that will be dedicated solely to field intervention in addition to a peer support specialist to conduct street outreach with the Department of Housing and Community Development. This grant requires a 20% match of \$36,666 for Year 1 and \$36,666 for Year 2 and a 40% match of \$73,333 for Year 3.
- c. Approval to submit an application for the 2021 Police Assisted Addiction and Recovery Initiative AmeriCorps VISTA program. If awarded, this grant will place a Capacity Building Service Member in the CPD to assist with overdose tracking and outreach. A match of \$2,500 is required for this grant.

First reading was given to the following bill:

An Ordinance to amend Chapter 28, Article III, of the Code of the City of Charleston, by amending Section 28-45 related to promotion of civil sidewalks, to provide a prohibition on sitting or lying upon property adjacent to a public sidewalk such that any part of the person's body or personal effects are on a public sidewalk; to clarify that the prohibition applies to Market Street between King and East Bay Streets; removing the requirement that a person be warned before being cited; and extending the trespass provision from 60 days to 6 months.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you, sir. Next up is the [Committee on Traffic and Transportation.](#)"

Councilmember Seekings said, "Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Very briefly, we met yesterday afternoon, I'd say yesterday morning at 11:00 a.m. We welcomed our new interim director, Mr. Summerville. We had one application for public convenience, which was Mahdrof Taxi, that was approved unanimously. We then took up some minor amendments to the pedicab ordinance, one of which is calling it pedicab ordinance as opposed to rickshaw ordinance. After we get through the next round of contracts with the currently existing 3 companies that are currently operating the pedicabs, they have automatic renewal provisions in there that would essentially give them access in perpetuity to that business, so one of the amendments we put in the ordinance was one rolling five-year automatic extension, and then we'll go back to public bid. We're also going to increase the number of medallions. Currently, there are 30. It will go to 36. Those will actually be subject to public bid outside of the contracts when they get into the

stream of commerce which will be after the contracts that are being renewed in August have actually been vetted.

We then got another update, an excellent update, from Mr. Kronsberg and his team on the BUILD Grant, which is the Ashley River Bridge. We've talked about it a little bit tonight. Suffice it to say, there is a lot going on with that project, all of it is positive. We are in a position to succeed. There has been some extensions given for some of the work that needs to be done in advance of being able to hire our design build team by the grant team at the Federal level. We're going to work, with any luck at all, in advance of those deadlines and get things in place so we can get out there, put out for bid, and hire a design build team to go forward. We will continue, by the way for those who have asked, to get quarterly updates unless there are some big benchmarks. The reason for that, rather than every month, is because our team's working hard, and we would rather have them out there making sure this project succeeds than telling us about what they're doing. I just want to thank staff, Mr. Kronsberg, and his team for all they've done. If you have any questions, he's got a presentation he can show you that has renderings of what the bridge is going to look like, how the project is actually going to work, and what the traffic patterns will look like. Then I want to thank Ms. Halversen for jumping in really quickly on this pedicab ordinance. She took up the mantle. With that, both items 3 and 4 need approval of this Council, and I would move for their adoption."

Councilwoman Jackson said, "I'll second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Any questions or discussion?"

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilwoman Jackson.

Councilwoman Jackson said, "Thank you, Chairman Seekings. I do think Mr. Kronsberg's BUILD Grant presentation was excellent and really brought all of us up to date. I know that we've had some questions, that are understandable, from the public that haven't really seen anything happening. In addition to the renderings and things, there is one chart that filled up an entire screen that basically shows all of the work that has to go into being able to be where we're going to be at the end of the summer. I think that would be a really excellent graphic to put, maybe we can get a reporter to put it in the newspaper so that people are able to understand that we have been doing nothing but making all the progress that's required of a Federal use of funds in the last year and a half, so we're not giving the wrong impression that we're not making progress."

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

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

- a. Application for Original Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for Approval (Taxi)
- b. An ordinance to amend Chapter 19, Article XVI, of the Code of the City of Charleston related to rickshaws to provide for additional night time operating decals and to provide a term for renewals of operating decals.

First reading was given to the following ordinance:

An ordinance to amend Chapter 19, Article XVI, of the Code of the City of Charleston related to rickshaws to provide for additional night time operating decals and to provide a term for renewals of operating decals.

