

The City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina convened for a Dinner Briefing on Monday, July 25, 2016 at 5:16 p.m. in Room 267 of the Charlotte Mecklenburg Government Center with Mayor Jennifer Roberts presiding. Councilmembers present were Al Austin, John Autry, Edmund Driggs, Julie Eiselt, Patsy Kinsey, Vi Lyles, LaWana Mayfield, James Mitchell, Greg Phipps and Kenny Smith.

ABSENT UNTIL NOTED: Councilmember James Mitchell

ABSENT: Councilmember Claire Fallon

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ITEM NO. 1: MAYOR AND COUNCIL CONSENT ITEM QUESTIONS

Councilmember Kinsey said Item No. 27, Page 201 Traffic Data Collection Equipment and Processing services, I was just curious; is any of that used when we are assessing traffic in relationship to rezoning? I also pulled Item No. 29; there is a road or street on here called Morningside Road. I want to know if that is really Morningside Road and not Morningside Drive. I don't have to have those tonight.

Councilmember Mayfield said I also had a question for Item No. 29, and this is more of a general question. I'm trying to figure out what mechanisms we have in place to insure that the work is done properly. I have a project off of one of the roads that was recently resurfaced, and it caused a lot of challenges for the neighborhood as the roads are being done, so I'm just wondering because we always have to go with the lowest responsive bidder, what mechanisms do we have in place to actually insure that the work is done properly the first time opposed to having to go out two or more additional times to fix what was originally done?

Katie McCoy, Chief of Staff said we can do that, sure.

Mayor Roberts said is that the same? You don't need that answer tonight, and we don't need to pull this before you get the answer; is that the general answer you want?

Ms. Mayfield said that can be a general answer.

Mayor Roberts said I was told that Item Nos. 74 and 75 have been settled and removed so those can be taken out.

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ITEM ON. 2: CITY COUNCIL NOMINATION AND APPOINTMENT PROCESS

Councilmember Smith said as many of you know Councilmember Autry requested a deferral at the March 28, 2016 meeting to our Committee to review the process used by which we nominate to Boards, and I think we can all attest that there are nights when there is a little bit of confusion, and it does not seem to go quite as smoothly as we would all hope. The Committee has taken this under advisement, and we have brought this forth to you tonight to solicit additional feedback. We voted technically I guess on the framework for what we are bringing to you, but the real intent was to get input from the Council as a whole so as you go through the presentation feel free that this stopped short of a recommendation to full Council to vote on it. This is a mechanism to get it to you and then we will have it back in Committee in the next two weeks and then we will bring a final version for approval. Just for full disclosure, I've got a couple of questions since I have looked at this that we did not talk about at Committee that I through would be good to raise with Council as a whole. With that, I will turn it over to the Clerk to begin walking through this.

Stephanie Kelly, City Clerk said I am happy to be before you tonight, and as Councilmember Smith has stated at the March 28, 2016 Business Meeting, a referral was made to Governance and Accountability Committee, and the referral was to make improvements or to seek improvements to the process of nominations and appointments. What we did was provide information to the Committee regarding the current practices and policies, as well as some potential options.

Mr. Smith said was there a handout for Council?

Ms. Kelly said no sir, but I can get that for you after the meeting.

Ms. Kelly said the current policies and practices, as well as potential options were reviewed with the Committee at their April 25, 2016 and June 27, 2016 meetings. The Committee has requested a status update be presented to the full Council tonight, so that is what we will do. We will review the current process of nominations and appointments to advisory boards and commissions; we will also seek guidance from the Council in order to streamline the process and also consider your ideas, and hopefully you will give advice to the Committee that they can take back to their August 15, 2016 meeting for further discussion. Based on the feedback that you give today, this will be coming back to the full Council at the August 22, 2016 Business Meeting.

Councilmember Mitchell arrived at 5:26 p.m.

Ms. Kelly said the Council's current process for making nominations and appointments is outlined in a resolution that was approved by the Council in 2009, and that resolution established policies and procedures for notification, nominations and appointments, as well as other rules related to serving on advisory boards, such as those attendance policies and which boards require Oaths of Office and so just a brief run through of what the resolution requires: the resolution requires that Council be advised of the vacancies four weeks prior to consideration, that you be provided all valid applications for consideration, and there is also a mechanism for making a nomination for someone whose application is not on file, and if you make a nomination at a meeting our office follows up with that individual the next day in order to obtain their valid application. Nominations are required to be made by written ballot, and after the nominations are closed no further nominations may be made. At the next business meeting after the close of nominations, Council votes on the nominees by written ballot, and any nominee that receives at least six votes is considered appointed. If a nominee does not receive six votes a second ballot or vote is cast on the top two vote getters, and if a tie vote a vote is taken to narrow the field down to the top two vote getters.

During the discussion with the Committee, three key issues surfaced, and the first issue that came up was the unfamiliarity with applicants, and it is not uncommon for Councilmembers to say to us, we don't know any of these applicants, is there a recommendation? A suggestion that is being offered is that after the vacancy announcement has been made and before nominations we would seek input from the staff advisors and/or the board regarding the applications that we have on file. Then any information or any recommendations that are received would be forwarded to the Council with your agenda packet. During the discussion after the Committee meeting, we were asked to review this and identify some pros and cons, so as you can see there are a few pros that we have identified which are that the board advisors can identify experienced applicants that may be helpful to the work of the Committee. That being the case, it might also make the process easier for Council in instances where you are not familiar with any of applicants. The board is given the opportunity to provide input. The advisors are willing to work in partnership with the Clerk's Office to provide this feedback. We had a meeting with our Staff Advisors last month and this was something that we tossed out to the group, and they seemed eager, most of them, to partner with us and help provide that information to the Council. Finally, another pro that has been identified is that recommendations currently are received from the County and others for some of your boards, such as CMS and the Chamber and a few others.

The cons are that it might be difficult to obtain the recommendations in a timely fashion; it could slow down the nominations process and then there is the question on whether it would be appropriate for staff to be involved in the nominations process or making recommendations in this regard.

Mr. Smith said the general conversation at the committee level was not to have staff in charge of recommendations, that it would be resource and a tool for us. There were some concerns and a lot of discussion at the committee level about this but we viewed this as another tool to get additional information just to make sure people coming forth would be good committee members and that if folks had familiarity with them, if they were on a committee maybe they hadn't shown up and done some other things or it could be some good data in that.

Councilmember Lyles said I agree; I think the idea that we meet at 6:00 a.m. for 15 minutes and then you have to come back two hours later, something like that would be helpful for people to know and that would help us. This is a very small thing, but when we get the agenda and it is printed it is very hard to distinguish one group of applicants from the other. Could we get a sheet of paper or something between them that separates the nominations for each board? It is kind of like we get this thick stack and we have to thumb through because they are not numbered. Just separating them so if it is like Board A, B, C they are separated from Board L, M, N, O, P.

Ms. Kelly said sure.

Councilmember Austin said did the Committee talk about giving people kind of the opportunity who have never ever served, so if you have never kind of engaged or whatnot, the staff doesn't know you or the Committee doesn't know you, how are you going to get engaged with City Council? I'm just asking as a question.

Mr. Smith said with regards to the unfamiliarity applicants, to the extent possible staff can shed light. This was not going to outweigh Council recommendations, internal dialogue on it. We view this as just an additional way to get some information ahead of the vote.

Ms. Kelly said the second issue that came up in the discussion was that the nominations process is too time consuming. There were three suggestions that were offered; the first one is one that is actually offered by staff and that is any applicant receiving at least six nominations shall be appointed by acclamation upon a motion, a second and a vote of Council. If you chose to do that the appointment to these eight boards that are identified here would be pending a favorable background check, because your rules currently require a background check for individuals that are appointed to the Charlotte Regional Visitors' Authority, the Civil Service Board, Housing Appeals Board, Passenger Vehicle for Hire, Domestic Violence Advisory Board, The Charlotte Housing Authority, Citizens' Review Board, and the Zoning Board of Adjustment. If you chose to appoint someone by acclamation it would be conditional, until we receive a favorable background check. This is actually formalizing the process that you sometimes employ; it is not done consistently, but sometimes you choose to do this, so this would just actually formalize this process rather than hold it over to the next meeting.

The second suggestion was that the remaining nominations would be reflected in the minutes of that specific meeting and not read at the dais. This was the Committee's recommendation and upon checking with the City Attorney there is no requirement that those nominations be read aloud, so that was something that was offered in order to streamline the process. The third one was also a committee recommendation and one that received a great deal of comment and discussion; any applicant receiving a minimum number of nominations shall be brought forward for consideration during appointments. The question is what is the minimum number of nominations? There was some discussion on what that threshold should be.

Ms. Smith said we spent a lot of time in this area in Committee and at the time the Committee felt that three might be the appropriate number. After some consultation with the Attorney, he may feel that may be two, and I just wanted him to outline that real quickly for the full Council.

Bob Hagemann, City Attorney said my concern if you require a minimum of three is that you could have a scenario where only one person gets nominated, and it is quite possible that that person is not supported by a majority of Council. You may have the other eight opposed to that individual, but if nobody else in the nominations gets more than three, you only have one candidate appearing on the ballot. I think the Committee's discussion around why we should consider having a minimum number, as opposed to anybody nominated shows up on the ballot, is to try to foster some conversation at the time of nominations amongst Councilmembers so that you start to build some consensus and support. That is my concern; I can see some unintended consequences if you require three nominations before somebody appears on the ballot.

Mayor Roberts said is the alternative then to have two?

Mr. Smith said I think that will be the alternative and when the Committee comes forward with recommendations to Council we will do that. We had a very strong dialogue between two and

three at the Committee level, and I did not want it to seem misrepresented at the Council level when we are having our discussion.

Ms. Kelly said at the end we will seek some guidance and how the Council feels on that threshold. The third issue that surfaced was that the appointment process is too complex. There were two suggestions offered to remedy this perhaps and one is the discontinuing of voting multiple times at the dais and what that looks like at the dais is doing the raise of hands multiple times and any vacancies that are not filled rather than to do the multiple raise of hands we would simply carry those over to the next meeting if someone does not receive six votes. The pros of that approach would be just simply allow the meeting to move along and then one of the cons that has been identified is that it would slow down the appointment process and possibly impede the work of a board or a committee, because we would continually delay until we are able to get six votes on the actual appointment. The second suggestion and this is an either/or; the second suggestion is that at the dais, we could provide Council with a hard copy of the voting results and any runoffs that are required. Right now, Council does not receive anything; by the time we get to the appointments process the Mayor is the only person that has any written information about the votes that are required, so what that would look like is a tally sheet showing the votes that would be required in order to make the appointment complete. This is a sample of the form and the information it would contain; all the other votes have been eliminated, and the top vote getters are those showing at the top for the Domestic Violence Advisory Board. There would be a runoff required between Ms. Davis and Ms. Darlington, in order to determine who will be in the runoff between Ms. Ashwood, and whoever the winner would be. Then in the second instance as you see, the vote is five to three and that information would be provided to you at your places at the dais so you would know what you are being asked to vote on. The easiest way for us to be able to provide that information is that if you could get us your ballots during the Dinner Briefing and then we can prepare that tally sheet for you to have to review.

Those were the recommendations and the discussion and the suggestions from the Committee, and I am happy to answer any questions you might have. I would also ask if you could possibly give some direction or guidance to the Committee along the lines of the appropriateness of formal staff and board input for nominations, if there should be or what the minimum number of nominations should be or what that threshold should look like, also on the subject of reading the nominations and appointments at the dais.

Councilmember Kinsey said I just have a comment; James may or may not agree with me, but it used to seem to be very easy to do this, and we've made it difficult. I don't know how we've made it difficult, but we've made it difficult, because it used to be we just did it. I would appreciate a handout or something I can read, because I do have some comments about that.

Councilmember Driggs said I thought the first issue that was raised was by far the most important one; I don't have that hard a time navigating our process, but I sit there and I looked at closely as I can at 50 resumes, and I'm trying to remember who is who. It takes on sort of a randomness in the meeting because you can't keep up. It is like somebody you didn't focus on that ends up being a leader and now you are deciding between two people that were not your own first choices. If there was any way for getting better reference material or information to us through staff support to help with that, I think the procedure steps are good proposals, but they wouldn't actually solve the problem. You would still end up walking away from some meetings thinking, I'm not sure who we just selected.

Mr. Smith said think at the committee level we had concerns with was that often times, let's just say you have six or seven appointments that night or six or seven nominations, and at the end of the meeting we are tired and everybody is trying to go home and all of a sudden you are saying James is this your guy? You can't keep track of it, and so from a timing standpoint, we think we can shave a few minutes off the process and hopefully get better familiar. The thoughts I had, post committee to now is, I think we keep applicants on the register or in the cue for a year, so I was going to have staff maybe see what impact that would be if we moved that to six months. We have folks that are out there for a year; we vote on them and then they will come back and say "not interested, they don't live here anymore," so from a citizen standpoint to make sure that they are currently up to date may be helpful and then I didn't know if there would be any issue with limiting the number of committees you can apply for at one time. There are nights we will

have folks that are up for nominations for three or four committees sometimes and they will be at each rung of the ladder. That will be follow-up and we can discuss that at the Committee level.

Mayor Roberts said I think the idea of giving the written information about where the vote stands so that everybody can see that is extremely helpful. It is really helpful for me to kind of know where the top folks that we are going to need to resolve and where are the folks really coalescing around one person, and it will be helpful to have those. I think that would speed it up, because it would help keep track if you had a written tally of people had voted and which people were still in the nomination process.

Ms. Kinsey said is this not coming back to us before we vote on it?

Mr. Smith said yes, we wanted a vehicle to get it out for the Council, as a whole prior to the Committee coming back, just to get more input and then we will make a recommendation at our August meeting before a Council full vote later in August. There will be at least two more opportunities for Council to see it.

Ms. Kelly said I was just going to conclude by saying that the next steps in the process, as Mr. Smith has indicated, this will go back to the Committee on August 15, 2016, and we will revise the resolution to reflect any approved changes or any changes that are recommended, then it will come back to the full Council at your August 22, 2016 Business Meeting.

Ms. Kinsey said is it coming back to us at a Dinner Meeting?

Mr. Smith said no, it is not coming back to us at a Dinner Meeting.

Ms. Kinsey said but there may be some changes; will we not have the opportunity as a Council body to see those before we have to vote on them?

Ms. Smith said we can circulate prior; I assume it would be circulated prior to the agenda.

Ron Kimble, Interim City Manager said it would come out on Wednesday before your August 22, 2016 agenda with the proposed changes. After the Committee meeting we could send something out to give you a week.

Ms. Kinsey said that would be helpful because some of the agendas have been late and the one that I got last Thursday was wet.

Mr. Kimble said we will send it out after the Committee meeting on the 15th.

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ITEM NO. 3: JOINT COMMUNICATION CENTER

Councilmember Eiselt said just as a background, at the April 6, 2016 Budget Workshop the City Manager requested an additional \$12.6 million in funding for the Joint Communication Center to fund some of the additional technology that was needed and to harden the facility. The Council deferred the request to the Community Safety Committee so that we could review it and discuss the need. At the April 13, 2016 Committee meeting staff presented an overview of the project and gave us details on the \$12.6 million budget request. The Committee asked several questions about the purpose of the project and had further discussions on the requests for additional funding and the Committee asked staff to find potential options that would reduce the original request for \$12.6 million without compromising the functionality of the facility. At the June 16, 2016 Committee meeting, staff shared the responses to previous questions and presented a revised budget request of \$8.3 million in additional funding, and on June 16, 2016 the Committee voted unanimously and that was Councilmembers Eiselt, Austin, Fallon, Phipps, and Smith, to recommend to the full City Council that we move forward with the project and approval of the additional funding. That is what we are going to talk about tonight; there is no action to be taken, just a presentation of where we are with the request.

Jon Hannan, Fire Chief said we were asked to put together a presentation on the Center and that is here, and we will do that now. A Joint Communication Center is Police, Fire, and Emergency Medical Service communications (EOC) in one place, and the Emergency Operations Center provides a central location for all agencies, both public and private, to manage an extra ordinary event, and this includes all actions from the emergency phase through recovery. If you had a hurricane Hugo or an event of that magnitude it would actually stay up for months; it would stay up while you found housing for people, while you helped businesses get back open. That is how FEMA and the private agencies, they would still use that to coordinate through that entire function.

Benefits of the Center, faster response to lay critical emergencies resulting in improved survival rates; it replaces the current aging and undersized facilities due to increasing call volumes, staffing electrical loads and technology needs. The co-location of 911 and 311 communications operations provides increased efficiencies infrastructure and operating costs savings, and it establishes a permanent location for the emergency operations center. CMPD and Chief Graue are here to speak to it tonight. Their 911 center is at capacity; they are really past capacity. You just gave them 20 more call takers and to really utilize them they are in a critical situation. I don't want to misrepresent CMPD.

Katrina Graue, Deputy Police Chief said we will be doing some work in our center over the next couple of months just to add some call taker and dispatch workstations; we will just move some furniture from when we moved in the building in about 1993, to make us a little more efficient. Currently we have fifteen 911 call takers and 12 dispatchers, and by the end of the year we will grow that to sixteen 911 call takers and 17 dispatchers, and the unique thing about the adjustment we are going to make in the room is we will add some technology to those dispatch call stations that will allow everyone in the room to be able to take a 911 call. In case you are not aware, we receive every 911 call that comes for Charlotte Mecklenburg Police, for Charlotte Fire and Medic. If they need police we handle the call; if they need fire, we transfer it to fire and if they need medic we transfer it to medic, so every 911 call comes to us and then it is our responsibility to send it to the appropriate agency. It is critical for us to be able to receive the call.

Ms. Eiselt said Chief Graue; will you repeat the numbers on how many call takers you have and is that on one shift or is that your total number?

Deputy Chief Graue said it is the number of seats I have in the room to be able to answer the calls. It is fifteen currently to answer 911 calls and twelve currently to dispatch police cars, so it is the number of seats I have in the room to actually put call talkers and dispatchers in. By the end of the year, it will be sixteen 911 and seventeen dispatchers for a total of thirty-three people, but those entire thirty-three people will be able to handle 911 calls. We are going to add some software to the dispatch consoles which will get us ready for text to 911 and a few other things.

Chief Hannan said if you think about a few years ago if someone had even a minor wreck, you would have to find a pay phone and call it in; now it is not unusual to have 10, 20, and 30 calls on the same wreck, and they are all to 911 and every one of those calls has to be answered and then that call taker has to determine that it is either the same call and don't dispatch and tie up another resource or it is a different call with someone else in trouble and dispatch a resource to that. If we weren't careful you would multiply dispatch police cars, fire trucks, etc. and exhaust your resources. This would allow Fire 911 and Police 911 call takers to assist each other during periods of high call volume. If we have a major fire or if we have a thunder storm or something that affects the Fire Department heavily, often the Police Department is not affected as heavily. When they have a major event, we normally aren't involved in it, but right now if they are at capacity and they are passed capacity, my dispatchers are in a separate building, a separate room, and they don't know it, we can't pick up the slack and vice versa they can't do it for us. This would put all the assets in the same room and hopefully eliminate those few 911 calls that don't get answered because we are at capacity. It averts the space crisis for existing 911; they are passed capacity in the room, and they are only adding one more seat for call takers. The new Center will better than double the ability to grow those numbers. There is adequate room for future growth, and we do have room in there to accommodate County functions if they ever choose to participate.

Councilmember Driggs said I thought I heard that Medic was not going to be a part of the JCC; is that right?

Chief Hannon said that is correct.

Mr. Driggs said it mentions here Emergency Medical Fire and Police.

Chief Hannan said that is the definition of a Combined Communication Center.

Mr. Driggs said right, but in this instance the ambulance guys will not be a part of the Center?

Chief Hannan said that is correct.

Mr. Driggs said it sounded also as if the County was kind of, if anything, moving away from this and not eager to join. Are we making room for them with no indication that they intend to take up the space.

