

The City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina convened for a Dinner Briefing on Monday, January 28, 2013, at 5:18 p.m. in Room 267 of the Charlotte Mecklenburg Government Center with Mayor Foxx presiding. Councilmembers present were John Autry, Michael Barnes, Patrick Cannon, Warren Cooksey, Claire Fallon, Patsy Kinsey, LaWana Mayfield and Beth Pickering.

**ABSENT UNTIL NOTED:** Councilmembers Andy Dulin and David Howard

**ABSENT:** Councilmember James Mitchell

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#### **ITEM 1: MAYOR AND COUNCIL CONSENT ITEM QUESTIONS**

Councilmember Barnes said I have questions, regarding Item No. 17 and Item No. 18. Item No. 17 is a \$994,000 sidewalk project and based on my calculations is equivalent to about \$500,000 per mile. Item No. 18 is a \$1,075,000 sidewalk project which appears to be roughly \$2 million dollars per mile based on the State's contribution. I wanted some clarification regarding those costs and how much right away is being acquired and so forth to drive up the amounts there. I think they are probably both necessary but I want to understand whether we are being fleeced.

Assistant City Manager, Julie Burch said alright we will get you some additional information on that Michael.

Mayor Foxx said we have two presentations tonight that are relevant to the Democratic National Convention. The first presentation is by Harold Medlock, our soon to be departing Deputy Chief. We are surely going to miss you Deputy Chief but we are certainly happy for you to be moving on to the top job in Fayetteville. There was actually a study that was done alongside the security grant that the federal government requested to sort of look at best practices and things to do, things not to do in the future relative to conventions. So an outside consultant was hired to do this work and we're going to hear the results of that tonight. We will also hear, after that from Tom Murray and Adam Sacks about the overall economic impact of the Democratic Convention it had a very, very positive economic impact in our community. And before we go further I do want to say publicly to this Council that you all did a heck of a job in putting this thing together and for supporting it. I want to thank you and I know that the community thanks you. To the staff, to the police, to everyone who had a role in this, good job, and we set ourselves up well for the future of the City.

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#### **ITEM NO. 2: DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION UPDATE**

Deputy Chief Medlock said I'm going to share some information with you tonight. A lot of this you may have heard before but the interesting thing is as we go through the presentation tonight, it's not from CMPD it is from an independent consultant, CNA Associates. This company is a private entity that does a lot of government work. They work primarily for the federal government and their services in this endeavor were paid out of a security grant. In fact I will jokingly tell you that the first monies that came out of the Federal Security Grant went to pay for the CNA report. The idea behind what they did and what they are doing for us, for the City of Charlotte and also for the City of Tampa is to talk a little bit about our best practices and lessons learned but then to build a template for future national special security events such as the DNC, the RNC, and the various summits that are held around the country. These folks came in and spent several months with us prior to the event, attended a lot of our committee meetings and really spent a lot of time with me and my staff; with Chief Monroe and really attended a lot of the different sub-committee meetings. They also had unlimited access to the entire Democratic National Convention. We gave them the highest level of security clearance that we could obtain for them and it gave them a great opportunity to see all sides of what occurred here.

They were hired by the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) and they were paid for from the Security Grant. We signed on to this pretty early and provided them total access to everything that we were doing, a lot of the conversations and relationships that occurred during the event. So we are going to talk about six or seven best practices and then a few lessons learned. And

I'm proud to tell you again I want to reiterate these are their words, not ours. Even the lessons learned we found are very encouraging and very positive. So as I move through these seven that you see here, I will talk individually about each one. One of the very first things that they mentioned was the rigorous and robust pre-event planning. We spent 16 months really planning in a very organized manner for the event prior to September 1st. A lot of time in training, we took a lot of our officers off the streets back-filled them with additional officers to make sure that we had the strength that we needed to make sure that our business was being taken care of. And really went to great efforts to make sure that every one of our officers understood our mission as it related to the DNC and then we developed that same training for all of our out of departments partners, between 2800 and 3000 officers that we provided distance learning for. Our specialized training such as mobile field force and bicycle training we actually bought departments together and in most cases we brought them here for the training. They received that three-day training from Mobile Field Force, a five-day bicycle training for public order bicycle units here in Charlotte. Tactical Operations, our federal partners and our SWAT team, our bomb squad or Explosive Ordnance Device Unit (bomb squad) spent a lot of time training and preparing prior to the event. I want to tell you a little bit about logistics; I think you've seen this but again, their words, we fed over a 7 day period roughly 70,000 meals. We had a Major who was responsible for that, Major Sherie Pearsall, a staff of about 100 people, sworn and non-sworn that were responsible for feeding and watering all of the public safety personnel that were involved in this, but again 70,000 meals over 7 days is quite an endeavor, no one got sick by the way I don't know if I shared that with you.

In the spring of last year we signed with Motorola and developed and brought on board a new digital radio platform that again facilitated roughly 6,000 emergency personnel being able to communicate while also maintaining normal operations for CMPD and CFD for everyday during the 7 days that the event occurred. We had roughly 700 officers assigned to the traffic detail. I don't know that we've ever had 700 officers at one time in the center city and as most of you know the traffic flowed seamlessly there were no problems at no time and I'm being facetious! But with 700 officers we did a tremendous job in making sure that folks could at least get around the center city. We planned for officer injuries and officer welfare. One of the things that we were most concerned about was dehydration for our officers, our firefighters and public safety personnel. One of the other things we planned for were dehydration, injuries and concerns of the demonstrators and then just our visitors. We treated many more demonstrators and visitors for dehydration in heat related problems than we did public safety personnel and again the way we deployed allowed us to do that while again, maintaining normal operations across the county.

**Councilmember Howard arrived at 5:26 p.m.**

Deputy Chief Medlock said I'm going to take a little bit of license here if you will allow me Mayor and Council I want to introduce to you the core planning team because these very few people are the folks that were the ones that put this thing together for 16 months and prior to the event about 8 weeks out were working about 20 hours a day, 7 days a week so I'm going to ask them to stand and if I can remember their names, Jeff, Christina, Officer Walter Bowers, Officer Christie Helms, Captain Mike Adams, Ms. Melissa Treadaway, Ms. Christina Parkinson and Deputy Chief Jeff Dulin. Folks let me tell you something, those folks are the ones that were working 16-18 hours a day for 8 weeks prior to the event. A couple of these folks shoveled horse manure during the event and if something broke, if something had to happen these folks made it happen prior to the event and during the event and continued to work in wrapping up all of the things that we have to do to make sure that grant is covered. They have dreaded this all day long I just wanted to acknowledge them. Again we started planning for the event 16 months out but the one thing that I will share with you that was just most important to me as we look back on this is the participation by all the key businesses across this City. I'm going to name a few because they deserve mentioning. They worked themselves to death both as a unit and individually but the people that really played hard with us as we moved into this; of course the CFD, Chief Dulin is just an awesome guy who really saved my bacon a few times. City Procurement, City Finance; Engineering & Property Management; the police and the City Attorney's office, Mr. Hagemann and his staff had to put up with us for a lot of aggravation. Risk Management the folks that worked with us to get the insurance. Solid Waste Services, CDOT, all of these folks made the process easier and I know I'm forgetting some, but this City

really came together and again these are the words of the consultant, the folks that are writing this after action, not me. I want to stress to you how important CFD was in this; Chief Monroe and Chief Hannah were the lead in this thing. They were the safety valves, they constantly challenged me, they constantly challenged Chief Dulin and gave us our directions and Chief Monroe had the experience from D.C. and we really were able to take advantage of his expertise as we moved through this both in the planning and the operational phase. But I can't stress enough to you how good of a partner CFD was to us. The Mecklenburg County Judiciary, Mecklenburg County Sheriff, his staff and Parks & Rec.; the sheriff contributed about 250 of his employees to this event, again anticipating many, many more arrests than we actually had to make. We came out feeling very good about that. The Attorney General for North Carolina, Reuben Young, and SBI director Greg McLeod are recognized as key players in this planning. And then the thing that the consultants made mention of as we move through this was the relationship that we have with our federal partners. The thing that is interesting in Charlotte as I've been able to travel around the Country, and it's not everywhere, is this is a unique place. We have a personal relationship with the FBI, the Secret Service and every month we have a standing lunch where we really get together, don't talk about business so much but about each other and getting to know each other. That really came into play for us in a big way here.

Technology and Criminal Intel, these folks mentioned that the use of undercover officers, plain clothes officers and our technology were key in making sure that we had no problems that really got out of hand. They mentioned many many times the use of our technology, the cameras, the automated license plate readers and then something that we did that we really appreciated was the demonstrators helping us out with was their actual live feeds that they would broadcast. We were picking those up and watching them just as I'm sure folks across the world were. So it was very helpful to us and we appreciated their assistance with that. Our CMPD Command Center allowed us to bring 60 different agencies into that room. We had everything from the Mecklenburg County District Attorney and the U.S. Attorney representatives there to give us advice on different issues that we were facing either as an arrest or as a First Amendment. Mr. Hagemann and his staff were in there and provided great insight into some of the things that we were facing and again just a great location and opportunity for many agencies to come together and make decisions face to face rather than having to pick up the phone and call or chase someone down.

Finally they mentioned the live downlinks from our helicopter, we had both of ours; we used to call it a Helicopter Unit its two ships now so they like to be called Aviation Unit. We had one of those birds up and flying at least 20 hours and cops are funny people I just have to tell you, but we had 20 hours of coverage every day, every night through the use of our helicopters. Personnel recruitment, most of you have heard this but again it's their story. Approximately 6,000 public safety personnel were recruited; 3800 law enforcement, 400 National Guard, emergency management and medical support. We traveled around the state in North Carolina and South Carolina 16-10 months out recruiting different departments; both police and sheriff officers, you will see some of these as we get later into the presentation. The way we formed these folks up if you will think about having 4,000 people that were coming in and really 3,000 of them had no knowledge of Mecklenburg County, we assigned the out-of-towners to local CMPD officers for command and we formed them into squads to platoons to functional groups. Every functional group had a chair in the command center which allowed us great command and control throughout the week. The out-of-state legislation were mentioned, our recruitment efforts were extremely successful. Folks around the state, police departments, sheriff's offices and emergency management folks really did step up to the plate to help us out. There was some question as to why we had so many officers but the simple fact is that the number of officers that we had allowed us the flexibility to address issues that came up that we had not expected during the week; so we never found ourselves short of personnel. We never had an over-abundance of personnel but we never found ourselves short. And again it helped us manage a lot of the impromptu or unplanned demonstrations. Our officer's training were mentioned as making sure that folk's civil liberties were protected. We think we did a good job at that, so did the consultant. We defined our operational concepts early in the process and we constantly allowed ourselves to be challenged by the City Attorneys and also the U.S. Attorney and the local District Attorney. We had a very close working relationship with all of them, you folks helped us in a great way by revising our ordinances and I will tell you that of the arrests that we made during

that week, there were 25 arrests made, none were for violating the Extraordinary Event Ordinance and I think that's worth noting, the Ordinance worked, folks followed the rules for the most part.

Then finally actually developing a working relationship with the demonstrators; we met with several of the organizers for the March On Wall Street South and then several other demonstrations that occurred throughout the week and we laid the ground rules out early on. They understood them, they shared with us their intentions and we were able to allow them to do what they wanted to do while maintaining the peace. Crowd management, of course we know there were a lot fewer numbers than expected. We only had one planned march on the planned parade route. Everything else was impromptu and again having the additional number of officers allowing us to be extremely flexible, one of the things that the consultant said over and over again was having the Chief Executive, Chief Monroe, out in the field being visible, working with the leaders of the demonstrations, not only gave those leaders the feeling that they were dealing with someone of great importance, but it also took a lot of pressure off of our police officers, so there weren't as many face to face; nose to nose confrontations with demonstrators because Chief Monroe was out there working the streets and getting wet and sweaty like all the other folks out there. We had all of our senior officers that were crowd management officers in the field, and we used mid-level managers in the command centers to report to me, the Incident Commander, the occurrences and things that were going on so it worked out well. Twenty-five arrests, 16 of those were negotiated or planned arrests so again I wish we could have only that many arrests on a normal week. We had no lawsuits from anyone prior to, during or following the event. It's a first and it's due to the great operations that the officers in the field conducted. Command and control as shared with you; we had more than 20 command centers and I'm going to show you a picture because I don't think that anyone has ever seen this.

Deputy Chief Medlock said that's one of the command centers and that is a medical command center that was set up on the city driving range out at the Academy. That essentially is a mass casualty unit. That was one of two that we had set up around the County during this event. But that's the magnitude of support that we had from our Emergency Management folks. I'm going to again mention Chief Dulin because that was really his area of expertise but those were the levels of command centers that we had supporting us during the event.