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

Councilmember Waring said, "Thank you, Mr. Mayor. The Committee met last Thursday at 4:00 p.m. As you see on your agenda, items a(1), (2), (3), (4), (5), along with item c. and miscellaneous business, d(i) all passed unanimously, and I move for its adoption."

Councilmember Shahid said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Any discussion or questions?"

No one asked to speak.

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

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

- (i) Approval to notify SCDOT that the City intends to accept maintenance responsibility for the sidewalk path, curb, MSE wall, handrail, lighting and corner accessibility ramps constructed in conjunction with the 1300 LF multi-use path along Oceanic Street (S-10-2472)
- (ii) **Daniel Island, Parcel M-3.** Acceptance and dedication of that certain right-of-way designated as Dunham Street and the City of Charleston drainage easements shown on the final subdivision plat recorded as Instrument No. 2021001539 in the ROD Office for Berkeley County, South Carolina. All infrastructure has been constructed or bonded. This subdivision includes 20 lots.
 - Title to Real Estate;
 - Exclusive Storm Water Drainage Easements;
 - Exclusive Storm Water Drainage Easements; and
 - Plat
- (iii) **Grand Oaks, Phases 8, 10, 11.** Acceptance and dedication of those certain rights-of-way designated as Spikerush Circle and Jancus Street and the City of Charleston drainage easements shown on the final subdivision plat recorded in Plat Book L21 at Pages 0200 through 0203 in the ROD Office for Charleston County, South Carolina. All infrastructure has been constructed or bonded. This subdivision includes 69 lots.
 - Title to Real Estate;
 - Exclusive Storm Water Drainage Easements; and
 - Plat.
- (iv) **2022 Paw Paw Street.** Acceptance and dedication of exclusive stormwater drainage easement at 2022 Paw Paw Street.

- Exclusive Stormwater Drainage Easement;
- Plat.
- (v) **Produce Lane.** Authorization for the acceptance and dedication of those certain rights-of-way designated as Produce Lane and Cabbage Drive and the City of Charleston drainage easements shown on the final subdivision plat for the development. All infrastructure has been constructed or bonded. This subdivision includes 33 lots and 1 commercial outparcel.
 - Title to Real Estate;
 - Exclusive Stormwater Drainage Easements;
 - Plat.

c. Stormwater Management Department Update

- (i) Church Creek – Recommend Approval of Fee Amendment #1 with Biohabitats, Inc. to the Church Creek National Fish and Wildlife Renaturalization, Habitat Restoration, and Flood Protection Project in the amount of \$30,000 to add the work to prepare final design, construction oversight, and as-built survey work for the Mowler Ct Project Area. This project is funded by National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Grants and the Drainage Fund.

d. Miscellaneous Business:

- (i) A Resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute a Letter to Charleston County agreeing to the dedication of a fifty-foot (50') right-of-way on TMS#: 313-00-00-069 along Zelasko Road subject to and upon compliance with all requirements stated in City Code of Ordinances 28-1.

Councilmember Waring said, "I skipped item b. We had discussions on environmental services, as well as the holiday schedule coinciding with City's people, as well as independent contractors, and they're going to report back to the committee. That's the extent of my report, with the exception that Mr. Fountain is going to give a brief update on small projects. It's going to be a Cliff Notes version, ladies and gentlemen."

Mr. Fountain said, "I'll try really hard, Councilmember Waring. So, this is a quick update on where we are with small projects. That is the \$1 million annual allocation that's provided each year. The 2020 projects are allocated, of course, and then we work through the projects. The 2020 allocation had 12 total projects. Eleven have been completed. The only one that's still in progress on that is the Highland Outfall which is where we basically just completed an MOA recently with the Town of James Island to cost-share work that the Town of James Island is preparing on that project. So, all of our internal projects are complete. I'm happy to go through those if anyone wants a list, but if not, I can go faster and not go through them. The 2021 funding, which we approved, there are 20 projects within that list. We have, just for those a little more recent, we're currently in design on the Concord Street Waterfront Park Handicap Drainage improvement. The Devonshire Outfall cleaning and Byrnes Downe Outfall cleaning have been permitted and competitively bid. We should have that recommendation for award at the next Council meeting for those two outfalls. There are four property retrofits in Church Creek that we actually discussed earlier today and will be on the Ways and Means report out in a second for the fee amendment to finalize the design in the Mowler Court area of Church Creek to retrofit those into park space. Coral Reef, the ditch piping, that project is actually out to bid now. I think it's actually coming in for bids this week. Then, the Dowden area hydraulic improvements, this is the Dowden Court area, we've completed the design work which is part of the 2020 funding, and we now have rough design work that we're doing easement acquisition

for to complete the actual improvement work this year. There's a series of other projects, as well, I can address if I need to, but I know we're all short on time this evening."