Chief Hannan said there is capacity for our future growth; you don't want to build a building like this without a lot of future growth in it because the buildings are so expensive to build and just because of the way the system works there would be room for EMS if they ever chose to come in. Here is a site shot of the building; at the very bottom you will see Fire Department Headquarters at Statesville, Graham and Dalton and then up above it to the left is where the Joint Communication Center will go and then there is room on Graham Street for future development and room for a parking deck if that future development ever required the need for more parking. The building just above that is where the Police Department does a lot of their logistical and technical work; the next building is Fire Logistics and the next building is the Arson Task Force, so we do have a campus there of public safety uses.

Mayor Roberts said Chief; are you talking about the buildings that don't have numbers on them; are you talking about the ones that are above in the picture?

Chief Hannan said yes, right above Phase 2, that building on the other end of CMPD, the next building is the Fire Department Logistics. The proposed location is in an area with numerous public safety uses currently; I just went over those. The long-term goal is to create an urban campus that facilitates the use out there; we really established the street front with Fire Department Headquarters; the JCC is consistent with the further advances in land use and the development and the look and the direction Council has given us in the past and the effort is to design a link to the City's Academic and Research Assets with public and private investments. It is pedestrian friendly; we are doing a lot to improve the street front and the whole appearance along the avenue, and some of our neighbors have already started bringing up their game on appearance of their buildings now. The functions that will be in this building; the Fire Department has 40 dispatchers assigned to their center; CMPD has 151, and 311 has 113, so the current and assigned employees are 304; we will bring a 24 hour, seven day a week presence to the both corridors and with shift change. They will see a lot of people coming and going. The Emergency Operations Center, once it is activated houses up to 132 people, that is a fairly rare event and it is designed to grow staff to 460 from the 304.

Ms. Eiselt said Chief, is that the EOC space? The emergency opt space that hopefully is really never used if all goes well. Is there a way to use that space that can be quickly transformed into the Emergency Operation Center should you need it.

Chief Hannan said there is so much specific to that; that is what we do now. First we did it in Medic and General Purpose room and now we use a couple of CMPD's classrooms to do it and we can't keep the technology up to do it; the floor is not laid out right to do it. Anyway, we have tried to do it has not been successful; cities of this size and larger all end up with dedicated EOCs. The technology is so specific to it, it really doesn't work well for anything else and then we have to use it multiple times a year; we use it twice a year for the [inaudible] and the Mount McGuire exercises. The hospitals have to run drills that include it to maintain nurse certifications, so it does get used more than you realize. The generation of power at both nuclear power plants, their license is dependent on a functioning EOC.

Councilmember Austin said Chief, back on one of your slides around the site design, and I apologize, in Phase three we talked about future development.; Are we talking about private industry or other law enforcement, and are we going to be taking the proceeds back on that and paying for some of this or what are we doing?

Chief Hannan said right now, the future on that is open; I would tell you as the Fire Chief and I'm sure the Police Chief feels the same way, and I imagine future Chiefs that you would have would prefer something this close to the EOC would be a government facility or something closely related to it in private industry where we wouldn't have to worry about security.

Mr. Austin said are we beginning any of those conversations yet?

Chief Hannan said there is no interest in it at this point.

Chief Hannan continued his PowerPoint presentation – Scope of Hardening: hardening the structure involves the site parameter and whether or not you can drive a vehicle up to it or into the building, the exterior façade of the building and the building support systems, the interior walls, the floors and the structural supports and the protection of the interior and exterior's critical systems. Hardening is a huge security issue too; Chief I don't know if you would like to speak to that.

Deputy Chief Graue said as I described, we take all the 911 calls so we need a facility that can withstand bomb blast and those types of things so we can continue to take 911 calls until we can send enough of our staff. We do have a back-up center that is at the Police and Fire Training Academy so that Police and Fire 911 call takers and dispatchers can get to that facility to stand that facility up so we can continue to take 911 calls.

Councilmember Phipps said the current 911 operations we have are not currently hardened, right?

Deputy Chief Graue said we are in Police Headquarters; they are in Station , Uptown.

Mr. Phipps said the back-up EOC Center at the Shopton Road facility, that is not hardened?

Deputy Chief Graue said the back-up 911 center is at the Training Academy.

Chief Hannan said it is far enough from the road though it equals the hardened. That building is protected by distance and the entire thing is fenced and gated, so we actually achieve the same protection there with distance.

Mr. Austin said Chief; can you talk a little bit about the standards nationwide around hardening and other cities who have done similar projects and why does it become necessary at all?

Chief Hannan said a lot of folks think we started down this road after September 11, 2001, but it really started with Oklahoma City and the Murray Building, when they drove up with the rental truck, and that really brought it to the front the vulnerability of buildings to events like that and that is what started it. We have done some research on that; some Councilmembers have asked. Washington, DC and almost all of them built now are built to that standard. It is an NFPA standard of 82 feet are equal, and I'm not the engineer or the scientist that came up with that number, but that is what is in the standard. The Federal Government has adopted it; the North Carolina 911 Board now cites it in their standards, and it is becoming the nationally accepted standard.

Mr. Austin said even if we had centered this on that particular site we would have still had to do some type of hardening, correct?

Chief Hannan said if we had centered it on the site we would have probably still done some of the site hardening, not the building hardening.

Chief Hannan continued his presentation; Redundancy – this drives expense too. We have to have 100% redundancy on everything. This building is the most expensive technology there is in

public safety. This is as close to military spec and standards that public safety gets into. You think about what one army tank or what one aircraft costs and that drives some of this because it can never be down. The old utility standard of five nines; it has to be up 99.999% of the time is what this is all built to, so you have twice the air conditioning the building needs with two systems, because it will all crash if you can't keep it cool. You have two emergency generators with the building; either one can fully carry the load of the building. If you lose Duke Energy, either one of these generators can require, and the reason we have two generators is the standard on a 911 center requires two separate feeds from your power utility from two separate substations. If Duke could not provide that there without a huge expense, it was actually less expensive for us to put the second generator in to have the three power sources in that way, so that is how you work around that. This is all at making sure when you are in trouble and you dial 911 the system is never going to be down. The back-up is at the Police and Fire Academy. Staff came up with three recommendations on how to move forward: number one, maintain the current location in the approved rezoning, harden the exterior and the critical interior spaces, keep the real time crime center and C-DOT's traffic management center in Police Headquarters. We found technology savings in the EOC, and we provide the redundant building systems I listed on the page earlier, and I've asked Deputy Chief Graue to speak to keeping the real time crime center at Police Headquarters.

Deputy Chief Graue said as some of you may know we started this process in 2010, and at the time we didn't have the Real Time Crime Center, so throughout this process the Real Time Crime Center was developed, and our vision for how we felt that would work in Headquarters is they would work very closely with communications. We stood up the Real Time Crime Center in 2013, right after the DNC, and what we have found is they work much more closely with investigations so anytime we have an event occur we see Detectives moving quickly to the Real Time Crime Center to look at cameras, to look at cameras feeds to help us look for suspects, to look for suspect vehicles, so that relationship really is with investigations, not communications. It really makes sense to us, because we've had a little bit of time now to experience the Real Time Crime Center to leave it in Headquarters with our investigative units and not move it to the Joint Communication Center with Communications.

Mr. Phipps said have we identified any possible funding sources to cover the \$8.3 million cost overrun?

Kim Eagle, Director of Strategy and Budget said yes, we have as a part of your CIP that you recently adopted for FY17. There was a contingency line in your CIP of \$33 million, so there was a portion there that was identified for this.

Chief Hannan said this recommendation will require design amendment and four more months of design, and it will require an \$8.3 million addition, not the \$12.4 million. I believe it was that we brought forward a couple months ago. It realizes the 311 lease savings and keeps future development opportunities available on the site.

Option number two: shift the building back to the center of the site, it includes site hardening, but not building hardening, and it keeps the Real Time Crime Center and the C-DOT Camera Center in Police Headquarters and it maintains the technology savings in the EOC. This would require about \$5.7 million more, so it is \$2.6 million less than Option one, but it will push the construction off about 15 months. An extremely concern with cost escalation, and we are extremely concerned with space to handle the extra 911 call takers and actually getting us out of our current situation and into a new 911 Center.

Ms. Eiselt said we did discuss this point in the Committee. Our concern, as much as we wanted to be able to look at both options equally, is that 15 months for \$2.6 million or \$2.4 million would get eaten up in additional construction costs in that timeframe, and secondly, we are leasing space right now for 311 calls, which is almost a half million a year, and we are going to have another 15 months of that. That right there is almost half of that cost savings.

Chief Hannan said Option three is to take 311 out of it; it would save \$1.6 million but then you would have a half million dollars a year in lease, and this is probably the least beneficial of them all. The original budget in 2015 was \$78 million; in April of this year, we made a funding

request for \$12,565,000 additional dollars and then with the first option, we are suggesting that is down to \$8.3 million for a total of \$86,300,000.

Mayor Roberts said you say down to, it was revised from \$12 million to \$8 million?

Chief Hannan said yes.

Mr. Driggs said Chief could you talk about the evolution of the plan? it was originally supposed to be at the center of the site and then it got moved to the edge of the site and that entailed hardening of the building and now we are considering the possibility of option two of moving back to the center. What are the criteria for that comparison between the center of the site and the one that we are now looking at?

Chief Hannan said I think the differentiation is if it is in the center of the site, it doesn't require the structure to be hardened. If it is on Statesville Avenue it requires the structure to be hardened and then there is the cost difference, the time difference and the street appearance that Council wants in the corridor.

Mr. Driggs said it costs more to go to the edge of the site, but we are saying that creates better appearance or is it representing better utilization of the total site? It still looks like if we go that route we are paying, granted the timeline is different which I think is interesting because the original idea was to have it in the center of the site and now we are saying it would take 15 months longer to put it there. It is costing \$2.6 million more to go to the edge of the site, and I'm just wondering what is good about the edge of the site.

Chief Hannan said that is not my area of expertise, but building it on the street is more in line with the planning and the zoning that Council traditionally wants private business to follow when they build a structure and what you are trying to foster on those corridors.

Mr. Driggs said is there any upside or down side in the hardened building in the more dangerous place versus the unhardened building in the center? Do those equate to the same level of risk?

Chief Hannan said the engineering and the science behind it, they should be equivalent.

Councilmember Kinsey said I want to thank both Chiefs and all the Deputy Chiefs, because I know they have been working on this too. I want to make sure that everybody knows the Fire Department and the Police Department did not make the decision to move the building from the center of the property to the edge of the property. If I'm wrong tell me, but I don't think I am. It was made by management, and I just want to make sure those two departments are not blamed for this additional costs. We do need this structure, and I'm probably going to hold my nose and vote for with the additional funds, but I want to make sure that everybody understands that it is not because of what our Police and Fire Departments did; it was because of something that management wanted and other people on the 15th or 11 or 12th floor, and now we are in this situation of where we are going to have to swallow the \$8.3 million. It is going to be a fine building, and we do need it but I'm unhappy with the way it has happened.

Mr. Driggs said right and by management, I assume you are referring to people who are no longer here to answer any questions.

Ms. Kinsey said that is probably one of them anyway.

Mr. Driggs said I don't think it is down to finger pointing; I'm just trying to be clear on what has happened and what is happening now, because we did start out at \$78 million and thought we were fully funded, and it looks like whatever we do now we are going to need at least \$6 million more, and the question is whether or not that additional expense was really necessary. I guess as you say, I'm not sure what we can do about it now; I'm still not understanding the rationale for the move though, whoever made that decision.

Ron Kimble, Interim City Manager said I think this differential in cost to the move is \$2.6 million to move it from the Center to the Statesville Avenue edge. I believe that some of the rationale was to make sure that the two Chiefs still were very supportive of the structure if it

were to move and you achieve other goals in the Statesville Avenue corridor; you also achieve another building site that was shown on the particular schematic where you move this structure to the Statesville Avenue side, and it frees up another building footprint, even if it is for general government buildings; it does provide a future opportunity for growth on this campus, still an opportunity to see if there is a public/private opportunity on that other piece of property. There are other uses that could go there that could be compatible with what Police and Fire have in mind for the campus in the future. I think it was a holistic decision made with the input of a lot of other City Departments, in addition to Police and Fire, and we came to I think a marriage of thought, and it did drive the cost up an additional \$2.6 million, but the gains that you get from making that move, it was felt outweigh that move and that comes in the form of a total recommendation from the City staff including the two Chiefs.

Mr. Austin said if I remember correctly, and I do because I pulled the records; Council made the decision through a zoning, and we did that unanimously. We keep forgetting that, and I recall there was conversation back and forth for several months, and we also ultimately got to the point where we wanted it on the end, and we all voted unanimously to have it at that location and move forward. I think there was some rationality about adhering to our own design recommendations and planning, and I'm looking at Debra. Debra, can you share any light on that history and bring us forward?

Ms. Kinsey we didn't know the cost then.

Mr. Austin said we wouldn't have known the costs, if it was at the center or the edge at that point.

Ms. Kinsey said we had a budget for that.

Mr. Austin said we wouldn't have known hardening.

Mr. Driggs said \$78 million.

Mr. Austin said at that point it had not been fully designed.

Debra Campbell, Assistant City Manager said as Manager Kimble explained, this project has been part of our history for a pretty good while. We have been looking at doing this since 2010.

Mr. Austin said did you say 22 years?

Ms. Campbell said no 2010 but for some of us who have been working on the project, you are exactly right it does feel like 22 years. In 2010, we looked at this and a lot of other locations as to where a Joint Communication Center would be appropriate. We landed on the Statesville Avenue Corridor; we looked at the original siting of this particular facility, looked at it from the context of what are we doing for the entire corridor, what is the vision for not just the development of this particular piece of property, but the development of the entire corridor, both Graham Street as well as Statesville Avenue? We looked at this project in the context again of, what is going to happen long-term? How do we maximize and in fact in an urban location how do we intensify development on this site? We went from having it in the center of the site, with a sea of parking, and I regret that we did not have the original design of the facility, and looked at the appropriateness of a very suburban appearance in an urban context and looked at whether this is again the appropriate thing to do for the entire corridor; this being actually one of the gateways into the Statesville Avenue Corridor. We had, as Mr. Kimble said, literally a design charrette, with a lot of departments, and we looked at pros and cons of the locations, and there were more pros with regards to the proposed location than there were cons, and that is what we moved forward with in terms of the entitlements, the rezoning process. At the public meeting, there were lots of dialogue about, and in fact we kept hearing, why isn't this a much more intensely developed site? When we thought about what could happen on future phases is where you have the Phase one and the Phase two and Phase three to accomplish that intensification of a site.

Mr. Austin said that is good and this is on the south end of what we are designating as the North End Smart District.

Ms. Campbell said that is correct.

Councilmember Smith said we had the hearing and then it pulled back and came back four months later with a new design. I remember vividly the first hearing, I supported the center of the site because I thought it was an upgrade from the warehouse and everything that was on there. What baffles me a little bit is there doesn't seem to have been any cost considerations into any hardening at any, because we had site hardening added and we have building hardening added so at either location it doesn't seem that we took into account the need for the hardening, and so that is where I feel like whether it is the center of the site or the edge we would have known there would need to be some reinforcement mechanisms and how we lost sight of that is a little confusing.

Ms. Campbell said I don't know that when we had it at the street and when we went through the rezoning process that there was actually going to be a request for the hardening. At the time, we went through the rezoning we did not know there was going to be a need for hardening and that came up later.

Mr. Smith said that was my point; we are going to need the site hardening if we move it back to the center; if you leave it on the edge we need the building hardening and I think one of those two would have been on our radar a while ago, not after we've gotten through design and we come up with the \$78 million.

Ms. Eiselt said we talked a lot about the need to make a decision and move forward, because we are continuing to incur lease expenses for the 311; it is kind of what it is right now, so we just have at some point make a decision, and I think we are going to in August, but the other part of that is if we leave it on this side then that other piece of land –

Chief Hannan said is available for use; if we put it back in the center there would be no available land left.

Ms. Eiselt said we could recoup some of the expense that we've gone through to move it through this whole process by selling that piece of land. Is that fair to say, or we would be holding it for the project?

Mr. Kimble said and/or using it for a future government or private sector building site; you could use it for another government and not have to go buy land for that other government use.

Councilmember Lyles said I just want to weigh in a little bit on this; this has been a very, very tough review for me. I have really always supported city services being located in a central area for our community. What I found is a suburban often doesn't really serve every aspect of our City, and I know location, just like in any other real estate really makes a difference. I think that being close to the interstates and the highways is an important part of it. On the way to making this decision, I'm going to agree with Mr. Smith; I felt like we knew that this was an important project because of all of the overcrowding, and perhaps we didn't dive deeply into it. We've done budgets for other buildings for other projects that were less than \$10 million, and we sat and argued over acquisition of a \$10,000 easement. I felt like this project was kind of like, we need it, and we do; I felt like it was public safety, and we also said it is our number one priority and then we had a budget that most of us came in and we knew it was \$78 million, and when it went to \$90 million we all went, Oh my God, what has happened here and not really understanding, for me I started honing right in. What does that standard mean? Why do we do it? Who has it? It was all about hardening. I learned of the hardening from an e-mail from an internal employee in the Police Department that said we shouldn't be in a building that is not hardened without bullet proof windows. I was not even thinking of that from this perspective and what was going on. I think that I have to feel like I have own a little bit about this; it is going to make me think even with public safety as our number one priority we need to really get comfortable with what we are trying to accomplish and how we are going to do it. I've told both Chiefs this; I really appreciate the work that they have done since this has become more of an issue. I may not understand it all, but I do believe that we have the expertise in this room to make sure that our community has safe services. I think we have the expertise to build this kind of building, so I'm not going to understand every aspect of what has happened over the last several years; I am thinking that with construction boom going on right now, we are going to be

in a particularly difficult position if we don't move forward on this project, because I think the cost will continue to escalate. I also think that if the standard that is being recommended is the standard whether it would have been in the center or on the edge that we've got to build to the safest that we can for the type of services that we are going to provide. I'm going to support the project, but my lesson learned is that as a Council just because something is our number one priority doesn't mean that we just automatically let it slide. We all ought to get to a point of understanding it sufficiently well enough that we can feel comfortable with the funding for it. That is not on you; that is on me. I appreciate the work that has been done; I know I have attended a community safety meeting and I know the community safety group has worked on it; I think it is going to be great for this area of the City. I think the project budget is what it is and that we've got to move forward. I say to the staff, whoever is sitting in this chair at some point, Ron to you right now, we need to be looking at this in every efficiency that we can and at the same time, we ought to be looking at this building as a functional building. It is not to be the building that everybody wants to take a tour of because it is the only one in the country. let's make it functional; let's make it work, build it to the standards, and I'm going to support the additional funding for the project.

Mr. Phipps said if this is approved and we do move the 311 Center to this facility will that include any changes to operations of the 311 facility because those hours have been cut? They no longer work on week-ends anymore, and I think even on week days they go to 11:00 p.m. or maybe 10:00 p.m. Is this going to be a 24-hour building?

Chief Hannan said I think the building will be capable of whatever configuration you wanted 311 to do.

Janice Quintana, 311 Contact Center Director said right now it wouldn't have an impact on how we stand today but the 311 Center could stand up for any kind of emergency. It would prove later that we needed to extend hours or change hours; we can be flexible with that. I did run the 911 communication center in D.C. when 311 and 911 were there, and it is a very effective concept to have everybody co-located in a building; it is very efficient.

Mr. Austin said I want to piggyback on some of the statements Ms. Lyles made to Ron or whomever sits in that seat and to staff; this is a whole lot of money, so it is my hope that you guys have vetted it, and I hope if I'm still here I don't see any consent items on an amendment to add more money to it. You should have vetted it to the T; make sure that the contractor we get to design the windows gets those right; I like the project, and I will vote for it because it is in my District, and it is going to make a difference.