Councilmember Howard said that's impressive I had no idea all that was going on; did you actually have to use any of that?

Deputy Chief Medlock said thankfully no sir. If we had I probably wouldn't be here right now but truly it was for a mass casualty incident, essentially an emergency room. We had two of those set up by emergency management around the county. Our academy grounds had probably 13 different command centers established there. It looked like an army airfield because we had so many helicopters that had been parked on the academy grounds around there. Again one of the things that were mentioned was our common radio platform. One for radio system that allowed us to have secure clear communication and I give great credit to our radio shop, the folks that did that work are the folks in our Communications Bureau and Fire Department Communications Bureau to set that up in a short amount of time so that we will have that ability. Our City Joint Information Center was critical in getting information out. We set that up, Kim McMillan played a very critical part in sitting that up because we realized that partnering with the U.S. Secret Service we would not be able to get the amount of information out that they would allow so we set our own information center up and it performed very well. Again a lot of the different departments across the City were there. Then finally the partnerships with our private entities, the banks, the energy companies, a lot of the major players that provide critical infrastructure throughout this County, throughout this region were set up in their own command posts so that they could make decisions, collaborate with each other in the event that there were some problems.

So here are the lessons learned and again these are lessons learned from the consultant. Our planning subcommittees they mention with 21 federal subcommittees and the 24 total that there was overlap. There was some redundancy of work and you know when you start to involve several hundred Type "A" emergency personnel in planning mission creep is going to happen.

They told us it was going to happen and it did happen and so in trying to keep moving forward for the next major event, keep those different subcommittees in the lane that they are responsible for will cut down on some of the overwork and confusion. Flexibility and adaptability is essential before and during the event. As everyone knows we have planned for an event in Cabarrus County that event six weeks out was cancelled and due again to the work of a lot of folks here, the event was planned for Tryon Street and was done and really came off probably way better than the DNC Planners expected. And then finally, the final night when the event was moved from the stadium and remained at Time Warner Cable Arena having the ability and having the expertise institutionally to maintain being flexible and adaptable really helped us in getting through that final night. Grant management was and continues to be an issue. This grant is not budgeted by the Federal Government. These events are going to happen again in 2016 and the next two cities will have to do something very similar to what Charlotte and Tampa did which is spend months and months trying to get that money set up so that the cities can be paid and reimbursed. That's a real issue moving forward and I hope that that is a major thing that comes out of the "lessons" learned here. And then commonly understood screening protocols at security checkpoints; after we learned that some of you, some of our own folks could not get through some of the security screening checkpoints, we put local officers down there with our federal counterparts and that seemed to make things go a little bit smoother when we know that you are holding up our pay raises or whatever, we're going to be much more adaptable to get you into those events.

**Councilmember Dulin arrived at 5:42 p.m.**

And then finally tracking officer assignments, one of the things that looked chaotic but it really wasn't, was knowing where everyone was and having everyone that I mentioned before in the command center responsible for their lane of traffic allowed us to be very situationally aware of where all of our officers and all our public safety people were. We didn't lose anyone during the event or any group of folks and it was due to open communication if you spent any time in the command center you would know that.

So the conclusions, these are their words and I'm not going to read them to you but what I'm going to tell you is while you look at this; the CNA folks said that special attention should be made to CMPD's early planning efforts, the use of real time Intel and effective command and control. These are their recommendations going forward. As operational plans policies and collaborative partnerships were established early in the process, they were followed, they were maintained. And a key element to CMPD strategy of mitigating unruly behavior and civil litigation was to conduct training on crowd control practices that effectively maintained constitutional rights of the demonstrators. Then finally, commanders in the CMPD Command Center leveraged live video surveillance technology with both mobile and fixed cameras for situational awareness to make strategic response in resource allocation decisions. A number of valuable lessons were learned during the event. For example the importance of being flexible and adaptable, you can have a great plan but it's a plan until you get into the game and then you have to be flexible and adaptable and their comment was that we learned that specific strategies for improving arrest processing as an example, is a great lesson learned in being flexible and adaptable.

I'm going to move from that for the sake of time and talk to you a little bit about equipment that we are planning to "gift" or donate to the departments that came to help us. There are two categories of equipment, there is what we consider personal equipment that is the stuff that gets sweaty and nasty, it was issued to an individual officer, they trained in that equipment luckily and in most cases they did not have to use it during the event. But certainly for those days of training they put it on, they sweated in it and it smells like them now. I've been there, done that and nobody wants to wear somebody else's sweaty, nasty equipment. So you can see the types of equipment that we consider personal equipment and then general equipment are those things such as police bicycles, the little UTV's for the golf cart looking machines and then mobile field force munitions that we plan to distribute. All of this was paid for by the grant; CMPD and the City have no use for this amount of equipment. We could never use it in its useable lifetime and we knew going in that we had to have this equipment. We knew on the backend that the departments that came to help us would walk away with certain numbers of equipment. Some of

it quite large due to the numbers of officers and the types of training and the role that they filled and all the way down to a single officer from a single department with one helmet. So we've listed it all.

I'm going to quickly go through, you can see there are five major departments who received the highest amount of donated equipment. That is everything from mobile field force; we call it the turtle suit, from the hard hat all the way down to the boots that these folks wore. Uniforms and then the protective gear; that includes munitions, that includes bicycles, that includes in some cases one small utility vehicle that they will come back and get. I will tell you, the officers that were issued their personal equipment took it home with them at the end of the event. A lot of the major equipment, the bicycles, the utility vehicles, the major equipment remains here in Charlotte until you approve, as a Council, to distribute this equipment. There are five major departments that received more than \$50,000; there are eight or nine department receiving between \$20,000 and \$50,000 worth of equipment and the remainder received less than \$20,000, in most cases substantially less, anywhere from one \$100 helmet to in the case of I think it's Winston-Salem, may be in there or Wake County, received almost \$10,000 in protective helmets that they were issued so it's a wide range from about \$100 for one helmet to several thousand dollars for some of the larger departments that came to help. That concludes my presentation. I will be happy to answer any questions about either portion that you may have.

Mayor Foxx said Chief I just want to say on behalf of the Council that we appreciate the work, the time, the energy, the effort, the sweat equity, everything you all put into getting this thing done right because as I reflect on it, I don't think a single department or entity that shined brighter than our Police Department or our law enforcement during that week. So thank you very much. And this is just a comment to Council, some of you are involved in the North Carolina League and other activities and I would just suggest that as you interface with people from around the State, just thank them. Because chances are that whether it was a police officer or something most municipalities, most counties did something to help this effort along and so it means a lot to them just to be thanked so I think that's a good practice for all of us as we go along. Thanks again Deputy Chief Medlock, we appreciate you.

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### **ITEM NO. 3: DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION ECONOMIC IMPACT**

Mayor Foxx said we now move to the Economic Impact Study. There was a press conference earlier today some of you were able to be there and we now have Tom Murray and Adam Sachs. Adam is with Tourism Economics and will talk about the economic impact of the convention, very good news, very positive news. Good for the tourism industry, good for Charlotte's visibility and Tom why don't you come on up and let's share some of the good news.

**Chief Executive Officer Charlotte Regional Visitors Authority, Tom Murray** said I'm not going to do a lot of the talking today, I may do some answering questions, but two hours ago we gave a press conference in the City Chamber office and released the estimated economic impact numbers from the DNC. This study was funded by five partners, the City, the CRVA, the Chamber of Commerce, the Center-City Partners and the Charlotte Mutual Partnership and we wanted not just their funding, but we also wanted their oversight so we met with them several times before we conducted the study to make sure we had their input and their advice on what they thought was appropriate for their areas of concern and we tried to incorporate all of that into the study and recently when we completed the study we released that to them and it made it all the way through the weekend without actually being late which was really impressive, so I'm pleased to hear that.

We selected a company that is well-known in our industry to calculate this because we thought this was such an important event for our City that we should have it done as professionally as possible and two benefits come from that. One, we have a really good report and two; we got to learn how to do reports like this. So it was good for us to work together with this organization. Tourism Economics is an impressive company that has completed hundreds of study like this, including most recently, they did the Olympics in London, and Adam will share a few more studies that they've conducted with you that are of equal importance. So we know that we have

folks that know what they are doing with this study. They are also the designers of the calculations and models that are being used in over 100 other communities like ours and larger communities that are conducting economic impacts on events that they have in their communities. We are very fortunate to have Adam Sachs here today. Adam is the Managing Director of the organization and we were able to convince him to come down and help us with the press conference today and also to speak to you tonight. We are very pleased to have the head buy of the organization here to talk to you and Adam can talk to you about the methodology which I think you will find is very sound and does take into account things like the negative economic impact. They use conservative methodology, to make sure that we aren't over-stating numbers and you will be able to hear from them. The good news also is that as the Mayor just pointed out we had good numbers. We had been talking about numbers somewhere between \$100 million, \$150 million, I even heard some few hundred million dollar numbers out there in that range and you will find out that we ended up and I'll steal your thunder a little bit, but we ended up with an economic impact of \$163.6 million dollars and so that's a good news story for us, so without any further ado I will let Adam Sachs speak to you.

Mayor Foxx said let me congratulate you Tom on a couple of things. You've come before us a couple of times talking about the business model and the approach of the CRVA. I think this is a good and new convention in terms of using a third party to do an economic analysis like this because in the past some economic analyses have been questioned and frankly assailed and I think that doing it this way makes it very transparent and it gives us all confidence that it's being done well. So I want to thank you very much for that and CRVA for its leadership in this.

**Managing Director, Tourism Economics, Adam Sachs** said good evening, as we looked at the DNC in Charlotte in 2012 one thing came out, regardless of what number you come out with in the end, it was unequivocally a massive event for Charlotte. The scale of the event against the size of the City it was really an accomplishment and to host it as successfully as you did with the positive imagery and branding that are projected nationally, it almost makes these numbers footnotes. But these numbers are my livelihood so I'm going to treat them like they are very important. It was the largest event that Charlotte has hosted; 35,000 participants with 6,500 delegates, 15,000 members of the media, another 13,500 visitors as guests of delegates, sponsors and other partners.

Councilmember Cooksey said my apologies usually I'm in the forefront of waiting to the end, but because of the lead here I want to get it now, could you clarify exactly how you are categorizing this as largest single event because I know we've had events that brought in more people during the course of time? What exactly do you mean by largest single event?

Mr. Sachs said I think it's not just the numbers themselves but where they came from and how much they spent. Given that these 35,000 people actually came from all 50 states and the length of their stay in Charlotte averaging over 4 days. The impact of that really in that sense doesn't happen often.

Mr. Cooksey said I'm sorry to derail you on that but I wanted to be clear about that.

Mr. Murray said let me just clarify something as well since Adam hasn't been here for all the other events he doesn't actually know that answer whether there are more attendees. These are 35,000 unique visitors. Normally when you hear the numbers, people count them numerous times. So this was the largest event with visitors as well. So if you have 70,000 people come down already it was 70,000 people who weren't unique visitors.

Mr. Cooksey said okay thank you.

Mr. Sachs said these entities spent \$91 million dollars. But that's not the end when we measure the economic impact we look at how does that generate business to businesses as that money flows through the local economy. And that's where we get to our headline final number of \$163.6 million dollars in economic impact. That generated personal income going to households of \$58.5 million dollars. These are the headlines numbers what I'm going to do is in less than 10 minutes take you through some somewhat painful, terribly boring but terribly important details

on how we got to those numbers and then share with you some details on how those break out and what it meant for the Charlotte economy.

The way that we approach this is from the demand side. We want to look at what are the entities that participated in the event, what are they spending as opposed to looking at it from the supply side, what are the businesses receiving. What the main entities, what are the sources of this demand. What are the host organizations, there are the visitors; there's the media, and then there is security. Part of that federal grant is creating economic activity in the local economy. Once we've estimated all of that we also want to take great care and make sure that we've accounted for any displacement, when you have an event of this magnitude, come into a City the size of Charlotte, there are certain businesses that can't have displacement as a result. There are not going to be hotel rooms available for certain people that may have otherwise come. There are going to be a few people, the uptown workers, that weren't able to come and buy lunch because we were in the secure zone. So things like that we call it displacement so we net that out so all the numbers that I'm describing to you tonight are net of that displacement. Our challenge as a company with whomever we're working with is to be comprehensive but really to be conservative and be absolutely sure that we're not double counting anything; anything that doesn't accrue to local economy we leave it out and that's frankly how we stay in business.