Councilmember Waring said, "Thank you, Mr. Fountain. That's the extent of our report."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Great. Thank you very much. Next up is our [Committee on Ways and Means](#). Councilmember Gregorie."

Councilmember Gregorie said, "Move for approval."

Councilmember Shahid said, "Second."

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

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Brady.

Councilmember Brady said, "Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Since we're going to give first reading to the John's Island Municipal Improvement District tonight from the Ways and Means report, I did want to ask, since the public hearing, if it follows the normal schedule, would be on Daniel Island, which you can imagine, as Councilwoman Delcioppo pointed out for her folks to get downtown was a long way. It works exactly the same trying to get from Johns Island to Daniel Island. So, I wanted to see, and it would work with Planning, but to see if, even if it's not a full public hearing on Johns Island, if we can do some type of public information listening session or something to that effect before we actually go into the public hearing on the MID."

Mr. Summerfield said, "Mr. Mayor, through you, we can do that. Just to be clear though, statutorily, the public hearing would be at that August 17th meeting but, yes, we would be happy to work with the Johns Island Taskforce or one of the other groups there to set something up to do a listening session, as you called it."

Councilmember Brady said, "I just think for knowing how long it would take people to try to get to Daniel Island by 5:00 p.m., it would be helpful if we went out into the community, especially as this is such a novel, kind of new thing for folks, and people are going to have opinions on it, not just from the taxing standpoint, but also on how the MID money can be used. I think it's important for us to get that. We will still listen to everybody at the public hearing, but to actually have everybody out in the community in some type of session would be great."

Mr. Summerfield said, "We can preview the presentation that we're going to do for the public hearing."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We have a motion to approve the matters from Ways and Means. Any other discussion or questions?"

No one else asked to speak.

On a motion of Councilmember Gregorie, seconded by Councilmember Shahid, City Council voted to adopt the Ways and Means report as presented:

(Bids and Purchases
(Approval of the CARTA-FY22 Budget

- (Office of Cultural Affairs: Approval to accept a grant in the amount of \$17,250 from the Coastal Community Foundation to support temporary public art as an extension of the MOJA Arts Festival in 2021 and 2022. No City match is required.
- (Executive Department: Approval to accept a grant in the amount of \$25,000 from the National League of Cities Equitable Economic Initiative to help expand economic mobility for residents while eliminating longstanding racial inequities. The grant is designed to improve residents' economic mobility by supporting small BIPOC businesses, expanding resident engagement in decision-making, building workforce development and training opportunities in high wage sectors, targeting residents most impacted by the pandemic, including mothers, implementing multi-generational approaches to entrepreneurship, and engaging youth in employment opportunities and business ownership. The grant will support technology, community engagement, incentives for volunteers, advertising, and assist with data collection and analysis. No City match is required.
- (Legal Department: An ordinance to adopt the most recent version of the International Property Maintenance Code, and any subsequent versions, regulating and governing the conditions of maintenance of all property, buildings and structures; by providing the standards for supplied utilities and facilities and other physical things and conditions essential to ensure that structures are safe, sanitary and fit for occupation and use; and the condemnation of buildings and structures unfit for human occupancy and use, and the demolition of such existing structures in the City of Charleston; providing for the issuance of permits and collection of fees therefore; repealing and replacing the 1997 edition of the standard Housing Code.
- (Budget Finance and Revenue Collections: Approval of Year 2021 Amendment to General Fund Revenue Budget to repeal the tax millage increase budgeted in 2021 and replace with the American Rescue Plan Act funding. The net effect on the total 2021 budget is zero. [Ordinance] **(Councilmember Gregorie voted nay.)**
- (Resiliency and Sustainability: Approval to accept the 2022 SC DHEC Solid Waste Reduction and Recycling grant award in the amount of \$15,000 to support a pilot program for food waste composting and associated outreach and education. No City match is required.
- (Housing and Community Development: Approval of an after-the-fact grant submittal in the amount of \$192,215 which was submitted to Charleston County Wednesday, June 23, 2021. The grant funds would support the transitional shelter program currently in place, which provides temporary housing for persons transitioning from homelessness to housing. Charleston County Community Development Department notified the City of Charleston and nonprofit corporations throughout Charleston County of the availability of funds via a Zoom call, held Wednesday, June 15, 2021. During that call, Charleston County staff advised of the date of submission. Notifications related to funding awards will be provided within (30) to sixty (60) days of submission.
- (Police Department: Approval to submit an after-the-fact application that would fund a PAARI Overdose Outreach service member position through the AmeriCorps VISTA service program. This is an after-the-fact approval. The application was due July 9th. This project requires a match of \$2,500 that will be budgeted for FY23.