Mr. Driggs said I think this is something we are going to want to do; I still think that the presentation of the numbers doesn't rise to the standard of transparency we should be looking for. The \$5.7 million said construction escalation is in there, which means the 15-months presumably are paid for. I'm trying to understand whether, on an apples with apples basis, the costs of what we thought was going to be \$78 million went up to \$90 million or what portion of the increase represents additional things that we decided to do? What portion were costs that were incurred and had to be written off frankly because we went down a road and then changed course? Just to get a little better sense of the moving parts in these numbers because they are millions still, even it is on top of \$78 million. I would hope to get kind of more disclosure about the original budget of \$78 million and how we evolved to these choices and what are we getting more as a result of paying this much extra or we are getting the same thing we thought we were going to get for \$78 million before.

Mr. Kimble said we will give it a shot and try and pull something together to send you prior to August 22, 2016.

Ms. Lyles said I actually think that Mr. Driggs' point is an excellent one. Every time I've seen it, it has been here is the amount, and here is an incremental amount and this is more dispatching, this is more Motorola; every time it has been that way. Again, we have not taken this project apart as we have every other major project that we've done, so that is a lesson I would say to both us and the staff, and I think that having that information is really important to move forward.

Mr. Kimble said the question is an appropriate one and we will put some information together and send it out well before August 22, 2016 so you've got it.

Chief Hannan said Mr. Driggs' math; I understand what you are saying. Why is \$5.7 million more to do the original building; is that what you are in Option two?

Mr. Driggs said I'm just for one referring to the point that was made about the fact that the extra time could lead to further costs, and I'm assuming that if you have escalation in the \$5.7 million you paid for the 15-months; that is one point. The other point is just to take us from what we thought we were going to get for \$78 million to what we are now proposing to pay \$86 million or some higher amount for, and to what extent is the increase related to more content and to what extent is it related to the events? If we could, just isolate that a bit.

Mr. Kimble said I understand.

Mayor Roberts said we appreciate the information and additional information will be coming.

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ITEM NO. 4: ANSWER TO MAYOR AND COUNCIL CONSENT ITEMS

Mayor Roberts said nothing else on the consent items.

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ITEM NO. 5: CLOSED SESSION

Motion was made by Councilmember Mayfield, seconded by Councilmember Austin, and carried unanimously pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a) (3) to go into closed session to consult with attorneys employed or retained by the City in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege and to consider and give instructions to the attorneys concerning the handling or settlement of a claim and City of Charlotte v. BWN Investments, 13-CVS-10766 and 13-CVS-13163.

The meeting was recessed at 6:29 p.m. to move to CH-14 to go into closed session. The closed session recessed at 6:43 p.m. to move to the Meeting Chamber for the regularly scheduled Business Meeting.

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The City Council of the City of Charlotte reconvened for the Citizens' Forum and Business Meeting on Monday, July 25, 2016 at 6:47 p.m. in the Meeting Chamber of the Charlotte Mecklenburg Government Center with Mayor Jennifer Roberts presiding. Councilmembers present were Al Austin, John Autry, Ed Driggs, Julie Eiselt, Patsy Kinsey, Vi Lyles, LaWana Mayfield, James Mitchell, Gregg Phipps and Kenny Smith.

ABSENT: Councilmember Claire Fallon

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INVOCATION AND PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Kinsey gave the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Councilmember Lyles, seconded by Councilmember Eiselt, and carried unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda as presented with the exception of Item Nos. 74 and 75 which were settled and pulled by staff.

The following items were approved:

Item No. 19: Voluntary Annexation Public Hearing Date

Adopt a resolution setting public hearing for August 22, 2016 for a voluntary annexation petition.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 47, at Pages 511-514.

Item No. 20: Habitat for Humanity of Charlotte Funding Allocation

Approve a Community Development Block Grant allocation in the amount of \$375,000 to Habitat for Humanity of Charlotte for single family rehabilitation.

Item No. 21: Police Body Armor Vests

(A) Award a unit price contract to the lowest responsive bidder, Galls, Inc. for the purchase of police body armor vests for the term of three years, and (B) Authorize the City Manager to renew the contract for up to two, one-year terms with possible price adjustments and to amend the contract consistent with the City's business needs and the purpose for which the contract was approved.

Summary of Bids

Gall's LLC	\$243,885.00
Lawmen's Distribution, LLC	\$248,191.63
Carolina Uniforms & Equipment	\$254,449.50
Dana Safety Supply	\$574,039.56
S & K Concepts	\$775,834.50

Item No. 22: Police DNA Equipment and Supplies

(A) Approve the purchase of DNA software upgrades and supplies authorized by the sole source exemption of G.S. 143-129(e)(6), and (B) Approve a three-year contract with Life Technologies Corporation for the purchase of DNA testing software upgrades and supplies.

Item No. 23: Police Lieutenant and Captain Promotional Assessment Center Services

(A) Approve a contract in the amount of \$70,917 with Developmental Associates to design and implement a lieutenant and captain promotional assessment center for Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department, and (B) Authorize the City Manager to approve price adjustments and further amend the contract consistent with the City's business needs and the purpose for which the contract was awarded.

Item No. 24: Discovery Place Renovations

Award a contract in the amount of \$1,400,000 to the lowest responsive bidder, Shiel-Sexton Company, Inc. for the Discovery Place Renovation project.

Summary of Bids

Shiel-Sexton Company, Inc. *	\$1,625,917.70
Miles-McClellan Construction	\$1,862,300.00
Team Construction, LLC	\$2,016,850.00

*Award amount (NTE \$1,600,000.00) negotiated in accordance with NCGS § 143-129 when the lowest responsive bid is in excess of funds available.

Item No. 25: Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center Building Sealant Replacement

Award a contract in the amount of \$1,214,009.07 to the lowest responsive bidder, Western Waterproofing of America for the CMGC Building Sealant Replacement.

Summary of Bids

Western Waterproofing of America	\$1,214,009.07
Stone Restoration of America	\$1,219,097.50
Baker Roofing Company	\$1,288,329.10
Samet Corporation	\$1,488,042.60
Pro-Tec Weatherproofing	\$1,792,181.40
Strickland Waterproofing Co., Inc.	\$1,895,600.00

Carolina Restoration & Waterproofing, Inc. \$2,044,661.30

Item No. 26: LED Traffic Signs

(A) Award a unit price contract to the lowest responsive bidder, Rosenblatt and Associates, for the purchase of LED traffic signs and related equipment for the term of three years, and (B) Authorize the City Manager to renew the contract for us to two-one-year terms with possible price adjustments and to amend the contract consistent with the City's business needs and the purpose for which the contract was approved.

Summary of Bids

Rosenblatt & Associates* \$133,384.00

* Rosenblatt and Associates was the only vendor to submit a bid.

Item No. 27: Traffic Data Collection Equipment and Processing Services

(A) Approve a contract for up to \$750,000 with Miovision Technologies, Inc. for traffic data collection equipment and processing services for the City and the Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization for a five-year term, (B) Approve a contract for up to \$500,000 with Quality Counts, LLC for traffic data collection and processing services within the Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization Region for a five-year term, and (C) Authorize the City Manager to amend the contract consistent with the City's business needs and the purpose for which the contract was approved.

Item No. 28: Johnston Oehler Road Farm-to-Market Change Order

Approve change order #1 for \$213,890.46 to Ferebee Corporation for Johnston-Oehler Road Farm-to-Market project.

Item No. 29: Resurfacing Contract

(A) Award a unit price contract to the lowest responsive bidder, Blythe Brothers Asphalts Co., LLC, for the Resurfacing Fiscal Year 2016-A project, and (B) Authorize the City Manager to approve up to two renewals and to amend the contract consistent with the City's business needs and the purpose for which the contracts were approved.

Summary of Bids

Blythe Brothers Asphalt Co., LLC	\$4,930,731.55
Blythe Construction, Inc.	\$5,059,206.13
The Lane Construction Corporation	\$6,805,033.92
Red Clay Industries	\$8,838,973.25

Item No. 30: Sidewalk Planning and Design Services

(A) Approve contracts for sidewalk planning and design services with the following firms: CALYX Engineers and Consultants, Inc. \$350,000, DRMP, Inc. \$200,000, HNTB North Carolina, P.C. \$350,000 and SEPI Engineering & Construction, Inc. \$200,000, and (B) Authorize the City Manager to approve one renewal for each contract and to amend the contract consistent with the City's business needs and the purpose for which the contracts were approved.

Item No. 31: Specialized Roadway Construction Services

(A) Award a unit price contract in an amount not to exceed \$499,950 to the lowest responsive bidder, B & N Grading, Inc. for Specialized Roadway Construction Services (Fiscal Year 2017), and (B) Authorize the City Manager to approve up to two renewals and to amend the contract consistent with the City's business needs and the purpose for which the contracts were approved.

Summary of Bids

B & N Grading, Inc.	\$499,950.00
United Construction Company, Inc.	\$655,000.00
Armen Construction	\$678,720.00

Item No. 32: DeArmon Road Improvements Engineering Services

Approve a contract in the amount of \$361,500 with Woolpert North Carolina, PLLC to provide engineering planning services for the DeArmon Road Improvements Project.

Item No. 33: Grounds Maintenance and Property Security Services

Approve contracts for grounds maintenance and property security services with the following firms: Carolina Commercial Landscaping, LLC \$332,640, Carolina Property Preservation Specialist, \$248,900, Roundtree Companies, LLC, \$120,000 and Sho-Off Lawn Care \$240,516.

Item No. 34: Airport Baggage Screening System Contract Amendments

(A) Approve contract amendment #2 in the amount of \$500,000 with Siemens Postal, Parcel & Airport Logistics, LLC for supplemental time and material actions required to complete the In-Line Baggage Screening System, and (B) approve a contract amendment #2 in the amount of \$248,500 with BNP Associates, Inc. for additional construction administration.

Item no. 35: Airport Long Term Parking Lot Improvements Change Order

Approve change order #1 for \$952,000 to Blythe Development Company for Long Term Parking Lot Improvements.

Item No. 36: Airport Long Term 4 Parking Lot Improvements

(A) Award a contract in the amount of \$2,057,625.62 to the lowest responsive bidder, Showalter Construction Co., for Long Term 4 Parking Lot improvements, (B) Approve a contract in the amount of \$32,205 with Froehling & Robertson, Inc. for quality assurance testing, and (C) Adopt Budget Ordinance No. 8084-X appropriating \$2,089,830.62 from the Aviation Discretionary Fund to the Aviation Community Investment Plan Fund.

Summary of Bids

Showalter Construction Company	\$2,057,625.62
Blythe Development Company	\$2,246,200.00
Sealand Contractors Corp.	\$2,433,543.70

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 60, at Page 162.

Item No. 37: Airport New Entrance Road Landscape

(A) Approve a three-year contract with Carolina Wetland Services for installation and maintenance services of the Airport's new main entrance road landscape, (B) Authorize the City Manager to amend the contract consistent with the City's business needs and the purpose for which the contract was approved, and (C) Adopt Budget Ordinance No. 8085-X appropriating \$648,568.49 from the Aviation Discretionary Fund to the Aviation Community Investment Plan Fund.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 60, at Page 163.

Item No. 38: Airport Terminal Ramp Improvements

Award a contract in the amount of \$1,781,875.00 to the lowest responsive bidder, Hi Way Paving, Inc. for the Airport Terminal Ramp repairs project.

Summary of Bids

Hi-Way Paving *	\$1,781,875.00
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* The initial Invitation to Bid resulted in one bid by Hi-Way Paving; per NCGS § 143-132, the Invitation to Bid was re-advertised and resulted in one bid by Hi-Way Paving; Hi-Way Paving was selected as the lowest, responsible bidder.

Item No. 39: American Airlines Line Maintenance Hanger Renovations Design Services

Approve a contract in the amount of \$229,256 to Michael Baker International dba Baker LPA Architects, PC for architectural and civil design services to renovate an existing maintenance hangar.

Item No. 40: Delta Airlines, Inc. Ground Service Equipment Facility Lease

(A) Approve a five-year lease with Delta Airlines, Inc. for service equipment storage and office space, and (B) Authorize the City Manager to execute one additional, five-year renewal option.

Item No. 41: CATS Shuttle Bus Service Agreement

(A) Adopt a resolution approving the Interlocal Shuttle Bus Service Agreement with Mecklenburg County to operate weekend and holiday service throughout the summer to the public swimming beach at Ramsey Creek Park, and (B) Authorize the City Manager to renew the agreement for up to two additional one-year terms and to amend the agreement consistent with the City's business needs and the purpose for which the agreement was approved.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 47, at Page 515-516.

Item No. 42: CATS Bus Maintenance Supplies

(A) Award a unit price contract to the lowest responsive bidder Northeast Lubricants, Ltd. For the purchase of bus maintenance greases, oil and lubricants for a term of one year, and (B) Authorize the City Manager to renew the contract for up to two, one-year terms with possible price adjustments and to amend the contract consistent with the City's business needs and the purpose for which the contract was approved.

Summary of Bids

Romeo Enterprises *	\$200,692.00
Hagan-Kennington *	\$303,845.10
Northeast Lubricants, Ltd.	\$428,605.40
Dilmar Oil Company	\$444,649.30
Brewer-Hendley Oil Company	\$462,496.50
Rely Supply, LLC	\$571,006.80

* Incomplete bids were submitted.

Item No. 43: CATS Advertising Revenue Program

(A) Approve a revenue contract with a three-year minimum revenue guarantee of \$4,495,000 plus a percentage share of revenue for advertising services with Direct Media, Inc., and (B) Authorize the City Manager to renew the contract for up to two, one-year terms with possible revenue increases and to amend the contract consistent with the City's business needs and the purpose for which the contract was approved.

Item No. 44: CATS Bus Route Planning Software Services

Approve a five-year contract in the amount of \$305,000 with Remix Software, Inc. to provide software service tools for CATS bus route planning activities.

Item No. 45: Federal Transit Administration Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Grant and Contracts.

(A) Authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute contracts with the following organizations as sub-recipients for Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 grant projects: Iredell County in the amount not to exceed \$57,801, Union County in an amount not to exceed \$51,776, Mecklenburg County (capital) in an amount not to exceed \$280,000, Mecklenburg County (operating) in an amount not to exceed \$150,000, Disabilities Rights and Resources in an amount not to exceed \$92,496, Centralina Council of Governments in an amount not to exceed \$96,000 and Metrolina Association for the Blind in an amount not to exceed \$13,000, and (B) Adopt Budget Ordinance No. 8086-X appropriating \$778,869 to the CATS Community Investment Plan Fund, which will be used in accordance with Federal Transit Administration guidelines for the grant projects listed above and CATS administration expenses.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 60, at Page 164.

Item No. 46: Exchange of Right-of-Way along the LYNX Light Rail Corridor – Lennar Multifamily Communities

(A) Adopt a resolution authorizing an exchange of right-of-way between the City of Charlotte and Lennar Multifamily Communities or its successors and assigns (Property Owner) involving Tax Identification #14701709, and (B) Authorize the City Manager to execute all document necessary to complete the exchange of right-of-way between the City of Charlotte and Property Owner.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 40, at Page 517-518.

Item No. 47: Exchange of Right-of-Way along the LYNX Light Rail Corridor – the Bainbridge Companies

(A) Adopt a resolution authorizing an exchange of right-of-way between the City of Charlotte and The Bainbridge Companies or its successors and assigns (Property Owner) involving Tax Identification Parcel Numbers 14701711 and 14701712 and (B) Authorize the City Manager to execute all documents necessary to complete the exchange of right-of-way between the City of Charlotte and Property Owner.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 47, at Pages 519-520.

Item No. 48: Storm Water Services Channel Maintenance

(A) Award a unit price contract in an amount not to exceed \$434,319 to the lowest responsive bidder, United of Carolinas, Inc. for the Storm Water Incidental Construction Channel Maintenance Fiscal Year 2017 project, and (B) Authorize the City Manager to approve up to two renewals and to amend the contract consistent with the City's business needs and the purpose for which the contracts were approved.

Summary of Bids

United of Carolinas, Inc.	\$434,319.00
B & N Grading, Inc.	\$452,912.50
Onsite Development LLC	\$473,771.75
Blythe Development Company	\$526,604.50

Item No. 49: Water and Sewer Extensions/Replacements (Fiscal Year 2016 – Contract 5)

Award a unit price contract in the amount of \$2,472,455.80 to the lowest responsive bidder R. H. Price, Inc. for the new construction or replacement of water and sewer mains throughout the Charlotte Water Service area.

Summary of Bids

R. H. Price, Inc.	\$2,472,455.80
Dallas 1, LLC	\$2,631,140.80
State utility Contractors, Inc.	\$2,695,825.00

Item No. 50: Water Line Repair Payment

Approve a payment in the amount of \$149,270.07 to Sanders Utility Construction Company, Inc. for the repair of a 54-inch water line.

Item No. 51: Charlotte Water Engineering Services

Approve not-to-exceed contracts with the following firms for engineering services: Hazen and Sawyer \$900,000, Black & Veatch International Company \$800,000, Brown and Caldwell \$700,000, CDM Smith, Inc. \$700,000, HDR Engineering, Inc. for the Carolinas \$700,000, W K Dickson & Co., \$150,000 and Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. \$150,000.

Item No. 52: Charlotte Water – Horizontal Directional Drilling Bid and Construction Related Professional Services

Approve a contract for up to \$308,150 with McKim and Creed, Inc. for horizontal directional drilling bid and construction related professional services.

Item No. 53: Ramah Creek Trunk Sewer Project Construction Change Order

Approve change order #1 for \$399,975 to R. H. Price, Inc.'s construction contract for the Ramah Creek Trunk Sewer project.

Item No. 54: McMullen Creek Basin Sanitary Sewer Improvements

Approve a contract with Brown and Caldwell in the amount of \$690,210 for the McMullen Creek Basin Sanitary Sewer improvements Project – Phase I.

Item No. 55: Mail Remittance Services

(A) Authorize the City Manager to negotiate and approve a unit price contract with BB & T for Mail Remittance Services for an initial term of three years, and (B) Authorize the City manager to renew the contract for up to two additional one-year renewal terms.

Item No. 56: Architectural Services for Fleet Maintenance Facilities Master Plan

Approve a contract in the amount of \$239,500 with Bergmann Associates, Architects, Engineers, P.C. for architectural services for the Equipment Maintenance Facilities Master Plan Study.

Item No. 57: Vehicle and Equipment Purchases from Cooperative Contracts

(A) Approve the purchase of vehicles and fleet equipment from cooperative purchasing contracts as authorized by G.S. 143-129(e)(3), and (B) Approve a contract with the following vendors for the purchase of vehicles and equipment for a one-year term under North Carolina Sheriff's Association contracts 15-01-0611, 16-02-0929 and 17-01-0617, Houston-Galveston Area Council Buy contracts CMO2-15, EMO6-15, HTO6-16, and SCO1-15, and National Joint Powers Alliance contracts 042815-CEC, 022014-SCA and 031014-ALT: Altec Industries, Inc., Amick Equipment Co., Inc., Aries Industries, ASC Construction, Asheville Ford Lincoln, Bobcat Company, Excel Truck Group, Houston Freightliner, One Source Equipment, Rodders and Jets Supply Co., Sewer Equipment Company of America, Sir Walter Chevrolet, Southern Truck Services, and Young's Truck Center.

Item No. 58: Vehicle and Equipment Purchases from State Contracts

(A) Approve the purchase of vehicles and fleet equipment from state contracts as authorized by G.S. 143-120(e)(9), and (B) Approve contracts with Godwin Manufacturing, Knapheide, Piedmont Truck Center, and RS Braswell for the purchase of vehicles and equipment for the term of one-year under North Carolina state contract numbers 065A, 065C, 070A, and 760H.

Item No. 59: Detroit Diesel Parts and Services

(A) Approve a contract with Clarke Power Services for Detroit Diesel Service and Parts for an initial term of three years, and (B) Authorize the City Manager to renew the contract for up to two, one-year terms with possible price adjustments and to amend the contract consistent with the City's business needs and the purpose for which the contract was approved.