Here is how we built the analyses and I'm going to be mercifully fast here. But we start with a model of the Charlotte economy that captures all of the economic activity within the six county MSA. The importance of that model is that we can put into it that \$91 million dollars in spending and track it, how it goes through the supply chain, how it goes to households, how it goes to Government through taxes and all that and how it leaks out of the economy as suppliers from outside of Charlotte are providing goods and services into the event. We also take on board data from a company called Smith Travel Research, STRD; national standard on hotel data. From them we actually got census data on hotel performance day by day. On room demand, occupancy, average daily rate and total revenue, you have to look at that in one year versus the year before. We also looked at the financial data. So we pulled in the actual filings to the FDC line item by line item. By the three hosting organizations that were set up for the event and pulled out everything that was to a vendor that was not based locally, set that aside and only local expenditures were included in the analyses. And then we used a visitor spending profile that is utilized in the tool that Tom mentioned that we've developed for 100 cities that is now the industry standard. And then we also looked at a survey that's being done for North Carolina, for what visitors spend on a per diem basis for these sorts of events. What's important to mention is that we then scale that to Charlotte. So even though those are regional and national surveys we have data that is specific to Charlotte, such as hotel rates and the average costs of a restaurant bill, the average cost of a taxi, we scale everything on a per diem basis to be Charlotte specific. Lastly we examine tax data; industry by industry, month by month that we are able to see where the incremental increases in taxes were again industry by industry, during the event versus one year ago. That gives us a full picture, we are able to piece this together and see what the incremental impact was.

Clearly the hotels were filled to near capacity. If you look at just uptown, you will see that during the event itself occupancy rates nearly touched 100%. And the rest of the MSA you broaden out to the full 31,000 rooms that were available in the six counties. You are still up touching around 90% during the event. Now the impact was even greater when we looked at it in terms of revenue because the hotels were able to charge much higher rates. I can see that what we estimated to be convention driven revenue was multiple times higher, non-convention revenue and to put that into context when you look at it year over year, Charlotte MSA hotel revenue at the peak night of demand was 800 times the revenue of one year prior on that same day. So to say a good week for the hotel industry would be an understatement of our time together. Now all of the visitor's spending, just what the visitor's spent tallied \$34.5 million. The majority of that was in lodging followed by food and beverage; recreation, retail and transportation. You may be surprised at this distribution, why transportation is so low; wouldn't food and beverage be higher? There's a reason for that and that's because a lot of these items were actually picked up by the host, by the organizer, so a lot of the meals were catered. There were many catered events outside, the major events. Transportation was provided in mass by the host committee. So the organizer actually spent more money in this event than visitors. And



that's unusual but not surprising when you look at the data. Security of the grant which was roughly \$45 million of that grant was spent. Only \$20 million of it was spent locally. So we were careful to count only the part that takes place within the six county MSA and then a small category of other ancillary spending and then displacement we talked about a few moments ago, \$7.3 million dollars, not a trifle but when compared to the overall impact, minimal.

Once we calculate all that direct spending, we estimate how that money flows through local economy. And I know you didn't anticipate an economics lesson tonight but I have to give it. It's just that in addition to direct, economic impact includes indirect and induced impacts and very simply indirect impact includes the supply chain. So you spend \$100 at a restaurant, that restaurant has to then spend money in other industries as suppliers for food wholesalers, other retailers, transportation companies and the like. And then there's that third level of induced is when the employees of the restaurant earn their income, they have to spend, they don't have to but they do, they spend their incomes in the local economy generating a third round of impact. All of that is what economists call a total economic impact of an event. And as you think about it in reverse, if the DNC didn't happen not only would the restaurants suffer but it's suppliers would suffer, its employees wouldn't make the income and then all the places that employee would spend their money also would be at a lost. So all of this is what is included when we do a full economic impact study.

It reach \$163.6 million, this includes all of the leakages to suppliers and spending that leaks out of the six county area; interestingly enough the top beneficiary industry within the Charlotte economy was the finance, insurance and real estate, the fire industry because they supplied so many services to the hospitality industry; and because they provide so many services to employees of the hospitality industry. And of course the government benefitted as well. The DNC generated \$3.4 million in state tax revenues and \$4.5 million local tax revenues; sales tax alone, \$2.1 million dollar increase. And then lastly on the quantitative side, the DNC sustained 1,427 jobs on an annualized basis. Absolutely there were many more people that were working during the period of the DNC, but what we do to give you context on this when we analyze, we take it over a full work year and it comes out to 1,427. Now is this new jobs? No, some were but what it is, is it's the equivalent of what is \$164 million dollars in business activity sustained in employment? And it's this number, 1,427 jobs. Those employees earned \$59 million dollars in household personal income as a direct result of the DNC.

The last thing that I want to share with you is the results in summary form, of a survey that we conducted of businesses. We reached out to 160 businesses and 85 of them, more than half of them responded to our survey. And among other questions, we asked them simply did the DNC benefit your business? And nearly 60% said that during the event, their businesses were positively affected. Thirty-nine percent said that their businesses were affected before the event happened and another 15% even after the event took place, they were still receiving benefits. So clearly the benefits were widespread, not benefitting just a few businesses. So in summary I'll be happy to take any questions with Tom Murray. The event generated a direct spending of \$91 million that produced a total economic impact of \$163.6 million dollars in business activity. And particularly of that, nearly \$60 million went to households, people working in the industry. So thank you very much for your time and I will be happy to take any questions.

Councilmember Cannon said was there any amount of money anywhere that was left on the table? I know there were a lot of engines that were working to try to help to pull this information together to help us realize what we've seen this day which is very impressive. I was just wondering if there was anything left on the table per se, and if so how much might that be?

Mr. Sachs said that's a good question, I think as a company if we have a bias, it's to be conservative and so with any study like this there are estimates within them. We've tried to be conservative, but there is nothing conceptually that we left off the table. But I would say that there were some areas where estimates did need to be drawn we chose to err on the side of conservatism and I think when we benchmarked it after having done the study with other studies that have been done with similar events, we'd say we were certainly within the realm of reason. And if there were a case to be made against the research it would be that it was on the conservative side.

Mr. Cannon said well the conservative numbers should make us feel that much better because it means that we did certainly in and excess of that number if we would just assume that. So thank you for that and I will simply close with this. The Mayor earlier thanked those in law enforcement, he thanked of course you all as well, but we would be remised if we didn't say thank you to our Mayor who really shouldered the lion's share of this. We didn't get to see all of the meetings, we didn't get to be on all the phone calls but if you were passing by in certain places at different times of the day and you saw him, he was working very very hard and so that \$163.6 million dollars Mayor, as I see it, it's something that came by way of your very hard work on this and you are to be commended for it. Thank you so much and we should all give him a big round of applause.

Councilmember Cooksey said I do express my appreciation that I view this report as rather well rounded. I appreciate the research into it and the acknowledgement that there were some businesses that took a hit. Overall absolutely, a net positive for the City and I'm pleased with that and I'd vote for it again. To the point about what Council did, I'd raise my hand to say come on back or pick another party convention. In talking with some folks that actually took a hit, I talked with one guy who runs a restaurant, who thought he was going to take a hit and he wound up having his second best week ever; so a wide variety of impacts overall, positive. But I appreciate the acknowledgement, that's Item. 1. Secondly though and in particularly after your comments there about the conservative aspect of that, in our Economic Study fact sheet in the report talking about the number of attendees which we touched on again with largest conventions; one of those numbers were familiar, 6500 delegates, 15,000 media, another 13,500 non-delegates. What were your sources for those particular since there were actually fewer than 6,000 certified delegates to the convention, not the 6500 that's on the sheet. What did you do after the convention to justify those numbers as oppose to, because these were some of the estimates that we heard before hand but the number I pulled up between here from Kristi Greyco, 5,963 certified delegates, not 6,500.

Mr. Sachs said the actual Economic Impact Analysis is driven by the total which we derive from the hotel data. So we actually know how many room nights are generated and that's what forms kind of a foundation for the analysis, how many person/days does this generate. The exact mix between delegates and other category, media, is not really of consequence. Because we are grounded in that kind of a real industry data, there may have been shifts in those numbers from what was originally published. But everything is driven off the real "room night data" which tells us how many people came for how long.

Mr. Cooksey said okay that's useful because in the presentation as I was absorbing it looked more like here's a number of people here, this is what their daily spend was, when we do the multiplication there x 4.2 days on average and that's where we get our direct spending instead of saying well, it sounds to me and correct me if I'm wrong here, instead you had the total direct spending number and divide it by this and divide it by that to get to an estimate of the number of people?

Mr. Sachs said well we didn't rely on really any one data set in the analysis because they've got to fit together and we need to find if there is an outlier. One of the most helpful ones was with the hotel data. Actually it was how many room nights are getting generated with that we know how many "person dates" that equates to so then all those per diems flow off of that and then we can cross-check that against the tax data. So is that generating an increment that we can also see being reflected as a bump up in the tax data for that same month for that same industry; it's kind of a way to cross check everything.

Mr. Cooksey said I understood it's just you understand and appreciate the data but also in terms of the way it's presented to us. If I have an Economic Impact study fact sheet presented in front of me and if I quote here 6500 delegates from what I've been given with the logos of all the organizations here it's actually false information. Because the actual certified delegate count was 5963. I appreciate that, having asked the question I can say well the numbers are, the Economic Impact numbers will sale because it wasn't actually multiplying these estimates by numbers it was driven the other way but just wanted to bring that to your attention in terms of

what's in front of us here versus what a definitely reliable source on what the delegate count was presented at the time.

Mayor Foxx said I might add that I understand the point but I can't sit here and tell you whether the certified delegate count includes alternate delegates or doesn't include alternate delegates who were here may be in the 5900 number may not be in the 5900 number; there's a whole host of ways we could try to slice that onion but the reality is just like, there's a flat earth society of people who think that the earth is flat, there is a group that will never find something positive in this and I appreciate that you have and that we will continue to look for the positive in this event.

Councilmember Howard said Mayor I wanted to make sure that we complement a couple more people on the success and we've done this every time we've talked about this event but I think it's worth saying it again. That a lot of the success yes started with the leadership at the Mayor's level but there was incredible support staff from Tom and your staff, you having just been on board for 7 or 8 months and being thrown kind of into it and a lot of planning that's been going on; but our City staff as well and I always want to take the opportunity to thank Jerry and what he's done out at the airport because it took a village on this one. Although you were chief of that village I wanted to make sure that we thanked all the rest of the folks that helped make happen while you were up there Tom, so thank you everyone else.

Mayor Foxx said that's a good point, lots of positive stuff. The coordination in this effort was also tremendous between our different agencies and stakeholders and this report is actually supported not just by the City of Charlotte, by CRVA; but also by the Chambers, Center City Partners, The Regional Partnership and that's emblematic of the kind of teamwork that was involved. Let me ask Tom a question, it came up a little bit earlier today; knowing what we now know about hosting large conventions like this, having in view some things that we might want to do in the future, maybe it's an RNC maybe it's whatever, a Super bowl. What kinds of things would we think about differently going forward? I know the hotel issue; whether we have enough large-sized hotels has been something that's been talked about, but in terms of transportation infrastructure and other things, what are some things that you think we should be thinking about in terms of our tourism assets?

Mr. Murray said I think clearly the biggest challenge we had was there was transportation issues for people getting out from the hotels further out and so the more hotels in, would make us a more attractive City which is probably going to happen naturally because we are starting to see economics that indicate that the performance of the hotels make it an attractive city for development. I can say that with some matter of expertise because that's what I used to do for a living and so we build where the numbers work in our underwriting in the hotel business. The numbers are starting to look more attractive here and my sense is that we will start seeing more of that kind of activity, particularly as the economy continues to recover. The one linchpin that has been holding back, hotels is really whether or not banks are going to lend to them. As those matters get resolved, we have friends in the hotel industry and the ones that have developed hotels over a long periods of time still can get financing and we see some of that happening. I think that the only thing we probably learned is that it wasn't as convenient for folks that were coming out from the suburbs in, those folks that were staying in probably had the highest quality experience because they learned to understand our City from its walkability and why that works.

As we talked to meeting partners going forward that bring big meetings to our community, they will judge on how approximate the hotels are to the Center City on whether or not you are a candidate or not. I must say we have an advantage because we have this great Center City and so that makes us attractive. But we can encounter some issues because if you had a lot of hotels where you've got to drive all over the place to get to them that doesn't always work for some groups. Some types of things that I've heard people talk about clearly we could do an RNC as you said this morning because we've done the DNC and as you pointed out the RNC is smaller probably right, so, of course I'm not making a political statement it's just an observance. But there are other issues as we go after things like the Super bowl, which we may. You know we have an owner here that is highly appreciated by the NFL and that may give us an opportunity someday to do that but one of the things that will make it harder for us is that our hotel compliment isn't as strong as it should be. So I would say that that is probably the big learning. I think one of the things that I heard from the Police Department is our team was ready and

planned and thought about everything and a lot of things didn't go the way we thought they were going to go. But what I was pleased at is all the planning got us prepared so; you know we thought we were going to be at the Bank of American stadium it didn't happen but there were things that changed at the last minute. We had 6,000 people to come over to our house to watch TV, what President Obama's speech that one night and a last minute impromptu and I think our team handled it very well, if that answers your question.

