

The City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina convened for a Dinner Briefing on Monday, October 28, 2013 at 5:15 p.m. in Room 267 of the Charlotte Mecklenburg Government Center with Mayor Patsy Kinsey presiding.

Councilmembers present were John Autry, Michael Barnes, Patrick Cannon, Warren Cooksey, Andy Dulin, Claire Fallon, Billy Maddalon, LaWana Mayfield, James Mitchell and Beth Pickering.

Absent Until Noted: Councilmember David Howard.

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ITEM NO. 1: MAYOR AND COUNCIL CONSENT ITEM QUESTIONS

Mayor Kinsey asked if there were any consent items that councilmembers would like to pull.

Councilmember Mayfield said I would like to pull Item #34.

Councilmember Fallon said I would like to pull item #41. That's the repair of concrete and asphalt. Does anybody go inspect after they do it because if you go up the block where the Old City Hall is and they have been filling in and asphaltting again. It is horrid.

Mayor Kinsey asked is that on Trade Street?

Councilmember Fallon said and that's not the only one. Anyplace they've worked, we have impressions and hills. Who inspects after that because they don't use the rakes like they should. They are not smoothed out.

Mayor Kinsey said anything else?

Councilmember Autry said I would like to pull Item #30. No questions. I just want to speak to it.

Mayor Kinsey said Ms. Burch do you have what you need or do you want to respond immediately or do you want to wait and come back to it at the end.

Julie Burch, Assistant City Manager said at the end.

Mayor Kinsey said We have two presentations tonight and we have scheduled 20 minutes each of them. So I'm going to ask, since we do have closed meeting before we go out at 6:30, if you can hold the presentations for 20 minutes, I would greatly appreciate it and that would still give us some time for the council to ask questions and make comments.

ITEM NO. 2: CHARLOTTE WORKS

Steve Partridge, President Charlotte Works said we are your workforce development board here in Charlotte Mecklenburg County and we ask people if they understand what a workforce development board does and usually you get a look of puzzlement because people said a workforce development what? And if you're not unique as policy makers, sometimes not to understand what we stand what we do, we are authorized under the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 started about 15 years ago the Congress updated what used to be called JTPA "the Joint Partnership Training Act". It was to modernize it and put business more in the driver's seat of how the system was developed and over time, like all good programs, we had a little drift in making sure it's as effective as it can be and so a few years ago, we began the process of looking at how we modernize our local system. We had five one-stops and those one-stops delivered a variety of services for both job seekers and employers. As you can see, nationwide there are 550 workforce boards. In North Carolina we have 23. We are a single county workforce board in Mecklenburg County which means our footprint is just Mecklenburg County. Some workforce boards may engulf seven eight nine ten counties, which makes sometimes difficult in meeting with your local officials because you are dealing with dozens of City Councils, County Commissioners, Community College Presidents, K-12 institutions. So I am actually the envy of

a lot of boards around the state because we have one community college system. We have one workforce system, so it makes our meetings much quicker and easier to set up.

Part of the workforce development system was designed to create a national preparedness and employment system, establish one-stops and really involve the business community in making sure the local business needs are met. What that means is when employers come to town, can they find the talent they are looking for and I think you have all watched the news over the past few years that even with high unemployment rates, a lot of employers say they can't find good talent and so the workforce system was designed to sort of rationalize that—get the businesses to the table; take our limited dollars we get from the Federal Government every year and make sure we are training people in the correct areas. In the past, we had limited, even though we had businesses at the table, I'd say our solutions to the way to solve the problems were mixed. We trained people to get them into classes quickly and it was very much consumer driven, which is how the system was setup; someone comes in, say I want to be a chef, great, let's get you into school. There wasn't a lot of input on was there really a need from the business side for those type of careers. The customer was happy, they got the training, but when you look at the back end, the number of people we trained nationwide, only about 20% went into jobs in which we trained them--so not a real recipe for success nationwide. So part of our redevelopment strategy a few years ago was also to look at how do we really have the businesses represented. Do we have the right people at the table?

So just a quick overview of our funding: Program year 2011 we got \$6.2M; the last year \$5.9M; and this year \$6.5M and our funding is divided into three areas: Adult, dislocated and youth and the money is appropriated by Congress. It goes to the Department of Labor. It goes to each governor who designates an entity; some smaller states will actually have the funding run out of the governor's office. In North Carolina it is run by the Department of Commerce and then it makes its way down to the local workforce board. Every board has a fiscal agent and you are agent of choice. Some boards use their local COG; some have their county departments; about a third of the state uses their city government.

Our Board of Directors is appointed by the Mayor. So this is another connection. You see a variety of folks, both private sector representatives representing companies you probably recognize: Duke Energy; Chiquita; PNC Bank, Siemens, Wells Fargo. And then Community Partners—many of those are designated in Federal Statute, that's a must have an Economic Development entity; The Charlotte Chambers at the table. They must have community colleges represented. So some of those, although we can rotate individuals off the board, the partners have mandated seats that must be met.

Now when we started our redevelopment a few years ago, we started with a few basic questions and we really focused on the business community. We wanted to understand what their needs were for their workforce system. If you look at this, recruitment, skills assessment, skill validation—this is something as I got in this business realize that most recruiters will tell 70% of a resume is exaggerated. So when someone applies and you have 1,000 applicants and you are not really sure on that piece of paper how much is actually true and verifiable. It creates a nightmare for a lot smaller and mid-sized businesses that don't have large HR departments. They also want workforce intelligence. We work very closely with the Charlotte Chamber when any company wants to come to Charlotte, the first questions they ask besides the standard stuff about rail, highways, incentives, they want to know about the workforce and so they ask some very detailed questions about can they find the workers. Where will they come from? How far will the people commute? And can we verify that they will be there when they're ready to open shop? And when a company used to come to town five ten years ago and said they need 20 30 machinists, they didn't worry that we can deliver on that. Now they are worried. They actually say, "Can you deliver it?" And we have actually had two companies in the past 12 months want to do interviews of folks before they actually announced the location they selected for their relocation. So between Charlotte and Cincinnati, we may be having interviews with folks having them come down for interviews with the caveat that you are interviewing for a job that may or may not exist if we win the bid. So they are really very focused on the talent side of things. They also want the single point of contact. So many times with Federal Workforce programs, State programs, County programs, where all tried to help put people back to work, whether you are dealing with those with disabilities, ex-felon, we are trying to help people, but we do it in a way with the businesses that's not very efficient. Everyone wants to call and have a contact with

Bank of America, with Duke, with US Air and so that leads to a lot of phone calls to these companies saying they want to help them and businesses are just busy and they don't want to deal with a bunch of folks. So the Workforce Board tries to be a clearing house and a single point of contact. So once we got this data, we really started to design our services and programs to meet those needs. You can see a list of the services we provide employers and job-seekers. Part of the hiring process often involves that screening. One project we are particularly proud of is we did all the Siemens hiring when they were expanding. They initially wanted to hire 700 people and they had three people in their HR Department and their initial conversation with us is they said they wanted 10 applicants for every job they were posting which meant 7,000+ applicants. So we actually designed a customized database for them that asked a series of about 30 questions on we called it a job interest form, because we weren't taking the applications directly but we started weeding people through the process so we took over 10,000 applications online. We managed that process to make sure only the top candidates in each area moved forward because it ranked the candidates and at a certain point, we then verified their skills along the way. So if there was a job that required reading blue-prints, we then in partnership with CPCC sent them to a class, they would have those skills verified and if they passed, they would move forward in the process and that made the final candidates Siemens saw only folks that actually had the skills. So they have gone around the country and tried to replicate this at their other facilities in a partnership with community colleges, workforce board working together to do the training, verification and assessment and it's a big timesaver for businesses and what we got out of it as a community is we have 10,000 applications online now that we can see where people who maybe didn't reach Siemens' standards—where were they short. We could now communicate with them and let them know that you missed being hired by Siemens but we have other companies that would like to talk with you or "hey did you understand there is a class coming up that if you took at CPCC, would get your skill level up to a certain certification level that you are now employable by Siemens." So it helps us manage the talent pool of Charlotte in critical areas where we can't find enough workers.

As I mentioned, we also have youth programs. We get about a third of our funding that target at risk youth. Some of the partners we partner with are Mayor's Youth Employment Program, Rescare Workforce Services, The Relatives, and MeckEd. We have two ways we help youth. We help out of school youth who have dropped out of our system. We try to get them reengaged and success for us means they are going back into post-secondary; they are getting full-time employment or they are in the military. Those are the three ways we claim success and we exceed our metrics this past year in any of those. At-Risk Youth is a year-round program. We also partnered with MeckEd this year to do an in-school program.

Councilmember Barnes said I have a couple of questions for you. Going back a slide, of the 10,000 resumes, interest forms how many people have you been able to help find employment after the Siemens effort?

Mr. Partridge said it's hard to track those numbers because we don't have social security numbers so we can't verify against employment records. But anecdotally, we had about 350 that Siemens hired through the database directly. In fact, the woman who sat next to First Lady during one of the State of the Unions was hired via our system. But I'd say there's at least several hundred that have been put through our process and I know at least two that worked for a small German firm that we were able to make a referral right after Siemens had completed looking through the database and they then were sent to Germany, trained and then brought back to do train-the-trainer at a smaller business that's getting its footprint in the U.S. So it's hard to tell because our old system did not track social security numbers. We couldn't verify anything unless they were enrolled in our intensive programs.

Mr. Barnes said and with Youth Works, how many youth were you able to assist?

Mr. Partridge said last year—I have a slide coming up that will talk about metrics for last year. But we had close to 500 youth that we helped last year.

Mr. Barnes said they got jobs?

Mr. Partridge said well they got success so that may be into a post-secondary program of some sort. It's not always about employment and we are proud of that one and that's a program that

we are really growing in the past few years. Mayor Fox was very focused on getting kids youth experiences in the workplace. So one thing I will mention here that we will be rolling out at the beginning of the year is we are creating a web portal with CPCC, CMS and other providers in town to recruit businesses to offer more internship opportunities around town because we are never going to get kids excited about the areas that have the skills gap unless we can expose them to the workplace environment and we know there are challenges sometimes for some businesses to get kids that are in high-school into their facilities but there are ways around it. We have some education tools online. Even if they are not ready for an internship, come speak to a CMS class about what it's like to work in manufacturing and energy sector because we are not going to take ex-bankers and retrain them to be welders and close the skills gap. It's going to be that next generation coming through.

Councilmember Cannon said I want to echo what Councilmember Barnes brought up. We are going to need to make sure we find a way to be able to really track the number of people that are being employed so we can measure you all on it and then measure ourselves on it as well. That is going to be critical. That's number one. Number two with regard to the internships, those are nice but in as much as we can sort of begin to recreate apprenticeships, we really have now people better equipped of being able to take on those opportunities because now they have something hands on to be able to produce or to be a part of rather than just sometimes in some of those internships have to sit there and sort of gauge and watch what goes on. So I wanted to highlight those two things.

Mr. Partridge said to your first point, our new database NC Works, is the new statewide web-portal that launched back on August 5th. It requires the state which regulates the workforce system for the governor's office, now requires social security numbers for those who participate in programs. So we now would be able to get even folks that we didn't provide intensive services, we will be able to track it going forward to see if they gain employment.

Councilmember Cannon said starting?

Mr. Partridge said starting August 5th. So we can look back next year and report out who we've helped and did they get a job. We can't really say if they came to the system at 2a.m. and never came into our office, we might be taking credit and getting data for people going both ways, but we hope it will work out in the end.

Councilmember Cannon said I understand. Thank you so much.

Councilmember Barnes said you mentioned earlier the State Department of Commerce has taken on some of these responsibilities. There was an article recently about public/private initiatives the Governor's office is pursuing for these job creation type efforts. Is this entity a part of that change?

Mr. Partridge said as far as we know, because Workforce involves fully Federal funding, it's going to remain in the public side of the split. As part of the redesign, as I mentioned, we had five offices and we consolidated that to two starting last July. I think a few of the councilmembers were able to join us on the bus tour where we went out and actually toured the new center; we visited one of our SNAP sites. We saw our South Blvd location and I appreciate everyone coming out and supporting us during the transition. Over the past year, just to give you an idea of one of the model changes, we use volunteers a lot more. Mainly because it does two-fold, it gives some job-seekers that have unique skills that want to stay busy while they are searching for a job because it takes longer. It gives them the opportunity to give back to their community. Some of our best instructors were HR instructors two years ago that volunteered at ProNet which was our pilot for this new model. They would come and teach workshops on how to look for a job and the feedback we got from them was that it changed their lives. It gave them something to get up for everyday beyond just focus on the job search. So it gives them a place to volunteer in that way but it also gives people--many of our volunteers are in the corporate world are small business owners, they are providing that real time Intel of what it's like in the workplace. So if someone's coming out to do an interview prep class and they actually interviewed 20 candidates the day before, it's not academic. It's not where someone's full-time job is just to teach the craft of interviewing, it's someone that does it for a living and so that real time Intel pays off a lot and our most popular classes are getting the folks with corporate

community HR recruiting departments to come out and share what the culture of the company is. Because a lot of times it's not that you miss the hard skills, sometimes it's not a fit for the company and sometimes they lack the soft skills. So the corporate folks will come in, they'll talk about what it's like to work for Duke, for Carolina's Health Care—I did one a few weeks ago and they said the disconnect is a lot of times people just don't realize what it's like to work in those environments. And Bill has shared that helps people self-select whether they are going to through the process or not. So those are your 100+ people in a class asking a lot of great questions about what it's like to work for these companies.

Our SNAP Sites—this was a new concept when we went from five offices to two. We also didn't want to leave a vacant whole in the community of saying we pulled out of their backyard and we interviewed a lot of folks and surveyed folks, they said the number one reason they were coming today was to use a computer to search for a job. They didn't have home internet. They didn't have a computer at home. So we actually partnered with faith-based and community based organizations and provided computers, equipment, printers, and training for volunteers or staff around our community and we placed the computers in the community. We've got about 120 computers at 35 SNAP sites around our community and we want more, so if any members of councils or the public have some suggestions, or are a member of a church that would like to partner with us, we are always looking to expand that network and it's been very successful. We see over 4,500 visitors a month at the SNAP sites. So it's definitely in demand and something that is needed in our community.

One of the things we said early on when we asked the businesses, we told them we were going to be demand driven and that was in the original law 15 years ago so we really wanted to spell it out for both our staff and our board. There was a shift in focus, but it was also these customized resources. We come in with and give every employer a single point of contact. We give them their cell number and say if you have any question about hiring anyone, whether they need an HR manager, or they wanted to partner to hire a veteran, we have the partnerships in the community and we will handle all the backroom stuff for them and when they get to the metrics, we went two years ago of helping about 70 businesses to almost 500 this past year since we changed our model. We also targeted five sectors that really are having the challenges in the skill area of finding the top folks. We've done some career ladders, we've launch a website that were detailed both for job seekers and for students about a day in the life, what it's like to get an entry level job, what type of education you need for each rung of that ladder so that for a high school student, they aren't scared off that they eventually would be an engineer. They can move into that clear really easily and it shows you what you need each step of the way. It's a great interactive tool. We kind of worked with some graph designers to make it more youth friendly. We also have focused our training funds over the past year to make sure we're really focused on training people only in areas that are in demand on both the demand side and the supply side. We never really took a look at the supply side as much in the workforce system, but if someone comes in and says I want to be a chef to use the example I used earlier, there may be ads for 20 people for chefs in the local paper or on Monster.com, but if you look at the supply side, we have access to how many applications are on line or resumes. If there are 500 that have that relevant skill, why would I train the 501st to put them in line for people that already have that experience? This is not a program about finding your life passion although we tried it for folks that can. We try to work with them through coaches and others to find what really fits. But it's really about getting people back to work quickly.