Item No. 60: Order of Collection for Tax Year 2016

Adopt an Order of Collection, as per North Carolina General Statute 105-321(b) authorizing the Tax Collector of Mecklenburg County to collect the taxes set forth in settlement statement for tax year 2016.

Item No. 61: Refund of Property Taxes

Adopt a resolution authorizing the refund of property taxes assessed through clerical or assessor error in the amount of \$27,896.09.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 47 at Pages 521-526.

Item No. 62: Resolution of Intent to Abandon a Portion of an Alleyway between Brookshire Boulevard and Black Avenue

(A) Adopt a Resolution of Intent to abandon a portion of an alleyway between Brookshire Boulevard and Black Avenue, and (B) Set a public hearing for August 22, 2016.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 47, at Pages 527-530.

Item No. 63: Resolution of Intent to abandon a Portion of Tross Street

(A) Adopt a Resolution of Intent to abandon a portion of Tross Street, and (B) Set a public hearing for August 22, 2016.

The resolution is recorded in full in resolution Book 47, at Pages 531-533.

Item No. 64; Meeting Minutes

Approve the titles, motions, and votes reflected in the Clerk's record as the minutes of June 6, 2016, Council Workshop, June 13, 2016 Business Meeting and Budget Adoption and June 20, 2016 Zoning Meeting.

PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS

Item No. 65: Sale of Property: 8429 East W. T. Harris Boulevard

(A) Adopt a resolution proposing to accept the offer of \$116,000 from Sam's Investment II, LLC to purchase City-owned real property (parcel tax identification #109-171-04) located at 8429 East W. T. Harris Boulevard, and (B) Authorize the advertisement of the proposed sale for upset bids and authorize the City Manager to execute all documents necessary to complete the sale of the property in accordance with the Resolution.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 47, at Pages 534-535.

IN REM REMEDY

Item No. 66: In Rem Remedy: 908 Matheson Avenue

Adopt Ordinance No. 8087-X authorizing the use of In Rem Remedy to demolish and remove the structure at 908 Matheson Avenue (Neighborhood Profile Area 386).

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 60, at Page 165.

Item No. 67: In Rem Remedy: 2224 West Boulevard

Adopt Ordinance No. 8088-X authorizing the use of In Rem Remedy to demolish and remove the structure at 2224 West Boulevard (Neighborhood Profile Area 120).

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 60, at Page 166.

Item No. 68: In Rem Remedy: 2228 Sanders Avenue

Adopt Ordinance No. 8089-X authorizing the use of In Rem Remedy to demolish and remove the structure at 2228 Sanders Avenue (Neighborhood Profile Area 85).

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 60, at Page 167.

Item No. 69: In Rem Remedy: 4812 Shaffhausen Place

Adopt Ordinance No. 8090-X authorizing the use of In Rem Remedy to demolish and remove the structure at 4812 Shaffhausen Place (neighborhood Profile Area 144).

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 60, at Page 168.

Item No. 70: In Rem Remedy: 4223 East End Street

Adopt Ordinance No. 8091-X authorizing the use of In Rem Remedy to demolish and remove the structure at 4223 East End Street (Neighborhood Profile Area 385).

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 60, at Page 169.

Item No. 71: In Rem Remedy 7330 Walterboro Road

Adopt Ordinance No. 8092-X authorizing the use of In Rem Remedy to demolish and remove the structure at 7330 Walterboro Road (Neighborhood Profile Area 91).

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 60, at Page 170.

PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS

Item No. 72: Aviation Property Transactions – 4837 Morris Field Drive

Acquisition of 15.326 acres at 4837 Morris Field Drive from Morrison Building, LLC for \$3,275,000 for Airport Master Plan Land.

Item No. 73: Aviation Property Transaction - 6125 Wilkinson Boulevard

Acquisition of 2.13 acres at 6125 Wilkinson Boulevard from Homestead Lodge LTD Partnership 32 #2 for \$4,200,000 and all relocation benefits in compliance with federal, state and local regulations.

Item No. 76: Property Transactions – Frazier Avenue Realignment, Parcel #69.1

Resolution of condemnation of 4,504 square feet (.103 Acre) in Fee Simple plus 1,660 square feet (.038 acre) in Sidewalk and Utility Easement plus 4,084 square feet (.094 acre) in Temporary Construction Easement at 1500 West Trade Street from 1500 West Trade, LLC for \$125,175 for Frazier Avenue Realignment, Parcel #69.1.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 47, at Page 536.

Item No. 77: Property Transactions – Frazier Avenue Realignment, Parcels 65.1 and 67.1

Resolution of condemnation of 1,670 square feet (.038 acre) in Fee Simple plus 1,812 square feet (.042 acre) in Sidewalk and Utility Easement, plus 5,403 square feet (.124 acre) in Temporary Construction Easement at 1512 and 1520 West Trade Street from TA&S Enterprise of NC, Inc. for \$52,025 for Frazier Avenue Realignment, Parcels 65.1 and 67.1.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 47, at Page 537.

Item No. 78: Property Transactions – Lyon Court Storm Drainage Improvement Project, Parcel #138

Resolution of condemnation of 1,985 square feet (.046 acre) in Storm Drainage Easement, plus 1,111 square feet (.026 acre) in Temporary Construction Easement at 1645 Nassau Boulevard from Lucianne Cronin and Danna Ray for \$90,000 for Lyon Court Storm Drainage Improvement Project, Parcel #138.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 47, at Page 538.

Item No. 79: Property Transactions – Elizabeth Phase 1 Connectivity Parcel #2

Acquisition of 15,116 square feet (.347 acre) in Fee Simple at 417 Bascom Street from Spencer Douglas Michael for \$147,000 for Elizabeth Phase 1 Connectivity, Parcel #2.

Item No. 80: Property Transactions – Lyon Court Storm Drainage Improvement Project, Parcel #75

Acquisition of 1,276 square feet (.029 acre) in Storm Drainage Easement plus 1,494 square feet (.034 acre) in Access Easement, plus 3,086 square feet (.071 acre) in Temporary Construction Easement at 1553 Iris Drive from BellSouth Telecommunications LLC for \$32,800 for Lyon Court Storm Drainage Improvement Project, Parcel #75.

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AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

ITEM ON. 7: 2016 CITY OF CHARLOTTE AND MECKLENBURG COUNTY RECOGNIZE THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT WITH A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on July 26, 1990, President George H.W. Bush signed into law the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to ensure the civil rights of people with disabilities; this legislation established a clear and comprehensive national mandate for the elimination of discrimination against individuals with disabilities; on July 26, we will celebrate the anniversary of the signing of the ADA; and

WHEREAS, the ADA has expanded opportunities for Americans with disabilities by reducing barriers and changing perceptions, and increasing full participation in community life; however, the full promise of the ADA will only be reached if we remain committed to continue our efforts to fully implement the ADA; and

WHEREAS, the City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County celebrate and honor the achievements of people with disabilities who live in our community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Charlotte in partnership with the Mecklenburg Advocacy Council for People with Disabilities and 99 other partners, representing various agencies and organizations, have come together to celebrate the Americans with Disabilities Act; and

WHEREAS, on the anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, we the City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County celebrate and recognize the progress that has been made by reaffirming the principles of equality and inclusion and recommitting our efforts to reach full ADA compliance; and

WHEREAS, we celebrate those positive changes in our community so people with disabilities can be free from negative attitudes and architectural barriers; and

WHEREAS, we honor those businesses in our community for complying with the Americans with Disabilities Act by making their establishments accessible and usable to all patrons with disabilities:

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, Jennifer Watson Roberts, Mayor of Charlotte, and Trevor M. Fuller, Chairman of the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim, July 25 - 26, 2016 as

“SPIRIT OF THE ADA CELEBRATION”

in Charlotte and Mecklenburg County and commend its observance to all citizens.

Mayor Roberts said we have some folks here to receive this proclamation, let's give them all a hand for the work that they do. We appreciate the work that you do every day to help our citizens with disabilities be fully accepted and included, so thank you so much for being here. Those are some of the 99 partners that we have helping us with Americans with Disabilities. We really appreciate you being here.

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ITEM NO. 8: RECOGNITION OF CAROLINA JUNIORS VOLLEYBALL CLUB

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2016, the Carolina Juniors Women 17's Volleyball Team, also known as CJV 17-1 National Travel Team, had a storybook competition at the 2016 Asics Big South National Volleyball Qualifier Tournament; their third place finish secured the team a bid to the USA Junior Women's National Volleyball Tournament scheduled to be played June 29 - July 2, 2016 in Indianapolis, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, the Carolina Juniors Women 17's Volleyball Team by virtue of earning their bid to the USA Junior Women's National Volleyball Tournament will proudly represent Charlotte as they play against the top 36 USAV Junior 17 Women's teams from states across the nation; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership and guidance of Head Coach, Wade Pearce, and Assistant Coaches, Sandi Skidmore, Zoe Bell, and Club Representative, Savannah Linduff, the Carolina Juniors Women 17's Volleyball Team finished the national tournament season with an overall record of 39-17 and a Carolina regional record of 9-1; and

WHEREAS, the Carolina Juniors Women 17's Volleyball Team is currently ranked #1 in the Carolina Region; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of Charlotte recognizes the Carolina Juniors Women's 17's Volleyball Team members Taylor Berg, Brynn Bonner, Lindsey Fisher, Sehrena Hull, Emily Konchan, Taylor Rowland, Quin Sutphin, Chanel Turner, Chidera Udeh, and Courtney Weber, for the accomplishments they demonstrated over the past several months and for their hard work, dedication, perseverance, and love of the sport of volleyball:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jennifer Watson Roberts, Mayor of Charlotte, do hereby proclaim June 29, 2016 as

“CAROLINA JUNIORS 17's VOLLEYBALL TEAM DAY”

in Charlotte and commend its observance to all citizens.

Councilmember Lyles said I see moms and dads over there. I want to give them a hand for keeping these girls awake.

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**ITEM NO. 9: PRESENTATION BY MRS. NINA JOHNSON, MRS. NORTH CAROLINA
2016**

Nina Johnson, Mrs. North Carolina 2016 said I am so honored to be here, and I am thrilled to be representing North Carolina at the Mrs. America Pageant. When I show up dressed in all of this, I have to give a full disclaimer. In real life, I'm a big ol' nerd; I actually work at Allied Bank as a web developer, and that merely scratches the surface of my nerdy soul. I'm kind of a science enthusiast. When I was a little girl, I wanted to be a paleontologist, drove my mother crazy; I would dig holes in the backyard looking for fossils and dinosaur remains in Louisiana. I know you are wondering why I'm telling you this; well, in my mind I had all the makings of becoming an award-winning paleontologist, you know, whatever helps you sleep at night, but somewhere along the line someone told me that girls don't dig for dinosaur bones. I know that was many years ago, and fortunately society has given our young girls a message that is even worse. They are not only told that girls don't dig for dinosaur bones; they are also told that their self-worth is tied to their physical appearance, that their value is determined by and equal to their number of shares, likes, and followers. A nationwide Forbes study found that 71% of third grade girls wanted careers in science and technology, and if you find yourself in a ninth grade classroom you would be astounded at the number of girls who want to be famous if for nothing at all at the expense of everything. Naturally, I thought you can't beat them, join them. So, I founded a non-profit organization called BE F.A.M.O.U.S; F.A.M.O.U.S standing for Females Actively Making our Ultimate Success. BE F.A.M.O.U.S uses motivational speaking and peer mentorship to inspire young girls to redefine what it means to be famous and equip them with the tools to achieve their personal definitions of fame. I know we are living in times of uncertainty, violence and hate, so saving the world by preventing one Kardashian at a time may not feel as pertinent, but if you take a more optimistic look at that cut half full, you will see that BE F.A.M.O.U.S has the potential to produce a new generation of leaders who value generosity over infamy, who value substance over superficiality, and who care more about humanity than selfies. I'm determined to change the world for the little paleontologist that lives in side of me, by starting a BE F.A.M.O.U.S movement. In September of 2017, BE F.A.M.O.U.S will host the first annual BE F.A.M.O.U.S summit right here in the great City of Charlotte, North Carolina. You can go to befamousinc.org to learn more about BE F.A.M.O.U.S and get involved or you all have a card with an obnoxiously large picture of my face on it; my info is on the back. We live in a world where we redefine and create words every day, a world where bad can mean good, where on fleek can mean anything at all so redefining what it means to be famous isn't such a radical idea. Let's empower this generation and show them that they can be famous by being a City Council member, a doctor, a stay at home mom, a Mayor Roberts and even a tech nerd like me, because the best part is when you achieve your own personal definition of fame not only do you feel famous you actually get to be famous.

Mayor Roberts said I think I read that Mrs. Johnson has made history by becoming the first black Mrs. North Carolina since the inception of the pageant in 1939. I think you may have some sponsors in the audience. We really appreciate that inspirational presentation.

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ITEM NO. 10: THE CROWN TREE AWARD WINNERS

Tim Porter, City Arborist said it is my honor to help recognize the 2016 Winners of the Charlotte Crown Tree Awards Program. The Program is a Mayor and Council Awards Program and it has been on pause for a number of years but staff has worked hard with the Charlotte Tree Commission which administers the program on behalf of the Council and the Mayor to revive it.

This evening we have four award winners; winners are selected from four areas including tree planting, tree preservation, advocacy and education. Don McSween is the winner for education related to his efforts as a long tenured City Arborist, 30 plus years of service. His positive impact on the Charlotte Tree Canopy is immeasurable. Thank you very much Don.

Jack McNairy, a Myers Park Home Owners Association Board Member and retired private arborists has won for his efforts related to tree preservation across the entire City, not just Myers Park. Dave Cable is winning for tree planting; Dave couldn't make it tonight but he wants to extend his gratitude for the award and Council and the Mayor's continued support for Tree

Charlotte, so thank you Dave. Rick Whitaker, President of the Chantilly Neighborhood Association is winning for advocacy efforts related to tree canopy issues in the Chantilly Neighborhood. Mr. Whitaker and Mr. McSween have a few quick words to share with us.

Rick Whitaker said when I became a member of the Chantilly Neighborhood Association Board I discovered that our neighborhood is going to go through some dramatic changes. A lot of center city neighborhoods all over town will see a dramatic change in the next 10 years in my opinion in the way we see Charlotte currently. It has been a focus of our Board to try to do something while we still can. I want to thank the Chantilly Neighborhood Association Board, our officers and also the nearby neighborhoods that have joined with us. We had a terrific tree planting program with the Grier Heights Neighborhood Association and the Elizabeth Community Association at the end of February in our neighborhood alone got 125 new trees so we are very grateful for that. As we reach out to more neighborhoods across the City on programs on such as the bike and pedestrian issues, you will hear from later but also our tree canopy is truly at a crisis mode right now, and it deserves all of our attention and support. Finally, I want to thank Tim Porter; he is a terrific resource. All of the good things that can be said about government and government employees, he has come on a Saturday to teach neighbors about tree preservation, spotting bad trees. He is extraordinary responsive, and I want to thank Tim for all of his efforts.

Don McSween, Tree Arborist (retired) said first of all I want to thank the Charlotte Tree Advisory Commission for this honor and the City Council. Thirty-three years as City Arborist, the thing I realize is that no program in the City of Charlotte can work without the support of citizens, so the citizens of Charlotte as represented by the Charlotte Tree Advisory Commission and on the City Councils have really been the source of the support for our tree canopy, the preservation of it and the replanting of it. I want to thank you all for your service and for your support and for the City Managers over the years and the Administration of the Engineering Department that have all supported the program and helped to make it work, all the employees as well that do all the work, thank you.

Councilmember Autry said I think Mr. Whitaker put it well when he talked about the critical nature of our tree canopy in this City, something that we all value and cherish and hold dear, is in need of constant care and attention.

The Charlotte Crown Tree Award: Charlotte City Council, Mayor Roberts and the Charlotte Tree Advisory Commission recognize these gentlemen in recognition for their commitment and efforts related to their role as Board Member of Myers Park Homeowners Association, as Charlotte's long serving City Arborists and the President of the Chantilly Neighborhood Association helping to preserve the valuable trees in Myers Park and the entire City and to preserve the tree canopy issues of the Chantilly Neighborhood; thank you gentlemen very much for your continued work and your commitment to our community.

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PROCLAMATION FOR THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES

Councilmember Mitchell read the following Proclamation for the National League of Cities:

WHEREAS in November 2012 the National League of Cities Board of Directors selected the City of Charlotte, North Carolina to host the 2012 City summit, the organization's annual fall conference which brings together more than 4,000 delegates to build network, learn skills, best practices and vote on the organization advocacy policies.

WHEREAS in February 2016, more than three years later the Charlotte City Council amendment to the City's Non-discrimination Ordinance to include protection for lesbian, gay, bisexual transgender people and places of public accommodation including public restrooms.

WHEREAS in response to the State of North Carolina enacted House Bill 2 in law that preempts local authority over non-discrimination ordinance such as Charlotte.

WHEREAS in protest to the state's action hundreds of businesses and government entities have chosen to ban travel and not to conduct business in North Carolina.

WHEREAS in June 2016 to protest the state's action and show a solidarity with Charlotte for the fight of local authority the National League of Cities Board of Directors affirmed its selection as Charlotte as the host of the 2017 City Summit.

WHEREAS this local decision making authority and embodies the idea that local elected leaders have the responsibility and in the best position to make decisions that affect their residents and community.

BE IT RESOLVED that the National League of Cities urges City Leaders to attend the 2017 City Summit to send a clear message to the State of North Carolina, we stand with the City of Charlotte and we oppose any actions to pre-empt local authority or discriminate against any members of our community.

Mayor Roberts said please send back to the League that we appreciate their support and their stand with us and I know that Councilmember Mitchell was the former President of the National League of Cities, so you know all of them.

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CITIZENS' FORUM

Non-Discrimination Ordinance

Rev. Phillip Benham, 761 Harris Street, Concord said what I just heard Mr. Mitchell read and the way that you received it was just a way of putting your middle finger right in the eye of Almighty God and saying that we are God, that we determine what is right and what is wrong. This book is just discarded, this book call The Bible. It tells us in the Bible just a word, unless the Lord builds the house those who labor, labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the City, the watchman stands guard in vain. In vain, you rise up early, toiling doing all of your things, and God grants sleep through his beloved. Ms. Kinsey prayed a prayer I don't know if that was in the name of Jesus or not; she covered pretty much a number of bases and that was interesting, but there is one God and His name is Jesus, and we are going to stand for Him in this City. You started the ball rolling on February 28th when this whole transgender issue, you Ms. Roberts purposely decided that you were going to go ahead and do this; you were going to try and make transgenderism, sexual orientation, sexual identity now is somehow a civil right. Ma'am, you cannot make a moral wrong a civil right. You have no right to do that, it is a moral wrong. If God doesn't fix this City, if God isn't the answer, if God isn't the foundation, you are going to have bloodshed coursing down the corridors of our streets, our schools and our workplaces and you are not going to have a Police force big enough to stop it, because when you sow bloodshed in the womb and the three abortion mills here in this City, you are going to reap it in the streets. Our God is a God of truth, and these things happen. When you cast God behind your back violence always comes into replace the void. That is why we've got in our schools right now; we've got metal detectors and policemen because they are trying to stop the gangs and violence and drugs that our kids are being turned over to and now we've got this transgenderism nonsense. Listen, it is not sin to be black, but it is a sin to be a practicing homosexual. It is a sin; it is not a moral right. It is wrong, and you need to say so and you have opened up the doors of hell on our City. You and this Council and you need to repent. I would like to offer up a reward to you that if you will repent right now in the name of Jesus there will be peace returning to this City. Now Ms. Roberts, what will you do?