Mayor Foxx said that's great, no thanks.

Councilmember Fallon said wasn't there one other component Tom and wasn't that retail that they were looking for?

Mr. Murray said earlier today at the press conference Michael Smith from Center City Partners said the two things that he heard about is not enough hotel rooms and retail, needed more retail. And we all know that that's something that we've been thinking about in this community is how to grow retail in the urban core. We certainly have wonderful retail in SouthPark and others areas, Concord, but in the urban core there is the thought that that is the next big thing and it probably needs to be developed over a time period. But retail don't mean the same thing for every different kind of growth. I'm not sure if the Democrats were here spending money in retail as much as they were attending events and being involved in sponsored events.

Mr. Howard said I wanted to ask you earlier about the minority participation. The host committee set some goals and from what I understand, we kind of blew those goals out the water and that's one of those things that I think is a plus from this as well. So if you're not prepared tonight to share those I think it would be worth it in the future, Mayor, to hear if nothing more than just getting it in the packet. If we've heard it already I apologize.

Mr. Murray said I can't speak for the host committee who did the tracking, but I can tell you that they have been on record saying that they had a goal of over 30% MWBE purchasing and they have exceeded that, that's what I've heard and so that was great. I know that other organizations like ourselves have our own goals and efforts and we were using those goals in attempting to service this particular client as we do all clients. One thing that one of my chamber members sent me today said "I wish you would just remind everybody that we have lots of conventions that come to this town and we do this all year round." We were busy back to back; back to back, every week after that convention until just before Christmas and we probably generate an economic impact at the same level with other conventions combined. So this one convention obviously was a very important one.

Mr. Howard said Mr. Mayor if we could in the future, Council, dinner meeting or something could we get a report from the host committee on that one particular item? I think there will be some stories to be told. This \$163 million will be one, the low arrest rate will be one, but I think the minority participation will be one of those things that future cities will be looking to us to emulate so I think it's important to get that on the record as well.

Mayor Foxx said of course we can do that. No doubt but let me say this at the end, when we got this thing for those of you that were on Council at that time of the morning that this announcement was made; it was a little surreal because we were in closed session and CNN was reporting this information and the world was kind of looking at us. But the thing that occurred to me at that moment was just how many decades of investing this took. I mean from the airport, someone mentioned the airport and what it looked like in 1971 when I came into this world and what it looks like today, night and day, the Center City. The assets in place that exist there and I want to talk out of the other side of my neck now and say this, that I'm a little concerned and it's not a knock on the tourism industry at all, this is a machine now it wasn't always a machine in this City, but you know dedicated revenue sources, assets in place, an organization to run and manage that stuff all of that has moved along well, but I'm worried more and more every day that we are setting ourselves up to be such an incredible place to come visit; that we've also got to keep working on it being a good place to live. And that's an issue that we're going to have to continue wrestling with because we can have these wonderful assets but if the City is fraying at the seams it's not going to be ultimately a good place for business. We need to keep that in mind as a Council but I wanted to applaud the fact that this event was the product of decades of

investment, decades of successes, decades of growth and it wouldn't have happened had those decisions not been made. So thank you very much, we appreciate you.

Mr. Cooksey said Mayor I'm sorry to be anti-climactic but I did a little additional research on this thinking it's not so much about the 6,500 number as it is about the alternate part. I just realized that the RNC does a one to one delegate to alternate structure so for every delegate to the RNC there is an alternate. DNC doesn't do that I suspect the 6,500 number if you did verify was probably the certified delegates plus the alternates. Because with 6,000 delegates there were probably about 500 alternates so I feel better about the 6500 number now.

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#### **ITEM NO. 4: ANSWERS TO MAYOR AND COUNCIL CONSENT ITEM QUESTIONS**

**Assistant City Manager, Ruffin Hall** said there was one question that related to two items; Item No. 17 and Item No. 18 in your packet under the consent agenda. Both are sidewalk grant agreement items. One was for Nevin-Gibbon and the other for South Tryon Street. The question was really why the high cost; the explanation is in the nature of the project. These are areas where the sidewalk is going to have to go back in and do a reconstruction project so there are grade issues associated with this, there is right-of-way acquisitions. The South Tryon project there is actually contemplations over a retaining wall. We are going to have to go into people's yards in terms of that acquisition and property and so those additional costs made both of these sidewalk projects more expensive than the average which is one of the reasons why the City applied for grants to help mitigate the cost in order to bring that number down for us in advance. Both of the projects were competitive in the application process and were awarded. The average costs per mile for a sidewalk is about \$1.1 million. Both of these are higher than that, one is about \$1.7 million and the other is the \$2.15. So the explanation is in the grade issues along the people's yards and the right-of-way acquisition.

Councilmember Howard said you guys got a letter from me earlier about the Clean Water Fund and I wanted to see if I could get, by acclamation, an okay for the Mayor to send this letter, kind of just to say, just for what, it's funny that Ruffin just kind of mentioned it, this fund has actually helped us to subsidize projects around the County for some number of years. It's just a letter of support. It's not dealing with our legislative agenda; it's just a letter of support, it's important to be on record with other Cities to say this fund has been good to us in our area. So I would like a head nod if I could just to okay that so we can move forward. Or can I get a motion?

Motion was made by Councilmember Kinsey, seconded by Councilmember Cannon to approve Mayor Foxx sending Councilmember's Howard letter of support for the Clean Water Fund. by acclamation. to the General Assembly.
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Councilmember Cooksey said I will actually vote no and as I explained to Councilmember Howard this topic is either more important than our legislative agenda, deserves to be on the legislative agenda or is less important than our legislative agenda. If it's more important it deserves more conversation than just a head nod here and if it's less important we shouldn't be dealing with it. And if it's important enough to be on the agenda, we should amend the agenda. So I'm not in favor of a random letter on the top of, well it's not random I apologize. I'm not in favor of a letter of support because there are all kinds of things that we could be writing letters of support to the General Assembly about. I'd much rather deal with it as an legislative agenda item.

Councilmember Barnes said I will respond briefly to my friend Mr. Cooksey. You are correct that it could have been a part of the agenda and by the way I just found out about this over the weekend like you I suppose. But this deals with something that is so important for the lives of people who live here that I think it's worth it to do. Anything dealing with air, water, things like that I'm willing to make an exception. I understand what you're saying but because of what it deals with I think it's worth supporting.

Councilmember Dulin said the letter skips around though Mayor. It starts about 1500 projects in state agencies, it goes on to saying we pull our drinking water from the Catawba River, the fund has supported a substantial number of projects to enhance water quality, the result is cleaner water supply and ever increasing levels of population. And the whole back paragraph is how we can use it to build greenways. And the one project the fund has played an important role in is the development of the Little Sugar Creek Greenway, a 15 mile stretch, which meanders through the City of Charlotte and the South Carolina line. It connects Freedom Park and smaller parks, residential parks and Central Piedmont Community College. All county projects, Carolinas Medical Center, mixed used retail dining. We have a little bit of money in the mixed use over there. The center piece of the Greenway in uptown opened in 2012 extended from 7<sup>th</sup> Street to Morehead Street, a county project. This portion of the trail runs through the Plaza, it's an event area, it's fountains and natural areas, well it goes on and I can't support this letter in its support of the County Greenway projects. If we want to have more debate around Council and the dais publicly I would very much be open to that. Mr. Cooksey is correct this is of-note and worthy of being on the agenda. It didn't come up we could possibly amend our Legislative Agenda but this thing has been dropped in our laps and with all good intentions Mr. Howard and I'm not prepared tonight in a hurried up, like Ms. Kinsey says she doesn't like to be rushed, this is very rushed and I'm not prepared to sign it.

Councilmember Cannon said I will just say in the effort of being about regionalism, it probably makes some sense for us not to be totally selfish but to also think about those areas outside that will still connect to us. I do get Mr. Cooksey's point about the process if you will, that's clear. I just think sometimes everything doesn't make it through our process and sometimes some things do fall from the sky and we find that we need to get behind those things. This fund is not reoccurring for this level of support; it's been as high as \$100 some odd million dollars and it is now down to \$11 million dollars. So we really need to find a way to get what we can where we can in the wake of the number of things that are going on by way of cuts across the board so if this will help us in that regard I will certainly raise my hand to it and I hope you guys will too.

Councilmember Kinsey said my understanding is that this could come before the Legislature very quickly so I think that's what prompted sort of a last minute, I didn't see it until today and I got a call about it this morning, and just for our information, I serve on the Little Sugar Creek Greenway Committee and the grants that we get from the Clean Water Fund go into the creek water. And the City does have a lot of money in that project as well as far as infrastructure. But I understand the concerns but I do support this.

Mr. Cooksey said well then Mayor putting money where my mouth is I offer a Substitute Motion.

Substitute Motion was made by Councilmember Cooksey to incorporate the North Carolina League of Municipalities Advocacy goal related to the Clean Water Management Trust Fund as passed last Thursday, into the City of Charlotte's Legislative Agenda.

Mr. Dulin said before I second sir, I was there but I don't remember the wording. You may have the wording in front of you.

Mr. Cooksey said the wording is simply seeking legislation to increase Clean Water Management Trust Fund Appropriations and Restore the Funds' Recurring Appropriations.

Mr. Dulin said that was last Thursday, Mr. Howard, Cooksey, Dulin and Autry participated including a couple of staff members in the North Carolina League of Municipalities all day conference where we came up with 25 agenda items for the league wherein they will advocate for the entire State of North Carolina all municipalities and I'm comfortable with the League working on that for us, it's on their agenda and they will be working on it all day long every day.

Mayor Foxx said is there a second to the motion made by Mr. Cooksey?

Councilmember Dulin seconded the substitute motion made by Mr. Cooksey

A vote was taken on the substitute motion and recorded as follows:

YEAS: Councilmembers Dulin and Cooksey

NAYS: Councilmembers Autry, Barnes, Cannon, Fallon, Howard, Kinsey, Mayfield and Pickering.

A vote was taken on the base motion was recorded as follows:

YEAS: Councilmembers Autry; Barnes; Cannon; Fallon; Howard; Kinsey; Mayfield; Pickering.

NAYS: Councilmembers Dulin and Cooksey

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**The meeting was recessed at 6:38 p.m. to move to the Meeting Chamber for their Business Meeting.**

### **BUSINESS MEETING**

The City reconvened at 6:45 p.m. in the Meeting Chamber of the Charlotte Mecklenburg Government Center with Mayor Anthony Foxx presiding. Councilmembers present were John Autry, Michael Barnes, Warren Cooksey, Andy Dulin, Claire Fallon, David Howard, Patsy Kinsey, LaWana Mayfield, & Beth Pickering.

**ABSENT:** Councilmember James Mitchell

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### **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE**

Mayor Foxx gave the Invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Foxx then explained the Citizen's Forum process

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### **CITIZENS' FORUM**

#### **Carolinas Carousel Thanksgiving Parade**

**Jeff Collins 6501 Morrison Blvd., 28211** said I am current President of the Carolinas Carousel Thanksgiving Day Parade and College Foundation Scholarship. The rest of the board members are here with us tonight. We are a 501(c)3 non-profit organization appealing for support. I'm going to let Linda talk for just a moment she is the Executive Director of the parade.

**Linda Healy Vespa, P. O. Box 34644, 28234** said I'm Executive Director of the Carolinas Carousel Parade and most of you know that last year we celebrated our 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the Scholarship Program celebrated its 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The parade has been the start of the Holiday season in the Charlotte region for many years and last year it was named to US News & World Report's list of America's best Thanksgiving Day parades. So it's got a wonderful legacy but unfortunately our contract with one of our major sponsors ended after the last parade. We are looking for new sponsors but we will need some help in helping the parade continue.

Mr. Collins said I guess our guidance is to be able to continue the parade in 2013 if there are city funds available; if so how to go about looking for those funds or how to go about applying for them. We appreciate the opportunity. We'd like to continue the parade, its legacy from the board members way before I started and the scholarship piece too. We've given scholarships to hundreds of area high school girls who have come back and represented the City well. Again this is our appeal for support so we can carry on the parade in 2013.

Councilmember Dulin said thanks for coming down guys, how much do you need? You're asking for support but we have no idea whether is \$1 or \$100,000 dollars.