Councilmember David Howard arrived at 5:36pm

So we do sometimes have some stern discussion for job seekers about they may want to do one thing but there is not demand here in Charlotte for that skill set and we have to redirect them in areas that are in demand. And then finally, we take all that Intel from those 500 employers and we try to feed it back very quickly to the job seekers about what's in demand. We want them to know when people say whose creating jobs in Charlotte, they should be able to go to Charlotte Works and we can tell them where the jobs are, where they coming from, and the skills necessary to succeed. As I mentioned, we partner with the Chamber a lot and it does, according to Jeff Edge, who leads Excel Developments for the Chamber, we offer a lot of services. Although it's not rocket science and the law allows everything we do, a lot of Workforce Boards across the country have not redeveloped their system to be demand driven. They are still focused on maybe helping a certain segment of society. As I mentioned, a lot of them are part of

county government and they often put them in with the Department of Social Services... dollars and so it gets buried in a layer of government and it never really makes that connection with the employer community. So from an economic development standpoint, as I said, every company asked about it when they arrive and it's usually us in the room, the Chamber and if there is a community college and talk about training. But that's it. They really have some detailed questions that we have had to really stretch our resources to start to create answers for because they are very savvy. They are looking around the country on where to create these jobs and we want them always to be here in Charlotte. Just a sample of the companies we have worked with including Chiquita, which the Council approved just a few years ago and one of the caveats was they would do a job fair to make sure Charlotteans had first crack at those limited number of jobs that were coming and we actually created a portal for them over which 2000 people applied and we skilled it down to three lines of business. We created the same sort of tool for Siemens but a little less robust in the questions and then invited everyone to a one-day event where they got to meet with recruiters and get hired. So we were really pleased with that one. We also got a great database of bilingual folks here in town that we use to shop around to other businesses that have similar needs.

Councilmember Mayfield said are we reaching out to new transplants to the area? Because a lot of people are moving to Charlotte without employment, seeking opportunities, how does the newcomer learn about Charlotte Works?

Mr. Partridge said that is a very good question. I mean that is one of the challenges I think inherent in the Workforce system. Unlike a lot of federal programs that have one branded name, 550 names exist across the country. That flexibility offers a lot of opportunity for local areas to take advantage of it, but it does create problems when people move in when they are familiar with the Workforce Boards name in another area, they come looking for it, they can't—similar problems with businesses. So that is one of our ongoing challenges to get our name out to get into whether its better partnerships with relocation services to let them know about what we offer because you are right—I think the biggest thing I see every day is people say that “I'm new Charlotte. I moved here the past six months and I came without a job.” Which is good when you are trying to attract jobs here, we've got a great talent pool, but it's not great when you look at the unemployment numbers and trying to get that lower. But that is an ongoing issue. Charlotte Works we branded a year ago was an attempt to do that. Our old name was the Charlotte Mecklenburg Workforce Development Board. It didn't flow off the tongue for businesses or jobseekers so Charlotte Works is our attempt at that terminology Works is used a lot around the country so it has probably the most used version of that and NCWorks is the new brand for the state so we hope that will help.

Councilmember Fallon said do you have an idea of what it costs you to train every person that you train?

Mr. Partridge said our board puts a cap at \$4,000 per year for what we call an ITA which is individual training account. That's when someone comes in and we see a good fit for a demand and we send you back to school. We can renew that for up to two years. So it would be \$8,000 lifetime cap. It's not meant for a four year degree program but we can do an associate degree in some situations.

Councilmember Fallon said what type of jobs do they usually get from that?

Mr. Partridge said it depends. A lot of what we see now is the stackable credentials. A lot of people come in already having some schooling or some basic training and they will go back and get maybe a three to six months certificate and that's really where we see both in the IT field a lot of fields that that credentialing is almost superseding those that have degrees and you will see on some of our pay scales of jobs of the future, Associate Degree or Bachelors degree may not pay as much in certain industries as those with certificates in some fields. So that's an education props for a lot of folks because, especially the most educated of our society come in, they want more education. They think that's the automatic—I want to go back and get another degree. That may not lead to meaningful employment in the near future.

Councilmember Fallon said are saying a certificate sometimes makes a difference rather than the degree.

Mr. Partridge said in some industries yes.

Councilmember Fallon said for the kind of things that you get people for basically.

Mr. Partridge said correct and again our goal is to get them back to work quickly. We know the completion rates when you commit to someone and maybe the two year degree, life gets in the way sometimes and sometimes the completion rates aren't the greatest, so giving someone six months or less, because the often have mortgages to pay, rent to pay and saying they are going to commit to two years to go to school while you get towards the perfect degree, is not always realistic for many folks.

Councilmember Fallon said thank you.

Mr. Partridge said another piece that I'll add there—a growing piece of our train dollars goes a lot more to OJT “on the job training”. We find that a very successful program. We take folks that already have some skills; we approach employers and say I know you are looking welders. We have someone who's got some welding experience, but if you will train them on the job, at your expense, we will subsidize their wages while they learn. It gets them immediate employment and it's great for the company because the retention rates of those who go through OJT programs tends to be fairly high because they have invested in them; they pick them and they actually train them to exactly what they need. So like apprenticeship programs, a lot of times it's a great way to get the perfect candidate but sometimes businesses it's just the time mentality that they want the right person there exactly that day but when they know they can get for a small business 90% of the wages subsidized for up to six months, so it's not an inexpensive program, but the success rate and retention rate is great so we're putting more of our dollars, we will put about a half million dollars into that program this year and about one million into training. So of our \$4M in IT for adult and dislocated worker program, taking out youth for a second, we will spend about 25-30% of our dollars just direct training.

Some of our successes for the past year—we saw 63,000 visitors to our system. Our two offices and SNAP sites; 60% of our training dollars were in high demand areas. 409 youth total w served over the past year; 134 got paid work experiences subsidized like the Mayor's Summer Youth Program and we helped 480 companies find the talent. So we are pleased that we are on the right course. We are adjusting to some of the changes that a new state database is bringing in and we are also trying to integrate what was formerly the Employment Security Commission, some of their offices as they downsize, we are picking up some slack from some of those resources but, challenges exist. We still have 8.3% unemployment rate for August. We are also facing reauthorization in congress which is one of the challenges. It's 15 years since it was first past 10 years overdue for reauthorization and as you all know in corporations process, the larger you get they just take a little more off the top every year out of your funding. So even though our funding was up this year, it's for the wrong reasons. It's because our unemployment rate and other factors that go into our formal funding were putting us at the bottom of a lot of rankings. So in my perfect world we get ourselves out of this business and we no longer need a workforce board, but for the foreseeable future, I think we will still be here trying to put people back to work.

Regionalism too as you know, more and more of our workers travel across our borders. So as a one county workforce board, many of those folks don't exist in Charlotte on a regular basis, so we do partner very closely with Centralina workforce board and Gaston workforce board to make sure that when businesses are looking for talent and we know the talents not just here in Charlotte, we are looking much farther. Most folks will drive 50 miles for a good job so we know when we have to look outside Charlotte for that talent. We are also working with the Department of Commerce; the prosperity zones. There is talk afoot to try to get down from 23 workforce boards to a smaller manageable number. So we are working to kind of align our resources and if we have to some point in the future align along the prosperity zones we are ready to do it without a lot fuss.

Finally, our two offices, our websites, if you have questions—our biggest thing talking about how do people find out about us is word of mouth. The number one reason people hear about us and also unfortunately it still takes someone new to town or someone who has lost their job when they file for unemployment, they are told about us, but it still takes people three to six months to

show up and by then you are entering long-term unemployment and there are other challenges that go with that so we want to reduce that time that people hear about our services. Everything is free and available to them and it's no cost at all for both businesses or job seekers. As you encounter constituents that are looking not only for unemployed who are looking for work but we have a lot of underemployed that we could help re-skill or get into other meaningful employment. Let them know about our services. We have evening hours one night a week on Wednesdays at our main center; on Tuesdays and Thursdays, on South Blvd. So we want to work with people to get them back to work and if there are no other questions, that concludes my presentation.

Councilmember Barnes said I have a suggestion actually, Manager Carlee this may be on Channel 16 but if it's not could we start? Certainly the website could be on. That alone could be helpful just in terms of helping them market what they are doing because it could help a lot of people.

Ron Carlee, City Manager said yes sir.

Councilmember Pickering said I just want to thank you Steve. Great work. This is what we are all about. I love the idea of getting people to work quickly and we just can't thank you enough so thanks for all you are doing.

Mr. Partridge said we are happy to provide you all cards and if you are out with constituents with our contact information, hours of operation, website.

ITEM NO. 3: MECKLENBURG COUNTY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ADVISORY BOARD REPORT

LiMia Bowen, Chairperson Mecklenburg County Domestic Violence Advisory Board said this is Patrick Burris, our co-chair. We have Katherine Sellers which is our non-member liaison representative with Safe Alliance and we have our DVA board members, if you could stand at this time please. I am kind of excited being here. The last time the DVAB reported to the City Council was in 2011 and our charge is basically to review and evaluate Mecklenburg County and Charlotte City Domestic Violence services so that we can identify trends and make appropriate recommendations regarding domestic violence services within the county and the city. Councilman Dulin, our charge has spearheaded from a comment that you made in 2011 and what DVAB did, we pulled information regarding the Youth Risk Behavior Survey and in 2011, Charlotte was higher than the national average for teen dating violence and we were at 14% and that national average was 11% and you really kind of advocated and made some statements to that particular point. So once we left and made presentations with the City and the County, we began to do some groundwork.

In 2012, DVAB made several accomplishments. We had the supervised visitation custody exchange program put into effect. The recommendations for the 2011 DV Fatality Review has been implemented and our CPS work is supported by the Domestic Violence Community Support Workers and Women's Commission Liaisons were actually implemented so Mecklenburg County was able to receive social workers so that they can continue the work in domestic violence and the capacity of the battered women's shelter at this point when we did the presentation it's at 80% but currently right now, Safe Alliance actually makes an average of serving 110 women per night. The Domestic Violence Advisory Board did a presentation to the school system. One thing that we continued to look at and we continued to recommend what services that we would like different agencies to collaborate and implement with us and one big stakeholder is the school system. If teen dating violence was one of those national averages, then what as a body can we implement and collaborate with the school system to get them on board so that we can look at the systemic problem. So there were members of the board that made a presentation in January to the school board. Not only were we able to make a presentation, we were able to also gain a liaison from the school board to serve on our board as well. The evidence based legality assessment by CMPD was established and that was a great accomplishment. We also looked at The Enough Domestic campaign. We do have Mecklenburg County and Iredell County who are the two counties within North Carolina that are participating in this campaign and initiative and we do have two board members that serve on this particular campaign. Even though we did make some ground work, there are still certain things that we

need to do to continue to solve the systemic problem. There are seven DV homicides in Mecklenburg County this year within 2012. Our domestic violence 911 calls are up from last year and the DV arrests by CMPD, they increased as well. But one good thing was that the protection orders percentage served were down. The community policing program increases each year. This is one of the recommendations that I know that the board will begin to tackle so that we can look at that particular platform as well just to see how we can expand. Just with the CDCP, there are seven areas that have this community policing program, however, the numbers are increasingly rising so I know there are some needs and concerns in this particular area. DSS and CPS, the DV increased as the primary cause for child maltreatment. There was another concern in regards to Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools needed to track the dating violence. The only implementational tool that was created was the risk youth survey and there should be other ways that we can track this because we do have some high numbers in CMS in regards to teen dating violence.

Patrick Burris Co-Chair Mecklenburg County Domestic Advisory Board said when it comes to the Board there are certain services that we look over to provide. The first of those would be legal services for people who need representation assistance in courts. The next thing that we do would be the Adult Domestic Violence counseling which is provided by Community Support Services and the Women's Commission. Also with Safe Alliance and then also offered at the Clyde and Ethel Dickerson Shelter. Abuser intervention components would include NOVO "New Options for Violent Offenders" and Impact. Community resources that we partner with to make sure, that would be the Domestic Violence Speaker's Bureau which goes out to different areas of the county. We partner with faith organizations and other areas. If they need a speaker to come out and do some educational outreach, we do that. The Domestic Violence Advocacy Council program focuses on men and those that include faith-based ministries and collaborative events. Board recommendations that we would like to make or present would be to continue to identify domestic violence as a priority, safety and health issue in Mecklenburg County and that will come through with Mecklenburg County Balanced Scorecard. Continue to support annual update of the domestic violence warehouse; continue to financially support the Safe Alliance Clyde and Ethel Dickenson Domestic Violence Shelter. Other recommendations: Support continuation of...assessment by police to better determine if a dominate aggressive and referrals to DV services; utilize technology to support access to a magistrate in North Mecklenburg County; expand CMPD response programs to child witnesses of trauma to all CMPD divisions, and; to implement all fatality review team recommendations. Thank you for helping to make our community safer.

Ms. Bowen said I would like to also mention that this month is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and again, I would like to say on behalf of the DVAB, we have really been working hard in trying to address certain issues and to look at what type of implementations we can provide the City and the council. We received funding from the County Commissioners back in June to host what we entitled the DV Snapshot and each year what takes place, the national census survey is that there is a 24 hour reporting period within the national consensus and what Mecklenburg County did was we utilized the date of September 18th and we collaborated with Johnson C. Smith University who has a social work department that also creates. They have an office of violence against women grants that they provide services for students on their campus. So our main goal was to provide a synopsis of our annual report but to also receive an indicator of what domestic violence looked like within a 24 hour reporting period in the City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County. I would like to distribute this program that we do have and we received funding from the County Commissioners. The County Commissioners said, which I think was a great theme, is that in order for them to provide funding for DVAB next year is that we include the City Council and CMS as well to expand this particular event on this initiative that we have. There were several different members that partake or participated on our panel discussion ranging from CMS, Safe Alliance, faith-based ministries, a domestic violence survivor themselves, so that we could begin to create a dialogue and to find out what this was about. So if you can take look at that, you can have that. We do have a video that is in the archives right now on the Mecklenburg County website that you can take a look to see exactly what we've done, but our work is not finished so we still have much more to do. Are there any questions?

Mayor Kinsey said maybe I just missed this, what is the DV Warehouse.

Ms. Bowen said the DV Warehouse is a database system and within this database system you are able to research the statistics in regards to the different DV services.

Councilmember Mayfield said I hope I didn't miss it but do we have a relationship with Dove's Nest.

Ms. Bowen said do we mean the City?

Councilmember Mayfield said we meaning the Domestic Violence Advisory Board

Ms. Bowen said yes we have reached out.

Councilmember Mayfield said we have reached out but do we have a relationship because if not, I want to try to figure out what if anything we can do to help with that since we just helped to build a facility. We need to make sure that we have as many opportunities for women and children to be safe as possible utilizing the relationships that we have and if there are challenges in that discussion, then it would be helpful for us to know that.

Mayor Kinsey said thank you for coming and we appreciate very much what you do.

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

Mayor Kinsey said we do have some answers to the two; 34 and 41.

Julie Burch, Assistant City Manager said yes Mayor I do. Councilmember Mayfield had asked regarding Item No. 34, that's the change order related to the rental car facility, what was prompting it and what was funding it. What was prompting the change order is a request by the rental car companies to have additional site graded and site work done related to expanding the facility I believe by an additional eight acres and so as a result of the rental car companies asking for that, we are about to enter into a change order with the contractor, the Wagner Company. This still keeps the project well within the project budget according to Aviation staff.

And I believe the other question related to Item No. 41. Councilmember Fallon raised that. This particular item is a contract for Utility street repairs. In other words, repairs made after Utility cuts are made for water and sewer and in this case, this contract is actually for work primarily outside the City of Charlotte. So in those instances, when the work is outside of the City, CMUD staff will inspect the work that's done by the contractor and certainly if it's not up to specification, then they will ask them to make the fix—redo that work. Broadly speaking, if its new road construction within the City and that might be new road construction or other kinds of construction, that I believe Councilmember, that might have been the reference to the work around Old City Hall and Trade Street for what maybe just some temporary repairs for the time being that's work related to the Gold Line, but ultimately then Engineering and Property Management would be inspecting that work and if there is a need for a fix, then we will be asking the contractor to do that.