Protected Bike Lanes for Uptown Charlotte

Jordon Moore, 1440 Harding Place said I am the Bicycle Program Director with Sustain Charlotte, and we come here tonight to present overwhelming community support for implementing an idea that is long overdue for Charlotte. Protected bike lanes are common practice now internationally, nationally and regionally; cities with which we compete Memphis, Chattanooga, Atlanta, Asheville and Raleigh have all done constructing or adopting plans of these facilities in their transportation network. We are asking you tonight to support this vision by

approving one protective lane through Uptown that would connect Little Sugar Creek Greenway to Erwin Creek Greenway, by the end of 2016. This would launch the process of creating a comprehensive protected connected network of bicycle infrastructure that will undoubtable change the way our citizens move around the City. Currently, our City's Department of Transportation, in conjunction with Center City Partners and Stewart Engineering is conducting a feasibility study called the Ervin Trails Connectivity Network. This will be a recommendation that will allow people to safely travel through uptown on bicycles from all directions. People will be able to use the Blue Line, the Gold Line, buses and Cross Charlotte Trail to access our City's economic, civic and culture core. Tonight you have the opportunity to do something much greater than build a bike lane; tonight you can see our City in the direction of equality. So many of our residents, who live under the weight of being disadvantaged, live in neighborhoods that this would benefit, by connecting this lane to our greenways; we would be connecting our leadership to leadership's greatest challenge. Safe places for people to use their bicycles will mean a positive alternative for social and economic mobility. Memphis, a City that has historically existed in the heart of economic hardship is now telling a story of culture preservation and neighborhood revitalization because of protected bicycle lanes. We should want to tell that story for Charlotte. Tonight, we speak for over 3,000 people in our community who have aligned our voices to ask for this lane. Tonight, we speak for more than 30 small businesses who have allowed us to hang our petitions on their front doors and in their dining rooms, tape them onto their counters and onto their walls. In one sense tonight, we speak for a long line of leaders who have carried the ball this far down the field and we are asking you to pick it up and run. The benefits are endless when we design for safety, beauty and equality. The intended purpose of our streets is to move people; tonight we ask you to let them move freely and safely as they choose.

Mayor Roberts said I several other folks signed up to speak about dedicated bike lanes and bike infrastructure, but I also wanted to take a minute and say that we really appreciate the support for bicycle infrastructure. I know several folks on this Council have worked very hard to add to the bike lanes and the bike infrastructure that we have; I know C-DOT has worked very hard, and I know that Councilmember Kinsey wanted to make a motion.

Councilmember Kinsey said before I make that motion, I just want to comment; the City is building protected bike lanes along 12th Street and a section of the Cross Charlotte Trail. We also are designing protected bike lanes along J. W. Clay Boulevard, in the University area, so while we have made some progress, there is still a lot of work to do.

Motion was made by Councilmember Kinsey and seconded by Councilmember Autry to make a referral to the Transportation and Planning Committee to evaluate the location, cost and appropriateness of protected bike lanes throughout the City as part of the Committee's consideration of both the update to the bicycle plan and preparation of the Uptown Connection Study.
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Mayor Roberts said I know this is a little unusual because usually in Citizens' Forum we listed, and we don't respond but this is a huge issue; we had a lot of e-mails and a lot of people in support I wanted to make sure folks here understood that we were making progress, and I wanted to go ahead and allow us to make that referral. Councilmember Autry did you also want to speak to this?

Councilmember Autry said yes I've had my shoulder against this since first being elected to Council in 2011, and I certainly appreciate the work that the City has done and continues to advance the availability of transportation options to the people of this City. We have now more bicycle infrastructure than we certainly did in 1981, when I first moved to the City, and we are making advances every year a little bit more and a little bit more. I think it was Mr. Pleasant, the Director of C-DOT, who said in a couple of Transportation and Planning meetings that he has seen a seismic shift in the advocacy for bicycles and pedestrian infrastructure that five-years ago it was staff who was urging Council to do more and more. Now staff is hearing from Council and the public that they want it more, and they want it better, and they want it yesterday. I can't agree with that any more than to say that what I would like Mayor is for us to consider, and I would ask for this referral to the Budget Committee that to consider whatever process we need to

do that in the next budget cycle that there be a line item in our budget, not just for C-DOT, but also for bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure.

Councilmember Lyles said I too endorse and support this effort. All of the Councilmembers have Town Hall Meetings, and my first one was at the Dilworth Grill where we rode bikes for a long enough distance to figure out that we needed more lanes, safer lanes and as well, we needed to have an opportunity for people to come together especially at this time in our country's history, and I see it as an opportunity in our City. I remember the various groups coming down with their bikes; black girls on bikes and all kinds of infrastructure people and places to gather and it was truly an eye opening experience for me. I would endorse and second the referral to the TAP Committee; I also support the idea of having that be considered of how do we adjust our budget for transportation as we come out with the bike study. I don't know that we need a different committee; I think we need to put this together and understand the urgency and the need and have it in committee and come out with a recommendation on both items if Mr. Autry would accept that as a recommendation or a substitute motion that we include the idea of how do we fund it and look at that in TAP and have a recommendation that goes forward to be incorporated when the Budget Committee gets all of the requests later. I don't know when that starts, but to know that we have a need; we often talk about what kind of City we want to be, and the City that we talk about, we talk about mobility choices, and everyone knows that I have often said you can do the best thing for any person to give them the opportunity to not have the second car or not to have a car at all, because that kind of money can really go towards having a better lifestyle or more opportunity in your life. I think we all agree on a vision, we just have to figure how to get there, and I know that the members of the Committee and this Council will be supportive.

Mayor Roberts said I think what you just said was add the two motions together.

Ms. Lyles said if Mr. Autry would allow that.

Mr. Autry said I would be fine to consider that. Is it the intent of Ms. Lyles that when the budget is brought forward next year that there would be a line in the budget that would identify the funding for bicycles and pedestrians?

Ms. Lyles said I would say that is a great idea; the intent needs six votes, and we could have a recommendation coming out of the TAP Committee specifically on that item. My commitment would be that we would actually look at that and have a commitment to recommend to the full Council action on behalf of that motion.

Mr. Autry said with the approval in the Committee and that would be the recommendation to the Budget Committee next year.

Ms. Lyles said I actually think we ought to try it for the Retreat in January when we outline big priorities, and we start talking about a lot of these issues. I would assume that we would try to get by the end of the year the report from C-DOT on what we would do; we would talk about it at our Retreat in January so that we would have a good understanding of what we wanted to accomplish. The Budget Committee starts after the Retreat, and the full Council can have a discussion prior to.

Councilmember Eiselt said I'm completely on board with looking at more bike lanes and protected bike lanes. I got numerous e-mails from all of you and from a lot of people who probably aren't here tonight, just as a lot of other Councilmembers did. I got one e-mail against protected bike lanes, and I read it like I read all of them, and the point that this individual made was very accurate that the bike lanes that we do have are not kept clean. I'm a bike rider, and I know that is true; when you go up East Boulevard, you have to be very careful you don't flow a tire so it is all fine to say that we are looking at funding for new bike lanes and protected bike lanes, but we've got to maintain them. Somewhere in that budget there has got to be an evaluation of how much it costs to maintain these bike lanes and the ones that we have.

Councilmember Smith said I think was a very odd and maybe a bad precedent to do this mid-forum as opposed to doing it at the end when we have Council and Mayor Topics. Two, I want to say that I support the motion Ms. Kinsey put forth to come to Committee. Part of that, I want to make sure I have a full understanding, and I got a lot of e-mails from you guys on protected

lanes. I want it to be sort of a comprehensive conversation; I bike very rarely with my children, but I don't know as much about the protected lanes, and as we get the referral, help us learn more about it. Regarding the budget I would rather talk about this at either the Retreat of next budget cycle instead of locking us in this far ahead of time, when we just don't know what kind of – I'm not opposed to getting there; I just think the conversation should happen at a different place.

Councilmember Phipps said I just wanted to remind the Council that in the fall of this year, it was our intention to have a line by line review of our budget line items to insure that they were spending priorities that coincided with our vision so I would think that exercise would have to be a part of trying to insert definitively a line item for the budget. Until such time as we do those things and get the referral I would think it would put us in a better position to be able to respond to that particular request.

Councilmember Mayfield said I have one main concern which is the fact that we have spent X number of minutes having this discussion when we have a clear rule and policy regarding anyone that comes down to speak having their three minutes to share and us not having dialogue back and forth. We have another group that is here that I hope we have as much energy around their concern. Personally, I have a concern with the fact that my colleagues have a commitment on a conversation; I'm more concerned about people crossing the street. I have had yet another death just trying to cross the street on West Boulevard. I already have bike lanes along Clanton Road; I rode 35 miles per hour heading to the area where we just lost an 11-year old who was an honor student, who wanted to be a scientist, who could have been Miss North Carolina and had someone go around me in the bike lane to make an immediate turn and which the whole passenger side of the car was torn up, and I can understand why, including missing a mirror. So there is another conversation that needs to be happening around the fact that people one need to slow the heck down, and we need congestion and lane calming, especially in parts of our community where I have four or five lanes. So no disrespect on the bicycle, but I'm not going to co-sign off on us trying to say well bike lanes and pedestrian safety, I need to know how much money it is going to cost and how do we get the state to do their job, since it is a state maintained road, but it is our community that is getting killed trying to cross. Ride the bicycle, that is a cute idea; I'm trying to get people across the freaking street. I have a concern about how this conversation has gone to another level when all we are supposed to do, and which I hear it all the time, is you get to come up speak for your three minutes, we get to listen, and I am guilty of it. I have been called on it many a time that I want to ask and go back and forth; we don't get to go back and forth, but we just a freaking seven to ten minute conversation around this dais about a bicycle lane. Are you kidding me? I just need to make sure that we are understanding that every time we make a decision like this whether it is intentional or unintentional, we open the door for a new precedent. Opposed to it coming at the end during Council Topics or at a later date period, like we normally do, we look to the City Manager and say City Manager can you give us an update on that and then we go on to the next one. I just really hope that we are going to spend this same amount of time with some other groups that is getting ready to come in front of us to tell us what is going on in the community.

Mayor Roberts said Ms. Mayfield, you made a very good point and let me explain. I took the Mayoral privilege to change the agenda based on the number of people who wanted to hear and the fact that only one of them were actually able to sign up because of our ten-person limit. Knowing there were a number here who wanted to hear about where the City stands on bike lanes; really, what I intended to do was just refer it to Committee with all these folks here to hear that. Once the conversation started, perhaps what I should have done is said we refer it to Committee, we need to stop the conversation; we need to continue back to the Citizen's Form; in the future I will do that. That was my intention to refer it to Committee to take into account all the folks who were energized and wanted to sign up about this and were not able to but to make a recognition to them that we would continue the conversation. I let the conversation get out of hand; it is all on me. Everybody makes mistakes, and it was with good intentions of letting our community be heard. I will tonight make sure that we have equal discussion for the other group that is here as well. Everybody's issue is extremely important.

The vote was taken on the motion and recorded as unanimous.

Community Safety

Theresa McCormick-Dunlap, 204 Sylvania Avenue said I had something prepared to speak and was prepared to be eloquent; I don't remember we have taken a hiatus from the meetings for the last seven months since my husband recovered from his injuries, and I don't remember the meetings being quite this energized, so apparently we have missed something. Let me say here, bike lanes are important, as a weak rider I like them, and I need them. Trees are important; I love them. Self-esteem for young women is extremely important to me as a mother of four daughters, but some of these things, no matter how important they are to us, we can't address them if we are afraid for our lives on the streets. We cannot enjoy them; I've listened to the presentations, and as a citizen I've enjoyed seeing everyone's triumphs and their successes, but nothing is bigger to me at this moment than the fact that black lives matter. Nothing than that can be bigger than that for me because it is the safety of my people, my family, our community interwoven in the fabric of our community of course is black lives. It is important, or should be to you as well, so I have some things that were prepared and there is going to be people that will come to you that will speak to you about the various ways that we are afraid and concerned, but I want to ask you today Council and Mayor can you hear us? We are afraid; there is a gentlemen that was just here and he talked about blood and he made a prediction of blood running down the streets; there is already blood in the streets, and they flow from black bodies. There is already blood in the street flowing from black bodies. Can you hear us? Are you so removed from what we are dealing with that you can't understand that we live this thing every day? We have black children; we have children that we have to give a talk to, and I'm not talking about the puberty talk; I'm not talking about the birds and the bees; I'm talking about how to comport yourself in the presence of a policeman. This talk that has to be given to our children, we can't afford to act as if bike lanes and self-esteem are the only things in our lives. We can't afford to, because our lives are on the line, and we need you to speak for us. We are your people, and you are supposed to represent us, and I want to know do you, can you? I know it is big; I know it is a big problem, and I know that when someone says black lives matter; I don't know there is a whole group of people that hear only before it and some visceral reaction they have to it won't them to hear the desperation in the voices of those who are saying it. We are tired; we are important. We are valuable to this community; we matter, and we need you to acknowledge that. We need for the things that are happening around this town and around this City to support black lives, the safety of all of us here. The rioting is the language of the unheard; we don't want that in our City. Rioting is the language of the unheard; hear us here and now.

Mayor Roberts said we are absolutely hearing you.

Ms. Mayfield said I just wanted to say in light of the comments that we just heard, that Councilmember Austin and I had the opportunity to attend the National Black Caucus Local Elected Officials Conference last week where a lot of the conversations happening, thankfully Charlotte in July 2015 started the conversations through the Barbers Association with Cops and Barbers of which other communities are now starting what our Barber's Association, thanks to Gene and Shawn Corbitt that they started on their own. At the end of the day, we know it is going to take a community, and we have to change the dialogue, but the conversations are still happening in multiple places including, earlier today at the Fourth Ward Barber Stylist there was a conversation, basically a round table, where you had African American men, you had a white male, you had women around the table talking about the impact and why as black people for the mothers out, since unfortunately it was not my path for me to have children, but why do they have to have a conversation with their boys at five and six-years old about how you need to act when you go out and what is the difference in this society that we are growing in? For those of you that are in the audience, that are in your community, that are in your churches, the conversations are happening but more needs to happen, but know that along with that action that you are asking for we need you to show up to more than just one or two Council meetings. We need you to show up in your neighborhood and in your community. We need to show up for each other and not just step back and say well after this incident we are going to be reactionary. We've got to have continued dialogue which is happening, and what we are doing on our end is having those conversations with our staff because you also need to know what limitations City Council has, and you need to know that we serve at the pleasure of the state. What that means for you all; you all need to get out and vote, because November is coming up. Every time they pass something it correlates to how we are able to relate, so there are some things we can do; there is more that we are going to do, but you also need to know exactly what laws we have the

ability to control versus what laws are sent down to us by our General Assembly. I just want you to know as well as my colleagues know we hear you, and it is not just coming in one ear and going out the other. We are trying to figure out every day through our prayers and through conversations, what can we do to help move this conversation along because we recognize when we step out the door it is the exact conversation? When I step out that door, I'm stepping out that door as a black woman versus anything else. Don't nobody care about this pin that we wear or that I sit behind this desk, so I'm just saying that we are listening, all of us are listening and we are trying to have conversations to figure out what to do. As frustrating as it is, it has been frustrating for 400 years; we are not going to fix it tomorrow, but we can start doing something today that is going to make it better.

Mayor Roberts said since we are breaking all the rules tonight anyways, I just want to take a minute and appreciate this Council, because we have had some very tragic incidents in our country around gun violence, around racial relations, around police both as victims and as perpetrators, and this Council has shown up; I have seen people go to community forums. I have seen people moderate forums; I have seen Councilmembers go in the back and just listen because it not just about us. It is about the whole community, and we have sent around lists of dozens of community events, many of them in churches, many of them in recreation areas, many of them in the streets, people gathering to talk about how do we come together and live together and make sure there is safety for everyone. It doesn't matter your race, religion, color, whether you wear a uniform or not, everyone needs to be safe, and we are working on that conversation. There are some measures the City can take. Right now is not the time to discuss it because we are breaking the rules, but we can make a commitment here tonight to have a community conversation with as many Councilmembers as can attend. We can make a commitment tonight to have this conversation, and we can even try to get one televised for us to continue to talk about, and I also have to say our Police Chief has been all over this community trying to give information about what reforms the Department is undergoing because there are changes happening. Again, we will make that commitment to make sure that information is available to those who are here tonight who want more information. We will absolutely make that part of our budget. Every person is important; opportunity for every person's safety; public safety is our highest priority. I appreciate everyone coming down tonight and again we have some more speakers lined up.

HB381 Immigration Reform

Lisa Navarro Mosely, 6045 Williams Road said I am here as a representative of the National Need of the Latino Community for Justice. I'm here to speak on behalf of the Latinos who have been victims of Police misconduct, whether their status is illegal or they are United States citizens; there is a major breakdown in communities in regards to trust for the police. There are police officers who are supposed to be trained to protect the public, that are abusing their power. Many are racists; they lack any empathy for the so called minority community, and many Latinos are misrepresented. They are misrepresented due to the language barriers, fear of deportation, due to their religious beliefs, they don't want to cause any trouble, or they fear retaliation for speaking up. As Officer Rodney Monroe of the CMPD pointed out in an interview with the Charlotte Observer, at the end of the day law enforcement can only be effective if we have the public's trust. North Carolina statistics show strong evidence of racial discrimination. Police search by 5.4% of blacks, 4.1% of Hispanics that they pull over and only 3.1% of whites, and in those searches they are less likely to uncover contraband than searches of whites. Blacks and Hispanics are also less likely to uncover illegal drugs and weapons than searches of vehicles with whites or Asian drivers. Police decide to search black drivers based on a 7% certainty, Hispanics on a 6% certainty that they might be hiding something illegal, that their nervousness is suspicious. We as a whole, need to re-evaluate who is fit to serve through new training tactics and mental analysis. If the police want to be trusted, only they are the ones who can accomplish that, starting with the form of character, their reason to serve and if they are fit to serve. We are no longer in a position to tolerate such excessive force and unnecessary death at their hands. We will police our own communities, just to avoid further altercations if need be. It is a time for change.

Program for At Risk Youth

Kass Ottley, 5112 Sunburst Lane said I want to speak to the funding; I know that everyone is saying that black lives matter, and there has been dialogue; there has been conversations; I've been to the Barbershop events. I've been to several events, and there is always talking, but we

need funding. We need more than talk; if you go through the black community and the minority community you can definitely tell the difference as you are driving through. We need businesses. We need business development; we need loans for minority and black businesses to be in their community servicing their people, so we can have our money in our community to help rebuild our community. We want to speak about spending more money for officers; I know that Chief Putney wanted 125 officers, and I believe the figure was \$17.2 million. I know that there were some offices that the City Council did say that they wanted to give, but we need to take some of that money and instead of throwing it at the problem, let's put it at the solution before it becomes a problem. We have youth in this community that have nothing to do; if you go through Dillehay Courts, there are several people here we do a peace walk through our community talking to our people about black on black crime and talking to our children about what they need to do, God forbid if they are pulled over. If you go through Dillehay Court right now they have a community center that they have no youth programs and nothing going on. What is the point of having this building when they are doing absolutely nothing with it? The kids in that community are walking around, they have nothing to do; there are drug dealers actively driving through that community. This has got to stop. Conversation is great, but our people are dying while we are having conversation. I am tired of talking; I have been talking for 52 years, and this is the same conversation. I remember marching with my mother when I was a child having this same conversation. Yes, all lives matter, but all lives won't matter until black lives matter and everybody needs to understand that. If all lives matter, we wouldn't be here yelling and screaming at the top of our lungs that black lives matter. When you turn on your TV most of the bodies you see laying in the street are black people, and before we even know what the situation or the scenario is they are talking about their criminal past and all the rest of this which we already know. We are pulled over more often; we are stopped more often, and we are prosecuted and put in jail more often. The fact that we have a background is nothing amazing, but my question is what kind of funding do you have that you can put to the youth? Right Moves for Youth within elementary school, middle school and high school and now it is just middle school and high school; can we at least put it in Title One elementary schools, because our children need help. They need guidance, and they need it now. We need to rebuild our community. We need some funding to go into these store fronts that are closed; we need to build that back up. We need healthy food to eat in our community; we live in food deserts right now. We need change.