- (Police Department: Approval of an application in the amount of \$550,000 to fund two positions related to mental health crisis intervention and proactive outreach strategy. This application is due on July 23rd. This project requires a 20% match in year one of the project. Year (1) match would be \$36,666. Year (2) match would be \$36,666. Year (3) match would be \$73,333.
- (Police Department: Approval of an application in the amount of \$500,000 to continue evidence-based recruitment strategy research and implementation of those findings through the Smart Policing Initiative Grant Program. This application is due on July 23rd. This project does not require a match.
- (Stormwater Management: Approval of Fee Amendment #1 with Biohabitats, Inc., in the amount of \$30,000 for final design, construction oversight and as-built survey for the Mowler Court area. Approval of Fee Amendment #1 will increase the professional services contract by \$30,000 (from \$495,000 to \$525,000). Funding sources for this project are: Drainage Fund (\$1,724,825), and two National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) Grants (\$125,000, \$1,345,000).
- (Parks-Capital Projects: Approval of a Construction Contract with Sport Surface Pros, LLC, in the amount of \$52,700 for court repairs and resurfacing at Maybank Tennis Center, Martin Park, Hazel Parker Playground, and Alan Fleming Tennis Complex. With the approval of the project budget, Staff is authorized to award and/or amend contracts less than \$40,000 to the extent contingency funds exists in the Council Approved Budget. Approval of this construction contract will obligate \$52,700 of the project budget of \$100,000. The funding source for this project is the Structural Repair line-item in the General Fund's 2021 Budget (520000-52445).
- (Planning, Preservation and Sustainability: Approval of a Resolution for the Johns Island Municipal Improvement District (Johns Island MID) and the Johns Island Improvement Plan for which the City proposes to provide for the construction and installation of future public infrastructure and improvements related to transportation, parks/recreation, and drainage.
- (Planning, Preservation and Sustainability: Approval to enter into a MOU with the Charleston Downtown Alliance (CDA) to assist in the facilitation and creation of a Business Improvement District (BID) to provide enhanced services for King Street. There is no financial obligation between the City and CDA, but the project is supplemented by a \$25,000 consulting contract.
- (A Resolution to commit an additional \$2,046,890.18 from the General Fund to support the Ashley River Crossing Project and authorize the Mayor to execute a letter of commitment stating the same to the U.S. Secretary of Transportation.
- (An ordinance to authorize the Mayor to execute an easement granting to Dominion the right to construct, extend, replace, relocate, perpetually maintain and operate an overhead or underground electric line or lines consisting of any or all of the following: conductors, lightning protective wires, municipal, public or private communication lines, cables, conduits, pad mounted transformers, and other accessory apparatus and equipment deemed by Grantee to be necessary or desirable, upon, over, across, through and under land described as follows: a lot of land containing 2.53 acres, more or less, and being the same lands conveyed to Grantor by deed of Mary Alice Detyens Yeager, Etal., dated or recorded 1/11/1988, and filed in the Register of Deeds Office for Charleston County in Deed Book S171 at Page 700 and in Plat Book L17 at Page 351. The property is owned by the City of Charleston. (TMS No. 459-00-00-242) (Concord St. & Inspection St.) (International African American Museum)
- (Request approval of Purchase and Sale Agreement between the City of

Charleston and Shipyard Creek Associates, LLC for the purchase of 10.08 acres of property located at 2001 Sewanee Road, North Charleston, South Carolina (TMS No. 466-00-00-009) for a purchase price of \$6,180,000.00 and Assignment and Assumption of Lease Agreement between Shipyard Creek Associates, LLC and Boasso American Corporation. The property is owned by Shipyard Creek Associates, LLC.