Councilmember Dulin said I need to go back to Item 34 on the rental cars for just a moment please. I don't know why I didn't catch this weekend, but eight acres is a lot of dirt and we own a lot of dirt out there. That's why keep pushing out and pushing out and pushing out, but why didn't we know that we needed that extra eight acres. Eight acres is a big miss. That's not a small miss of how much land you need.

Ms. Burch said I am going to ask Jack Christine to Deputy Aviation Director to address that question.

Mr. Dulin said glad to see you again sir.

Jack Christine, Deputy Aviation Director said the whole site that we are going work from is 50 acres. What the rental car companies asked for initially was a 20 acre site that they could start to use for storage and their maintenance facilities when we move them into the parking deck and take over their facilities for a future ramp and future international terminal space. The layout that they've requested changed after we started grading the site. It doesn't impact the future

overall plan, actually it helps enhance the future overall plan, but ultimately when we want to move those complete facilities out to that remote site and actually set up a parking deck structure out there to use as a common use facility, but that's 20-30 years from now. The benefit they get from it now is a cheaper grading price to get a little more space to do additional storage because their business continues to grow.

Councilmember Dulin said cheaper grading space to them—this change order of \$658K for upgrading etcetera, are we getting paid back by their fees?

Mr. Christine said actually its being paid for through the contract facility charge which we've been collecting since about 2006 I believe. So that's coming out of cash money that we have for this project.

Councilmember Dulin said well when we go out and grade a site this big, are we putting storm water retention ponds in it?

Mr. Christine said absolutely sir.

Councilmember Dulin said are we having to do a tree save? 15% of the site--are we having to plant trees?

Mr. Christine said yes sir; I had to go through all the city's requirements and all the storm water requirements for doing everything that you would typically see is done.

Councilmember Dulin asked where are those trees going because there are not going on site.

Mr. Christine said the site, as I mentioned, is much larger. We had protected the 15% within that much larger footprint.

Councilmember Dulin said so 50 acres—15% of 50 acres is 20 acres or something.

Mr. Christine said the 50 acres that we have allocated for the future rental car facility is part of a 300 acre parcel that's over there that is all controlled by the airport and that's where the trees are—outside of that 50 acre spot.

Councilmember Dulin said thank you. I just think it's important that we are living up by our own standards.

Mayor Kinsey said my understanding now is that we will just have one pulled around the dais and that is for Mr. Autry to explain and that's 30. Before we go into closed session, Mr. Howard wanted to bring up an issue.

Councilmember Howard said we had a rezoning last week 2013-067 that we had that conversation about and we voted to push it all the way to December. I'm asking council if you will reconsider that and make it on November 25th which is this council's last meeting as opposed to sending it to a new council. I have been assured by the petitioners that they will get everything that we need...so I was wondering if I could get back a consensus a vote to move it to the 25th.

Councilmember Barnes said, and the question that I was alluding to earlier Mr. Howard is, what will that everything look like? What will we know on the 25th that we didn't know last Monday?

Councilmember Howard said I remember the only question being elevation renderings.

Councilmember Barnes said so you are going to produce the elevation renderings?

Motion made by councilmember Howard, seconded by Councilmember Dulin and carried unanimous to place Petition No. 2013-067 on the November 25, 2013 business meeting agenda.

ITEM NO. 5: CLOSED SESSION

Motion made by Councilmember Barnes, seconded by Councilmember Mayfield and carried unanimous to adopt a motion pursuant to NC General Statute 143-318 11 (a) (5) to go into closed session to establish ordinance for negotiating agency concerning taken by or on behalf of the City Council and negotiating the price and other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange or lease.

The meeting was recessed at 6:08 p.m. for closed session.

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The Council reconvened in the Meeting Chamber of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center at 6:41 p.m. for their Business Meeting with Mayor Patsy Kinsey presiding. Councilmembers present were John Autry, Michael Barnes, Warren Cooksey, Andy Dulin, Claire Fallon, David Howard, LaWana Mayfield, Billy Maddalon, James Mitchell and Beth Pickering.

Absent: Councilmember Patrick Cannon

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Councilmember Warren Cooksey the Invocation and led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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CITIZENS' FORUM

Designating Charlotte as Purple Heart City

Mike Stubs, 7861 Tottenham Drive said I also have two of our members and they will be handing out some handouts and a crest pin showing the Military of the Purple Heart emblem. We are proud to be here representing the Military Order of the Purple Hearts. Please allow me to introduce myself. I am Mike Stubs, commander of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Wounded Warriors Chapter 634. I have served in the United States Army Vietnam. At this time I'd like to ask all other MOPH members to please stand. We represent all Purple Heart veterans as well as all veterans who have served our country. Our chapter at this time has 141 members from Gaston, Union, Mecklenburg, Cabarrus, Lincoln, Cleveland and Rowan Counties. We are a very proud and unique group. We are the second smallest military organization, second only to the Congressional Medal of Honor Society due to our uniqueness of being Purple Heart recipients. To be a member, you have to be a Purple Heart recipient. The Military Order of the Purple Heart is the only organization chartered by Congress for combat wounded veterans. The order to establish the first Purple Heart was issued by George Washington during the Revolutionary War was initially created as a badge of military merit in 1782. The Purple Heart, an American decoration, is the oldest military decoration in the world in present use. The Purple Heart is specifically a combat decoration. The Purple Heart is awarded in the name of the president to members of the armed forces of the United States who have been wounded by an instrument of war in the hands of the enemy and posthumously to the next of kin in the name of those who are killed in action or died of wounds received in action. Today, as in the past, the single bond that unites members of order is that each has sustained a wound inflicted by an enemy in combat. The members' common bond is that they have given of their own blood for their country. The mission of the Military Order of the Purple Heart is to foster an environment of goodwill and camaraderie among combat wounded veterans foster patriotism, support necessary legislative initiatives and most importantly, provide service to all veterans and their families. As a Purple Heart city, Charlotte will be honoring all Purple Heart recipients and all military veterans. All military personnel have a job to do, whether it be a clerk, supply, cook, truck driver, engineer or infantry. All veterans and current military do what was asked of is asked of them and they do it well. The pride a veteran feels when they see this being displayed is a great feeling. If you've ever been anywhere else other than the U.S.A., you know what a

great country this is and the veterans are a big reason we can live the way we do in the greatest country on this earth. We know Charlotte is a very patriotic city by your many monuments, cemeteries and the parade dedicated to veterans, which is coming up soon. I hope everyone will attend. We the Military Order of the Purple Heart Wounded Warriors Chapters 634 consider it an honor that Charlotte is considering bestowing this honor to all veterans. We know there are Purple Heart veterans in this region that are not in our chapter. We hope that by this proclamation by the City of Charlotte, that other Purple Heart veterans will come forward and be recognized. We the MOPH, work with the Charlotte Mecklenburg High Schools, we attend their junior ROTC award ceremonies and present an MOPH Leader medal to an outstanding cadet. We meet with the students to talk about military issues and our military experiences. North Carolina recently became a Purple Heart state—only the third in the nation. We recently worked with the Charlotte Motor Speed.

Citizens Review Board

Jay Holman, 5811 Wallace Avenue said I am the Executive Director for Legislative Advocacy for the National Action Network here in Charlotte. I have come before you this evening to support the reformation of the Citizens Review Board outlined in the Council Manager's Committee Meeting this morning. As I look around at the young men that I see gathered here this evening, I see representation of the statistics that indicate half if not all will be subject to some sort of police misconduct prior to their 25th birthday. In the last 16 months, six people have died as a result of Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department for officer involved shootings. But more importantly, I see a representation of Charlotte's future, their future political leaders and their future business leaders. Gentlemen, would you please stand? This is our future. We cannot fail them. You can be seated gentlemen. As a former Naval Security Police Officer and having served two tours in Iraq in 2003 2004, I understand the snap judgments that police officers are required to make in the field. But still those actions are subject to independent review, an accountability is in force. Robert Burton once wrote "The fear of some divine and supreme powers keep men obedient." Not only is it our right, but it is our duty to question and to challenge the policies and methods used by those we have given the job of both to protect and defend us. The Citizen's Review Board was initially established for this purpose. Today we ask that it be granted the power to do so. The verbose changes to the CRB must include granting them all the tools necessary to conduct thorough independent investigations specifically access to all internal affairs records surrounding each complaint. By forming the CRB, you recognize the need to improve the relationship between the citizens and the police department. The need to give individuals a voice and protection in case of abuse of power by those selected to defend them. If we fail to grant the reforms to the CRB, then all we would have done was to create another bureaucratic agency with no power just to say that we did something. I'd like to thank you for your time.

Corine Mack, 2317 Sonoma Valley Drive said I stand here today wearing a few hats: A union leader for more than 30 years with a great respect for the fraternal order of police, brothers and sisters. I am an African American woman who has a very heavy heart tonight because of the outrageous number of lives hurt and those who have been killed at the hands of some police. Many blacks in particular are stopped and frisked at disproportionate times. Most importantly, I am a community activist and in an organizer who sees the anger and distrust for the police on a daily basis. There is a definite disconnect and we have got to do something to change it. I am thankful for the hearings and the forums and discussions we have had over the last five or six months, but I am concerned about the final language regarding the CRB. The ordinance must have specific language which gives the Citizen's Review Board full access to the internal affairs file. They must have the officer in question available for testimony. My question today is, "who appoints the members of the CRB? What is the criteria to be on the board? And does it reflect the membership or the community throughout the entire Mecklenburg area?" Without resolution to these items I've just brought to your attention, we will be like a guard dog with no teeth and no bark. I believe we can build a bridge between the community and police department. After all, don't the officers live in the community? Every person within the sound of my voice is in a community. We must all realize that it is all of us—all the people—all the citizens, who pay taxes and elect people into office. We the people in essence, hire you and all the officials for two or four years to serve the need of all people, not a special interest group. In closing, I appreciate the work you've done. This has been a long distance race and we are almost

there. I believe that if we do the things I just asked for, we will cross the finish line together. Please write the Internal Affairs files access into the ordinance and act on these items this year. Don't wait. Don't hesitate. Thank you.

LaWanda Walker, 5054 Curtiswood Drive, said I am the grandmother to Jaquez Walker. He was shot on June 18, 2013 by the Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department. He was shot four times from behind, one included a deadly shot to the back of his head. First let me say, my grandchild was not a perfect angel and he had his faults but since that day on June 18th, my life has been one big nightmare. The only information we have received is what they have put on the news. We still have not received any word from the SBI or the Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department. My family and I are hurting and we need answers as to what happened on that day to make them use deadly force against Jaquez because he was running. He was a grandson, a son a brother, a cousin, a nephew, a devoted friend and a believer in God and the list goes on. But within a few minutes, all of that was taken from us. We need answers. Instead we get to watch the news and hear how he was labeled as a snitch, a drug kingpin, and none of these were true. He was asking his mom, my husband and me for two dollars to go to Bojangles to get chicken supremes with two biscuits, which was his favorite. The Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department needs to be accountable and they cannot just sweep his life up under the rug. My family needs to know what happened. My family needs closure. My family needs answers. Since that day, they took my grandson from us, I no longer feel safe. I don't trust them. I'm actually afraid of them. My grandchildren are afraid of police now because of the way they killed their cousin. I feel that if I was in danger, I couldn't trust them. I could not call on them to help me. I believe the best way that we the community could help rebuild faith in our police department that is supposed to protect and serve us, is to allow open communication and to allow full disclosure with police affairs.

Richard Hester, 1548 Moonstone Drive, Matthews said I am President of the Charlotte Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union. I am speaking on behalf of myself and our board. My statement is about the Citizens' Review Board and I want to commend the CRB Process Task Force for recommending needed changes in the Citizens' Review Board. Police have a difficult and dangerous task and it's hard for those of us who aren't in law enforcement to appreciate how challenging that task is. Under the stressful and often dangerous conditions in which the police work, it is inevitable that they will make mistakes and that citizens will have grievances. We understand how difficult it is to balance enforcing the law and being accountable to the people of Charlotte. The CRB should serve as a tool to assure this balance by raising the level of trust between the police and our community. We want to see the CRB become an independent board with the power to investigate allegations of police misconduct. Such board independence serves the need to protect the public and it serves the need of the police to assure Charlotte that the police are committed to fairness in every contact with its citizens they are sworn to protect. The CRB should be a place for people with a complaint against the police to turn to be assured of fairness knowing that the CRB will objectively consider all relevant evidence of their case. That can only occur if the CRB has the power of independent investigation. We realize that the steps toward giving the CRB investigative power may be complicated and could involve asking the State Legislature for action. We ask that the City Council make it a priority to take whatever steps are necessary to make the CRB an independent board with investigative power. The citizens of Charlotte deserve no less. Prior to the realization of this goal, however, there are steps the council can take now to improve the investigative power of the CRB. One of these steps is to make it possible for the CRB to receive the entire file of the police internal affairs investigation of a complaint of police misconduct. That would be a great step forward.

Rodney Sadler, 5902 Marshbank Lane said as I look the process that has been unfolding, I am somewhat concerned about the proposed changes to the overall CRB processes. First, they appear to be relatively modest. Getting these recommended changes through the City Council would represent change, but would it really be the kind of change necessary to ensure that the CRB was able to prevent the potential abuse of police power. For example, of the four potential outcomes of a hearing, only one of them would suggest that there was any guilt incurred by an officer. There is also no determination that would fall short of sustaining the original defense. What can we do about that? In this regard, the next concern is that the Board should have the ability to influence change in the internal police policies of the department and these changes

that they should be able to put in place, should be binding on the department. We must always remember that the police department works for the citizens of Charlotte and that our interest in our issues must always be attended. The police, though they deserve to be protected, we must remember work for us and we need to have firm policies in place to make sure that citizens' overview of the police department is sacrosanct. Such a board should be comprised of people from across the community and of necessity include members of communities that are most often victims of police misconduct—the least, the lost and the otherwise left out. That said, I fully support the recommended changes that they be approved by the City Council with the caveat that the CRB receive the full unredacted unedited unsummarized internal affairs files of cases under review. This will improve its ability to provide the kind of oversight that is necessary. These are just a few modest principles that I would hope any eventual recommendations to the City Council would have. I also have more specific concerns about the need for adjudicatory and not just appellate powers for the board; the need to insure access not only to police sponsored report, but actual witnesses to the Board and the ability to put in place a system that allows citizens to approach the board directly. But for now, the current changes represent a significant foundation upon which to build as we move forward with the Citizens' Review Board and it will make it far more potent. It is my goal that we might strengthen the hand of the CRB that we might continue to build trust between the police and the city of Charlotte.

Councilmember Autry said I had a question about what I'm hearing here and maybe it's directed to the City Attorney. Does the Citizens Review Board not see the internal affairs file?

Ron Carlee, City Manager said yes it does. That will be more explicit in the recommendations that I am making to you.

Councilmember Autry said so is there some difference between the internal affairs file and the case file.

Mr. Carlee said I think there is a misunderstanding.

Councilmember Cooksey said given the numbers...I would say as the members of Council Manager Relations Committee are aware, the committee did, and you saw this in your packet on Friday, we approved recommendations to council today, what you should be expecting to see on your future schedules is a dinner briefing on November 11th and a request for council action on November 25th so that's the schedule that exists on this topic.

Affordable Housing and Homelessness

Rev. John Cleghorn, 1609 E. 5th Street said with the Clerk's Office permission, I will yield my last minute to Deronda Metz of the Salvation Army.

Mayor Kinsey said we don't usually do that, but I'm sorry.