Opportunities for Sustainability and Building Health in Community

Danielle Hilton, 1920 St. John Street said I come with a collective if you can stand to share what multiple collectives in the community across our City have identified as opportunities for your action and leadership. I have some specific tasks, and if you are not able to write them down I have your e-mail addresses, and I know how to get hold of you. We started working on solutions ourselves, because we couldn't really hear them in these forums, and so we've been working on unifying our neighborhood, peacemaking, reconciliation, air and water quality and economic empowerment and food justice, healing, education, we are busy and exhausted, and we also have come together on a vision as well. We are not just working on what we think the problem is, but we are actually building the solution. We started dreaming together, and that is what we need from this group; we need to start with what do we need from this City, what is the goal. Start with the vision and then build the solutions. We already know the bad news; it is obvious to us, and it is evident in the recent findings. This is the wealthiest major City in the state, the gap between the privileged and low wage earners is widening and housing availability for the cash strapped has been in sharp decline in the last decade. It is getting to the point where people who serve within this City are unable to afford to live in it. That is not a City that is a fiefdom, and why this is so is summarized in the title of a recent report from the North Carolina Poverty Research Fund; please pick it up. It is at Crisis Assistance website. It is called Economic Hardship Racialized Concentrated Poverty and the Challenges of Low Wage Work. The cause of all that would be summarized in a yet to be released report I would call it access and labor exploitation racialized concentrated wealth and the mortal cost of being out of relationship with the people who build your assets. Esteemed Council, I come in love; I really do. We've identified opportunities right within your grasp, so the first opportunity is to center your work on those who are at the most risks. Try that on. Review the data, review the North Carolina Poverty Research Fund Findings and identify opportunities. There is a recommendation on Page 39 and take and then mandate racial equity and implicit racial biased training for yourselves; take care of yourself and the entire City, especially CMPD Officers. We actually

want to know how many of our officers have received that training. We also want you to take the opportunity to make inclusionary housing work. That is not working, and we need that to work.

Mayor Roberts said all of our e-mails are on line, and we would appreciate your list.

President's Task Force on the 21st Century Policing

Kevin Winn, 3326 Sutton Drive said I come to give you a recommendation; we want you to look at the 21st Century Report that the President tasked a task force to work on and in that is the implementation guide, and there are many, many answers to how to move forward from just talking to action. In the African American community, there is so much distrust, and we don't respected by some police officers, so we are asking you to govern in ways that are consistent with that. We are asking that you create, if you do not have it, a special task force that can come together with local and elected officials, law enforcement as well as the community, because it is going to take all three groups to move this City forward. There is a lot of distrust. Charlotte is a City that will go over the years to other cities and bring back best practices. There are cities in this country that are implementing transparency, and they are working with the police officers, city officials and the community to move their people forward together. It is too much killing going on; it is too much bloodshed. This is trauma when somebody shoots and kills, whether it is justified or not, it is trauma to the community and as has been spoken earlier when a community feels hopeless, their answer is to riot, and I am not promoting that, but when a group is helpless, that is what happens, and it is an opportunity to tear up things in their own community. Whether we are in the neighborhood of Belmont or Ballantyne we need to know that the community and the police officers are together with us; we want officers who are guardians not warriors. We want you to continue the community police efforts that are going on; that is a good thing. Get more police officers out of their cars and into the neighborhoods because what happens is, if a police officer knows somebody, it is more unlikely that he or she is going to shoot as the first remedy. Let us all work towards creating a healthy, vibrant and safe City, and give us some money so that we can work together and be proactive.

Taking Action to Combat State-Sanctioned Violence

Micaila Milburn, 2742 Daleview Drive said thanks for all of us in this room taking the time to consider what really matters in our lives; taking a moment to whole space because we could be watching TV or picking our nose, but we are picking this moment to address some serious issues about the quality of our lives. I wanted to start today by giving two words and that is paradigm shift. A lot of what I've heard tonight and I have some stuff prepared but what keeps coming back and forth to me in my mind as I'm hearing all of this is we are putting Band-Aids on an atomic bomb. We need a paradigm shift; we can't expect a system that was created based on free labor, based on the enslavement and kidnapping of people from across the globe for the purpose of free labor for the purpose of our economic system to thrive. A system that was generated on violence and brutality from its inception; we can't expect it to operate differently than its conception. It is based on that; it is built on that. We need a paradigm shift. There is a movement happening in this country right now, and this movement every one of us consciously or unconsciously, we are part of it but it is not what you think. It is not just about black lives matter or what is happening to the LBGT community or with women or with children or the elderly or the poor or with bike riding individuals or the privileged. As hokey as it might sound, it is about freedom, freedom to simply be who we are. The media has helped us to see it, has put in our faces, has made it garish, has caused many of us to draw a quiet line in the sand. When I was a child, I had a sense that things were not exactly what they seemed to be; I felt a certain tension in the air as my family, and I watched the news portraying life events. I watched on national television as police hosed down unleashed dogs, open fire upon black people peacefully standing requesting fair treatment. I wondered, why is it like this? Who knows about it and what can be done about it? I listened as parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles discuss political matters. I felt adults must surely understand what is going behind the scenes and that when I was an adult so would I. As a result, I have been a truth seeker and a truth speaker to the best of my ability for all of my life, and I watched the same patterns play out again and again over the years. I want to give you some actionable steps: Number one, urge Governor McCrory to reconsider, to consider true accountability practices for the police force; number two transparency and accountability for non-violent policing that looks like formation of a coalition comprised of lay

persons from a cross section of our communities including the government and the police and people looking at fair practices. Create a body of audio and visual materials including books like Charles Eisenstein Sacred Economics and a More Beautiful World; we can't just talk about what we don't; want we need a vision for what we do want.

Councilmember Austin said I just wanted to say I need to acknowledge the anger, the fear and the frustrations of people of color all across this country, and I'm one of those people too. Members of Council, we all have been to many of the forums, the conversations, unity rallies, prayer visuals and the walks, but what I don't know is where are we depositing all of the ideas and the solutions. I'm not sure where we are doing that, and Ms. Lyles you might be able to add to that, but I want us to understand that there are people, like myself, who have had incidents with officers, maybe not necessarily here, that have made you feel less than a man, less than a person and we need to acknowledge that, and it is still happening. What I don't want is for us to just sweep this under the rug, and I don't think that we are there at all. Councilmember Mayfield and I went to a meeting in Columbus, Ohio recently with other black elected officials, to try to come up with solutions, but I want you to know we are all trying to come up with solutions, but we can't do it alone. We do need you so please, please give us solutions too because, we are not all geniuses; we are smart people, but we need other solutions too as we come together with this. I do believe there are some social constructs that have been in place for quite some time and those social constructs has caused what is called Post Traumatic Slavery Syndrome that has caused quite a bit of the black on black crime and now other types of crimes. We need to look at seriously, and it is my hope as I believe Ms. Lyles and Willie Ratchford with Community Relations, I believe you guys have been trying to figure out ways to address it. We want people to vent like you are doing tonight, but we also want people to bring solutions, so I want to thank all of you for coming tonight.

Ms. Lyles said let's just pause for a moment and know how hard it is for each one of us to sit here and have to think about what it really means to be black in America. Let's just pause for a minute and think about the City that we love so much that we care enough to come out here and talk about it in an open setting so I want to thank you for doing that because if you didn't care you wouldn't be here. There are lots of things that you could do, and I know all of us any person of color in this room can talk about some experience that we've had; we can talk about the generational experiences we've had, and I know that is true, everybody around this dais. I also know that the men and women around this dais have participated in learning and understanding more, so I want you to look at this dais. We are not just black and white; we are people that love and care for this City, and I want you to really know how much we are really diving into this. We have had a number of meetings, so I want you to know that we really do listen, because Councilmember Eiselt gave me the 21st Century Report to read today; I could pull this out. Last week, when I was talking to some people in Washington they said read the report on the essence of innocence consequences of dehumanizing black children, talk about our spirit. Social justice committee, engaging communities and reducing gun violence, all of these things are in front of us right now. We need you to continue to push us to do this, and I believe you are. I want you to know that I serve because you vote for me, and if you don't want me here it is okay because it wouldn't matter whether I was here or not; if I wasn't sitting here, I would be sitting out there. As we are moving forward, we are going to move forward as a community, as a City that cares about every individual here, and we recognize the disparities that are happening. Last week, we had a meeting about affordable housing; there are 34,000 units of affordable housing needed in this community that we are not replacing. This Council said that we would commit to 5,000 units over the next five years; that is not enough, and I know that, but if you don't start you are never going to finish. If we don't care about the least of us, we will never get to where we want to be. We've had a conversation with the full support of Chief Putney; if we want a police force that understands what it is like to live as a person of color, we are going to have to recruit and hire some people to do that. That means you are going to have to raise your children to say this is a part of being a part of a safe community. You too can do this work. We've got to have some talk family; it is time to have some talk. It can't be just what people do to you; it is what do you do for yourself? What I want you to know is what this Council has united to do; we are collecting every idea from every forum; Willie Ratchford is over here, and we've got this information coming in. If you've got something you want us to read, we will read it; if you've got something that you think we ought to participate in send us the information, but let's remember that what makes a difference in any community is respect and dignity, for every person living in it. That means the person that puts on that uniform every day, whether it is

going to go out in a police blue and white, on a fire truck or in an ambulance. That means every day you walk out of your door you, ought to have that same dignity and respect going to work, going to school. If we don't get, it we've got to figure out how, and I'm not going to say it is easy. You know I understand how hard it is to have this conversation, but we are not going to do it well just yelling at each other, so I'm inviting you to participate with us. It is a system, and we are participating in it, and we want you to do it with us. So, send us the information and know that this Council takes every word that you said seriously, and we will talk back with you soon.

Mayor Roberts said thank you for the good conversation, and again I thought it was a special circumstance tonight and both the groups here for us to bend the rules. I appreciate your honest input and conversation, and I think this is a critical conversation to have; we do have a lot of work ahead. We look forward to working with you to make real change and starting with our youth. I have a couple of youth programs that I'm very motivated about, and I want to continue to expand those opportunities. We are going to need everybody helping to do that throughout our community.

The meeting was recessed at 8:18 p.m. and reconvened at 8:23 p.m.

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PUBLIC HEARING

ITEM NO. 11: PUBLIC HEARING ON A RESOLUTION TO CLOSE A PORTION OF AN ALLEYWAY OFF OF EAST 10TH STREET

<p>The being no speakers, either for or against, a motion was made by Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Mayfield, and carried unanimously to close the public hearing and adopt a resolution to close a portion of an alleyway off of East 10th Street.</p>

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 47, at Pages 498-500.

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ITEM ON. 12: PUBLIC HEARING ON A RESOLUTION TO CLOSE A PORTION OF GREENWOOD CLIFF

Councilmember Phipps said I notice almost every business meeting we have been carrying this over; can we just pick a date in the future, instead of every month?

Ron Kimble, Interim City Manager said we are carrying forward in case the County is ready to take action on that. The county has to go first, you go second, and we are going to pair up and line up the vote that you would have on this with whatever comes forward on the Tax Increment Grant and the development known as Pearl Street Park. The county has a significant number of issues to work through; they've worked through most of those, and what we do is just continue to postpone it 30 days at a time, but it will be back to you very soon because most of those issues have been worked out.

Councilmember Driggs said are we going to get a briefing on the deal before we actually take action on this closing?

Mr. Kimble said yes, it will go back to Committee to get all the details, look at it and make a recommendation that comes back to the full Council.

Mr. Driggs said we get that recommendation in a Dinner Briefing and not for a decision?

Mr. Kimble said I think you are going to get the discussion at Committee and then the Committee to decide does it come from a Committee recommendation to a Dinner Briefing and then to an agenda how we might work that but there is going to be great amount of information that will be shared with all Councilmembers on the Pearl Park project.

Councilmember Kinsey said I just want a little further clarification, because this is a huge issue. I hope very much that you are not bringing us this issue at a Dinner Meeting expecting us to vote the same night.

Mr. Kimble said I think we are going to spend as much time as we can in the Committee Meeting to flush out all of the details; other Councilmembers will be invited to attend the Committee Meeting and then the Committee will I think chart the path forward on how we will bring it to Council, how long it might stay in Committee. It may take more than one meeting in Committee to look at all the details, but it will come forward with a Committee recommendation.

Ms. Kinsey said I understand that, but Council, every single person around this dais raises their hand, and we need to have that information, or at least I do; maybe I'm the only one here that wants that information. I attend any Committee I want to attend, and I probably, if I can, will attend when they talk about this. There are lots of things going on with this particular project like the extension of streets and my understanding is we are not going forward with closing Greenwood Cliff, which I don't like anyway, without other streets being built. There are a lot of things, and I think some of the streets are supposed to be built before this is closed; we are not really talking about that, and I want good information. I don't want it the night that I'm supposed to raise my hand.

Mr. Kimble said there is a great number of issues that you have already communicated to us that you say need to be resolved prior to this coming back to Council. It is our intent, working with the Committee, to resolve all of those outstanding issues that we have heard communicated by you to us. I think if we are not able to do that then I think we have real trouble, but we've got to come back and have a longer dialogue with all Councilmembers. There are several different ways in which we can communicate the results of the work that the Committee does. We could have a one on one with Councilmembers; there has also been talk about a joint committee meeting with the County, because this is a joint City/County project. We are working through all of the details, and I hear you loud and clear that you want time to be able to absorb the results that come out of Committee. We promise you will have time to absorb all of those details.

Councilmember Smith said I echo Ms. Kinsey's sentiments, and I think this particular project, while it is in District one, I think impacts a lot of districts, especially the ball fields, and I don't want to get a Dinner Briefing and then vote two hours later. To the Committee members, to the extent possible, if we could get a Dinner Briefing there is a lot of information out there on this, some of the sports leagues are working on some information; the developer for the project is working on some information, and I think a vetting at a Dinner Briefing and giving us a 30-minute time slot so everybody can hear the same information, would be very helpful.

Motion was made by Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Mayfield, and carried unanimously to continue a public hearing to close a portion of Greenwood Cliff to September 26, 2016. The Pearl Park Tax Increment Grant was considered by the following: Mecklenburg County Economic Development Committee on June 8, 2016 and Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners on June 21, 2016.

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ITEM NO. 13: PUBLIC HEARING ON GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND REFERENDUM

Councilmember Mitchell said there has been a lot of discussion around this dais about workforce housing and affordable housing; have we quantified how many affordable housing units we can create for \$15 million in the Housing bond? Do we have any guesstimate?

Ron Kimble, Interim City Manager said rather than give an incorrect answer, I think we should research it and get back to you.

Mayor Roberts said that will be part of when we talk in the community about the bond issuance and why they should vote for the bond and have a good explanation of what is in there.

Councilmember Mayfield said to piggyback on Mr. Mitchell; the other piece that we've been having discussions regarding in Housing and Neighborhood Development and with Ann Wall and Ms. Wideman, is really looking at that true impact of diversifying throughout the City our workforce and affordable housing, because we keep hearing conversations, but we have to look at the role that we are playing that is contributing to poverty in certain areas and the role that we have played. Even though we know that we have some limitations, staff is working on pulling together, not only land that we own, but also potential partner land with the County that is developable for housing and looking at how we move forward and lead these conversations when we are putting an RFP out for a land purchase.

Councilmember Phipps said I don't know if we have it as part of our budget materials that we had earlier over the last few months, but can we get a final listing of the description of the actual components of the bond totals by the projects, where they are located and things like that?

Mr. Kimble said yes you can, to the extent that we already have that data already put together, we will send it to you as quickly as possible.

Motion was made by Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Kinsey, and carried unanimously, to (A) close the public hearing on bond orders, which would be authorized by the General Obligation Bond Referendum to be set for November 8, 2016, (B) Adopt bond orders introduced for \$148,440,000 in Transportation Bonds, \$55,000,000 in Neighborhood Improvement Bonds, and \$15,000,000 in Housing Bonds, and (C) Adopt a resolution setting the General Obligation Bond Referendum for November 8, 2016.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 47, at Pages 501-510.

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ITEM NO. 14: CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Ron Kimble, Interim City Manager said I have a good news story I would like to share with you what we shared with you on Friday in a communication that we are proud that the City has received its 31st consecutive Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association. It was given for our annual comprehensive financial report; it is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting. It is attainment is really significant; it is awarded to the City for publishing an easily readable and efficient organized comprehensive annual financial report. It satisfied both generally accepted accounting principles and applicable legal requirements. Since the Local Government Commission and Bond Rating Agencies and Investors and Grantor Agencies and others use this information, the receipt of the Certificate is important and is a very significant achievement because of that. It has very stringent requirements so less than 5% of municipalities in the United States receive the Certificate each year. I would like to again congratulate Randy Harrington, our Chief Financial Officer, Robert Campbell, our Finance Director and the entire management team. As a former Finance Director, I do know the significance and how hard this is to get, and they really worked hard for 31 consecutive years to achieve success.

Mayor Roberts said that is great and we like good news.

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ITEM NO. 15: CHARLOTTE BUSINESS INCLUSION POLICY AMENDMENTS

Councilmember Mitchell said on May 26, 2016 the Economic Development Committee had a presentation from our CBI staff, and I would like to thank Nancy, Eric, Randy and the whole team for doing a great job. The CBI Policy Amendments are designed to three basic key points: one to increase our small business utilization on city contracting to increase the pool to certify MWBSBEs available to perform work on the City and thirdly, to promote economic growth in our whole Charlotte region. The good news is that we had key stakeholders who also voiced their support of the CBI Advisory; one is the CBI Advisory Council, The Metrolina Minority Contractors, Hispanic Contractors Association. At this time, my good friend Eric Nelson, who has been working extremely hard will go through the presentation.

Eric Nelson, Management and Financial Services said my purpose tonight is to outline the recommended changes to the full Council and request your approval to the following CBI Policy Amendments: Policy Amendment One, Eedefine significant business presence. Currently, participation in CBI Program requires MWSBE firms to have a significant business presence in the Charlotte combined statistical area. Council has defined significant business presence as those firms being headquartered in the CSA. The recommendation is to eliminate headquarters requirement and redefine to allow MWSBE firms with an office and actual physical location in the CSA to participate. Amendment Two: Remove actively in business requirement. Currently to obtain SBE certification firms must demonstrate that they have been actively in business for a minimum of 12 months. Recommendation: remove actively in business eligibility requirement for SBE certification. Policy Amendment Three: to allow MWSBEs to count their work as a prime towards subcontracting goals. Currently CBI Police requires that all firms bidding as primes, regardless of certification, meet established MWSBE subcontracting goals. Recommendation: Consideration as to allow MWSBE primes to count their work towards MWSBE subcontracting goals with the following thresholds: construction contracts under \$500,000 and service contracts under \$200,000. Policy Amendment Four: other Administrative Amendments: currently the appeal process goes through the Department Director; the recommendation is to expedite the process by sending appeals directly to the City Manager's Office for improved customer service. Other administrative recommendations are as follows: addition of language to clarify requirements for quick pay commitments and instituting liquidated damages for violations. Incorporate payment affidavit policy into the CBI Policy to endure consistency citywide tracking and reporting of subcontractor payments and non-material technical edits to clean-up and/or clarify policy language.

These CBI Policy Amendments have been endorsed by the CBI Advisory Council, MMCA, the Hispanic Contractor's Association of the Carolinas and MWSBE certified bidders. We've also reached out to perform a pay review program and have found out that Durham, Denver, Colorado as well as the NC-DOT DBE Program all of which allows MWSBEs to count their work toward subcontracting goals. In , the CBI Policy Amendments are designed to increase small business enterprise utilization on city contracting, increase the pool of certified MWSBEs to perform work on city contracts, realign firms on a length of time and business certification requirement with the state HUB, increase MWSBE's capacity and opportunity to grow from subcontractors to prime, streamline the appeal process and promote economic growth.