- (Request authorization for the Mayor to accept a Proposal for Consulting and Additional Environmental Quality Assessment Services for the Lowcountry Lowline from S&ME, Inc, related to the Voluntary Cleanup Contract (VCC) for the Lowcountry Lowline in the amount of \$22,225. This additional work is being required by DHEC based on a letter received from the City on March 1, 2021 in response to the VCC Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) Report dated December 15, 2020. Funding will come from the contingencies line item in Non-Departmental and will be covered in a future budget amendment.
- (A Resolution to amend the Non-Exclusive Water Taxi Service Agreement with Charleston Water Taxi to reflect current City of Charleston insurance requirements and remove references to prior Exhibit D.
- (An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute, on behalf of the City of Charleston, the Laurel Island Development Agreement, including the Public Infrastructure Improvements Agreement attached thereto and incorporated therein, by and among the City of Charleston County; LRA Promenade, LLC; LRA Promenade North, LLC; and LID Oz I, LLC, pertaining to lands bearing Charleston County TMS numbers 418-00-00-006, 450-00-00-013, 459-02-00-013, 461-13-03-024, 461-13-03-100, 461-13-03-101, 461-13-03-102, 464-00-00-002, 464-00-00-006, 464-00-00-023, and 464-00-00-038.
- (Request approval of the Amendment to Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement between the City of Charleston, South Carolina, and TMP Epic Center, LLC. The property is owned by TMP Epic Center, LLC. (TMS Nos. 310-04-00-009, 351-10-90-015, 351-09-00-053, 351-05-00-044, 351-05-00-043) (2070 Sam Rittenberg Blvd. Charleston, SC 29407)
- (Request approval of the Bargain Sale Agreement between the City of Charleston and Clements Ferry Properties, LLC for the purchase of approximately 1.35 acres of property within the development to be known as "The Towne at Cooper River", on the Cainhoy peninsula, for the location of a fire station. (Portion of TMS No. 271-00-01-035) (The property is owned by Clements Ferry Properties, LLC.)
- (Request approval of the Purchase and Sale Agreement between the City of Charleston and Howle Avenue, LLC for the purchase of the property located on Howle Avenue on James Island, South Carolina (Charleston County TMS No. 343-07-00-055) for a purchase price of \$425,000, to be paid with Greenbelt grant funds.
- (Request approval of the Greenbelt Grant Agreement for the Howle Avenue tract between the City of Charleston and Charleston County for the issuance of \$469,000 in Greenbelt funds for the purchase of 3.67 acres, located on Howle Avenue, James Island, South Carolina (Charleston County TMS No. 343-07-00-055).
- (Consider the following annexations:
 - 109 Magnolia Road (0.13 acre) (TMS# 418-13-00-132), West Ashley, (District 3). The property is owned by Darren Finan.
 - 2710 Pine Log Lane (4.66 acres) (TMS# 312-00-00-251), Johns Island, (District 5). The property is owned by Carey Rivers.

-- 3255 Maybank Highway (1.64 acre) (TMS# 279-00-00-206), Johns Island, (District 5). The property is owned by GANB LLC.

First reading was given to the following bills and resolutions from Ways and Means:

An ordinance to adopt the most recent version of the International Property Maintenance Code, and any subsequent versions, regulating and governing the conditions of maintenance of all property, buildings and structures; by providing the standards for supplied utilities and facilities and other physical things and conditions essential to ensure that structures are safe, sanitary and fit for occupation and use; and the condemnation of buildings and structures unfit for human occupancy and use, and the demolition of such existing structures in the City of Charleston; providing for the issuance of permits and collection of fees therefor; repealing and replacing the 1997 edition of the Standard Housing Code.

An ordinance to recognize the repeal of the increase in property tax millage previously approved in the 2021 Budget and to replace it with American Rescue Plan Act funding to meet the appropriations authorized by Ordinance 2020-175 for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2021.

A Resolution pursuant to Section 59-37-50 of the Municipal Improvement Act of 1999 describing the Johns Island Municipal Improvement District and the Johns Island Improvement Plan to be effected therein, the projected time schedule for the accomplishment of the improvement plan, the estimated cost of the improvements and the amount of such costs to be derived from assessments, bonds or other legally available funds, setting forth the proposed basis and rates of assessments to be imposed within the improvement district; and other matters relating thereto.