Rev. Cleghorn said well she had said so but that's alright. I am here with members of my church community and Deronda Metz of the Salvation Army along with a range of other partners to thank the Salvation Army for the chance to have operated Caldwell House, a women's transitional homeless shelter located at Caldwell Presbyterian Church in the Elizabeth neighborhood. Caldwell House is staffed and funded through the Salvation Army with financial support from churches, the United Way, Mecklenburg County and others. Since September 2010, Caldwell House has provided 50 beds a night for women facing homelessness. That means conservatively, it has kept a woman off the streets 50,000 times. But it's more than a shelter. A network of partner churches, restaurants, businesses and individuals has provided thousands of meals and hours of education for job readiness, health and wellness and spiritual development to help get residents back on their feet and indeed many have moved on to employment and other housing. Caldwell House has been an innovative and highly cost effective link in our City's chain of answers to homelessness. However, it will close next month due to a lack of funding. Homelessness is a complex and profound challenge—one of our city's greatest—one some would like to forget about. We support efforts to find new answers and understand that is underway and we hope for a day when emergency shelters like this aren't need. Right now however, they are and we can't pretend emergency shelters don't perform an

important link in the chain. That kind of pretending carries a high social price tag and an even higher human toll. Caldwell House opened three years ago as what we thought then, would be a three month emergency measure. Now, yet another winter rolls in and homeless women face fewer options for safe, secure emergency housing. We urge our entire community, including the City government and its leadership to intensive efforts to do better by all of our members. As I believe Deronda would have said with the time that we thought we had, they are turning away 15 families a night because they are at capacity at the main shelter at the Center of Hope.

Mayor Kinsey said I was going to ask the question about whether or not you were going to be open this winter and you answered it and I'm sorry to hear that because I know that you and your church and the neighborhood for that matter have done good work and certainly the Salvation Army. So are there any plans for those 50 women? Can Salvation Army accommodate them?

Rev. Cleghorn said may I defer to Deronda Metz?

Mayor Kinsey said I will ask her that question because I know she has the answer better than you do.

Deronda Metz, 534 Spratt Street said we have been strategically working with the City staff and a lot of those women have been offered rapid re-housing and some other shelter options with Victory Christian Church so the challenge for us is just having space for women and children. I promised a group of families I'd say this tonight that I talked with on Friday when I told them I didn't know where they could go in this city that I would definitely make sure I keep it in the forefront that we do have homeless moms and children that don't have a place to go. So thank you for giving me that opportunity.

Mayor Kinsey said thank you for what you do in our community.

Councilmember Mitchell said Ms. Metz let me get this clear as well. Is there a proposed development to expand your current location to provide more housing for some of the homeless women and families?

Ms. Metz said that is something we are talking to the City about. We really can only do what this community support. The community really feels strong that they want to respond to homelessness through housing and not shelter. However, as we do this strategic planning, there are a lot of women and children that don't have a place to stay so we will be continuing to have that conversation with the City.

Councilmember Mitchell said what is your waiting list, if you just want to share a number—what's the need?

Ms. Metz said what we tell a family—we had 28 families to check in on last Friday for an example, because it was cold outside so we gave them a mat and told them they can go into the dining room, come back each night to see whether or not we would have a space for them. So it takes about four days for us to actually get a family into the shelter.

Councilmember Fallon said Reverend, how much money would it take for the church to stay open?

Ms. Metz said it would take more than money. It would really take the community agreeing that this is the response that we would like to have to homelessness. It would take a response from the City, from the County, from other members in this community—our board, the Salvation Army and Pastor Cleghorn's church to be able to keep it open.

Rev. Cleghorn said the issue I think as I said in my remarks, is that we have a gap. We are all moving toward a better model, but right now there is a gap and that gap is unfilled.

Councilmember Fallon said how much is that gap?

Rev. Cleghorn said it's not so much a money gap, it's a shelter gap. We all want to get to a model where we have more rapid re-housing, but that's not in place right now and won't be in place for some time and so a model like ours or what can be done elsewhere is the stop gap in the meantime. But we are out of business next month.

Councilmember Fallon asked what it would take for you to stay in business for this winter without your expanding.

Ms. Metz said I can tell you what Caldwell Shelter costs. It costs about \$9,000 a month, which is about \$16 a day per person.

Rev. Cleghorn said that's food, shelter, supportive services all in.

Councilmember Fallon said I see. Have you reached out to any of the banks and the other businesses because it doesn't seem that that's a very large sum? What is it four month?

Ms. Metz said it's really a situation that is larger than money; it's getting the community to buy in.

Councilmember Fallon said I understand to keep it open just for this winter for those 28 people that come with children to you on a Friday night.

Ms. Metz said we will continue to have that discussion internally with the Salvation Army and Pastor Cleghorn's church and maybe the city staff, but we really don't have a lot of buy in to keep that shelter open so I would love to talk with you maybe some other time outside of this forum and describe more about the strategic planning in homelessness and how people are really getting away from shelter although it's a need. I know it makes no sense to me on most nights and most of those families that are out there on the street, but...

Rev. Cleghorn said I think it's also safe to say Deronda that you all have talked to all of your funders and this is not a random decision. Strategic efforts have been made to find funding, but that you for the question.

Mayor Kinsey said thank you very much for coming down and now I am going to put a plug in for Room in the Inn. It's probably going to be starting up pretty soon. I know my church houses people. That's not a long-term answer, but at least it keeps people warm at night and gives them food. So if your church doesn't sponsor Room in the Inn, then I would encourage you to talk to your ministerial staff about that.

Charlotte Motor Speedway Affects Charlotte Economy

Fred Mauney, 61 Newton Moore Road said I am here again one more time I hoped that this might be the last time about the Charlotte Motor Speedway and stuff and this time it's about what's being referred to as Godfather of NASCAR, Bruton Smith at this time and it's the parallels is kind of relating to the like the movie Godfather when at the end all of a sudden there was some bodies and moved to Vegas and since this thing has happened with this \$80M lawsuit thing coming down, and of course they've it's been brought forward by how the other counties have been raking off with a good bit of money from the speedway and so you've got these other billionaires out there in Vegas and they are wanting another race and they are starting to now from my information, the contact I have out there that they are starting to lean heavy on him because nobody showing no love to him around here or something. You've got to understand, well its \$100M track and they ain't just gonna walk off and leave it. They putting something together and they are paying for that track just like he bought the Wilkes Barr race and they split the races up and it's not just to whether... race tracks are on the table with all the teams on it and it's a three legged table with three races you knocking a leg out, that table's fallen over and all those races are going somewhere else and it's not just whether they've got Coca Cola wanting the world's 600 down there. Bristol's involved here and it's turned into a thing of scrabble and I'm going to give you a little example. There's an old saying, don't let the right hand know what the left hand's doing. With Bruton Smith, the fingers don't know what the other fingers are doing and you've got all these people and these corporations just talking about where they would

move, not move, what might happen, not happen, a whole total realignment. I don't know, maybe y'all planning to go down there and buy the Darlington Track and bring a race up here. There's been another thing—what could he do with that race track. Some people come and approached me and say well you've come up with some pretty good stuff here about what's going on about this whole thing and what might need to be done so I came up with one idea. I thought the John Deere Monster...they are looking into it. They are looking at what to do. I went over to the County Commissioner and talked him over in Cabarrus County and they picked up on it and I got thanked by quite a few people because I'm saying everybody needs get here and chip in. Is the State level losing \$900M over this and is each county willing to lose their \$400M a year and so this is about the best I can do. If y'all don't get some people together and stuff. And another thing, these NASCAR wives, they've already nested they are not into pulling out their kids and families and going to find new churches and homes and all that, but at the same time, if they are finding nobody cares, then you can have them turn on you. They will be saying let's just go somewhere else. If we are not welcome around here, we will just go somewhere else and they party with the corporate wives of all these corporations that sponsor all this stuff. This is not ... you can talk to your City Manager [about] how plan to fill the gap with \$400M plus... y'all's counties, with counties and cities and stuff around here as well as state representatives, y'all need to get together and go out there. I'll be meeting with him.

Citizens' Review Board

Henry Gunn, 7904 Noland Wood Drive said I did an interview with Channel 9 News this afternoon and he asked me a question and that was, "why are you and other people so interested in the CRB?" And it kind of puzzled me that he lives here in the City of Charlotte and he doesn't know why we are doing this and the reason is that we are trying to build a better police department. In building a better police department means building better relationships between the police and the citizens. Now one of the things that I had asked when we first started this and asked some of the people on the CRB and the Chair of the CRB was for clearness, transparency and fairness for everybody and that includes the police officer and the citizens because the fact is that a police officer, when something happens on the police force that's negative, its negative against all of them. So when he goes home to his wife, his family, his school, his church, they look at him a little bit different. So why not have the best police force so that every man and woman that works for the City of Charlotte, will be proud of what they do and the department that they serve in. So I found that a little odd that he asked that question, because that's what I've been advocating for that everybody including the police have total access to the proper defense against charges—true or false—let it be vented and find out the truth because I found out from the Chief that a large number of these officers that are complaining, these complaints are coming from officers that work with other officers. I've worked with the police over the last 20 years and I've worked with some really good officers and they have had complaints and I would say work it out through your department. But when we started doing the CRB thing and I looked at police misconduct, it was clear that we had something more than what I had seen and that's why I'm involved so that we can have transparency for the police, transparency for the citizens and everybody can go home happy. Not only that, we found out that when we have a CRB in other cities, that the cost of doing business goes down. I think one of the stakeholders meetings wanted I think \$29K to be put in the budget for the CRB for adding personnel. Well the City of Charlotte is going to pay out 20-30 times that this year in costs.

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AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

ITEM NO. 6: 2013 MAYOR'S INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AWARDS.

Mayor Kinsey said we have some awards and recognitions tonight and the first one is for the Mayor's International Community Awards "MICA" honor foreign owned firms in the Charlotte region for their outstanding contributions to philanthropy. Awards are given to three companies based on total number of employees. Tonight I wish to recognize the 2013 award recipients. As I call your name, please approach the dais to accept your award. The first one goes to Reinhardt Von Hennings with Ridgehouse Law in the small business category. The second award goes to

Scott Carlton with SGL Carbon in the Medium business category. The third award goes to Bobby Katz with Ingersol Rand in the large business category.

ITEM NO. 7: 2013 NEIGHBORHOOD LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Mayor Kinsey said on behalf of the City of Charlotte I congratulate the local residents, neighborhood associations and businesses that were nominated for a neighborhood leadership award. We appreciate the leadership and efforts of these neighborhood residents and groups to improve the quality of life in Charlotte. I'd like to recognize the 2013 award recipients and as I call your name, please come to the front of the dais and we'll congratulate all of you. In the community ambassador category the winner is Chris Wannamaker of Freemore West. In the leadership excellence category we have the winner, Martique Lorry.

Azania Herron, Neighborhood and Business Services said she's unavailable this evening.

Mayor Kinsey said in the youth leadership category, Cameron Witherspoon. In the Neighborhood Improvement category, Reed Park Neighborhood Association, and in the diversity category, Maudia Melendez.

Ms. Herron said she also is unavailable.

Mayor Kinsey said in the youth advocate category, Antonia Neat Childs and in the sustainability category, Ronald Ross of Northwood Estates Neighborhood Association.

Ms. Herron said we would like to thank the leadership of the City of Charlotte for allowing us to host this first annual event that we will do every year where we are able to celebrate and encourage neighborhood residents and groups who are doing good deeds. As I mentioned at the awards ceremony, these individuals don't often seek attention. They work behind the scenes and they can find themselves exhausted or discouraged. We hope this recognition and many others to come will help to keep them motivated as they continue to contribute to the great city that we live in today. Their work not only improves the quality of life in their communities, it also serves as an example and inspiration for others to do the same. It has been our privilege and pleasure to highlight these individuals.

Councilmember Mayfield said as a point of privilege, I am extremely proud of the fact of Freemore West as well as Reed Park, which are both in District Three being recognized and also what we are seeing from our community as a whole, not only recognizing in each other the amazing work that's happening on the ground, but more and more members starting to get out and really work towards community development and community engagement. So I just wanted to again, thank and congratulate everyone but especially my District Three representation Freemore West and Reed Park. So again congratulations to all of them.

Councilmember Howard said I just wanted to thank staff. I actually had an opportunity to sit in on a part of the presentations the other night. First of all, this chamber was filled with neighborhood leaders from all over the place and awardees, you should have seen the videos and why they were recognized. They were really moving. But I wanted to recognize Ms. Herron as well as Mr. Warshauer and Mr. Mumford for just taking the time to do this to recognize the neighborhood leaders because it is what makes Charlotte what it is and without the texture and fabric of our neighborhoods and the people that make it, the city is nothing. So thank you for recognizing that. I hope I didn't miss anybody.

Mayor Kinsey said the whole staff of Neighborhood and Business Services.

Councilmember Howard said yes the entire staff. That's what I meant to say.

ITEM NO. 8: KEEP CHARLOTTE BEAUTIFUL GRANT

Mayor Kinsey said Keep Charlotte Beautiful was formed in 1974. Their mission is to engage Charlotteans to take greater responsibility for improving their community through beautification and greening, waste reduction and recycling, and litter prevention. Through their adopt a city

street program, 242 miles of Charlotte Streets are maintained each year resulting in over 9,000 pounds of litter collected in 2013. Tonight Keep Charlotte Beautiful will accept a \$10,000 check from Waste Management as a recipient of the 2013 Waste Management Keep America Beautiful Think Green Grant. I would like now to recognize Amanda Fairly, Various Sustainability Manager with Waste Management and Brian Bishop, Chairman of Keep Charlotte Beautiful.

Amanda Fairly, Waste Management said thank you for letting us be here. It's definitely our privilege to be able to present this check you all. As Ms. Mayor said, we have had the privilege of working with the City of Charlotte over the past few years and really have been able to work with Nicole and the staff here. This grant is from Keep America Beautiful Think Green Grant and Waste Management has funded that grant for over 10 years. As a member of the community that lives and work here, Waste Management really likes to be able to provide additional funds for the communities that we live in and through the programs here for Neighborhood Development and the recycling programs, we are really able to demonstrate our commitment to this community here. We'd also like to be able to make sure that through this grant we are actually able to demonstrate our ability to encourage the community to grow and then also continue the sustainability efforts here in the City of Charlotte.

Brian Bishop, Chairman Keep America Beautiful said it's a great honor to be here tonight. I first wanted to recognize the Keep Charlotte Beautiful Board that's here with us as well as to publically thank Waste Management for this generous gift of \$10,000. That money will go to a lot of great use with three primary projects that we are proud to be involved with. The first is the Piedmont Middle School. It's part of the ongoing effort for their school yard beautification park project which is going to showcase a lot of the children's great artistic ability and beautifying that front lawn area. The second big project is the Commonwealth Park. From Promise to Park project which is going to take an area of the city that was dominated by three large structures that were rather dilapidated and turn that area into something that the community can get involved in and be proud of and put to good use and then the third project that this money is going to be put to use with is to sponsor our America's Recycle Day which is going to be on November 16th at the Walmart on Independence and that's going to be a great day of fun and education about proper recycling. So thank you for this forum and this opportunity to help with that.

Mayor Kinsey said thank you very much. Is there a check to be presented? Mr. Maddalon I think I heard two of those recipients are in your district.

Councilmember Maddalon said that's true.