Motion was made by Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Mayfield, to approve the Economic Development and Global Competitiveness Committee's recommendation to adopt the amended Charlotte Business INCLUSION Policy.
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Councilmember Phipps said why are we recommending these changes now before the results of our recertification review is received?

Mr. Nelson said you are referring to the Disparity Study?

Mr. Phipps said right.

Mr. Nelson said those are two separate issues and these are things that we feel are necessary to ensure that we are providing the residents of our community to be able to actively participate in the contracting opportunities as well as to provide opportunities to Departments so that there is available resources for them to choose from.

Mr. Phipps said are we saying that by making these changes they have no bearing on disparity?

Mr. Nelson said we would hope that the bearing would be that we would see that we have more firms that are MWSBEs that are eligible to participate in contracting opportunities with the City of Charlotte.

Mr. Phipps said my next question deals with the appeals process. Does our current policy allow for appeal to the City Manager if an unfavorable ruling is rendered by the Department Director?

Mr. Nelson said yes sir.

Mr. Phipps said it seems to me that elimination could put the applicant at a disadvantage because a two-step appeal process is reduced to one final shot. I know that everybody I guess signed off on it but that is my concern that whereas they would have had two opportunities to appeal, now they are going to have one and the final one being with the City Manager, right.

Thomas Powers, Assistant City Attorney said regards to the appeal process, the reason why we eliminated one step staff has been made aware of and has seen the aspect of once the CBI Managers made a determination because we are coming up on deadlines for Council to possibly adopt the awarding of a contract that with this additional step there has been multiple times when contracts have been pushed back one or two business meetings so to allow for the Council to be able to award within a timeframe for the project to be implemented we have eliminated one step where the actual CBI Manager can make a determination and then that person can immediately appeal it to the Manager's Office for a final determination at that time. That way projects can remain on schedule and therefore Council can decide to award the contract within the timeframe as previously established.

Councilmember Smith said I have a couple concerns, first is the elimination of the requirement for the headquarters it seems to me that what we may be doing is having a minority owned business that may not be a small business, but if a larger business has an office here, that may be counterproductive to some of our actual small businesses. What is the mindset behind pulling the headquarter requirement?

Mr. Powers said there will be other criteria that will be put into place for businesses that are going to operate as a business presence. You will still have the other thresholds in regards to the financial threshold where you cannot have certain assets above a dollar amount so that will prevent corporations that may have large offices or facilities in different states from just opening a small office here with one or two people to then qualify for our program. We will still have those mechanisms in place that will prevent that, but those individuals that may have one or two shops and they are just a small five-person firm if they have an office here within the Charlotte CSA they could then register for the program and then be counted as being a minority business.

Mr. Smith said actively in business; I've had some general contractors complain that they have lost bids in which they were not deemed to have made a good faith effort and one of the subs in a particular instance chose not to go with is a sub they use on other occasions, but they felt this sub who had been in business for a while wasn't qualified for the specific project that was bid. To me, this feels like you are opening an opportunity to all of a sudden hang a shingle and two days later may or may not be qualified for the work, versus longer standing members within the community that have a track record of success. What was the rationale again behind removing the actively in business?

Mr. Nelson said at this particular time we vetted it and we spoke with other communities; it is consistent with what is being done at the state level, and it is also consistent with what is being in Durham. Obviously, there are situations that occur that is unavoidable, but we will do whatever we can on our side to vet the companies that are becoming certified to ensure that they at least have a presence here, that they have the license that are required to do the work to ensure that if they are certified, that they have at least gone through the proper procedures and process that we've got in place to ensure that they are at least qualified to do the work.

Mr. Smith said have we found in a peer review, James you might be able to answer this being in the business, have we found that entities are denied access to opportunity with the active in business requirement? I'm trying to figure out –

Mr. Mitchell said I don't have a percentage but to staff's point getting feedback from the CBI Advisory Council it has been a hardship to some businesses to compete on City contracts because of the year requirement.

Mr. Smith said I'm struggling more with the actively in business than I am the headquarters. The headquarters I think you have the measurers in place on that.

Mr. Mitchell said Mr. Smith and other Councilmembers have had some heartburn so if it is your pleasure we can vote on them individually or we can vote on them all together. I'm comfortable either way.

Mayor Roberts said how would you divide that?

Mr. Mitchell said there are actually six amendments so if it is the pleasure of Council to do them individually I'm okay with that.

Mr. Smith said if that is a motion I will second it or if it is a friendly amendment to your motion I guess we ought to get it done with, I would second it.

Mayor Roberts said so you want to vote on each of those seven individually.

Mr. Mitchell said yes, if that makes it easier for Council.

Councilmember Driggs said I'm afraid I was not at the Committee meeting and in fact only three members of this Council heard all of the discussion that took place there. One of the questions I have is, the whole premise for this program is a disparity study that was conducted a number of years ago that proves that we are okay to do this. Aren't we moving the goalpost and now addressing a different population of companies than the ones that were considered when that study was conducted?

Councilmember Lyles said can I follow-up on Mr. Driggs' question? I think one of the questions that I have and maybe this is helpful; there is a difference between our SBE Program and our MWBE Program, and so the actively in business consideration on Slide #6 Mr. Smith, and what we are talking about on actively in business and the headquarters, that is for our SBE Program. Most of these are around those business programs, which are not considered a part of disparity study. The Disparity Study and the MWBE considerations are different for most of these amendments and applications. Does that make sense? Maybe I should ask the staff to be more eloquent response and more informed like what I just stated.

Mr. Driggs said the headquarters issue is just an SBE issue, not subject to the Disparity Study?

Ms. Lyles said what is subject to the Disparity Study mean?

Mr. Driggs said again I'm getting back to the fact that the INClusion Program generally is based on a legal, and again I don't know if there are parts of it and I'm not understanding a distinction that is being made here, but it is based on a disparity study and we just committed another \$350,000 to validate it so which portions of this pertain to that?

Bob Hagemann, City Attorney said I think I understand Mr. Driggs' question. The Disparity Study is the predicate for legally being able to take into consideration race and gender. It looks at evidence of past discrimination and anecdotes of past discrimination. This disparity study does not dictate the details of how our program is structured to try to remedy that discrimination so if I correctly understand your express of some concern that if we somehow make changes to the program now, that that would be inappropriate given that we are still operating under the old disparity study and the legal answer to that is no, it is not a concern; it is not a problem. You can make changes to how the program works after you implemented the program based on the disparity study.

Mr. Driggs said the disparity study itself was conducted under a certain set or parameters and assumptions, and we are not changing those so it seems to be its conclusion could be called into question because had it been done under these definitions, it is not clear that it necessarily would have reached the same conclusion.

Mr. Hagemann said the disparity study was the basis for putting in place the program; the disparity study was not based on the structure of the program itself. The program came after the disparity study.

Mr. Driggs said on the headquarters is this program intended to benefit businesses or their employees but the eligibility to be included in this program, is that a function of who owns the business or is it a function of who works for the business or how do we define eligibility?

Mr. Powers said let me address a couple of questions that have been presented including this one; in regards to the disparity study as well as these definitions, under the disparity study when the consultant came in and actually conducted this it was based on geographic presence within the Charlotte MSA. Council then after receiving the results decided to limit eligibility for the actual MWSBE program to headquarters, so when the consultants are looking at the data they are actually looking at the geographic presence. I will subsequent that the Council decided to only restrict eligibility to those that were headquarters. With this modification we are actually aligning the program back to what the consultant usually looks at for data purposes and determining whether any MWSBE is actually available and being utilized. To your second question that was presented, in regards to the actual ownership aspect. For companies that are within the actual MSA, if you are going to be considered an M or WBE, you must be 51% owned by a minority or a woman in regards to the corporation. Assets again can be owned by anyone in that regard, but you must meet a certain financial threshold to be under, but again it is determined by ownership of the company as to whether or not you are eligible for the program as being an MW or S.

Mr. Driggs said the concern I had is I understood the program to be for the benefit of those owners of those business people. If we are talking about headquarters that aren't here presumably they aren't here either and we are spending more of the tax dollars of the people of Charlotte, basically subsidizing a company that isn't based here and an entrepreneur who isn't here. So, if that was the goal to promote entrepreneurship and to benefit companies in Charlotte, allowing the headquarters to be somewhere else, it seems to me to undermine it. My last point was the years' experience; if you abolish that completely, you are talking about potentially start-ups, and I think helping start-ups is a very worthwhile endeavor that we should do for any start-up, because it is tough to start a business, and it is important in Charlotte that we encourage them, but to kind of mingle the desire to benefit start-up businesses with our goal of supporting minority entrepreneurs and women entrepreneurs doesn't make sense. I'm trying to catch up on this, because I wasn't at the original meeting, but as I look at it I just at this point have problems with it.

Mayor Roberts said we are going to vote on each individual item so let's take these one by one:

1. Police Amendment #1: Elimination of the requirement for headquarters within the Charlotte Statistical Area (CSA) and now allowing Minority Women Small Business Enterprises (MWSBE) firms with an office (physical location, not a post office box) in the CSA to participate.

The vote was recorded as follows*:

YEAS: Councilmembers Austin, Lyles, Mayfield, Mitchell and Phipps

NAYS: Councilmembers Autry, Driggs, Eiselt, Kinsey and Smith

* City Council Rules of Procedure state the Mayor shall have the power to vote in cases of a tie.

Ms. Lyles said my brothers run a third generation minority business firm that is certified in South Carolina, and part of this is the idea I think when we had the discussion, the rationale would be that yes, expansion of business is good, but if you get no opportunity to expand your business in Charlotte, then you are limited. You can't ever be a headquartered company, unless you come here and do some work and get that quality or assurance that you can be profitable. It is much more difficult process than it is, and that may be a fair consideration, it doesn't change I think Mr. Driggs' premise is what are you trying to accomplish, but for I think minority businesses what they are trying to do is say, well I've got this program can I come to Charlotte and find a foothold, if I've been successful someplace else, and you don't start off with moving your headquarters and moving your viability as a business where you are. It is just too difficult to do. I don't know if that makes a difference in the consideration, but I think that was the idea that you can actually get for example, an expansion of a business a significant presence in a city without

having to move your headquarters. They are never going to move their headquarters out of Columbia.

Councilmember Eiselt said we had this discussion in Committee, and I agreed with it initially. I think Mr. Driggs brings up some good points, and I hate to vote against it as if to say we shouldn't consider it; I just think it needs to go back to the Committee and maybe flush out the issues a little bit more and see what makes the most sense. I can see, initially why we would support that, but I do think that brings up a good point. I don't want to kill it completely by voting against it.

Mr. Driggs said I just wanted to clarify one of the reasons I have a concern about this is, our policy in this area does not measure the costs; it just says you have to meet these requirements and we had a situation once where we paid \$600,000 more to go with a bidder because they had \$200,000 more in minority business participation. In that context, I'm looking very hard at what it is we are trying to accomplish and how much we are spending to do it, and I just think the headquarters thing strays away from the idea we are trying to help entrepreneurs in Charlotte, and we are using Charlotte taxpayer money to do it. That is why I have a problem with it.

Mr. Smith said my concern is that your assumption is that group would only do government contract work so I assume there is private sector opportunities in the City as well, and I agree with Mr. Driggs; I don't have heartburn if we are going to move down the ladder, but the first items give me heartburn and this one gives me a lot of heartburn.

Mr. Phipps said when we talk about using taxpayer money to support businesses in Charlotte, we are talking about the 16-county MSA area, right? I don't know if it is confined to the City Limits of Charlotte as much as it encompasses the 16-county MSA, so I think that is a distinction that we need to make.

Councilmember Mayfield said an interesting conversation and also interesting how those votes just played out, especially with the conversation that we just had tonight. I agree with Ms. Lyles, as well as the Chair of the Committee, which I also sit on. We had a lot of conversation in the Committee regarding, and I asked the same thing, why would we eliminate? Understanding as Mr. Phipps just mentioned what our area that is encompassed looks like and looking at the reality that minority owned businesses do not have the same opportunities for wealth creation or job creation and when the majority of the largest companies that we have in the City that bit on most of our projects became the multimillion dollar business that they are today on the back of the taxpayers so our tax dollars helped to grow their business. If we are going to have a real conversation about how we move forward our upward mobility and the fact that we fall 50 out of 50 and that the middle class is almost eliminated then we are going to have to start making some hard decisions. This is one of those hard decisions where we are looking at our MSA; if we have a company that will fit in this category, because personally, it is disheartening when we keep getting an RFP and it says we had no one in that category that could fill this whether it is a consulting firm or other things, when we know that there are minority run, minority CEO owned companies out there, but yet because they don't have a physical location they are not even in the running for consideration. I think it is a bit disingenuous to say okay we get it, we want everybody to have an opportunity, except when it is time for us actually open the door to give somebody an opportunity.

Mr. Smith said I think there are other opportunities within this recommendation to support getting an opportunity. I just happen to disagree that the headquarters is one of those criterion.

Mayor Roberts said I'm going to cast my vote in favor of this amendment, so that is 6 to 5.

The final vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS: Mayor Roberts, Councilmembers Austin, Lyles, Mayfield, Mitchell and Phipps

NAYS: Councilmembers Autry, Driggs, Eiselt, Kinsey and Smith

2. Policy Amendment #2: Removal of “actively in business” eligibility requirement for SBE certification to allow newly established business to participate.

The vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS: Councilmembers Austin, Autry, Eiselt, Lyles, Mayfield, Mitchell and Phipps.

NAYS: Councilmembers Driggs, Kinsey and Smith.

3. Policy Amendment #3: Allow MWSBE Primes to count work towards MWSBE subcontracting goals within the following thresholds: Construction contracts under \$500,000 and Services contracts under \$200,000.

The vote was recorded as unanimous.

4. Policy Amendment #4: Expedite the appeal process by removing the Department Director level hearing and send appeals directly to the City Manager’s Office for improved customer service.

The vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS: Councilmembers Austin, Autry, Driggs, Eiselt, Kinsey, Lyles, Mayfield, Mitchell and Smith

NAYS: Councilmember Phipps.

5. Policy Amendment #5: Incorporate Payment Affidavit Policy into the CBI Policy to ensure consistent citywide tracking and reporting of subcontractor payments.

The vote was recorded as unanimous.

6. Policy Amendment #6: Adding language to clarify requirements for quick pay commitments and instituting liquidated damages for violations.

The vote was recorded as unanimous.

7. Policy Amendment #7: Additional non-material technical edits to clean-up and/or clarify policy language.

The vote was recorded as unanimous.

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BUSINESS

ITEM NO. 16: UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Councilmember Lyles said I want to put this in the context; you know that we are under development working with the Planning Commission and the Planning staff and the Council to have a unified development ordinance. This is a major undertaking; we put in the budget over a million dollars; we’ve hired a staff person and we actually did a small contract to refine and make sure that we had captured all of the information that we wanted to include in this contract. Last week Ed McKinney gave us an update on the project, and basically, we are going to work on this contract with a goal of developing a unified ordinance, which means we not only have land use but all of our other requirements in place. This process will also include a public and stakeholders engagement process, and all of this is being referred to the Transportation and Planning Committee and we will be doing regular updates to the full Council, because this is such a monumental task for what we are trying to accomplish in actually implementing the vision that we have for the City. The goal is to do this in two years; I think that is a very ambitious goal, because once you start the engagement in the stakeholder process we know that this isn’t going to be easy, so I’ve said often to the Planning staff, let us know what you need and

this contract is the beginning and I would recommend approval, and Laura Harmon is here to give a presentation if you like, but I think we presented it three times last week.

Mayor Roberts said we have heard this and I will remind the audience that the presentation is on the City website and we encourage people to be engaged and involved in the process.

Councilmember Driggs said just to be clear we are increasing the total contract to \$1,750,000 right?

Ms. Lyles said it would be \$700,000; it is \$650,000, and we have already spent \$50,000 with them already. Am I really that correct Laura?

Laura Harmon, Assistant Planning Director said that is correct.

Mr. Driggs said so what was the \$1.1 million?

Mr. Harmon said we also had funding for temporary staff, as well as a little bit of money that we've held out \$50,000 for consulting contracts held out of the Camiro's Contract.

Mr. Driggs said that is what I was trying to understand; this is \$650,000 more than we had contemplated for a greater scope of work?

Ms. Harmon said no, this is actually what was originally funded. We have only spent \$50,000; actually \$49,900 with Camiros so far and you all funded for consulting services \$750,000, so this will be another \$650,000 to that \$50,000 to bring us to \$700,000. We have another \$50,000 for additional consulting services that may support the effort, but it may not be through Camiros.

Mr. Driggs said so we are not expecting to have to expand this further?

Ms. Harmon said that is not our plan at this point in time, no.

Councilmember Smith said so we are under budget?

Ms. Lyles said within the budget.

Councilmember Phipps said could you just briefly share as best you can how you intend to both carry out the scope of work required for this unified development ordinance and execute prescribed conditions under our current zoning ordinance on a real time basis? My fear is if it is going to take three years to do this and we are still undergoing our current activities on rezonings and different activities, how are we going to coordinate those things to align them properly?

Ms. Lyles said I actually have a memo that the staff is working with me to send to all of you. About two weeks ago, Patsy and I attended the Planning Commission's Workshop session, and we recognized that there is a lot going on, and there are some things that we want to ask the Planning Commission to come back and address that have been raised by this Council that needed to be at least in some context for what we feel like we may have getting away from us. The TOD, the PED and I'm forgetting the last one but the two main ones were TOD and PED. Part of it was the idea to ask the staff to work with the Planning Commission to come back and say here are some things that we might need to do on an interim basis while at the same time continuing the work on the longer term, but we are not going to be able; I always use the example of Kenilworth MF-22 or something like that. We are not going to save those cottages because, we can't move that fast to do that, so we are going to have to figure out some things that are really important to us, and I think that if the Council has some other things that are really of a concern we need to start talking to the Planning Commission and the Planning staff about getting those out of the way. We have all sat here on zoning nights and talked about TOD and PED, and those are the two that we've pulled out. I don't know if that addresses, but we know that we can't do it all, but what is really important to get done we are asking the Planning Commission to tackle with us.

Motion was made by Councilmember Lyles, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, and carried unanimously to (A) Approve contract amendment #1 for \$650,000 with Camiros, LTD for consulting services to develop a Unified Development Ordinance, and (B) Authorize the City Manager to approve additional amendments consistent with the City's business needs and the purpose for which the contract was approved, including price adjustments.

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**ITEM NO. 17: CHARLOTTE GATEWAY STATION MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT
ADDENDUM AND PROPERTY ACQUISITION**

Councilmember Lyles said we know that this is a major and big project for us; this is really pretty significant when we start talking about what we are trying to accomplish for the entire rail system, bus system, street car system, all of it has to have a place. We are looking at the Charlotte Gateway Station in addition to our current Transit Station, but the Gateway Station is one where we are talking about including Amtrak; where we will be talking about a train that will go from Washington to Atlanta in a different kind of environment from what we have currently, which is on some property that is shared with freight. It has church pews on the inside and it is not very, I guess it is nostalgic but perhaps not the kind of station we are going to have if we are going to have bus, rail, streetcar coming through it. I have asked John Lewis and Tina Votaw who have been working on this a great deal to give us some background presentation, to talk about it, put it in the context and be available for the questions that we have about this project before we take the next step, which is the work with the state on the first step of the municipal agreement to get control of the land for the Gateway Station.