A Resolution to commit an additional \$2,046,890.18 from the General Fund to support the Ashley River Crossing Project and authorize the Mayor to execute a Letter of Commitment stating the same to the U.S. Secretary of Transportation.

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute on behalf of the City an electrical easement, approved as to form by the Office of Corporation Counsel, to Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc., encumbering a portion of the City's real property designated as Charleston County TMS No. 459-00-00-242.

A Resolution to amend a non-exclusive Water Taxi Service Agreement dated September 24, 2013, to reflect current City of Charleston insurance requirements and delete references to Exhibit D.

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute, on behalf of the City of Charleston, the Laurel Island Development Agreement, including the Public Infrastructure Improvements Agreement attached thereto and incorporated therein, by and among the City of Charleston; Charleston County; LRA Promenade, LLC; LRA Promenade North, LLC; and LID OZ I, LLC, pertaining to lands bearing Charleston County TMS numbers 418-00-00-006, 450-00-00-013, 459-02-00-013, 461-13-03-024, 461-13-03-100, 461-13-03-101, 461-13-03-102, 464-00-00-002, 464-00-00-006, 464-00-00-023, and 464-00-00-038.

An ordinance to provide for the annexation of property known as 3255 Maybank Highway (1.64 acre) (TMS# 279-00-00-206), Johns Island, Charleston County, to the

City of Charleston, shown within the area annexed upon a map attached hereto and make it part of District 5. The property is owned by GANB LLC.

An ordinance to provide for the annexation of property known as 2710 Pine Log Lane (4.66 acre) (TMS# 312-00-00-251), Johns Island, Charleston County, to the City of Charleston, shown within the area annexed upon a map attached hereto and make it part of District 5. The property is owned by Carey Rivers.

An ordinance to provide for the annexation of property known as 109 Magnolia Road (0.13 acre) (TMS# 418-13-00-132), West Ashley, Charleston County, to the City of Charleston, shown within the area annexed upon a map attached hereto and make it part of District 3. The property is owned by Darren Finan.

The vote was not unanimous. Councilmember Gregorie voted nay on Item 8 of the Ways and Means report.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Next is bills for [second reading.](#)"

Councilmember Griffin said, "I make a motion that we take items one through twelve."

Councilmember Mitchell said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Shealy.

Councilmember Shealy said, "Well, I just have a question, I guess, on eleven and twelve. It's an annexation into the City. Are they doing something with this property? Is it going to be an existing business? There's a reason for me asking on that one. I know that the zoning change has been deferred until we get to this and a public hearing, but those properties come right up to baseball fields where nine and ten year olds play, so I just want to make sure that we are being responsible in what type of business we may be putting there, and if they're annexing to change that business."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Mr. Summerfield, do you have any information on that? I know Mr. Morgan probably knew, and he went on."

Mr. Summerfield said, "Unfortunately, Mr. Morgan would have that information. He just had to leave, but we can get that information and forward it on. Those are first reads."

Councilmember Griffin said, "No, they're second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "This is for the annexation, not the zoning."

Councilmember Shealy said, "I understand. I guess I wanted to make sure that they're not going to be able to do something different with that property that may not be appropriate to be next to a nine and ten year old baseball field is my question."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "I would hope not and think not."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Griffin.

Councilmember Griffin said, "I'm happy to amend my motion to just take one through ten together, and then if there needs to be some clarification, I'll move that we could defer eleven and twelve."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Would that be your desire, Councilmember Shealy?"

Councilmember Shealy said, "Yes, sir. Please."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We have an amendment that we would just take items one through ten at this time."

Councilmember Mitchell said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Any discussion or questions on one through ten?"

No one asked to speak.

On a motion of Councilmember Griffin, ten (10) bills (Items L-1 through L-10) received second reading. They passed second reading on motion by Councilmember Mitchell and third reading on motion of Councilmember Mitchell. On further motion of Councilmember Griffin, the rules were suspended, and the bills were immediately ratified as:

2021-095 -AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON BY CHANGING THE ZONE MAP, WHICH IS A PART THEREOF, SO THAT 1505 GREENLEAF STREET (PENINSULA) (APPROXIMATELY 1.42 ACRE) (TMS #464-10-00-120, 124 AND 006) (COUNCIL DISTRICT 4), BE REZONED FROM HEAVY INDUSTRIAL (HI) AND 2.5 OLD CITY HEIGHT DISTRICT CLASSIFICATIONS TO UPPER PENINSULA (UP) AND 4-12 OLD CITY HEIGHT DISTRICT CLASSIFICATIONS. THE PROPERTY IS OWNED BY COOPER RIVER CORPORATION, LLC.