Mayor Kinsey said now I'm going to insert something into the agenda because the Mayor can. I would like to take a moment to thank Assistant City Manager Ruffin Hall for his 12 years of service to the citizens of Charlotte. Tonight is his final Charlotte City Council meeting because he is defecting to Raleigh. For more than a decade Ruffin has provided this council with insightful analyses and policy suggests on a range of key issues, including our budget capital improvement plan and transportation and planning. When I was trying to find something funny to say about Ruffin, I'll have to admit to you that he is a numbers man. He knows the finances and that makes him sort of dull and boring and in his capacity as Assistant City Manager he has made wise decisions that have helped improve the lives of thousands of residents across our city. I have always known him to be a leader with a keen understanding of municipal government and a steadfast commitment to make Charlotte a better place—someone that I could rely on and whose advise I could trust and so on behalf our city I'd again like to thank you Ruffin for all you have done for Charlotte and I'm going to have to take a deep breath because it's hard for me wish you the very best in your new role as City Manager in Raleigh, but I know they know what a jewel they are getting and if they don't know it yet, they will very soon. We will miss you. You've been terrific. Did the council members want to speak first or do you want to hear from Ruffin. You're on Ruffin?

Ruffin Hall, Assistant City Manager said thank you members of the council and Mayor for everyone watching at home. I appreciate the comments. I'm really humbled and honored for the opportunity to serve not just the city of Charlotte but this community. My wife and three kids have enjoyed living here, working here, playing here and it's hard to leave. It's a great place not just because of the organization but because of the community. But of course, I would be remiss

if I didn't say that part of the reason that I am going to Raleigh is your fault because of some of the wonderful things that we've been able to do together. Because of all the wonderful projects that we've worked on together over the 12 years that I've been here, we've had an opportunity to work on some really exciting things and we've survived some really tough things together. And through each of those processes I feel like I learned something from each and every one of you. I've also learned something from each of the elected officials that have served before you including some folks who are no longer with us. So as I've reached this point in moving from the organization, I've had some thoughts about them as well. I'd also like to say thanks to the organization as well as to the previous City Managers, Pam Syfert and Curt Walton. They taught me an awful lot about this business. Not only about how to do it, but how to do it right. And finally, to Mr. Ron Carlee, I'd like to personally say thank you so much for how much support, graciousness and assistance that you provided me as I was going through this process. I couldn't have asked for anyone better to help me with the transition. So a lot of the success that this organization and community has accomplished was a factor in this decision and that speaks well of the City of Charlotte. So thank you so much for the recognition. I will not forget my Charlotte friends when I go to Raleigh. Thank you.

Mayor Kinsey you have to stand there and listen to what these people have to say. Sorry. Shall I go around the dais? Okay.

Councilmember Autry said I was really surprised when I first got elected to understand some of Mr. Hall's background. For instance, he and I attended the same high school in Fayetteville and I believe I said something to you the other day that I'm glad to see somebody from the high school did well but my experience with Ruffin has been that he's calm, cool, collected and all about the facts and what the bottom line means. He's not emotional. He's going to take the rudder in Raleigh with the steady hand that he's exhibited here in Charlotte and lead that city in a positive direction and as my grandson and his mother and father reside in Wake County, I'm anxious for Ruffin to get to it and I'll have plenty of opportunities to witness his progress there. So thank you for all the counsel that you've offered me and the assistance in all of our bumps and high points and low points along the way. It's been a wonderful experience and I'm sure it will be a very fruitful for you to say the least. Thank you so much.

Councilmember Mayfield said congratulations. I will say not with a whole lot of joy and happiness because you will be missed but Raleigh is receiving an amazing asset in you. For me personally in this short 18 months, you have been a true leader. You always had an open door—always were there even late in the evenings, early morning, and sometimes weekends when I had questions regarding upcoming decisions we were looking to make. I truly appreciate the fact that you have been extremely patient for us newbies trying to jump in and learn as much as possible in serving in this role and Raleigh made a really good decision and we knew it would not be long because you are a shining star. So we can't really hold you back but I'm looking forward for you to cut your teeth there and bring yourself back home. So I'm expecting to see you probably back in the Charlotte area—I give you about 10 years or so.

Councilmember Dulin said thank you Ruffin—job well done here. Good luck in the future.

Councilmember Mitchell said Ruffin thank you so much for being as what other folks have mentioned, trustworthy, dedicated, always supporting us and just a funny story. In 2005 I had to go to San Antonio to talk about the City Charlotte budget and Ruffin came with this unique idea—a symbol of a dollar that shows how the city spends its money and how it generates it revenue from a dollar. You made me look good and in return, you received numerous phone calls on a national level about can we have the famous Charlotte dollar. Thank you so much. Best of luck to you in the City of Raleigh, I'm going to miss you my friend.

Councilmember Fallon said I just want everybody to know. Whenever I needed to know something about budgeting or something, I went to Ruff. He never slanted it one way or the other. He went right down the middle and let me make the decision, but he led always. And on a personal level, after a long long day of meetings at conferences, he knows how to pick the best restaurants in every town.

Councilmember Howard said I'm probably going to get in trouble for saying this first line, but this is the second time that Raleigh has taken something from us because we did a good job. I heard a couple of different things tonight, jewel and shining star and that's just way too much for me, but I will tell you that because I've had to work with Ruffin with transportation and planning directly, he has been the ACM that supported me. We've worked together a lot. So Ruffin, you've been a great co-worker for me. I've looked at it as a councilmember/staff. It's been a co-working situation for us and we've done a great job I think. I'd also say that you are a class act. I understand why Raleigh would want you. You know when I got the call, I called you right away almost like an...saying it can't be true and then more importantly, you've been a friend. You've always been my first call and the only thing that makes me okay with the fact that I'm losing you is that now I get to call Deborah first—something I've been doing for a really long time. So Ruffin, I wish you well and you go do good.

Councilmember Pickering said Ruffin wishing you the best of course and thank you. Someone mentioned that, I think Ms. Mayfield. Thank you for your help to those of us who were new this term. You were always available and I appreciated your calm expertise. Madam Mayor you mentioned that he is a numbers guy, which he is, but he is anything but dull and he thinks he's funny and sometimes he is funny, as you heard earlier. This is the only job that I probably wouldn't have been made at your for. I can't blame you for pursuing City Manager at Raleigh. So just wish the best to you and your family on this wonderful family adventure. We'll miss you.

Councilmember Barnes said Mayor I have nothing to say to him. [laughter] In all seriousness let me say this. Ruffin and I have had a couple of conversations since his announcement. I first met him before I got on the council—he was up in University City making a presentation as part of a town hall meeting as Assistant Budget Director and I found him at time to be a knowledgeable person and a person who listened and who tried to help answer questions and he's continued that throughout his time since I've been here. I am certain that you will do a fine job in Raleigh and as I said before it's great to have a tar heel doing something good and I congratulate you on that basis if nothing else, but I wish you and your family well and I'm sure you will find yourself making some very positive changes for our capital city so congratulations sir.

Councilmember Cooksey said Ruffin should start cringing because he knows I get to make this intensely personal because as some folks are aware, but perhaps not everybody, when I was a junior at Enloe High School in Raleigh, competing statewide on our speech and debate team, one of the people I had to compete against was a senior at Pine Forest High School named Ruffin Hall—so one year my senior on this one. I don't recall ever beating you so whatever. It's not that I've been carrying around the idea that I don't recall ever beating as a source of resentment and I've expressed to you my resentment that you're leaving and again to be a little personal one of the reasons that I resent you're leaving is that, as a lot of folks know, I like hanging around with tech people and tech geeks and that sort of thing so I used to brag on their city because they had someone in the senior levels of city leadership who could recite whole passages from Monty Python and the Holy Grail in character and now I think we are losing that unless somebody else would like to step up.

Ruffin Hall said I don't think anybody is going to volunteer for that.

Councilmember Cooksey said but what I really resent is the fact that having known Ruffin Hall since we were both in high school, I know for a fact my 25th reunion was this year—I know for a fact I look nothing like I looked like. This man does. I have aged. This man has barely aged in 26 years. But I'll be more positive. As I've mentioned, before I called Charlotte home, I did call Raleigh home. My parents still do. I've expressed this to Ruffin personally and also have a chance to say it publically. It is my joy and delight to be able to let my parents know and to know that my parents are in Ruffin Hall's hands as the new city manager of Raleigh because they could not have made a finer choice.

Councilmember Maddalon said thank you from the newest of new. All of the new councilmembers thanked you for your graciousness and time in helping us orient ourselves to council and you were more than generous with your time with me. I have it on good authority from some of my friends in Raleigh that part of what has precipitated this opening in their

manager is some kind of debate with parking with City councilmembers and then I recalled when I was first appointed to City Council—you took me down to the parking lot and gave me a very, what I thought at the time was strange orientation to how we park under the building and now I understand why they hired you. You get parking, if nothing else. I want to thank you for everything you've done for the hospitality industry. I first met you when you were Budget Director and I was serving as an officer with CRVA and you came over to the Moorehead Inn and met with us. So I had five wonderful ideas and you said to every single one of those, "that's not how it works" and so today I can tell you that I apologize because for three years after that I called you Hall Ruffin because I wasn't sure which one was your first name. So I apologize for that. I now know it and wish you well in Raleigh.

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ITEM NO. 8: CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Kinsey said we actually had only one item pulled. I think Mr. Autry wanted to speak to Item number 30.

Councilmember Autry said yes Mayor. Thank you. I appreciate that. I just wanted to speak to this item about Farm Pond Neighborhood Improvement Project. This is a \$1,821,000 project that will install sidewalks, storm drainage, curb and gutter, landscaping and creek corrosion and mediation to be installed on Lawrence Orr Road, Wagon Oak Road, Hobbs Hill Drive, Jhonette Drive and this is an area of our city that is going to be most appreciative of this work and can't wait for it to get started and wait for it to be finished so that's fine. I'm glad to see this investment in the Farm Pond Lane area of the city and we really appreciate this.

Mayor Kinsey said the Clerk just let me know that we have a few that staff has pulled so maybe we better see what those are.

Emily Kunze, Deputy City Clerk said Item No. 59-F was pulled by staff; Item No. 60-Y and Item No. 60-Z has been deferred until November 11th; and Item No. 60-AG has been settled.

Motion was made by Councilmember Howard, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell and carried unanimously, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented with the exception of Items 59-F, 60-Y, 60-Z and 60-AG.

The following Items were approved:

Item No. 20: 2013 Urban Areas Security Initiative Grant Acceptance

(A) Authorize the City Manager to accept a grant in the amount of \$2.4M from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's 2013 Areas Security Initiative Grant Program, and (B) Adopt Budget Ordinance No. 5222-X appropriating \$905,249 in Urban Areas Security Initiative grant funds.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book No. 58 at page 453.

Item No. 21: Police Assets Forfeiture Appropriation

Adopt Budget Ordinance No. 5223-X appropriating \$921,783 in police3 assets forfeiture funds.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book No. 58 at page 454.

Item No. 22: Police Governor's Highway Safety Program Grant Acceptance

(A) Accept a grant from the Governor's Highway Safety Program, in the amount of \$982,717, to fund a Driving While Impaired Task Force, and (B) Adopt budget ordinance No. 5224-X appropriating \$982,717 in grant funds.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book No. 58 at page 455.

Item No. 23: 2013 Governor's Highway Safety Program Grant Application

Adopt a resolution authorizing the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department to apply for \$20,000 in grant funds from the Governor's Highway Safety Program.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book No. 44 at page 776.

Item No. 24: Police Undercover Vehicle Lease

Approve a lease agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management, Inc. to provide 27 undercover vehicles for a four-year term.

Item No. 25: North Tryon Street (US29) Bridges/Sidewalk Municipal Agreement

(A) Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a Municipal Agreement with the North Carolina Department of Transportation for installing sidewalks along North Tryon Street (US29) at the bridges over Mallard Creek, and (B) Authorizing the City Manger to approve the final pay request for the actual cost of construction.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book No. 44 at page 777.

Item No. 26: Shopton Beam Roundabout Municipal Agreement

(A) Authorize the City Manager to execute a Municipal Agreement with the North Carolina Department of Transportation for a roundabout at the intersection of Shopton Road and Beam Road; (B)P Adopt a resolution accepting a Congestion Mitigation Air Quality grant from the Federal Highway Administration allocated through the North Carolina Department of Transportation to the City of Charlotte in the amount of \$1,125,000, and; (C) Adopt Budget Ordinance No. 5229-X appropriating \$1,125,000 in North Carolina Department of Transportation funds.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 44 at page 778.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book No. 58 at page 460.

Item No. 27: North Carolina Railroad/Sugar Creek Road Project Funding and Municipal Agreements

Approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute Funding and Municipal Agreements with the North Carolina Department of Transportation in the amount of \$5.0 million for improvements associated with the North Carolina Railroad/Sugar Creek Road Grade Separation Project.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 44 at page 779-780.

Item No. 28: Geotechnical and Construction Materials Testing Services

(A) Approve a one-year term contract, each in an amount up to \$150,000 for geotechnical and construction materials testing services with the following firms: AMEC Environmental & Infrastructure, Inc; ECS Carolinas; ESP Associates, PC; Froehling & Robertson, Inc.; Gavel & Dorn Engineering; Joel E. Wood & Associates; Kleinfelder Southeast, Inc; Professional Service Industries, Inc.; S&ME, Inc; Terracon Consultants, Inc., and; (B) Authorize the City Manager to approve two, one-year renewals for each contract in an amount up to the original contract amount.

Item No. 29: Blumenthal Performing Arts Center Restroom Renovation and Expansion

(A) Reject the low-bid contract, in the amount of \$786,140.00 from W.C. Construction Company, LLC for failure to comply with the Small Business Opportunity program requirements; (B) Award the contract to the second lowest, responsive bidder, Edison Foard, Inc., in the amount of \$844,100, for construction of the Blumenthal Performing Arts Center Restroom Renovation and Expansion project, and (C) Adopt Budget Ordinance No. 5228-X appropriating an additional \$44,100 in Blumenthal Performing Arts Center Funds to the Blumenthal Performing Arts Center Restroom Renovation and Expansion project.

SUMMARY OF BIDS:

W.C. Construction, LLC	\$786,140.00
Edison Foard, Inc.	\$844,100.00
J.D. Goodrum	\$847,550.00
Southside Constructors, Inc.	\$852,282.25
Encompass Building Group, Inc.	\$891,250.00

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book No. 58 at page 459.

Item No. 30: Farm Pond Neighborhood Improvement Project

Award the low-bid contract in the amount of \$1,821,342.33 to Sealand Contractors Corp for the Farm Pond Neighborhood Improvement project.

SUMMARY OF BIDS:

Sealand Contractors Corp.	\$1,821,342.33
DLB, Inc.	\$2,316,302.45
DeVere Construction Company, Inc.	\$2,566,568.07

Item No. 31: Overhead Door Service and Maintenance

Approve the contract with Carolina Door in the total amount up to \$500,000 over a three-year term.

Item No. 32: Airport Closed Circuit Television Video System Upgrade

(A) Approve the upgrade of the Airport's Closed Circuit Television Video system used by the Transportation Security Administration, as authorized by the sole source purchasing exemption of G.S. 143-129 (e) (6); (B) Award the contract in the amount of \$563,272, to Johnson Controls, Inc. for an upgrade of the CCTV system; (C) Award the low-bid contract in the amount of \$90,977.00 with the PC Mall Gov for the purchase of network switches necessary for the Closed Circuit Television Video System upgrade, and; (D) Adopt Ordinance No. 5225-X appropriating \$654,249 from the Airport Discretionary Fund to the Airport Capital Investment Plan.

SUMMARY OF BIDS

PCMG (PC Mall Gov)	\$90,977.00
GHA Technologies	\$112,560.00
Enterprise Systems	\$105,497.00
Zones, Inc.	\$121,231.35

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book No. 58 at page 456.

Item No. 33: Airport Control Room Communications Upgrade

Adopt Budget Ordinance No. 5226-X appropriating \$518,310 from the Airport Discretionary Fund to the Aviation Capital Investment Plan for the purchase of communication consoles.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book No. 58 at page 457.