John Lewis, Transit Executive Director said was outlined by Ms. Lyles the Charlotte Gateway Station is a project that not only City and CATS staff has been working on for a number of years, but also our partners at NC-DOT. I think the critical moment came last fall when we received the \$25 million Tiger Grant to spur the development and construction of the train infrastructure that will allow us to separate freight rail from passenger rail. We've been working with our partners diligently over the last year to continue to move that effort forward. The Charlotte Regional Transportation and Planning Organization (CRTPO) moved the \$15 million issue just last week; we are getting towards the end of that so the momentum towards this project continues to move along. This action that you have before you is two items, one that will allow us to amend the memorandum of understanding we have with NC-DOT, and second will allow CATS to purchase one of the properties that NC-DOT has acquired over the years that will allow us to maintain control of that to future development as a station and as a bus terminal for interconnectivity towards passenger rail and local bus. Tina Votaw will go into a little more detail on where we are with the project and the funding associated with that and we will be happy to answer any questions at that point.

Tina Votaw, Transit said we do have some slides if those can be cued up, but as John was saying the first action tonight is to acquire the property for the station site, and that property as many of you may know is identified as Item C along Trade Street on the map before you. What is outlined on this aerial in green; all the parcels in green that are A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H and J have been acquired by the State over the years for purposes of Charlotte Gateway Station project. The station site for the permanent multimodal has always been identified for Block C. We propose to buy Block C from the State, and that is the essence of the RCA before you tonight. Long ago, going back as long as 2004, we got funds from FTA to acquire the property from the State. So, we need to use that money; it is identified for property acquisition and to build the future bus terminal so we will use a portion of the FTA money to acquire this site with your approval. If you approve it tonight we will not be closing until likely October or November because the State has to take a couple actions behind us, and they will do that in August and September.

The other part of the RCA tonight is to memorialize with the State by amending the Municipal Agreement that when we acquire this property they will then take those funds and acquire the parcel that is outlined in yellow; it is the Greyhound site, and that is the last remaining parcel needed for this project. They will take the funds that we pay them, they will acquire the Greyhound site, and they will put whatever money is left back into the Charlotte Gateway

Station project, and that is the essence of Amendment #1. When we brought the Municipal Agreement to you back in 2015, we said it would be a living document; this is the evidence of that by amending it this first time. There will be future amendments, as we implement the project. This says what I just said as to the reason for the Municipal Agreement. This is another depiction of the location; again the parcels for Gateway Station are shown in green. The reason they have the layout that they do is that the first phase of this project is to build two tracks and five bridges. You need linear property to do that, so that is why that property in green was acquired over the years by the State. That is to give us the elbow room to build the two new tracks to the east of the existing freight line, and we will build five new bridges to support those two new tracks. That is why it lays out like it does and the Station site sort of bulbs out from that to the east. Otherwise on this slide, we show the park, the baseball field; we show the Streetcar line along trade, the future extension of the Streetcar and then of course the Blue Line. To the far right is the location on North Tryon where the existing Amtrak Station sits that we use today.

Ms. Lyles did reference some nostalgia about the existing station, and I always carry this slide with me just because it is kind of a shot in the arm quite frankly it is a little bit inspiring to me. I find this slide very inspiring so I carry it around with me because it is much more inspiring than this, but I carry this around for inspiration too. This is our existing station that we propose to move downtown. I could talk about this all night, but I won't; this is just simply a timeline of all the things that have been going on. This is how we are spending some money, so the FTA earmark, and we have about \$20 million left of which \$12 million would fund this acquisition we are talking about tonight. There is \$250,000 from the Tiger 2014 round that we are using with the State to pay for the Station Area Plan. You all should have gotten invitations by e-mail to the open house and to the stakeholder meetings next week. We are working on a Station Area Plan that hasn't been done since 2004, so it is time to do that. The tracks, structures and signals phase and the \$25 million that John referenced earlier, the infrastructure for this project, the rail, the track, the bridges is roughly about \$100 million. The first phase, which is this phase, TSS is about \$70 million of that \$100 million. Within that \$70 million the DOT has said we will pledge \$25 million, so that obviously leaves a gap. We've been working since the DOT announced that last fall to close that gap. John mentioned that working with our MPO, we made application a couple months ago, and it looks favorable to get \$15 million, so that will help the gap. We also made application, through the State through the FTI process; I can't stand here tonight and tell you that we've been successful, but it looks very good, and we should know next month. That will help fill the gap. The proceeds from the real estate sale, when we pay the State the \$12 million and they buy Greyhound there will be some money left over and that goes into the gap.

I can't stand here tonight and say we've solved the gap completely, we are optimistic and way, way closer than we were even two months ago. The scope of work is, as I said, five new bridges, two 2,000 foot long tracks, signal construction, etc. and this is just a review of what we've done today. All the right-of-way has been purchased but for Greyhound; we are phasing the project based on what we think the available money will be, and we will amend the agreement as needed and bring that to you every time we take a project action to memorialize that action. We have the Workshop and open house next week; hopefully, we will amend the agreement with your approval tonight, move forward on the acquisition of the station site. Again, we will not close probably until October or November. That will then tell us what we can do with Greyhound, because we've got to negotiate the acquisition with them and get that behind us, and we will start the engineering using some of the proceeds that trickle down from this real estate transaction.

Councilmember Smith said is this too simplistic to describe this transaction as essentially a land swap with the State funded by the Federal Government? That is what it sounds like.

Ms. Votaw said there is more functionality to it than just that. It is not just swapping money for the benefit of swapping money.

Mr. Smith said I understand that; this is being primarily funded at the Federal level.

Ms. Votaw said it is because back in the days when we got this money, this is how old this money is, it was 80/20 money.

Mr. Smith said help me understand the remaining 20; so we have 80% federal, 20% State and CATS. Is that a 10% and 10%?

Ms. Votaw said it is.

Ms. Lyles said it is amazing how intuitive they are. I wanted to ask a question about this; first of all I want to say to the Council if it is 2.9 acres estimated between \$9.7 million and \$12.7 million in downtown Charlotte, my gosh, we've come a long way. I just can't imagine we are talking about \$3 million to \$4 million an acre in our center city area now, so that is pretty remarkable. One of the questions I had is that the State made all of the acquisitions along the green line and are we doing dollar for dollar? I saw where we are appraising the value ,and is that required by state law?

Ms. Votaw said it is required by Federal regulations and we have an appraisal and the State had an appraisal which they are required to do as well under state statute. This parcel has been appraised several times.

Councilmember Driggs said I remember hearing in a presentation that we thought the total budget for the Gateway would be about \$180 million to \$200 million. Is that right? So, I'm just wondering, can we see a simple timeline, amounts of money needed and where they are coming from, because we need to anticipate, especially given the long list of capital needs the City already has. Is this transit tax funding by the way?

Ms. Votaw said the 10% that is part of this transaction is coming out of the CATS budget.

Mr. Driggs said right so that is not general fund, that is CATS.

Ms. Votaw said correct.

Mr. Driggs said I just think it would be helpful and even in light of a couple of the questions we heard, I see the money going back and forth, and I'm visualizing a very simple table that shows us through when we think it might be complete, what needs to be spent when and where we expect that to come from, and that way we could think ahead a little bit about where we are going to get it.

Mr. Lewis said we have a very clear understanding of what the cost of the project, particularly through construction, but we are still piecing together the funding sources so we can make some assumptions about where that funding will come from but we are not at a point to say exactly where all of that might come from.

Mr. Driggs said I see that but I think just for us to understand where the certainty and uncertainty is and to know what kind of contingent because we get half way into this and then we discover that the City needs to find ever how many million dollars; it would be nice to know that could be out there.

Motion was made by Councilmember Austin and seconded by Councilmember Mitchell to (A) Authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute addendum #1 to the Municipal Agreement between the City and the North Carolina Department of Transportation for the Charlotte Gateway Station Project. (B) Approve the purchases of 2.9 acres of Uptown property in the amount of \$11,841,625 comprised of 12 individual parcels from the North Carolina Department of Transportation for the Charlotte Gateway Station project and (C) Authorize the City Manager to execute all documents necessary to complete the acquisition of the property.

Councilmember Austin said I had an opportunity to go out to Denver and take a look at their very iconic station and I am so distressed that tore down ours; I think it would have been phenomenal for us so I look forward to our conversations in the stakeholder meetings to kind of see what we might develop and what those conversations are about. I just want to make sure everybody knows this is in District 2 so I'm excited about it.

Councilmember Phipps said I think this is a very worthwhile project and I look forward to supporting it as we move on, but I'm wondering; I just feel for all those people who live in those

apartments around it, because I think the quality of life is going to suffer with all that noise that is going to be associated with it.

Mr. Austin we already get that now, because I'm one of those people that live down there.

Mr. Phipps said one thing I wanted to ask and I'll probably defer to Ms. Lyles as our lead on the CRTPO Committee; we both attended last week's meeting, and there was some frustration I think that I could detect from the members of the different municipalities there. They were frustrated that this was called the Charlotte Gateway Station. Ms. Lyles you were there with that, I was wondering is it possible to revise the naming convention for that station and call it the Charlotte Regional Gateway Station.

Ms. Lyles said I think that was a discussion about how to allocate some funding, and I was thinking it was a regional effort but Charlotte is the destination, and I don't know if I were taking the train from D.C. I would want to come to the Charlotte region. I think we've got to come to Charlotte and then take the other routes in and out. I want to point out that the vote on that was significant, all of the northern towns, I want to thank Cornelius, Huntersville, Davidson, Statesville, Mooresville supported the recommendation for the allocation out of our \$50 million of discretionary funds, this project got \$15 million of it. I'm really, really appreciative of the work that we are doing with CRTPO, and Greg and I attend the meetings regularly and it is making a difference. I think we are in good shape, but I think you do come to Charlotte n the train.

Mr. Smith said I'm going to support tonight's action. From a general premise, I think this project will be great for the community, and I think it is within the legitimate area of government funding, much more so than our beloved Gold Line, we weave that into every conversation. With that said as the project goes along, I do have concerns because I know that we were working with about a \$26 million or \$27 million gap six months ago. I want to make sure that I know where the money is going to come from after we get through this phase as the project goes along, and I am going to have to get comfortable. My understanding from some meetings on this is that possible will be general fund money, and I do want to have a firm understanding how we are going to get that money for the project. Tonight, I understand how the funding is coming makes sense so I'm on board for tonight, generally supportive of the project and just want to make sure we are able to account for the money and know how it is getting there.

Councilmember Mayfield said ditto the Ms. Lyles as far as the naming of the station.

Mayor Roberts said I second what Mr. Austin said that Denver showed us what a real station can do and how it can transform an uptown area, and I'm hoping that this one will do the same. There is great potential in that area, and it would be wonderful to have all those connections so we are going to be better than Denver.

The vote was taken on the motion and recorded as unanimous.

Mayor Roberts said we look forward to further progress on that and hearing how that goes, and thanks for your presentation tonight.

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ITEM NO. 18: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL TOPICS

Councilmember Mayfield said as I mentioned earlier, Councilmember Austin and I as well as my fellow elected colleague Candy Smith in Greenville, NC, our neighbor, the three of us were able to represent North Carolina at the National Black Caucus of local elected officials where we had some really great conversations on how we will not only our communities forward. I was speaking to our City Attorney and in Columbus Ohio a good part of their economic development has come from sales tax, not property taxes. Thinking about how, we as a City, can look at opposed to just always looking for the public/private partnership that benefits the private more than the public, what would it look like if we were to own a couple of more pieces and invest looking at the Gateway conversation. What would it look like if that retail was owned by us as you see in D.C., New York and other places. Also, earlier this evening, we had a number of people come up and spear regarding conversations that is happening in the community,

specifically around black lives matter; therefore, those of you watching at home, hopefully some who were here tonight have turned on their TVs. Dr. Peter Wherry along with Chief Monroe, Councilmember Lyles, Commissioner Leake and myself, along with a number of other people, we were able to be a part of a panel discussion, but it was always clear that there was going to be an action plan, so there is a website. The website is fromtalk2action.com; there is a survey on there. There are ways to get engaged, ways to continue to do more than just have the conversation. You see the people with the T-shirts Hands up What's Next. What is next is getting engaged, so here is one way to do that. Dr. Peter Wherry over at Mayfield Memorial, as well as numerous other leaders are doing amazing work but here is just one of the examples of things that are happening on the ground.

Councilmember Smith said I am very disappointed that we lost the NBA All Star Game. We've been a great partner for the NBA, and I wish they had stood by the City of Charlotte for this upcoming year. We had the Republican Convention last week and the Democrat Convention this week; all the rancor that happens is often highlighted in the press was not highlighted in the press is that one of the more liberal colleagues on Council and one of the more conservative colleagues on Council loved the Grateful Dead, and my good friend John Autry shared two Grateful Dead Concerts from 1978, that I enjoyed listening to last night while cooking out. For those of you that watches how policy disagreements, you watch us have policy disagreements on TV and read about it in the papers, but it is just what they are. They are policy disagreements they are not personal disagreement so John thank you and I loved the version Deal and Bertha on there, and I look forward listening to them more.

Councilmember Phipps said you all have received an e-mail from the Joint Town Hall Meeting that Councilmember Eiselt and I will be having Thursday, a District 4 Town Hall focus Citywide impact. It is going to be at Elevation Church, University City Campus, 8105 IBM Drive from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Come on out; you are certainly welcome to join us there. We are going to have some good discussions talking about different things that affect some issues in our District. Even last night, we had a reported homicide there, so crime is still occurring despite what other things are going on in the nation. We still have issues within our own community, and as I stated last time before all of the shootings occurred with the police officers and other victims, we were all concerned about the escalating crime in Charlotte. We have some issues that we are trying to resolve and hopefully through this Town Hall, we will get some ideas and the police can share their strategies they have in place to help mitigate some of those crimes and people being victims of it. Look forward to seeing you all. We might even have a drawing as a part of that Town Hall.

Councilmember Mitchell said I would like to say thank you to the City staff. Julian has had a great experience being the intern for me this summer, and I really appreciate how you all made him feel and for Councilmembers who engaged with him I thank you; Julian best of luck in your senior year at North Carolina Central, Go Eagles. He leaves August 1, 2016.

Councilmember Lyles said I also want to thank the Council; sometimes you don't know what you are going to have on your plate, and when we had this evening discussion around the African American community, I want you to know how much I appreciate your listening and hearing and knowing that is an important aspect of what we are going through now, the stage where we have to talk, and sometimes it is hard when someone is yelling at you or you may not necessarily have the same kind of conclusions from thoughts, but just knowing that you listened makes a big difference. In that continued idea on Thursday, there is a Prayer Vigil by Pastor Brenda Stevenson at noon at the Government Plaza. On Saturday, Million Youth March at Camp Greene Park, again around peace and trying to build community. Then on Sunday, there is a Community Forum dialogue at Friendship Missionary Baptist, which is going to be conducted by their Social Justice Committee, which all of Meck Men have encouraged their membership to create within their congregations I would like for us to think about how we are going to get all of this information together. When the Mayor returned from her trip, we had a meeting with Julian and Kenny, and we talked a lot with the Chief and Ron Kimble, the Interim Manager, has taken this on to come back and give it some context and shape. We need to do this, and I think Ron if we can go more quickly than not that would be more helpful. I really do believe that the web presence is important. Dr. Wherry has set up a conversation on the internet; I don't know if LaWana has gotten her assignment in, but I finished mine today, where he is posing questions and asking us to seek as people, not as a Council, but as people how do we do this? I really want us to begin to explore some ways that we can have this dialogue in a way that people can get to

us as another way of doing it. At some point Council, we will need to kind of figure out what do we manage and what do we need to do to support others who manage and build communities. We can't do it all; this is about an entire effort by this community, so when it is appropriate and Mr. Kimble comes back with the information, I look forward to that discussion. It is about community safety and community building.

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Mayor Roberts said I want to thank my colleagues Autry and Smith for modeling talking across difference and being together across difference. We do have many challenges in our community, and we do have a lot of name calling going on. We have a lot of stereotyping. We have a lot of people not listening and doing things the way they've always done them, which is to separate divide and build on anger and violence, and I think that we have an opportunity in this community, because we know Charlotte is different. We know that in Charlotte we are neighbors and that we can look at each other eye to eye, and we can have a conversation to bring real change. I look forward to hearing some of those solutions of those ideas of how we can make institutional change, how we can all be part of modeling that change and how we can recognize that escalating violence leads to more violence, and it is on all of us to work to bring peace. We have to be a little uncomfortable; we have to get outside of our comfort zones to truly make a change there. I appreciate everybody being part of the conversation tonight to get a little beyond our normal limits, but I thought we could be flexible, and I think is really great that we were.

I also want to recognize that there are challenges around the world and we have a team coming to play here, Bayern Munich is coming to play in our stadium against Inter Milan a tremendous soccer match, and the Munich community has been touched by tragedy, and we are going to have folks here from that great City on Friday and Saturday, and again, our hearts go out to people from Munich and their families and people in Germany and other parts of Europe that have suffered recently. There are tragedies and terrorists attacks around the world. We are united and wanting to end those and to bring peace. One of the good things is we will have this match on Saturday and hopefully have some great opportunity for good competition and good cultural sharing.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars are here in town for the next three days, and I had the honor to address them, thousands of folks who have fought for this country. We welcome them and hope they have a great conference and really glad that they are here in Charlotte. I appreciate their service. I just want to say thank you to my interns; they are not here tonight, but I have had Ryan, Debbie, Ellie, and Will, and I think the highlight of their experience was today when they were on the stage behind Hillary Clinton holding up signs. There are going to be looking at national television tonight to see if they can see their faces. In any event, we appreciate our young people and how they are supporting our work and hopefully learning about exciting career paths.

Councilmember Autry said I'm glad Mr. Smith enjoyed those dead shows. I look forward to the day when you and I can get on the Gold Line at the Rosa Parks Center and ride to the Gateway Station and have lunch and then finish riding the Gold Line all the way out to the Eastland Property.

Mr. Smith said we can ride it and have one of our policy discussions.

Councilmember Driggs said I thought the discussion tonight was very interesting, and I found it enlightening myself. I would like to mention to this group that it goes both ways; you cannot approach the problems that we are talking about here with an attitude that it is down to educating some poor benighted people who don't get it, and frankly that is too often what it sounds like.

We have too many conversations, and I've been to events where all we hear about is black lives matter this and that; that is not the conversation that is going to move us forward. I'm as anxious as everybody is to move us forward, and I'm involved in many efforts that are intended to create opportunities for people from disadvantaged segments of the population, but really too often I get the feeling, on behalf of a bunch of people that I represent, that there is an attitude that it is down to them. You guys have got to get it, and you've got to do it, and I don't think that is what it is like. I think right now we have a shared interest in figuring this out and sparing all of ourselves, but it is a bad start when the room is full of people like that, and the sentiment is all in one direction. I hope that there will be meetings that are publicly announced, where the participation represents a better cross section of the population so that this Chamber doesn't look like it has the attention of only one group, one of the parties that we need in this conversation. In particular, I would point out that many of the comments had veiled undertones of complaints about enforcement with our Police Officers. I think it is regrettable that Police Officers that aren't guilty in any of these offences and granted that some of them may be, may feel tarnished by this brush. If nothing else, I would like to remind our Police Officers that you are in our prayer when we started this meeting tonight, and I hope is the sentiment that Council has towards our law enforcement.

Councilmember Austin said I invite my colleague that anytime you want to come to any of the unity meetings and be a part of that discussion you are more than welcome; they have always been open, so that is your choice.

Mr. Driggs said I've done that; I've been to quite a few, the Tuesday Breakfast, Black Political Caucus. I don't know where I need to go, but you can tell me, but I've been there.

Mr. Austin said good for you; you can come with me. I just want to remind members of my residents in Third Ward and Fourth Ward and also those that live downtown, we are going to be talking about the new Charlotte Gateway Station, so you can have your input now, so I won't hear it later, on Monday, August 1, 2016 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Wednesday, August 3, 2016 from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Main Library downtown. It will allow you to understand what is going on with the project, get your early input and hopefully we can design something that is iconic even though we don't have an iconic structure.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Councilmember Lyles, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 p.m.



Stephanie C. Kelly, MMC, NCCMC

Length of the Meeting: 4 Hours, 31 Minutes
Minutes Completed: August 3, 2016