2021-096 -AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON BY CHANGING THE ZONE MAP, WHICH IS PART THEREOF, SO THAT PROPERTY LOCATED AT 84 SHEPPARD STREET (PENINSULA) (APPROXIMATELY 0.067 ACRES) (TMS #460-04-04-079) (COUNCIL DISTRICT 4) BE REZONED FROM GENERAL BUSINESS (GB) CLASSIFICATION TO PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD) CLASSIFICATION (SHEPPARD STREET PUD), AND BY AMENDING THE SHEPPARD STREET PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD) DEVELOPMENT GUIDELINES, PUD 2020-000013 (ORDINANCE NUMBER 2020-125) TO ALLOW UP TO AN AGGREGATE OF THREE (3) ACCOMMODATIONS USE UNITS ON 84 AND 86 SHEPPARD STREET.

2021-097 -AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 54-604 (DEVELOPMENTS THAT REQUIRE TRC APPROVAL) OF ARTICLE 6 (LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW) OF CHAPTER 54 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA (ZONING ORDINANCE) TO UPDATE THE LIST OF DEVELOPMENT PROJECT TYPES THAT REQUIRE THE APPROVAL OF THE TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

2021-098 -AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON BY CHANGING THE ZONE MAP, WHICH IS A PART THEREOF, SO

- THAT 807 SAVAGE ROAD (WEST ASHLEY) (APPROXIMATELY 0.193 ACRE) (TMS #309-15-00-053) (COUNCIL DISTRICT 7), ANNEXED INTO THE CITY OF CHARLESTON MAY 11, 2021 (#2021-071), BE ZONED DIVERSE RESIDENTIAL (DR-12) CLASSIFICATION. THE PROPERTY IS OWNED BY ANDREW DUFRESNE AND GRACE DUFRESNE.
- 2021-099** -AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON BY CHANGING THE ZONE MAP, WHICH IS A PART THEREOF, SO THAT 1453 S EDGEWATER DRIVE (WEST ASHLEY) (APPROXIMATELY 0.47 ACRE) (TMS #349-13-00-008) (COUNCIL DISTRICT 11), ANNEXED INTO THE CITY OF CHARLESTON MAY 25, 2021 (#2021-078), BE ZONED SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (SR-1) CLASSIFICATION. THE PROPERTY IS OWNED BY CONSTANTINE D AND CHERIE A LIOLLIO.
- 2021-100** -AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS AGREEMENT DATED AS OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2015, AS AMENDED, BETWEEN THE CITY OF CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA AND HIGHLAND RESOURCES, INC., AS SUCCESSOR TO ASHLEY RIVER INVESTORS, LLC; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.
- 2021-101** -AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AND APPROVING A PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CHARLESTON AND MORRISON YARD OWNER, LLC, A DELAWARE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY AND TKC-ODP MORRISON LLC, A SOUTH CAROLINA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.
- 2021-102** -AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A GENERAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR; NATIONAL PARK SERVICE; FORT SUMTER AND FORT MOULTRIE NATIONAL HISTORIC PARKS; THE SOUTH CAROLINA AQUARIUM AND CITY OF CHARLESTON DEPARTMENT OF PARKS FOR JOINT OPERATIONS AT LIBERTY SQUARE. (LIBERTY SQUARE/AQUARIUM SITE). THE PROPERTY IS OWNED BY THE CITY OF CHARLESTON.
- 2021-103** -AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON ("CITY"), A DONATION AGREEMENT UNDER WHICH HR CHARLESTON VI, LLC WILL CONVEY TO THE CITY APPROXIMATELY 1.1 ACRES OF REAL PROPERTY ON HERIOT STREET, DESIGNATED AS CHARLESTON COUNTY TMS NOS. 464-13-00-008, 464-13-00-011, 464-13-00-012, 464-13-00-013, AND 464-13-00-023, FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF WORKFORCE HOUSING UNITS TO SATISFY A LAND DONATION REQUIREMENT IN THE MAGNOLIA DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT, ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 2015-162, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. 2018-005, AND TO RECEIVE FORTY-EIGHT (48) CREDITS TOWARD THE WORKFORCE HOUSING REQUIREMENT IN THE MAGNOLIA DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT.
- 2021-104** -AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF A PORTION OF THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 420 ARLINGTON DRIVE (APPROXIMATELY 0.25 ACRE) (TMS# 310-12-00-083), WEST ASHLEY, CHARLESTON COUNTY, TO THE CITY OF CHARLESTON, SHOWN WITHIN THE AREA ANNEXED UPON A MAP ATTACHED HERETO AND MAKE IT PART OF DISTRICT 5. THE PROPERTY IS OWNED BY OLIVIA L. VEDAD.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Now, we do have to go back and do first reading on number six."