Item No. 34: Airport Rental Car Storage Facility Change Order #1

(A) Approve change order #1, in the amount of \$230,293, with E.S. Wagner Co., LLC for additional site work for the Airport's future Rental Car Storage Facility, and (B) Adopt Budget Ordinance No. 5227-X appropriating \$230,293 from the Contract Facility Charge Fund to the Aviation Capital Investment Plan.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book No. 58 at page 458.

Item No. 35: Aircraft Ground Equipment Repair Parts

(A) Approve the purchase of aircraft ground equipment, material, and repair parts from Hobart Ground Systems, as authorized by the sole source exemption of G.S. 143-129 (e) (6); (B) Approve a contract with Hobart Ground Systems for the purchase of equipment, material, and repair parts used for ground power units and pre-conditioned air units for the term of three years, and; (C) Authorize the City Manager to extend the contract for two additional, one-year terms with possible price adjustments as stipulated by the contract at the time of renewal.

Item No. 36: Airport Public Internet Service

(A) Approve a three-year contract with AT&T to provide the Airport's public internet service capacity, and; (B) Authorize the City Manager to approve one, three-year renewal.

Item No. 37: Airport Entrance Roadway Lights

Approve an agreement with Duke Energy in the amount of \$211,978.66 for lighting for the new airport entrance road.

Item No. 38: LYNX Blue Line Extension Project – Advanced Public Utility Relocations

Award the low-bid contract, in the amount of \$4,979,780 to Blythe Development Company for the advanced public utility relocations associated with the LYNX Blue Line Extension project.

SUMMARY OF BIDS

Blythe Development Company	\$4,949,780.00
DeVere Construction Company, Inc.	\$5,405,026.66
Sealand Contractors Corporation	\$5,460,143.15

Item No. 39: LYNX Blue Line Extension – Duke Energy Utility Relocation Agreement Amendment #2

Approve contract amendment #2 to the Utility Relocation Agreement with Duke Energy for the LYNX Blue Line Extension project for up to \$4.3 million.

Item No. 40: City Code Ordinance Amendment – Charlotte Sewer Use Ordinance

Approve the amendment to the City Code for the Charlotte Sewer Use Ordinance No. 5230-X.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 58 at pages 461-516.

Item No. 41: FY2014 Utility Concrete and Asphalt Repair

(A) Award low-bid, unit price contracts for the repair of concrete and asphalt throughout Mecklenburg County to the following firms in the not-to exceed amounts of: Dallas 1 Construction, \$252,467.25 and Barry's Concrete & Service, \$260,741.25, and; (B) Authorize the City Manager to approve one renewal with price adjustments, based on the Construction Cost Index, as stated in the agreement.

SUMMARY OF BIDS

	Zones 1 and 2	Zones 3 and 4
Dallas 1 Construction	\$252,467.25	\$257,717.25
Barry's Concrete	\$265,991.25	\$260,741.25
WM Warr & Son	\$327,537.00	\$317,037.00

Item No. 42: Combination Sewer Cleaning Trucks

(A) Approve the purchase of sewer cleaning equipment as authorized by the sole source exemption of G.S. 143-129 (e) (6), and; (B) Approve the purchase of two sewer combination cleaning trucks from Rodders & Jets Supply Company in the total amount of \$633,880.

Item No. 43: Sewage Pumping Station Odor Scrubber Units

(A) Approve the lease of Syneco Peacemaker Dry Air Scrubber Units for a term of three years, and; (B) Authorize the City Manager to renew the lease for one additional, three-year term.

Item No. 44: Utility Water Main Cleaning and Lining Contract

Approve contract renewal #1, for a unit price contract in the amount of \$3,748,976.20, with Heitkamp, Inc. for Water Main Cleaning and Epoxy Lining services.

Item No. 45: Utility Laboratory Commodities Purchases

(A) Approve the purchase of laboratory commodities as authorized by the sole source exemption of G.S. 143-129 (e) (6), and; (B) Approve the purchases of microbiological laboratory commodities from Idexx Distribution, Inc. for the term of two years.

Item No. 46: McAlpine Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant Dewatering Centrifuge

(A) Approve the purchase of a used dewatering centrifuge as authorized by the used goods exemption of G.S. 143-129 (e) (10), and; (B) Approve the purchase, in the amount of \$178,000, with equipment Xchange LLC for a Sharples/Alfa Laval PM centrifuge.

Item No. 47: McAlpine Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant Replacement Parts

(A) Approve the purchase and repair of digester mixer equipment parts as authorized by the sole source purchasing exemption of G.S. 143-129 (e) (6), and; (B) Approve a contract with SPX Flow Technology/Lightnin, in the amount of \$704,088, for digester mixer equipment parts and repair.

Item No. 48: Utility Line Relocation and Adjustment Municipal Agreement

(A) Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a Municipal Agreement with the North Carolina Department of Transportation for design and construction of water and sewer line relocations and adjustments for the Highway 29 bridge in the estimated amount of \$226,000, and; (B) Authorize the City Manager to approve the final pay request for the actual cost of the utility construction.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 44 at page 781.

Item No. 49: Water and Sanitary Sewer Service Connections

Award the low-bid contract, in the amount of \$109,940.00, to State Utility Contractors, Inc. for the construction and installation of a new water service to serve Carolinas Medical Center-University Hospital.

SUMMARY OF BIDS:

State Utility Contractors, Inc.	\$109,940.00
R. H. Price, Inc.	\$114,310.00
B.R.S., Inc.	\$127,362.50
R. F. Shinn Contractor, Inc.	\$147,696.80

Item No. 50: 2012 Local Water Supply Plan

Adopt a resolution approving the 2012 Local Water Supply Plan for the City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 44 at pages 782-788.

Item No. 51: Security and Video Monitoring Services

Award the low-bid contract, in the amount of \$122,535.62 with Advanced Digital Solutions, LLC to provide access control and video monitoring equipment and installation services for the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Utility Department, Field Operations Center Renovation project.

SUMMARY OF BIDS:

Advanced Digital Solutions LLC	\$122,535.62
SFI Electronics, LLC	\$127,959.00
Trinity Access and Video Solutions, Inc.	\$163,983.00

Item No. 52: Public Safety Communications Network Maintenance, Support and Upgrades

Approve a contract with Motorola Solutions, Inc. for maintenance, support and upgrades to the City's Public Safety Radio Communications Network for a term not to exceed nine years in an amount not to exceed \$32,052,123.

Item No. 53: Stanly County Radio Service Interlocal Agreement

Adopt a resolution approving an Interlocal Agreement with Stanly County for public safety radio system interoperability and infrastructure services.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 44 at pages 789-813.

Item No. 54: Self-Contained Breating Apparatus Packs and Breathing Masks

(A) Approve a unit price, low-bid contract with Municipal Emergency Services for the purchase of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus Packs and breathing masks for the term of three years, and (B) Authorize the City Manager to extend the contract for up to two additional, one-year terms with possible price adjustments as authorized by the contract.

SUMMARY OF BIDS:

Municipal Emergency Services \$1,077,506.25

Item No. 55: Municipal Records Retention and Disposition Schedule Amendment

Approve the amended North Carolina Municipal Records Retention and Disposition Schedule.

Item No. 56: Refund of Property and Business Privilege License Taxes

(A) Adopt a resolution authoring the refund of property taxes assessed through clerical or assessor error in the amount of \$66,865.30; and (B) Adopt a resolution authorizing the refund of business privilege license payments made in the amount of \$4,240.02.

The resolutions are recorded in full in Resolution Book 44 at pages 814-817 and pages 818-819, respectively.

Item No. 57: Bank of America Stadium Budget Ordinance

Adopt Budget Ordinance No. 5237-X for \$28 million to complete Phase I financing of Bank of America Stadium.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 58 at page 523.

Item No. 58: Meeting Minutes

Approve the titles, motions and votes reflected in the Clerk's record as the minutes of:

July 15, 2013	Zoning Meeting
August 26, 2013	Business Meeting
September 16, 2013	Business Meeting
September 16, 2013	Zoning Meeting

Item No. 59-A: In Rem Remedy – 4429 Cades Cove Drive

Adopt an Ordinance No. 5231-X authorizing the use of In Rem Remedy to demolish and remove the structure at 4429 Cade Cove Drive (Neighborhood Profile Area 111).

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 58, page 517.

Item No. 59-B: In Rem Remedy – 423 Campus Street

Adopt Ordinance No. 5232-X authorizing the use of In Rem Remedy to demolish and remove the structure at 423 Campus Street (Neighborhood Area 382).

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 58, page 518.

Item No. 59-C: In Rem Remedy – 5920 Hewitt Drive

Adopt Ordinance No. 5233-X authorizing the use of In Rem Remedy to demolish and remove the structure at 5920 Hewitt Drive (Neighborhood Profile Area 238).

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 58, page 519

Item No. 59-D: In Rem Remedy – 1816 Catherine Simmons Avenue

Adopt Ordinance No. 5234-X authorizing the use of In Rem Remedy to demolish and remove the structure at 1816 Catherine Simmons Avenue (Neighborhood Project Area 374).

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 58, page 520

Item No. 59-E: In Rem Remedy – 2801 Clyde Drive

Adopt Ordinance No. 5235-X authorizing the use of In Rem Remedy to demolish and remove the structure at 2801 Clyde Drive (Neighborhood Profile Area 88).

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 58, page 521.

Item No. 59-G: In Rem Remedy – 3332 Rozzelles Ferry Road

Adopt Ordinance No. 5236-X authorizing the use of In Rem Remedy to demolish and remove the structure at 3332 Rozzelles Ferry Road (Neighborhood Profile Area 88)

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 58, page 522.

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ITEM NO. 60: PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS

Acquisitions

Item No. 60-A: 6700 North Tryon Street

Acquisition of 11,216 sq. ft. (.257 ac.) in Storm Drainage Easement, plus 22,525 sq. ft. (.517 ac.) in Temporary Construction Easement, plus 2,982 sq. ft. (.068 ac.) in Utility Easement, plus 66 sq. ft. (.002 ac.) in Storm Drainage Easement and Utility Easement, plus 32 sq. ft. (.001 ac.) in Sidewalk Utility Easement and Storm Drainage Easement, plus 1,332 sq. ft. (.031 ac.) in Access Easement, Utility Easement and Storm Drainage Easement 11,216 sq. ft. at 6700 North Tryon Street from United States Postal Service for \$65,070 for Blue Line Extension, Parcel #2215.

Item No. 60-B: 6415 Lakeview Road

Acquisition of 4,304 sq. ft. (.099 ac.) in Temporary Construction Easement, plus 3,270 sq. ft. (.075 ac.) in Permanent Easement at 6415 Lakeview Road from M.I.K.E. Land Co., LLC for \$12,025 for Charlotte Mecklenburg Utility- Lakeview Road 8" Sanitary Sewer, Parcel #1

Item No. 60-C: 4600 Park Road

Acquisition of 1,371 sq. ft. (.031 ac.) in Sidewalk and Utility Easement, plus 769 sq. ft. (.018 ac.) in Temporary Construction Easement at 4600 Park Road from TDC Park Abbey, LLC for \$13,500 for FY13 Sidewalks- Park Road, Parcel #2

Item No. 60-D: Gaynor Road

Acquisition of 2,634 sq. ft. (.06 ac.) in Storm Drainage Easement, plus 1,238 sq. ft. (.028 ac.) in Temporary Construction Easement, plus 634 sq. ft. (.015 ac.) in Existing Drainage Easement at Gaynor Road to be accepted from Jonathan Adoneran Hill, Sr. Revocable Trust, Jonathan Adoneran Hill, Sr., Trustee under Trust dated 1/3/96 for \$21,800 for Gaynor Storm Drainage Improvement Project, Parcel #31.

Item No. 60-E: 4811 Gaynor Road

Acquisition of 18,000 sq. ft. (.0413 ac.) at 4811 Gaynor Road from Jonathan Adoneran Hill, Sr. Revocable Trust, Jonathan Adoneran Hill, Sr., Trustee under Trust dates 1/3/96 for \$33,950 for Gaynor Storm Drainage Improvement Project, Parcel #32.

Item No. 60-F: 432 Hunter Lane

Acquisition of 2,747 sq. ft. (.063 ac.) in Storm Drainage Easement, plus 568 sq. ft. (.013 ac.) in Temporary Construction Easement at 432 Hunter Lane from Eugene R. Judd and wife, Elizabeth A. Judd for \$13,742 for Gaynor Storm Drainage Improvement Project, Parcel #50.

Item No. 60-G: 4414 Johnson Oehler Road

Acquisition of 27,992 sq. ft. (.643 ac.) in Fee Simple, plus 34,746 sq. ft. (.798 ac.) in Fee Simple within Existing Right-of-Way and 1,356 sq. ft. (.031 ac.) in Storm Drainage Easement, plus 10,880 sq. ft. (.25 ac.) in Slope Easement, plus 23,649 sq. ft. (.543 ac.) in Temporary Construction Easement, plus 8,242 sq. ft. (.189 ac.) in Utility Easement at 4414 Johnson Oehler Road from Clarence R. Johnston and wife, Edith W. Johnston for \$100,900 for Johnston Oehler Farm to Market, Parcel #4.

Item No. 60-H: 531 Oakdale Road

Acquisition of 12,310 sq. ft. (.283 ac.) in Fee Simple, plus 6,347 sq. ft. (.146 ac.) in Fee Simple within Existing Right-of-Way and 391 sq. ft. (.009 ac.) in Storm Drainage Easement, plus 7,076 sq. ft. (.162 ac.) in Sidewalk and Utility Easement, plus 1,641 sq. ft. (.038 ac.) in Waterline Easement, plus 6,834 sq. ft. (.157 ac.) in Temporary Construction Easement, plus 182 sq. ft. (.004 ac.) in Utility Easement at 531 Oakdale Road from Virginia L. Dunn for \$21,000 for Oakdale Road Widening, Parcel #12

Item No. 60-I: Corvus Court

Acquisition of 571 sq. ft. (.013 ac.) in Fee Simple plus 4,025 sq. ft. (.092 ac.) in Sidewalk and Utility Easement, plus 4,126 sq. ft. (.095 ac.) in Temporary Construction Easement, plus 61 sq. ft. (.001 ac.) in Utility Easement at Corvus Court from Raven Ridge Homeowners Association of Mecklenburg, Inc. for \$36,450 for Oakdale Road Widening, Parcel #27.

Item No. 60-J: Peachtree Road

Acquisition of 293 sq. ft. (.007 ac.) in Fee Simple plus 1,685 sq. ft. (.039 ac.) in Storm Drainage Easement, plus 1,420 sq. ft. (.033 ac.) in Sidewalk and Utility Easement, plus 474 sq. ft. (.011 ac.) in Temporary Construction Easement, plus 7 sq. ft. (ac.) in Utility Easement at Peachtree Road from Raven Ridge Homeowners Association of Mecklenburg, Inc. for \$28,625 for Oakdale Road Widening, Parcel #42.

Item No. 60-K: 709 and 713 Belmont Avenue

Acquisition of 14,964 sq. ft. (.344 ac.) in Fee Simple (TOTAL TAKE) at 709 and 713 Belmont Avenue from Trustees of Missionary Ministers Apostolic Church for \$112,320 for Parkwood Storm Drainage Improvement Project - Phase 1, Parcel #2 and #3.

Item No. 60-L: 420 East 15th Street

Acquisition of 838 sq. ft. (.019 ac.) in Fee Simple plus 5,618 sq. ft. (.129 ac.) in Storm Drainage Easement, plus 195 sq. ft. (.004 ac.) in Sidewalk and Utility Easement, plus 1,496 sq. ft. (.034 ac.) in Temporary Construction Easement at 420 East 15th Street from Bethel Worship Center, Inc. for \$14,500 for Parkwood Storm Drainage Improvement Project- Phase 2, Parcel #24.

Item No. 60-M: Morris Field Drive

Acquisition of 265,733 sq. ft. (6.1 ac.) in Fee Simple (TOTAL TAKE) at Morris Field Drive from Heirs of L.A. Lineberger for \$100,000 for Paw Creek Force Main Replacement- Phase 2 and Phase 3, Parcel #12.