Mr. Collins said well the budget for the parade is \$150,000. Anything we would be appreciative of, \$25,000.

Mr. Dulin said what was your major sponsor's exit? What were they paying you last year?

Mr. Collins said \$75,000 usually on a three year contract and so that contract had expired.

Mr. Dulin said so that's \$75 for three years?

Mr. Collins said each year, \$75 each year.

Ms. Vespa said we do have other sponsors that will continue with us but not enough.

Mr. Dulin said you've got a significant nut you need to cover then, I wish you well.

Councilmember Cannon said one of the things you asked the question really about how to go about doing some things, so you probably need to understand the process so Madam Manager you wouldn't mind probably connecting them with someone in the appropriate department to help them in terms of the process and how to go through that process, what that might entail. And then too, go back and look at who is providing you what right now that you currently have on board with you and determine a more solid number that you think you will absolutely need in the way of an "ask". Once you are able to identify what that ask is we can be a little bit more clear about what it is that you need and then make some level of determination about if it's something that we can do or not. Thank you madam manager and thank you Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Foxx said there actually is a process and the staff can definitely work with you to address that. It works through our regular budget process as Mayor Pro Tem has said.

**Assistant City Manager, Julie Burch** said I will have someone from Budget & Evaluation contact you sir.

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### **Proposed Bank of America Funding for Panthers Stadium**

**Mark Frietch, 255 West MLK Jr. Blvd, 28202** said I have lived in the Charlotte area since 1988 and have specifically lived in uptown since 2010. I have watched this City grow. I have watched the banks create a skyline that Charlotteans cannot wait to see on the horizon to let them know that they are almost home. But I have also watched over the past few years, our City has been hit hard by economic times. Businesses have closed; people have been forced to relocate their families and their lives. I have heard from individuals specifically they have been struggling to make ends meet or to even find a job. I come before you this evening as a citizen who is concerned about the recent endorsement by the majority of this board for a 1% meals or prepared food tax increase. While I understand the economic impact that the Carolina Panthers do have on this City and the Region, and thus understand that the move to a closed session was well within the Council's rights. Don't you think it would be a good idea to hear from the citizen's on the issue of what eventually would be money out of their pocket? Furthermore, I would hope that this Council would reevaluate targeting the restaurant industry. The proposed tax increase puts a hard working wait and kitchen staff at a disadvantage. When a consumer can choose not to dine in the city limits, but rather choose not to dine in the City at all. Please consider other options such as potentially lowering the tax burden that the Panthers do pay currently or using Convention Center funds so that the Charlotte businesses remain competitive in this market. After all it's the businesses and the people of Charlotte that are the real gems of the crown of this Queen City.

Councilmember Mayfield said thank you so much Mr. Frietch but I just want to share with you that unfortunately there is some misinformation as far as what was presented in the paper, just for clarification sake what myself and my colleagues agreed upon was for a "next-step" in the process to go have a conversation with the next level. We would approve nothing regarding



funds that citizens helped to contribute without a hearing. But anyone who is in the business community would know there are some parts of that conversation you don't necessarily want to be out front while you are negotiating, but we would not make a commitment and unfortunately I think there's been a major misrepresentation because our closed session information was given to the media but only partial information was given so that gives this impression that it's a done deal and there isn't. But I do want the citizen's to know that we have not made any decisions as far as how we move forward. We are in discussion but there will be a public hearing process. The community will have a chance to have a voice but I do want you to know that nothing has been decided yet and this Council has not made a definite decision one way or the other as to what we are going to do. But we are in negotiations as we should be.

Mr. Frietch said understood and we definitely appreciate that and the openness I think that's where a lot of, you know unfortunately when closed sessions happens this information starts to slip out and you know everybody remembers as a little kid when you have the little pass along things get distorted and things like that. All I ask is that it does become a little bit more open. I do understand I've watched politics for a long period of time.

Ms. Mayfield said and just for clarification sake; I would have to ask you a question in order for you to finish the comment, based on our process. Mr. Mayor if you would indulge me just a little bit more. Just because I want to make sure that there is clarity and that you and the community really understand that unfortunately we have a process that includes a closed session but unfortunately our process is not always followed and therefore misinformation gets out; accountability, other things go along with that. Mr. Frietch if you had two seconds to finish your comment what would you tell us?

Mr. Frietch said I just appreciate the time that you all allowed us to speak and like I said as we have seen before when misinformation gets out there it does more harm than good; however given the fact of what happened, it's just something we would like to see a little bit more openness around. I mean when the misinformation did come out it would have been a good opportunity to clear it up at that point.

Mayor Foxx said good points, thank you so much I appreciate it and thanks for coming down.

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### **DNC Security Spending**

**Michael Zytow, 9216 Willow Glen Trail, 28215** said so when I signed up to speak today I was believe it or not, partially hoping I wouldn't actually have to come down here to speak. What I mean by that is that at 5:00 today at the dinner meeting the topic of conversation was the DNC security funds. Many viewers in the audience and perhaps the public at home watching on television were not privy to that information but the essential idea was that Deputy Police Chief, outgoing Deputy Police Chief, Harold Medlock, discussed how the security grant was spent. Unfortunately I don't think it was to the type of detail that the public would want. To give some background to the public; Tampa Bay and Charlotte both received \$50 million dollars security grants. This is public money that was supposed to go towards purchasing police equipment and paying salaries for both the Democratic National Convention and the Republic National Convention. Other hosts cities have always disclosed the purchases and have made the votes public but Charlotte unfortunately broke tradition and not only refused to disclose these purchases but did not allow the public to participate in that process. I think we have the right to know what type of equipment we are getting here in Charlotte, especially if this could be surveillance cameras, armored vehicles, less lethal guns. I say less lethal guns instead of non-lethal guns because maybe many of you will remember two years ago, a non-lethal Taser was used on an individual who ended up dying, so let's be clear that a less-lethal weapon has the potential of still, death. This decision was made two years ago, the day the City Council and all of us found out that Charlotte would host the convention; the City Council went into closed session without public input and unanimously gave the authority to the City Manager, an unelected official, power to approve DNC contracts with no oversight from the Council or public.

I'm bothered by quotes that I read as far as councilmembers saying "I definitely don't remember that vote," but it doesn't bother me. North Carolina public records law states that City purchases are public record. These originally were hidden for security purposes. I asked if after five months, what security purpose do we have in keeping this information from the public? During the process when the DNC was coming here, we had DNC fever where a lot of news agency asked this body for information and received redacted emails; emails that when un-redacted revealed for example, the color of paint that we were going to choose for our police headquarters, not exactly detailed security information. The meeting we had upstairs, as far as I can tell we only got to hear about bike helmets and uniforms. I would like to know about the cameras, license plate readers that we know we've purchased. The fact that the CMPD has recently already stated that they plan to increase surveillance in the community; the public-private integration of the cameras and unfortunately, not a single member of this body asked the question. Again surely security is not still an issue. I would like to say I'm wrapping up time maybe I can get a few more seconds to finish my thought but we seem to have priorities for public funds for ethically challenged Chiquita.

Councilmember Autry said I have a question for the City Manager. I believe I asked you during the dinner meeting about the prospects of an inventory of where that money was spent at some point?

**Assistant City Manager, Julie Burch** said I don't have the details tonight Councilmember Autry but we could certainly ask the Police Department to provide whatever information they can regarding that request.

Mr. Autry said but because it was Federal money, there will have to be an accounting for that at the fed level?

Ms. Burch said yes that's correct.

Mayor Foxx said so are you saying that there will be an inventory that will be made available?

Ms. Burch said again I will need to ask the Police Department in terms of the information that they have and that we can make available. I don't know the details of that this evening but I will be happy to check into that.

Mayor Foxx said okay I think it would be appropriate if such a list can be developed, an inventory can be developed to share it with Mr. Zytchow based on his request.

Ms. Burch said yes sir.

Mr. Zytchow said in fairness I was hoping for just 10 more seconds to finish my thoughts in light of the fact that the previous speaker was given an opportunity.

Councilmember Barnes said Mr. Zytchow if you had 10 more seconds sir what else would you like to tell us?

Mr. Zytchow said okay we seem to have money for ethically challenged Chiquita, defense contracts or United Technologies, money for BB&T stadium, money for Bank of America stadium, but we don't seem to have enough money or excuse me, the priority to disclose these funds and I'm going to quote really quick something that has never been quoted before on City Council and that's from Jerry Maguire, I think it's time for you to "show me the money."

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#### **ITEM NO. 5: CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

Mayor Foxx said before we go to the Consent items I need to ask for a recusal of Item No. 26.

Motion was made by Councilmember Howard, seconded by Councilmember Barnes and carried unanimously to recuse Mayor Foxx from Item No. 26: Transit Bus Engine Coolant.
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Mayor Pro Tem Cannon presides.

Motion was made by Councilmember Barnes, seconded by Councilmember Kinsey and carried unanimously to approve Consent agenda items 14 through 33 as presented.

The following items were approved:

**Item No. 14: Fire Department Equipment Donation**

(A) A resolution approving the donation of a John Deere Gator and Trailer to the CoulOak Little League, a nonprofit organization, and (B) A resolution approving the donation of a smokehouse to the Harrisburg Fire Department.

The Resolutions are recorded in full in Resolution Book 44 at Page(s) 132 and 133 respectively.

**Item No. 15: Fire Department Records Management System**

Approve a five-year term contract with FDM Software, Ltd to provide maintenance and support for the records management system, in an amount up to \$325,000.

**Item No. 16: Romare Bearden Park Trellis Structure**

Approve Mecklenburg County Code Enforcement's permit, in accordance with North Carolina General Statute 160A-436, for the construction of a wooden trellis structure within Romare Bearden Park.

**Item No. 17: Nevin-Gibbon Sidewalk Grant Agreement**

(A) A resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a Municipal Agreement with the North Carolina Department of Transportation to construct a sidewalk, (B) Authorize the City to accept the grant, and (C) Budget Ordinance No. 5033X appropriating \$994,000 of State grant funding.

The Resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 44 at Page (s) 134.

The Ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 58 at Page(s) 55.

**Item No. 18: South Tryon Street Sidewalk Grant Agreement**

(A) A resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a Municipal Agreement with the North Carolina Department of Transportation to construct a sidewalk, (B) Authorize the City to accept the grant, and (C) Budget Ordinance No. 5034-X appropriating \$1,075,000 of State grant funding.

The Resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 44 at Page (s) 135.

The Ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 58 at Page(s) 56.

**Item No. 19: Pedestrian Push Buttons**

(A) Approve the purchase of Polara pedestrian push buttons as authorized by the sole source purchasing exception of G.S. 143-129(e)(6), and (B) Approve a two-year, unit price contract with Temple, Inc. for the purchase of Polara pedestrian push buttons and associated parts.

**Item No. 20. Private Developer Funds for Traffic Signal Improvements**

Budget Ordinance No. 5035-X appropriating \$76,637 in Private Developer Funds for traffic signal improvements.

The Ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 58 at Page(s) 57.

**Item No. 21: Electrical Supplies**

Approve a low-bid, unit price contract with City Electric Supply, for the purchase of electrical supplies for a three-year term. City Electric Supply was the only bid received.

**Item No. 22: Airport Janitorial Services Contract Amendment #2**

Approve contract amendment #2 with Sunshine Cleaning Systems, Inc. for Airport janitorial services, exercising the first one-year contract extension.

**Item No. 23: Airport Concourse Electrical Upgrades**

(A) Contract to the lowest bidder of \$3,082,000 with The Bowers Group, LLC for the installation of cabling along Concourses B and C, (B) low bid contract to the lowest bidder of \$364,000 with EDI Electric for the purchase of switch gear panels, and (C) Budget Ordinance No. 5036-X appropriating \$3,446,000 from the Airport Discretionary Fund to the Aviation Capital Investment Plan Fund.

**Summary of Bids – Action A**

The Bowers Group, LLC	\$3,082,000
Camps Construction	\$3,433,000
Brooks Berry Haynie	\$3,590,042

**Summary of Bids – Action B**

Graybar Electric Company	\$268,950 (bid was rejected to no bid bond)
EDI Electrical	\$364,000
Brooks Berry Haynie	\$370,000
Besco Electric	\$401,650
Star Electric CO, Inc.	\$431,445

The Ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 58 at Page(s) 58.

**Item No. 24: Airport Operations Control Room Upfit**

Contract to the lowest bidder of \$159,800 to The Bowers Group, LLC for the upfit of the Airport Operations Control Room.