Councilmember Griffin said, "Mr. Mayor, we still have to take up items eleven and twelve. I make a motion that we defer."

Councilmember Waring said, "I'll second, but I do have a little bit of discussion on that. Just to feed into what Councilmember Shealy alluded to, we didn't speak about this, but several years ago, there was an effort to put a gas station on those two lots and, obviously, it backed right up to a little league baseball field right there. We got pushback from the community on that, and the gas station moved someplace else. So, I kind of share your concern on that one, Councilmember."

On the motion of Councilmember Griffin, seconded by Councilmember Waring, City Council voted unanimously to defer the following bills:

An ordinance to provide for the annexation of property known as 1349 Ashley River Road (approximately 0.28 acre) (TMS# 418-05-00-002), West Ashley, Charleston County, to the City of Charleston, shown within the area annexed upon a map attached hereto and make it part of District 7. The property is owned by Graphic Glamour Holdings LLC. (DEFERRED)

An ordinance to provide for the annexation of property known as 1351 Ashley River Road (0.25 acre) (TMS# 418-05-00-001), West Ashley, Charleston County, to the City of Charleston, shown within the area annexed upon a map attached hereto and make it part of District 7. The property is owned by Shubh Labh of Charleston LLC. (DEFERRED)

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Now, if you all don't mind, we do need to go back to item 6, I believe it was and, I apologize for any confusion. Since it was first reading, I don't think we had to delay that vote, but we'll go back to it."

Councilmember Griffin said, "I'll move for approval."

Councilmember Mitchell said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We have a motion to approve the zoning for public hearing #6. Are there any questions or comments?"

No one asked to speak.

On the motion of Councilmember Griffin, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, 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 420 Arlington Drive (a portion) (West Ashley) (approximately 0.25 acre) (TMS #310-12-00-083) (Council District 5), pending annexation into the City of Charleston, be zoned Single-Family Residential (SR-1) classification. The property is owned by Olivia L. Vedad.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "I think that's the end of our business. If somebody could just filibuster for about one minute while I sign these items."

Councilmember Seekings said, "I can do it. Councilmember Waring, I don't know if you notice, on the bills up for second reading, item number four, which is welcoming a new citizen, there may be more in your district, did you notice who it is? Did you notice the name? Are you a movie buff at all? Andrew Dufresne. Who's Andrew Dufresne? Right. So, he's obviously gotten out of Shawshank, left Mexico, and he's headed for District 7, so congratulations."

There was laughter.

Councilmember Waring said, "Alright. Thanks."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Any other comments? I've got just a couple more to go. We haven't had this problem lately."

Councilmember Griffin said, "Just for clarification, are we having a special meeting? Where is it at?"

The Clerk said, "Yes, sir. So, we sent out an email just this afternoon to poll the Councilmembers to see if they would be available next Thursday, July 29th. So, depending on the responses that we get, if we have a quorum, that would be next Thursday."

Councilmember Griffin said, "We definitely want to do that before Susan goes. Is it going to be virtual?"

The Clerk said, "Yes, it would be virtual. I think we were looking at 3:00 p.m."

Councilmember Griffin said, "The next regularly scheduled would be August 17th, at Daniel Island Rec Center?"

The Clerk said, "Yes, sir."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Anything else to come before us tonight? Hearing none, we stand adjourned. We're going to make the Bucks game."

Having no further business, City Council adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Jennifer Cook
Clerk of Council