Item No. 60-N: 228 East Peterson Drive

Acquisition of 2,078 sq. ft. (.048 ac.) in Storm Drainage Easement, plus 1,126 sq. ft. (.026 ac.) in Temporary Construction Easement at 228 East Peterson Drive from Whitesides Investment Properties, LLC for \$13,000 for Peterson Drive Storm Drainage Improvement, Parcel #5.

Item No. 60-O: 3700 Ellenwood Place

Acquisition of 3,481 sq. ft. (.08 ac.) in Storm Drainage Easement, plus 1,640 sq. ft. (.038 ac.) in Temporary Construction Easement, plus 2,477 sq. ft. (.057 ac.) in Natural Storm Drainage Easement at 3700 Ellenwood Place from Amy Diane Presson, as Trustee of Presson Trust FBO Amy Diane Presson dated 9/1/11 and William J. Presson and Carolyn T. Allen for \$11,375 for Peterson Drive Storm Drainage Improvement, Parcel #27.

Item No. 60-P: 146 25 Black Farms Road

Acquisition of 37,223 sq. ft. (.855 ac.) in Sanitary Sewer Easement, plus 45,516 sq. ft. (1.045 ac.) in Temporary Construction Easement at 14625 Black Farms Road from Hind's Feet Farm, Inc. for \$21,700 for Ramah Creek Sewer Interceptor, Parcel #26.

Item No. 60-Q: Cranford Drive

Acquisition of 156,806 sq. ft. (3.6 ac.) in Sanitary Sewer Easement at Cranford Drive from The John S. Miller Family Limited Partnership for \$25,000 for Steele Creek Pump Station Replacement Final, Parcel #18, #21 and #28.

Item No. 60-R: 9528 Markswood Road

Acquisition of 2.87 acres at 9528 Cranford Road from Diane Chavez and Husband Victor Chavez for \$205,000 for Airport Master Plan Land Acquisition.

Item No. 60-S: 9400 Markswood Road

Acquisition of 1.4 acres at 9400 Markswood Road from Roger J. Olsen and wife, Judy M. Olsen for \$204,000 for Airport Master Plan Land Acquisition.

Item No. 60-T: 7936 Steele Creek Road

Acquisition of 6.929 acres at 7936 Steele Creek Road from Horizon Christian Fellowship for \$1,200,000 for Airport Master Plan Land Acquisition.

Item No. 60-U: 9627 Markswood Road

Acquisition of 1.07 acres at 9627 Markswood Road from Oma Ann Wilkinson Family Trust for \$207,000 for Airport Master Plan Land Acquisition.

Item No. 60-V: 5920 Wilkinson Boulevard

Acquisition of 3.477 acres at 5920 Wilkinson Boulevard from Richard T. Meek (Successor Trustee) for \$1,007,000 for Airport Master Plan Land Acquisition.

Item No. 60-W: 3701 Harlee Avenue

Acquisition of 3.574 acres at 3701 Harlee Avenue from Cook Truck Equipment & Tools, Inc. for \$1,445,000 for Airport Master Plan Land Acquisition.

Condemnations

Item No. 60-X: 6324 North Tryon Street

Resolution of condemnation of 1,528 sq. ft. (.035 ac.) in Fee Simple plus 3,071 sq. ft. (.071 ac.) in Storm Drainage Easement, plus 7,586 sq. ft. (.174 ac.) in Temporary Construction Easement at 6324 North Tryon Street from North Tryon Street-Owen Properties, LLC and any other parties of interest for an amount to be determined for Blue Line Extension, Parcel #2173 and #2174.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 44, page 820.

Item No. 60-AA: 3827 Foxford Place

Resolution of condemnation of 1,732 sq. ft. (.04 ac.) in Storm Drainage Easement, plus 496 sq. ft. (.011 ac.) in Sidewalk and Utility Easement, plus 3,999 sq. ft. (.092 ac.) in Temporary Construction Easement, plus 1 sq. ft. (. ac.) in Easement to be Abandoned, plus 1,910 sq. ft. (.044 ac.) in Existing Drainage Easement To Be Accepted at 3827 Foxford Place from Like Wen and any other parties of interest for an amount to be determined for Finchley-Purser/Shamrock Hills Neighborhood Improvement Project- Phase 2, Parcel #102.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 44, page 821.

Item No. 60-AB: 3924 Slagle Drive

Resolution of condemnation of 418 sq. ft. (.01 ac.) in Temporary Construction Easement at 3924 Slagle Drive from Aliza Y. Dildy and any other parties of interest for an amount to be determined for Hope Valley/ Oak Forest Neighborhood Improvement Project, Parcel #62.

The Resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 44, page 822.

Item No. 60-AC: 2755 Meadowcliff Drive

Resolution of condemnation for 1,092 sq. ft. (.025 ac.) in Storm Drainage Easement, plus 125 sq. ft. (.003 ac.) in Right-of-Way and Utility Easement, plus 2,779 sq. ft. (.064 ac.) in Temporary Construction Easement at 2755 Meadowcliff Drive from Clayton B. Allison and wife, Vivian A. Allison and any other parties of interest for an amount to be determined for Hope Valley/ Oak Forest Neighborhood Improvement Project, Parcel #93.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 44, page 823.

Item No. 60-AD: 2500 Lanecrest Drive

Resolution of condemnation for 752 sq. ft. (.017 ac.) in Storm Drainage Easement, plus 266 sq. ft. (.006 ac.) in Right-of-Way and Utility Easement, plus 6,743 sq. ft. (.155 ac.) in Temporary Construction Easement at 2500 Lanecrest Drive from MPI Brittany, LLC and any other parties of interest for an amount to be determined for Hope Valley/Oak Forest Neighborhood Improvement Project, Parcel #127.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 44, page 824.

Item No. 60-AE: 515 Lawton Road

Resolution of condemnation for 90,409 sq. ft. (2.075 ac.) in Fee Simple (**TOTAL TAKE**) at 515 Lawton Road from JSSJ Development, L.L.C. and any other parties of interest for an amount to be determined for Lawton Road, Parcel #1.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 44, page 825.

Item No. 60-AF: Oakdale Road

Resolution of condemnation for 16 sq. ft. (0 ac.) in Fee Simple, plus 507 sq. ft. (.012 ac.) in Fee Simple within Existing Right-of-Way plus 531 sq. ft. (.012 ac.) in Storm Drainage Easement, plus 532 sq. ft. (.012 ac.) in Sidewalk and Utility Easement, plus 883 sq. ft. (.02 ac.) in Temporary Construction Easement, plus 226 sq. ft. (.005 ac.) in Sidewalk Utility Easement and Storm Drainage Easement at Oakdale Road from Heirs of Ruth Tench Jones and any other parties of interest for an amount to be determined for Oakdale Road Widening, Parcel #16.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 44, page 826.

Item No. 60-AH: 1019 Oakdale Road

Resolution of condemnation for 3,307 sq. ft. (.076 ac.) in Fee Simple, plus 2,869 sq. ft. (.066 ac.) in Fee Simple within Existing Right-of-Way plus 2,359 sq. ft. (.054 ac.) in Sidewalk and Utility Easement at 1019 Oakdale Road from Linda M. Thuemmel and John W. McLemore, Jr. and any other parties of interest for an amount to be determined for Oakdale Road Widening, Parcel #44.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 44, page 827.

Item No. 60-AI: 15832 McAuley Road

Resolution of condemnation for 25,510 sq. ft. (.586 ac.) in Sanitary Sewer Easement, plus 24,934 sq. ft. (.572 ac.) in Temporary Construction Easement at 15832 McAuley Road from J. Frank Bragg, Jr. and wife, Katharine B. Bragg and any other parties of interest for an amount to be determined for Ramah Creek Sewer Interceptor, Parcel #10.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 44, page 828.

Item No. 60-AJ: 16101 McAuley Road

Resolution of condemnation for 27,537 sq. ft. (.632 ac.) in Sanitary Sewer Easement, plus 32,530 sq. ft. (.747 ac.) in Temporary Construction Easement at 16101 McAuley Road from T. Price Zimmermann and wife, Margaret U.F. Zimmermann and any other parties of interest for an amount to be determined for Ramah Creek Sewer Interceptor, Parcel #11.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 44, page 829.

Item No. 60-AK: 15555 Huntersville-Concord Road

Resolution of condemnation for 35,289 sq. ft. (.81 ac.) in Sanitary Sewer Easement, plus 24,160 sq. ft. (.555 ac.) in Temporary Construction Easement at 15555 Huntersville-Concord Road from Jeffrey T. Burton and wife, Kimberle A. Burton and any other parties of interest for an amount to be determined for Ramah Creek Sewer Interceptor, Parcel #12.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 44, page 830.

Item No. 60-AL: Huntersville-Concord Road

Resolution of condemnation of 4,266 sq. ft. (.098 ac.) in Sanitary Sewer Easement, plus 2,518 sq. ft. (.058 ac.) in Temporary Construction Easement at Huntersville-Concord Road from Jeffrey T. Burton and wife, Kimberle A. Burton and any other parties of interest for an amount to be determined for Ramah Creek Sewer Interceptor, Parcel #13.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 44, page 831.

Item No. 60-AM: Huntersville-Concord Road

Resolution of condemnation of 31,267 sq. ft. (.718 ac.) in Sanitary Sewer Easement, plus 18,690 sq. ft. (.429 ac.) in Temporary Construction Easement at Huntersville-Concord Road from J. Frank Bragg, Jr. and wife, Katharine B. Bragg and any other parties of interest for an amount to be determined for Ramah Creek Sewer Interceptor, Parcel #14.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 44, page 832.

Item No. 60-AN: 7101 Lakehill Road

Resolution of condemnation of 28,651 sq. ft. (.658 ac.) in Storm Drainage Easement, plus 17,661 sq. ft. (.405 ac.) in Temporary Construction Easement at 7101 Lakehill Road from Jerald Ray Collins, Sr. and any other parties of interest for an amount to be determined for Wilson Pond, Parcel #2.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 44, page 833.

ITEM NO. 17: CONCLUSION OF CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Kinsey said I want to make a comment about several items which concern improvements to the Charlotte Douglas International Airport. These items include a communications upgrade to the airport's control room. All of these were on the consent agenda: An upgrade to a closed circuit television video system, expansion of the airport's public internet service capacity, and installation of energy efficient light poles at the new airport entrance road. In the past few weeks alone, U.S. Airways has announced plans to add four international flights from Charlotte to major destinations in Europe. Frontier Airlines said it would be beginning service at Charlotte Douglas and the airport unveiled passenger-friendly upgrades at Security Checkpoint E. Furthermore, the accolades for Charlotte continue to pour in. In this month's edition of Travel and Leisure Magazine, readers ranked Charlotte Douglas, the nation's 10th best airport and fifth best in the food category. I spoke with U.S. Airways CEO Doug Parker last week and he assured me that the airline has full confidence in Brent Cagle, Jack Christine and their management people and the entire leadership team at Charlotte Douglas International Airport. U.S. Airways Chief Operating Officer, Robert Isom also publically noted that the airline's relationship with the City and Airport have never been better. Clearly, things at the airport continue to run quite smoothly and I'd like to publicly thank Brent and his team for all the hard work they've done to ensure such a seamless transition. Thank you so much.

PUBLIC HEARING

ITEM NO. 10: PUBLIC HEARINGS ON VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION: (A) CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE FOLLOWING VOLUNARY ANNEXATIONS – WEST BLVD./BEREWICK III, BEREWICK TOWNHOMES AND MERIDALE, AND: (B) ADOPT ORDINANCES WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF OCTOBER 28, 2013, TO EXTEND THE CORPORATE LIMITS TO INCLUDE THESE PROPERTIES AND ASSIGN EACH TO THE ADJACENT COUNCIL DISTRICTS

The scheduled public hearing was held on the subject matter.

Motion was made by Councilmember Mayfield, seconded by Councilmember Barnes and carried unanimously to close the public hearing and adopt Ordinance No.5219-X for West Blvd/Berewick III; Ordinance No. 5220-X Berewick Townhomes, and; Ordinance No. 5221-X for Meridale, for the voluntary annexations for an effective date of October 28, 2013, to extend the corporate limits to include these properties and assign each to the adjacent council districts.

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POLICY

ITEM NO. 11: CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Ron Carlee, City Manager said no report this evening.

ITEM NO. 12: OUT OF SCHOOL TIME REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL PROCESS MODIFICATIONS

Councilmember Mitchell said let me first thank staff Tom Warshauer for all his great work on the afterschool funding and just to the citizens out there—we spend about \$1.2M funding afterschool programs and the committee had a great discussion. Councilmember Mayfield, Councilmember Howard, Councilmember Cooksey and Mayor Pro Tem Cannon are all on the committee and the recommendation would be (a) to scale back the maximum agency funding from \$400,000 to \$350,000 in FY2015 and \$300,000 in FY2016 and then the second was more important. I think staff was bringing to us is to shift the funding cycle instead of one year to two years. That would give our providers more time to adjust their budget and so I move for adoption of one and two with one exception. I just want to make note just for total transparency, Councilmember Fallon and I both serve on the Greater Enrichment Program Board. So I just want to say that before everyone because I don't want anyone to say did you all vote? Yes, we serve on the board and strictly in a voting capacity.

Motion was made by Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Mayfield and carried unanimously to approve the Economic Development Committee recommendation for Out of School Time Request for Proposal process modification recommendations to; (1) Scale back maximum agency funding from \$400,000 to: \$350,000 inFY2015 and \$300,000 in FY2016, and (2) Shift to a two-year funding cycle, starting with the FY2016 funding period.

ITEM NO. 13: CODE OF ETHICS FOR BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

Councilmember Cooksey said at the risk of dredging up an uncomfortable memory, members of this council may recall a rather unpleasant April evening when we had a conversation with the Chair of one of our advisory committees and after that discussion, the realization arose that this council has an ethics policy that applies to it, but our appointed advisors don't have any sort of similar policy. So the Council Manager Relations Committee was charged with taking a look at that and thanks to excellent work by our Clerk, Stephanie Kelly and her team and our Attorney Bob Hagemann and his team, what we bring before you tonight is a document, basically a handbook for those people that we appoint to advisory boards and commissions that includes a Code of Ethics that we hope all will take heart and its based, like I said, on the one that binds us as well so there are some modifications made for the fact that they're offering advice to us whereas we are making decisions for the City and we have different types of accountability, but it also reinforces the accountability of an advisory committee to the council that appointed it. So I commend its adoption to you.

Motion made by Councilmember Cooksey and seconded by Councilmember Barnes to adopt a Resolution outlining a Code of Ethics for Members of Boards, Committees, and Commissions of the City of Charlotte as recommended by the Council-Manager Relations Committee.

Mayor Kinsey said let me make one comment. Earlier today I referred to the Council Manager Committee the charge to revise in an effort to strengthen the application form for these boards and committees and hopefully that will really help the council make better appointments in the future, but that will go to the Council Manager Committee.
The vote was taken and recorded as unanimous.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 44 at pages 760-764.

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BUSINESS

ITEM NO. 14: BROOKLYN VILLAGE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT AMENDMENT

Motion was made by Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Barnes and carried unanimously to (A) Approve the Term Sheet for the Sale of Property and Development of Brooklyn Village among Mecklenburg County, the City of Charlotte, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education and the Charlotte Housing Authority, and (B) Adopt a resolution that authorizes the City Manager to execute: A fourth amendment to the 2007 Brooklyn Village/Knights Baseball Stadium Interlocal Agreement with Mecklenburg County extending the City's leverage for development of affordable housing on the Brooklyn Village site for an additional 18 months, and a new Interlocal Agreement with Mecklenburg County that preserves the City's leverage for the development of affordable housing in any future development of the Brooklyn Village site during the implementation of the development plan set forth in the Term Sheet.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 44 page 765-773.