**Summary of Bids**

The Bowers Group, LLC	\$159,800
Kelby Construction	\$173,000
Myers-Chapman Construction	\$178,200
Camps Construction	\$199,400

**Item No. 25: Airport Electrical Infrastructure**

(A) Authorize an agreement with Duke Energy in the amount of \$268,175.15 to construct a temporary overhead distribution line needed to provide additional power to the Airport Terminal, and (B) Authorize an agreement with Duke Energy in the amount of \$620,345.51 to convert overhead electric lines to underground lines on Wilkinson Boulevard for the Airport Entrance Road project.

**Item No. 26: Transit Bus Engine Coolant**

(A) Award a low-bid, unit price contract with Cummins Atlantic for the purchase of bus engine coolant for a one-year term, and (B) Authorize the City Manager to approve up to two, one-year renewals with possible price adjustments as stipulated in the contract.

**Summary of Bids**

Brewer Hendley Oil Company	\$ 36,078.00
Cummins Atlantic	\$ 35,070.00
Hagan Kennington Oil	\$ 39,900.00
Nisbet Oil Company	\$ 35,700.00
Northeast Lubricants Ltd.	\$ 35,364.00
Pugh Lubricants	\$ 39,816.00
Sampson Bladen Oil	\$ 52,290.00

**Item No. 27: North Davidson Street Fuel, Fare and Wash Facility Contract Amendment**

Approve a contract amendment with Gannett Fleming, in an amount up to \$160,000, for architectural and engineering design services.

**Item No. 28: Transit Vending Machine Roll Stock**

(A) Approve a unit price contract with Electronic Data Magnetics, Inc. (EDM) for a three-year term, to print magnetic transit passes, transfers and ticket vending machine roll stock, and (B) Authorize the City Manager to renew the contract for two, additional one-year terms.

**Item No. 29: Donation of Surplus Computers and Related Equipment to Goodwill**

A resolution approving the donation of surplus computers and related equipment to Goodwill Industries of the Southern Piedmont.

The Resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 44 at Page (s) 136-137.

**Item No. 30: Blue Line Extension Project Property Transactions**

(A) Accept the transfer of the following properties from Mecklenburg County in accordance with the Governmental Real Estate Transfer Ledger System Agreement, for a total of \$860,225. 1) A portion of Tax Parcel 08004101 (0.1276 acres in fee) and associated Temporary Construction Easement (0.075 acres) located at 624 North College Street at the appraised value of \$317,000; 2) A portion of Tax Parcel 04933601A (0.2621 acres in fee) and associated Temporary Construction Easement, Permanent Easement and site improvements (0.2029 acres) located at 8446 North Tryon Street for an appraised value of \$105,725; 3) All of Tax Parcel 04924105 (1.18 acres in fee), located at 7738 North Tryon Street for an appraised value of \$437,500, and (B) A resolution authorizing the transfer of a portion of the property, Tax Parcel 04924105 located at 7738 North Tryon Street to Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC subject to the terms and conditions pursuant to section 8.22 of the City Charter.

The Resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 44 at Page (s) 138-139.

**Item No. 31: Property and Business Privilege License Taxes**

(A) A resolution authorizing the refund of property taxes assessed through clerical or assessor error in the amount of \$352.64, and (B) A resolution authorizing the refund of business privilege license payments made in the amount of \$593.04.

The Resolutions are recorded in full in Resolution Book 44 at Page (s) 140-141 and 142-143 respectively.

**Item No. 32: Property Transactions**

**A. 4124 Welling Avenue**

Acquisition of 11,305 sq. ft. (.26 ac.) in Fee Simple (TOTAL TAKE) at 4124 Welling Avenue from Alfred Dean Bennett, Sr. for \$61,600 for Blenheim Storm Drainage Improvement Project, Parcel # 3.

**B. 4109 Blenheim Road**

Acquisition of 11,233 sq. ft. (.258 ac.) in Fee Simple (TOTAL TAKE) at 4109 Blenheim Road from Isiah Winchester and Wife, Virginia M. Winchester for \$68,090 for Blenheim Storm Drainage Improvement Project, Parcel # 5.

**C. 4129 Blenheim Road**

Acquisition of 9,696 sq. ft. (.223 ac.) in Fee Simple (TOTAL TAKE) at 4129 Blenheim Road from Ruth W. Reavis for \$61,900 for Blenheim Storm Drainage Improvement Project, Parcel # 10.

**D. 4133 Blenheim Road**

Acquisition of 9,389 sq. ft. (.216 ac.) in Fee Simple (TOTAL TAKE) at 4133 Blenheim Road from Andrew Bellamy for \$55,500 for Blenheim Storm Drainage Improvement Project, Parcel # 11.

**E. 4139 Blenheim Road**

Acquisition of 9,824 sq. ft. (.226 ac.) in Fee Simple (TOTAL TAKE) at 4139 Blenheim Road from Andrew Bellamy for \$52,000 for Blenheim Storm Drainage Improvement Project, Parcel # 12.

**F. 500 Garfield Street**

Acquisition of 8,774 sq. ft. (.201 ac.) in Fee Simple (TOTAL TAKE) at 500 Garfield Street from Jerryl A. Culp for \$57,750 for Blenheim Storm Drainage Improvement Project, Parcel # 18.

**G. 300 East 36th Street**

Acquisition of 7,944 sq. ft. (.182 ac.) in Fee Simple, plus 2,796 sq. ft. (.064 ac.) in Temporary Construction Easement, plus 4,902 sq. ft. (.113 ac.) in Utility Easement at 300 East 36th Street from Parrish Tire Company for \$24,125 for Blue Line Extension, Parcel # 1259.

**H. 7908 North Tryon Street**

Acquisition of 3,050 sq. ft. (.07 ac.) in Fee Simple, plus 1,908 sq. ft. (.044 ac.) in Temporary Construction Easement at 7908 North Tryon Street from University Partners, LLC for \$140,750 for Blue Line Extension, Parcel # 3137.

**I. North Tryon Street**

Acquisition of 3,508 sq. ft. (.081 ac.) in Fee Simple, plus 368 sq. ft. (.008 ac.) in Storm Drainage Easement, plus 300 sq. ft. (.007 ac.) in Access Easement and Utility Easement, plus 2,397 sq. ft. (.055 ac.) in Temporary Construction Easement, plus 1,956 sq. ft. (.045 ac.) in Utility Easement, plus 189 sq. ft. (.004 ac.) in Storm Drainage Easement and Utility Easement, plus 39 sq. ft. (.001 ac.) in Access Easement, Utility Easement and Storm Drainage Easement at North Tryon Street from University Partners, LLC for \$ \$276,125 for Blue Line Extension, Parcel # 3139 and 3141.

**J. 7928 N Tryon Street**

Acquisition of 1,817 sq. ft. (.042 ac.) in Fee Simple, plus 289 sq. ft. (.007 ac.) in Access Easement and Utility Easement, plus 871 sq. ft. (.02 ac.) in Temporary Construction Easement, plus 1,658 sq. ft. (.038 ac.) in Utility Easement at 7928 N Tryon Street from Bharat V. Patel and Wife, Lina B. Patel; Dushyant R. Patel and Wife, Latika D. Patel for \$192,525 for Blue Line Extension, Parcel # 3143.

**K. 9528 North Tryon Street**

Acquisition of 6,175 sq. ft. (.142 ac.) in Temporary Construction Easement at 9528 North Tryon Street from Bryan C. Hight and Lori Hight for \$13,700 for Blue Line Extension, Parcel # 3242.

**L. 1510 Twiford Place**

Acquisition of 1,803 sq. ft. (.041 ac.) in Storm Drainage Easement, plus 121 sq. ft. (.003 ac.) in Temporary Construction Easement at 1510 Twiford Place from Scott L. Swimmer and Wife, Carola Z. Swimmer for \$48,500 for Cherokee/Scotland Storm Drainage Improvement Project, Parcel # 15.

**M. 7313 Neal Road**

Acquisition of 44,038 sq. ft. (1.011 ac.) in Fee Simple, plus 15,390 sq. ft. (.353 ac.) in Storm Drainage Easement, plus 39,075 sq. ft. (.897 ac.) in Slope Easement, plus 9,030 sq. ft. (.207 ac.) in Temporary Construction Easement at 7313 Neal Road from Gurmukh S. Walha for \$26,000 for City Boulevard Extension- Phase III, Parcel # 18.

**N. 6312 Rumple Road**

Acquisition of 2,466 6312 Rumple Road sq. ft. (.057 ac.) in Fee Simple, plus 2,234 sq. ft. (.051 ac.) in Temporary Construction Easement, plus 44 sq. ft. (.001 ac.) in Utility Easement at 6312 Rumple Road from Cheryl Lukevics Long and John Karlis Lukevics for \$35,000 for City Boulevard Extension- Phase III, Parcel # 30.

**O. 865 Linda Lane**

Acquisition of 3,434 sq. ft. (.079 ac.) in Storm Drainage Easement, plus 1,113 sq. ft. (.026 ac.) in Temporary Construction Easement at 865 Linda Lane from N. Ronnie Melton and Wife, Marianna E. Melton for \$23,075 for Gaynor Storm Drainage Improvement Project, Parcel # 13.

**P. f 800 Queen Charlottes Court**

Acquisition of 2,220 sq. ft. (.051 ac.) in Temporary Construction Easement at 800 Queen Charlottes Court from Jacob A. Darling and Wife, Rebecca Darling for \$34,000 for Gaynor Storm Drainage Improvement Project, Parcel # 17.

**Q. 4819 Gaynor Road**

Acquisition of 3,142 sq. ft. (.072 ac.) in Storm Drainage Easement, plus 2,274 sq. ft. (.052 ac.) in Temporary Construction Easement at 4819 Gaynor Road from Todd E. Strawser and Wife, Amy B. Strawser for \$47,950 for Gaynor Storm Drainage Improvement Project, Parcel # 33.

**R. 200 North Sharon Amity Road**

Acquisition of 5,034 sq. ft. (.116 ac.) in Storm Drainage Easement, plus 5,240 sq. ft. (.12 ac.) in Temporary Construction Easement at 200 North Sharon Amity Road from TMV Partners On Sharon Amity Road, LLC for \$108,875 for Gaynor Storm Drainage Improvement Project, Parcel # 69.

**S. 120 North Sharon Amity Road**

Acquisition of 1,677 sq. ft. (.038 ac.) in Storm Drainage Easement, plus 1,421 sq. ft. (.033 ac.) in Temporary Construction Easement at 120 North Sharon Amity Road from Angelo Politis for \$36,700 for Gaynor Storm Drainage Improvement Project, Parcel # 70.

**T. 4012 Park Road**

Acquisition of 66 sq. ft. (.002 ac.) in Storm Drainage Easement, plus 2,858 sq. ft. (.066 ac.) in Sidewalk and Utility Easement, plus 1,359 sq. ft. (.031 ac.) in Temporary Construction Easement at 4012 Park Road from Giant Genie Corporation, A North Carolina Corporation for \$57,575 for Park Road Pedestrian Crossing Sidewalk, Parcel # 6.

**U. 4101 Bryan Furr Drive**

Resolution of Condemnation of 989 sq. ft. (.023 ac.) in Fee Simple, plus 892 sq. ft. (.02 ac.) in Temporary Construction Easement at 4101 Bryan Furr Drive from William R. Coaxum and Wife, Vivian Coaxum And Any Other Parties Of Interest for \$2,875 for Beatties Ford Road Widening Phase 3, Parcel # 13.

The Resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 44 at Page (s) 144.

**V. 4800 Beatties Ford Road**

Resolution of Condemnation of 112 sq. ft. (.003 ac.) in Fee Simple, plus 13,016 sq. ft. (.299 ac.) in Fee Simple within Existing Right-of-Way, plus 113 sq. ft. (.003 ac.) in Storm Drainage Easement, plus 3,890 sq. ft. (.089 ac.) in Temporary Construction Easement, plus 26 sq. ft. (.001 ac.) in Utility Easement at 4800 Beatties Ford Road from Leroy L. Wray and Wife, Betty C. Wray And Any Other Parties Of Interest for \$1,225 for Beatties Ford Road Widening Phase 3, Parcel # 42.

The Resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 44 at Page (s) 145.

**W. 8016 North Tryon Street**

Resolution of Condemnation of 2,687 sq. ft. (.062 ac.) in Fee Simple, plus 640 sq. ft. (.015 ac.) in Access Easement and Utility Easement, plus 1,469 sq. ft. (.034 ac.) in Temporary Construction Easement, plus 5,089 sq. ft. (.117 ac.) in Utility Easement, plus 26 sq. ft. (.001 ac.) in Storm Drainage Easement and Utility Easement at 8016 North Tryon Street from South Central Oil Co., Inc. And Any Other Parties Of Interest for \$251,467 for Blue Line Extension, Parcel # 3145.

The Resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 44 at Page (s) 146.

**X. 8001 North Tryon Street**

Resolution of Condemnation of 2,672 sq. ft. (.061 ac.) in Fee Simple, plus 323 sq. ft. (.007 ac.) in Access Easement and Utility Easement, plus 4,809 sq. ft. (.11 ac.) in Temporary Construction Easement, plus 194 sq. ft. (.004 ac.) in Utility Easement at 8001 North Tryon Street from 8001 North Tryon, LLC And Any Other Parties Of Interest for \$120,475 for Blue Line Extension, Parcel # 3149.

The Resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 44 at Page (s) 147.

**Y. 8116 North Tryon Street and 117 Hampton Church Road**

Resolution of Condemnation of 7,124 sq. ft. (.164 ac.) in Fee Simple, plus 5,204 sq. ft. (.119 ac.) in Temporary Construction Easement at 8116 North Tryon Street and 117 Hampton Church Road from New Hampton Presbyterian Church And Any Other Parties Of Interest for \$61,900 for Blue Line Extension, Parcel # 3159 and 3160.

The Resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 44 at Page (s) 148.

**Z. 118 East McCullough Drive**

Resolution of Condemnation of 9,577 sq. ft. (.22 ac.) in Fee Simple, plus 352 sq. ft. (.008 ac.) in Sidewalk and Utility Easement, plus 502 sq. ft. (.012 ac.) in Access Easement and Utility Easement, plus 4,655 sq. ft. (.107 ac.) in Temporary Construction Easement, plus 4,056 sq. ft. (.093 ac.) in Utility Easement at 118 East McCullough Drive from Tryon, LLC And Any Other Parties Of Interest for \$243,817 for Blue Line Extension, Parcel # 3163.

The Resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 44 at Page (s) 149.

**AA. 4527 Gaynor Road**

Resolution of Condemnation of 7,517 sq. ft. (.173 ac.) in Storm Drainage Easement, plus 1,257 sq. ft. (.029 ac.) in Temporary Construction Easement at 4527 Gaynor Road from Gaynor Arms Association, Ltd. And Any Other Parties Of Interest for \$52,275 for Gaynor Storm Drainage Improvement Project, Parcel # 68.

The Resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 44 at Page (s) 150.

**AD. 8223 Idlewild Road**

Resolution of Condemnation of 7,722 sq. ft. (.177 ac.) in Fee Simple, plus 146 sq. ft. (.003 ac.) in Water Main Easement, plus 5,403 sq. ft. (.124 ac.) in Temporary Construction Easement at 8223 Idlewild Road from Patricia D. Dowdy And Any Other Parties Of Interest for \$15,500 for Idlewild Road Roadway Improvement Project, Parcel # 4.

The Resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 44 at Page (s) 151.

**AE. 935 Little Rock Road**

Resolution of Condemnation of 9,484 sq. ft. (.218 ac.) in Fee Simple, plus 908 sq. ft. (.021 ac.) in Storm Drainage Easement, plus 166 sq. ft. (.004 ac.) in Sidewalk and Utility Easement, plus 1,449 sq. ft. (.033 ac.) in Slope Easement, plus 7,572 sq. ft. (.174 ac.) in Temporary Construction Easement, plus 166 sq. ft. (.004 ac.) in Utility Easement at 935 Little Rock Road from Virgilio J. Mayorga and Martha P. Mayorga And Any Other Parties Of Interest for \$13,975 for Little Rock Road Realignment, Parcel # 534.

The Resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 44 at Page (s) 152.

**Item No. 33: Meeting Minutes**

Approve the titles, motions, and votes reflected in the Clerk's record as the minutes of; September 24, 2012 Combined Business and Zoning Meeting; September 27, 2012 Special Budget Meeting, and October 30, 2012 Special Budget Meeting.

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**ITEM NO. 6: PUBLIC HEARING ON EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES FINANCING.**

The scheduled public hearing was held on the subject matter.

<p>Motion was made by Councilmember Barnes, seconded by Councilmember Howard to approve (A) Conduct a public hearing on an installment financing contract to finance the City's acquisition of certain equipment and capital projects, and (B) A resolution that makes certain findings for the proposed financing and calls for the execution and delivery of various documents necessary to complete the sale.</p>
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Councilmember Kinsey said in the write-up it says that this would finance equipment including fleet vehicles, and certain projects, including police and fire facilities. When I go to the back-up material I see nothing but vehicles. I would just like to know what the facilities are, if there are any.



Councilmember Cooksey said we've got facilities, 911 Communications Center - \$6 million; Fire Investigation's Building - \$1.9 million; Eastway Police Station - \$4.2; Steele Creek Police Station - \$4.2; Sweden Road - \$1.92 million; Louise Avenue Equipment Maintenance Facility - \$500,000 for a total of \$18.72 million.

Ms. Kinsey said I didn't see that in my backup material.

Mr. Cooksey said it's at the top of page 8 of the attachment.

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

The Resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 44 at Page (s) 123-129.

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#### **ITEM NO. 7: CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

**Intrim City Manager Julie Burch** said no report tonight Mayor and Council, however I do want to take just a minute to recognize and thank the many city employees who were involved in the ice and cold weather conditions of last Thursday night, Friday and early Saturday morning. There were a number of folks that were involved in treating the streets to get ready for the storm to monitor weather conditions; keep bus and rail running; respond to public safety and utility emergencies and traffic accidents; keep current on garbage collection routes and also to inform the public. I just want to thank all of them, in particularly the employees of the Charlotte Department of Transportation, CATS, Police, Fire, Utilities, Solid Waste and Corporate Communications. All of those departments in particularly I just want to thank them for their work in keeping the community safe.

Mayor Foxx said okay that was a great report and I think we can all say with assurance we appreciate the work of our road crews and everyone involved in helping to make sure things were safe. You never are fully prepared as citizens for these types of events but it's great when the roads are as clear as possible and things get cleaned up pretty quickly which is exactly what happened so thank you.

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#### **ITEM NO. 8: REGIONAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT PROJECT**

Motion was made by Councilmember Howard, seconded by Councilmember Kinsey and carried unanimously to (A) Approve the Economic Development Committee's recommendation to purchase 181.25 acres of land and nutrient allocation from ReVenture Park Investments I, LLC and Clariant Corporation for a price of \$12,695,432, (B) Approve the Economic Development Committee's recommendation to authorize a Memorandum of Agreement with City of Mount Holly, and (C) Approve the Economic Development Committee's recommendation to authorize a Nutrient Allocation Purchase Agreement with City of Mount Holly.

Councilmember Howard said could we get Barry Gullet if we could to come down. This was presented in the ED Committee. And there was some explanation about the nutrients that were purchased and I mentioned I wanted that on the record. Julie would you mind if Mr. Gullet came forward and explained the two things that were purchased and the actual physical property and then the purchase of the nutrient allocation.

**Utilities Manager, Barry Gullet** said this action item includes three things. The purchase that you're talking about is for the land to build a future waste water treatment plant; the second purchase that we're making is for the nutrient allocation in other words the number of pounds of nitrogen and phosphorus that the Clariant Industrial Waste Water Treatment Plant was authorized by the State to discharge into the water body. So we are purchasing those things and then the other parts of this item are a Memorandum of Agreement with the City of Mt. Holly to

purchase that same nutrient allocation from us in the event that the proposed waste water treatment plant, in the future, can't be built.

Mr. Howard said I just it to go on record, my friends that went to Raleigh last week with the league meeting will remember that one of the issues that came up was actually putting a standard value on these nutrients so it's just one of those things that is unknown. We are doing our best to make sure that we're paying market value for them. I just wanted to make sure that was in the record in case something comes up later about it.

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

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**ITEM NO. 9: BROOKLYN VILLAGE CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

Motion was made by Councilmember Howard, seconded by Councilmember Kinsey and carried unanimously to adopt resolution ratifying amendments to (A) the 2007 Brooklyn Village/Knights Baseball Stadium Interlocal Agreement and (B) the Brooklyn Village Affordable Housing Agreement and Declaration of Restrictive Covenants to preserve the affordable housing requirements agreed to in 2007 by the City, Mecklenburg County, the Developer and Charlotte Housing Authority.

The Resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 44 at Page (s) 130.

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**ITEM NO. 10: CONCLUSION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS.**

There were no consent agenda items to be concluded.

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**ITEM NO. 11: APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

**A. Bicycle Advisory Committee:**

The following nominees were considered for one appointment for an unexpired term beginning immediately and ending December 31, 2013:

- Matt Fowler by Councilmembers Dulin and Mayfield
- Terry Lansdell by Councilmember Kinsey
- Keith Sorensen by Councilmembers Autry, Cannon, Howard, Mitchell, and Pickering
- Michael van Zytchow by Councilmembers Cooksey
- Martin Zimmerman by Councilmembers Barnes, Fallon and Howard

The results of the first ballot were recorded as follows:

- Matt Fowler, 1 vote – Councilmember Dulin
- Terry Lansdell, 1 vote – Councilmember Kinsey
- Keith Sorensen, 3 votes - Councilmembers Autry, Cannon and Pickering.
- Michael van Zytchow, 2 votes – Councilmembers Cooksey and Mayfield.
- Martin Zimmerman, 3 votes - Councilmembers Barnes, Fallon and Howard.

Since no nominee received 6 votes a second ballot was done between Keith Sorensen and Martin Zimmerman and recorded as follows:

- Keith Sorensen, 4 votes – Councilmembers Autry, Cannon, Mayfield and Pickering.
- Martin Zimmerman, 6 votes – Councilmembers Barnes, Cooksey, Dulin, Fallon, Howard, and Kinsey.

Mr. Zimmerman was appointed.

**B. Business Advisory Committee**

The following nominees were considered for one appointment for an unexpired term beginning immediately and ending April 28, 2014: Applicants are required to be employed in the industry sectors of energy, financial services, healthcare, manufacturing, technology or transportation logistics.

Mary Boyd was nominated by Councilmembers Barnes, Cannon, Fallon, and Pickering

Robert Cox was nominated by Councilmembers Dulin and Mitchell

Andrew Golomb was nominated by Councilmember Kinsey

Nathaniel Lewis was nominated by Councilmember Cooksey

Stephen Rosenburgh was nominated by Councilmember Howard

Gregory Wiley by Councilmembers Autry and Mayfield

The results of the first ballot were recorded as follows:

Mary Boyd, 2 votes – Councilmembers Cannon and Pickering

Andrew Golomb, 1 vote – Councilmember Kinsey

Nathaniel Lewis, 1 vote – Councilmember Cooksey

Stephen Rosenburgh 6 votes – Councilmembers Autry, Barnes, Dulin, Fallon, Howard and Mayfield.

Stephen Rosenburgh was appointed.

**C. Keep Charlotte Beautiful**

The following nominees were considered for one two appointments for unexpired terms beginning immediately with one ending June 30, 2013 and one ending June 30, 2015.

Larissa DiMaria was nominated by Councilmembers Autry, Kinsey and Mayfield

Joseph Franco was nominated by Councilmember Cannon

Kelley Hyland was nominated by Councilmembers Barnes, Cooksey, Dulin, Fallon, Kinsey, and Pickering

Charles Jewett was nominated by Councilmembers Dulin, Fallon, and Pickering

Stephen Marcus was nominated by Councilmember Cooksey

Eric Netter was nominated by Councilmember Mitchell

Robert Rapp was nominated by Councilmembers Autry and Mayfield

James Rhodes was nominated by Councilmembers Cooksey, Kinsey, and Mitchell

The results of the first ballot were recorded as follows:

Larissa DiMaria 2 votes – Councilmembers Autry and Kinsey

Joseph Franco, 1 vote – Councilmember Cannon

Kelley Hyland, 8 votes – Councilmembers Barnes, Cooksey, Dulin, Fallon, Howard, Kinsey, Mayfield and Pickering.

Charles Jewett, 2 votes – Councilmembers Dulin and Pickering

Stephen Marcus, 2 votes – Councilmembers Cooksey and Fallon

Kelley Hyland was appointed for the first unexpired term.

Since none of the other nominees received 6 votes a second ballot was taken between Larissa DiMaria, Charles Jewett and Stephen Marcus and recorded as follows for the second unexpired term:

Larissa DiMaria, 4 votes – Councilmembers Autry, Cannon, Howard and Kinsey

Charles Jewett, 3 votes – Councilmembers Barnes, Dulin and Pickering.

Stephen Marcus, 2 votes – Councilmembers Cooksey, and Fallon

Since none of the nominees received 6 votes a third ballot was taken and recorded as follows:

Larissa DiMaria, 5 votes – Councilmembers Autry, Cannon, Howard, Kinsey and Mayfield  
Charles Jewett, 5 votes – Councilmembers Barnes, Cooksey, Dulin, Fallon and Pickering

Since neither received six votes, the appointments were carried over to the next business meeting.

**D. Neighborhood Matching Grants Fund Review**

The following nominees were considered for one appointment for an unexpired term for a representative of a non-profit organization beginning immediately and ending April 15, 2014.

Kellie Anderson, nominated by Councilmembers Barnes, Howard, Mayfield, and Mitchell  
Ezekiel Burns was nominated by Councilmembers Autry, Fallon and Pickering  
Michael Ranken was nominated by Councilmembers Cooksey and Kinsey

The results of the first ballot were recorded as follows:

Kellie Anderson, 3 votes - Councilmembers Autry, Barnes and Dulin  
Ezekiel Burns, 3 votes – Councilmembers Howard, Mayfield and Pickering  
Michael Ranken, 3 votes – Councilmembers Cooksey, Fallon and Kinsey

Since none of the nominees received 6 votes a second ballot was taken and recorded as follows:

Kellie Anderson, 3 votes – Councilmembers Dulin, Howard and Mayfield  
Ezekiel Burns, 2 votes – Councilmembers Fallon and Pickering  
Michael Ranken, 4 votes – Councilmembers Cannon, Cooksey, Dulin and Kinsey.

A third ballot was taken between Kellie Anderson and Michael Ranken and recorded as follows:

Kellie Anderson, 7 votes – Councilmembers Autry, Barnes, Cannon, Fallon, Howard Mayfield and Pickering.

Ms. Anderson was appointed.

**Item No. 11-E. Privatization/Competition Advisory Committee**

The following nominees were considered for three appointments for a two-year term beginning March 2, 2013 and ending March 1, 2015.

Jaye Alexander, nominated by Councilmembers Autry, Barnes, Dulin, Fallon, and Mayfield  
Antonio Briceno, nominated by Councilmembers Autry, Cooksey, Mitchell, and Pickering  
Robert Diamond, nominated by Councilmembers Cooksey, Dulin, Fallon, Kinsey, Mayfield, and Pickering  
D. Franklin Freeman, nominated by Councilmember Autry  
Frederick Hammermann, nominated by Councilmembers Barnes, Cooksey, and Fallon  
Michael Ranken, nominated by Councilmembers Barnes, Kinsey, and Mitchell  
Eric Seckinger, nominated by Councilmembers Cooksey, Dulin, and Kinsey  
Cardiff Shea, nominated by Councilmembers Dulin, Howard, and Mitchell  
Alexander Vuchnich, nominated by Councilmembers Cooksey, Dulin, Mayfield, and Pickering

The results of the first ballot were recorded as follows:

Jaye Alexander, 3 votes – Councilmembers Barnes, Dulin and Pickering  
Anntonio Briceno, 3 votes – Councilmembers Cooksey, Fallon and Pickering  
Robert Diamond, 8 votes – Councilmembers Autry, Cooksey, Dulin, Fallon, Howard, Kinsey, Mayfield and Pickering .  
Frederick Hammermann, 1 vote – Councilmember Barnes  
Michael Ranken, 2 votes – Councilmembers Barnes and Kinsey  
Eric Seckinger, 1 vote – Councilmember Kinsey  
Alexander Vuchnich, 5 votes – Councilmembers Cannon, Cooksey, Dulin, Fallon and Pickering.

Robert Diamond was appointed.

A second ballot was taken for the remaining two appointments between Jaye Alexander, Antonio Briceno and Alexander Vuchnich and recorded as follows:

Jay Alexander, 7 votes - Councilmembers Autry, Barnes, Cannon, Dulin, Howard, Kinsey, and Mayfield.

Antonio Briceno, 7 votes by Councilmembers Barnes, Cooksey, Dulin, Fallon, Hoard, Kinsey and Pickering

Mr. Alexander and Mr. Briceno were both appointed.

#### **F. Zoning Board of Adjustment**

The following nominees were considered for one appointment for a three-year term beginning January 31, 2013 and ending January 30, 2016.

Mark Loflin, nominated by Councilmembers Autry, Barnes, Cannon, Cooksey, Fallon, Howard, Mitchell, and Pickering

Jason Mathis, nominated by Councilmembers Dulin and Mayfield

Melanie Sizemore, nominated by Councilmember Kinsey

The results of the first ballot were recorded as follows:

Mark Loflin, 9 votes – Councilmembers Autry, Barnes, Cannon, Cooksey, Dulin, Fallon, Howard, Mayfield and Pickering

Jason Mathis, 1 vote – Councilmember Kinsey

Mark Loflin has been appointed.

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#### **ITEM NO. 12: MAYOR AND COUNCIL TOPICS**

Councilmember Howard said last week if you will remember during our Zoning meeting we had an issue to come up with one of the historic properties. From what I understand from the City Attorney it was made clear to us at the last meeting because it didn't pass, there was no decision. I wanted to get, by acclamation or vote, however you want to do it an agreement that that issue will be brought back up at our Zoning meeting in February for a vote.

Mayor Foxx said say it again Mr. Howard.

Mr. Howard said that one issue with the Woodlawn Bungalow didn't get enough votes to pass, so that was a "no" vote, it wasn't just a vote to deny. We need to bring that back because staff doesn't have the right just to put it back on the agenda. I'm asking for support for staff to put it on our February Zoning Meeting Agenda so that we can deal with it.

A Motion was made by Councilmember Howard, seconded by Councilmember Mayfield to add the Woodlawn Bungalow item to the February Zoning agenda.

The vote was taken on the motion and was recorded as follows:

YEAS: Councilmembers Autry; Barnes; Cannon; Cooksey; Fallon; Howard; Kinsey; Mayfield; and Pickering.

NAYS: Councilmember Dulin

Councilmember Autry said thank you Mayor I just wanted to share with the Community that last night and yesterday afternoon I had the opportunity to go to the open house at the International

House, the Midwood Cultural Center on Central Avenue and it was a wonderful event. All of our immigrant groups have a common home now that they can all share and collaborate with. And to see that parking lot at the school full and the auditorium packed, standing room only; it was truly a good opportunity for this community to say here's a lot of what this community is about and what we hope to have aspirations for our immigrant families and it was just a good cause an evening of camaraderie.

Councilmember Mayfield said yesterday completed a three-day "sold out" tour of Opera Carolina for the Magic Flute. An absolutely amazing show, we have a great diverse Asian-Pacific Islander community and we are bringing in some really wonderful art pieces so I wanted to make sure that everyone keep their eyes out for May 31<sup>st</sup>. An event is coming up that will be hosted by Opera Carolina and it looks like in 2014 we will have Aida. China has stopped doing Chinese opera for more than 25 years; they are looking to bring a Chinese opera to Charlotte where as so many other cities have reduced or severely cut their funding for the arts. Charlotte is definitely on the map for arts and culture and our Asian community led by Dr. Chong and the Maestro that they are definitely showing up and showing out.

Also a totally different hat, I would like to ask our Planning Staff to look at a study of mobile grocery stores. We had an event last year where we actually had a local gentleman who was awarded a grant because of his idea, but we don't actually have wording in place that would allow for a mobile grocery store which has been very popular in Chicago and a number of other places. An example could be a bus that actually goes into the inner city areas and brings the actual groceries to the community especially those communities that do not have a brick and mortar building. But we do not have the wording in place now so I would like for our Planning Staff to have the authority to move forward and then come back with some ideas on how we can move forward with that here in Charlotte.

Mayor Foxx said thank you very much do you want to make that a formal request?

Ms. Mayfield said yes.

**Assistant City Manager, Julie Burch** said we can bring back an information report.

Councilmember Cannon said on Thursday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at the KIPP School, each one of you are invited to come and be a part of what's going to be taking place between 8:00 and 9:00 a.m. for basically a public servant station. Where you will be on display to be able to talk about what it is you do in your professions to the students that are there at that school and again this will be at the KIPP School located at 931 Wilann Drive Charlotte, N.C. 28215.

Councilmember Dulin said as a follow-up to Ms. Mayfield's request, and from City Manager, the mobile grocery stores and if staff brings back a report on those that's fine. But you know we spent a long time working on mobile food vendors. So if they are different that's one thing but it would be interesting in the report to have the similarities as well because this Council has said that we wanted to restrict mobile food vendors. And so it would be very interesting to see what the similarities or the differences are.

Ms. Burch said yes we can include that in the information that we bring back.

Mayor Foxx said three things that I wanted to bring to the attention of the Council. Two of which I would like to ask for some help with. One prior to the DNC Convention we did an ordinance change relative to the airport and taxi cabs. And I don't know that we specified a "look back" in that but I would love to get an update in terms of how that is going and one of the issues that was discussed at that time was whether there would be business loss to hundreds of tax-cab drivers and so forth. I'd like for us to maybe come back and maybe take a look at what if anything has occurred on that front. The second thing is I want to invite the Council and the community to the Chambers here in the Government Center on Monday the 4<sup>th</sup> of February for the State of the City. This is something we've done annually for the last several years. This is a good time to kind of reflect on where we are and where we hope to go so I hope that you all will

have a chance to come and for those who can't come I think Channel 16 will be broadcasting it to millions on Monday morning.

The last thing is that in the week since the Newtown killings we have all I think been gripped by the tragedy that happened there. And unfortunately it's a tragedy that has happened too many times going back just in recent years to Aurora, CO where quite candidly when I went to the Democratic Convention in 2008 I stayed in Aurora so I felt a bit of a connection to the randomness with which that event happened. Virginia Tech and there are many other incidents that have happened just in recent years and by way of report I wanted to share with you that several weeks ago Vice President Biden had several Mayors from around the Country on a telephone call discussing the Administration's research into this issue and what they were going to be looking at. The Mayors of Aurora; Mayor of Blacksburg, VA; several of the folks who have been hard hit by these incidents including, I believe, Newtown is in there too but were involved in that conversation. And where the conversation has started to gel since that time is around assault weapons, around high capacity magazine clips, around mental health issues. All of which have played a role in some way, shape or form into this issue.

I recognize that there are very sensitive issues around the Second Amendment. There are also issues around privacy and information sharing and so forth but there are a couple of requests that I would like to make tonight that are relevant to this issue and one of them is to have the Council take a look at what, if any jurisdiction we may have to enhance safety measures, whether it relates to schools, whether it relates to some of these issues about high capacity magazines or assault weapons. I'm not saying at this point what we should or should not do; I think I'm just asking for some information about what the scope of latitude is at our level to engage on this issue. Secondly I would like to make a request of the City Manager to inventory for us where we are buying our firearms and whether that's weapons or whether that's bullets or other things. Because part of what's happening with this issue is it's going back up into the vortex of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment versus every single gun control measure that could ever be thought of; kind of colliding with each other and one of the things that is starting to happen is the lobby particularly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment side, is starting to get really loud. I'd like to know how our dollars are playing in that conversation. I'm asking that as a point of information, and as soon as it can be produced we would love to take a look at it. I'd also ask of the Public Safety committee if Mr. Cannon is willing to take on the issue of taking a look at what the scope of our authority may or may not be in the areas as it relates to guns and other things, and to take a look at that issue.

Motion was made by Councilmember Howard, seconded by Councilmember Mayfield to refer Mayor Foxx's request, that Mayor Pro Tem take a look at the scope of Council's authority as it relates to guns and other things, to the Public Safety committee.

A vote was taken on the Motion and was recorded as follows:

YEAS: Autry; Barnes; Cannon; Fallon; Howard; Kinsey; Mayfield; and Pickering.

NAYS: Councilmembers Cooksey and Dulin.

Councilmember Cannon said Mr. Attorney just to make sure you give us any points of direction to make sure we are staying on the right path with what I think are wonderful requests that the Mayor has set forth. But I saw you over there writing and I'm paying some attention to you as we talk about issues out there that may not be issues but possibly could be issues. And Mr. Mayor I think obviously you talk about a broader scope which I hope the committee will take up and look up and I'd like to have a conversation with you in further detail to make sure it's okay and that we're going down the right path.

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### ITEM NO. 13: CLOSED SESSION

Councilmember Barnes said Mayor would you like for us to cover the other closed session as well?

Mayor Foxx said yes.

Motion was read by Councilmember Barnes, seconded by Councilmember Cannon, and recorded as unanimous to adopt a motion pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11(a)(4) to go into closed session to discuss matters relating to the location of an industry or business in the City of Charlotte. The second is to adopt a motion pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11(a)(6) to go into closed session to consider the qualifications competence, performance, character fitness conditions of appointment or conditions of initial employment of City Manager candidates.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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Ashleigh Price, Deputy City Clerk

Length of Meeting: 2 Hours, 7 Minutes  
Minutes Completed: May 20, 2013