ITEM NO. 15: OCTAPharma PLASMA BUSINESS INVESTMENT GRANT

Motion was made by Councilmember Howard, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell and carried unanimously to approve the City's share of a Business Investment Grant to Octapharma Plasma, Inc. in the total estimated amount of \$244,711 over three years (Total City/County estimated amount of \$688,327).

ITEM NO. 16: CHARLOTTE FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL TARTAN ADOPTION

Councilmember Cooksey said in terms of context there are a couple of things that we stress when we talk about the great things that make the city of Charlotte. One of them, of course, is the modern cultural diversity that we have with folks from all over who are calling Charlotte home. But we also remember and honor our history and very key to the history of Charlotte are the Scotch Irish. The folks from Scotland, who at first travelled to the Ulster Province of Ireland to settle and then didn't quite like it there, so they came to the new world as it were. The U.S. wasn't a country at that point and started settling down the great wagon road along the Appalachian. Thomas Poke and Spratt and others settled here in Charlotte and the number of Presbyterian churches we have is a testimony to that Scotch-Irish heritage. One of the modern ways that we maintain that connection to history is the fact that our Charlotte Fire Department has a pipe and drum band which dresses appropriately for a pipe and drum band with full kilt and clad over the shoulder, but up until now they have been wearing just a pretty standard kilt so I'd like to see if Chief Hannon could come up and explain more to the full council and the community what it is that we are looking at and what we are going to get out of this particular council action.

Chief Jon Hannan, Charlotte Fire Department said it's fairly self-explanatory. The kilt that the Pipe & Drums have used is a generic one that any public safety organization in the United States can use. The Pipes & Drums in the Fire Department wanted a unique one to this city and make it the property of this city and that is what we are asking you to do tonight. Black is for the night watch or the third watch and that is symbolic of 24 hour a day service, seven days a week,

any situation; red is for the fire service; green is a symbol of the City of Charlotte and its growth; gold represents the prosperity of the city and its people; blue is for truth and humility, and; white embodies service and sacrifice and that's what is woven into the kilt.

Councilmember Cooksey said thank you Chief, appreciate it greatly.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cooksey, seconded by Councilmember Howard to adopt a resolution approving the adoption and registration of the official tartan design for the Charlotte Fire Department.

Mayor Kinsey said I want to note that the official title of this plaid is the Charlotte Fire Department Tartan, right?

Chief Hannon said yes ma'am. Correct.

Mayor Kinsey said it is our very own. Nobody else owns it.

Councilmember Cooksey said and will be registered with the Scottish Registry of Tartans as such.

The vote was taken and carried unanimous.

Mayor Kinsey said now when we will see these on our musicians?

Chief Hannan said in four to six months. It's a slow process and there are only one or two people that are allowed to do it.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 44 at pages 774-775.

ITEM NO. 18: NOMINATIONS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

A. BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mayor Kinsey said the first one is Bicycle Advisory Committee; one appointment for an unexpired term due to a resignation.

Emily Kunze, Deputy City Clerk said we have five nominees: Jess Cochran, Tyteen Humes, Terry Lansdell, Martin Zimmerman and Thomas Raispis.

Mayor Kinsey said Mr. Zimmerman holds a three-year appointment. He wants to be reappointed so that's separate. The others except for Mr. Zimmerman, we will vote on next month.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cooksey and seconded by Councilmember Mitchell and carried unanimous to reappoint the incumbent, Martin Zimmerman, to the Bicycle Advisory Committee by acclamation.

B. CHARLOTTE HOUSING AUTHORITY

Mayor Kinsey said one appointment for a three-year term; Arthur Griffin Jr. is eligible and would like to be reappointed.

Deputy Clerk Kunze said Arthur Griffin received 10 nominations.

Motion was made by Councilmember Howard and seconded by Councilmember Barnes and carried unanimous to reappoint the incumbent, Arthur Griffin, Jr. to the Charlotte Housing Authority by acclamation.

C. HOUSING APPEALS BOARD

Mayor Kinsey said one appointment for a housing industry representative for a three-year term. Timothy O'Neil is eligible and would like to be reappointed.

Deputy Clerk Kunze said Timothy O'Neil was the only nominee.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cooksey and seconded by Councilmember Barnes and carried unanimous to reappoint the incumbent, Timothy O'Neil, to the Housing Appeals Board by acclamation.

D. NEIGHBORHOOD MATCHING GRANTS FUND

Mayor Kinsey said one appointment for a business representative for an unexpired term due to a resignation and also an appointment from a non-profit organization for an unexpired term due to a resignation. Can we take the business representative first Madam Clerk?

Ms. Kunze said yes there were six nominees. Ezekiel Burns, James Hildreth, Frank Kretschmer, Michael Ranken, Erika Troutman and Will Russell.

Mayor Kinsey said we will vote next month on those and for the non-profit organization.

Ms. Kunze said there was one nominee, Claire Lane. There were three nominations for her.

Mayor Kinsey said were there any other applicants?

Ms. Kunze said no ma'am. There were no applicants at all.

Mayor Kinsey said do you want to hold it open?

Councilmember Barnes said I know her but we haven't seen her application. I think it would be wise...I think she would be great.

Mayor Kinsey said we will hold that open until next month.

E. TREE ADVISORY COMMISSION

Mayor Kinsey said two appointments for three-year terms beginning December 14, 2013 and ending December 13, 2016.

Ms. Kunze said there were two nominations: one for Vincent Haney and the other for Alex Vuchnich. Vincent Haney received six nominations and Alex Vuchnich received one nomination.

Mayor Kinsey said someone's not filling out their nomination forms.

Councilmember Cooksey said I'll yield to council's pleasure on this as we did with the previous one. In the case of Mr. Vuchnich, his application is actually in your packet. He was seeking a spot on the Housing Authority Board even though there was an incumbent present. So when I saw that there was only one person applying for two spots, I called him and said "well if you're interested in some public service appointment, could I interest you in Tree Advisory Commission?" And he said "well okay, if I'm not going to get the Housing Authority Board that was kind of a stretch anyway, I'd be willing to serve on that capacity." So I would yield this if someone thinks that it's worth going ahead and appointing the two of them tonight. Do the motion and we'll see if goes.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cooksey, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell to appoint the two nominees to the two appointments for the Tree Advisory Commission.

Councilmember Barnes said again this concerns me appointing someone on one nomination and normally if we don't have an overwhelming number of nominations, we don't automatically appoint, so I think it's bad precedent.

Mayor Kinsey said I'm a little concerned about that too to tell you the truth.

Councilmember Howards said well do we have applications on them?

Councilmember Cooksey said yes we do. If you turn to your Housing Authority section, his application is in the Housing Authority Section. So he has expressed an interest in helping this community in some way, shape or form. I just persuaded him at the last minute to seek another one. I do share my Barnes' concern. Some members of council may recall, I usually am opposed to the idea of doing the same night if it's not the incumbent, but in this case, but in this case again there was a lack of additional nominations. Now if it is the council's pleasure to hold open those nominations to try to get other people, then that's one of the things we've done in the past. We didn't choose that with the non-profit organization for matching grants and I would have actually voted for tonight, if a motion had been made. Again, I can see either argument. Given that we've got two openings, two people interested, I figured lets go ahead and vote it in tonight.

Councilmember Howard said for the sake of argument, you are right. We closed nominations on it here tonight we are just waiting on the application.

Mayor Kinsey said we are holding that open. We did not appoint.

Councilmember Barnes said she will likely be the only nominee. Thank you Mayor. I just reviewed the application. I don't know why he would be interested in Tree Commission. I understand perhaps why he interested in CHA but I don't like the precedent that it sets and there are a lot of people who think that there is like some *in* game and some hooking and crooking that goes on with these appointments anyway and if we start appointing people on one nomination, I just think it says strange things and we have enough trouble getting people to get on the boards and commissions to begin with. It should appear to be and actually be a clean, clear and transparent process.

Mayor Kinsey said I would like suggest that we hold this open until next month. I think that's probably going to be the better way.

Councilmember Howard said I just wanted to be clear on something. So tonight, for instance, with the matching grants, Ms. Lane was nominated. There is not another opportunity for somebody else nominated after tonight, is there? We vote next time on what was nominated tonight. We are essentially closing nominations tonight. Tonight is the night you nominate so there is not another opportunity to nominate.

Mayor Kinsey said she didn't have her application in.

Councilmember Howard said I'm just making clear that won't be somebody else because this is it.

Mayor Kinsey said we need her application.

F. WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY BOARD

Mayor Kinsey said one recommendation for appointment by the Board of County Commissioners for an unexpired term due to resignation. Have we heard from the Board of County Commissioners?

Ms. Kunze said there were no nominees for this, there are no applicants.

Mayor Kinsey said have we made contact with them? We need to contact them and see if we can get somebody.

Ms. Kunze said we have made contact with them.

Mayor Kinsey said well we can't do anything about can we. Well we'll keep trying with that.

Councilmember Cooksey said in light of that, I had a question for the City Attorney. We have dealt with in the past the idea that when there is a slotted spot for a council created committee, it is up to the council to determine whether someone is eligible for it. Can that kind of logic work for this or are we bound some particular interlocal agreement or something to wait until the Board of County Commissioners chooses somebody for the Waste Management Advisory Board?

Bob Hagemann, City Attorney said Mr. Cooksey I don't know what the governing document is over this board. I'd be happy to look at that and report back.

Mr. Cooksey said sorry to spring that on you.

ITEM NO. 19: MAYOR AND COUNCIL TOPICS

Mayor Kinsey said that concludes the nominations for Boards and Commissions. Are there any topics that the Mayor or the council would like to bring up? I've already brought mine up. Happy Birthday Cooper Lee.

Councilmember Mitchell said Deputy Manager Ron Kimble and I were approached Thursday about the Charlotte INCLUSIONARY Program and so can you provide to us an update, the status what was shared with us in a community that it has not totally been rolled out throughout the whole city, Department of Charlotte INCLUSIONARY Program and if we could just get an update to council of what the status is and what is the timeline to completely roll the program out would be helpful. It caught Ron and I kind of off guard and think we put a lot of energy and time and effort to make sure that that program would be successful so I think an update would be helpful.

City Manager Carlee said we will do it in this week's memo.

Councilmember Pickering said I wanted to thank Councilman Dulin for revisiting the issue of streetlights and streetlight outages and thank you to staff for providing the update that we received. But I will say I'll beg to differ on a couple of points here. We talked about this before and I frankly think we need to talk about it again. Staff wrote that they have been monitoring thoroughfares and generally had found the thoroughfares to be well-lit and outages at expected levels. In addition, staff surveyed two areas in different sections of the city and found about a 3% street light outage rate. This rate of outages is expected since outages are ongoing. On the surface, this doesn't sound too bad. In general 3% doesn't sound like a bad number for most things, I would say. Here's the problem, in my opinion. Even when one street light is out, the area around that street light becomes a safety issue and I'm not talking necessarily about possible criminal behavior, but where am I stepping—am I going to twist an ankle—where am I driving, turning—so and I'm not sure how many street lights we have out. We did have that number previously and I would like to get that number again. But frankly, I'm not willing to accept any expected level of outages. My expectation is that the street lights be lit. So I'm frankly at a zero tolerance on that. Now that's one issue. The other issue is of course, that citizens here are required to report street lights that are out. We touched on this before, before your time Mr. City Manager. That's another issue that I have. I really don't think it should be incumbent upon the citizens to report a street light that's out. We know that the energy company, Duke Energy, in this case does have the capability to monitor outages but that would require a sensor of some sort put on each street light and the cost was high as I recall when we were given that number previously. But I think we need to look at this again. I'd be interested in information from other cities as to how they are dealing with this issue. Surely, we are not the only ones dealing with this and maybe our new City Manager has some previous experience with this so I think we need to look at this again.

Mr. Carlee said we will.

Councilmember Mayfield said the Neighborhood and Business Services staff has received several requests for housing support and I would like to refer the request to my committee, Housing and Neighborhood Development Committee to be discussed at our November 13th meeting and just to give a little background in case its needed, we've had a request from CDBG funding as well as a request from our Housing Trust Fund that I would like for us to be able to discuss but wanted to bring it to full council to make sure there are not any concerns to move that to the Housing and Neighborhood Development Committee for our November 13th meeting.

Mayor Kinsey said did that not ordinarily just go straight to the committee?

Councilmember Mayfield said no because these are specific to try to make sure that we had this discussion in this term.

Mayor Kinsey said is there any cause for concern about that? Is it okay to go ahead and refer it? Okay.

Councilmember Mayfield said and the second piece Madam Mayor, I just want to again congratulate Habitat for Humanity celebrating 30 years of building and making an impact on communities. This past Tuesday, Councilmember Autry, Councilmember Dulin, Councilmember Mitchell, Councilmember Howard, Councilmember Beth Pickering, myself, Representative Becky Carney, Representative Carla Cunningham, Beverly Earle as well as the Mayor stopped by. Some of us actually came out dressed to work. That would be Councilmember Dulin, myself, Carney, and a couple of others. So thank you to all of my fellow colleagues that showed up. I have the purple finger for proof of the hammering that I missed the nail multiple times. But also this past Saturday at 3:00 there was a parade through the Reed Park Neighborhood which has been a neighborhood that has really benefited off of Habitat for Humanity's contributions. I want to thank Burt Green, all of the volunteers, Bank of America, all of the supporters and just again congratulate them on 30 years of services and look forward to 30 years more in the Charlotte community.

Councilmember Dulin said I want to let the council know that LaWana Mayfield can make a nail pouch look good. It was a lot of fun. Reed Park's a great neighborhood. I want to support Ms. Pickering on her request to continue on the streetlights. On just the numbers, 3% of 70,000 lights that we have in the city is roughly 3,000 lights at \$9.60 per light per month. Last month, that means that the citizens of Charlotte paid \$28,800 for street lights that weren't working and to me, I've said this before, Duke Power is in no sense of urgency to fix those 3,000 lights because they know we are going to pay them anyway. So we need to have some urgency on what they are trying to do. At one point, they said there was new technology that would let them know when a light goes out and then they wanted to charge us \$2.00 per light more for that. So wait a minute now, we are the customer here and we are pretty good customers. None of our checks ever bounce when we send them a check and last month \$28,800 for street lights that don't work. That's unacceptable to me. So thank you Ms. Pickering for bringing that back up. I hope future councils after I step down, speaking for myself only, will continue to push on that. Now something else—I drove through Third Ward today and some months back, we did some historic votes on several homes there. One of them was the brick house and then there was a white wooden house across the street. It's at the corner of South Irwin and West 4th Street. At the time when we were going through the votes to do that, the lady that owns that house; she had workmen in there like flies. I mean they were everywhere hammering, nailing, sawing and replacing boards and so I ended up saying it's going to be nice historic house again. I ended up voting for it. Well I drove by there today and just happened to notice that it looks to me like nothing has happened. There was nobody there. There was the old wooden paint was chipping off the old stuff; boards that they had replaced on the side were still non-stained, non-painted, just regular undone wood. It appeared to me that after she got the vote, she pulled her workmen. I would like an update please. I don't think we put a time restriction on her finishing on her construction but I was a little bit let down today. She invited me to come see the house when she need the vote and there were workmen everywhere and now it doesn't look like anything is happening and I think that's been at least a year. I just thought that was pretty interesting.

Councilmember Howard said I am going to do the same thing I did last week and I am going to put this up here for the public just to remind them that we do have bonds on the ballot next week.

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On Tuesday we have \$290M for CMS schools and we have another \$210M for CPCC. We all know how important the bonds are. We all understand how important education is in moving the community forward. Central Piedmont could not be a better, more important part of retuning our workforce to help grow jobs so I'm just asking the citizens to please support the bonds.

Mayor Kinsey said thank you. Be sure and go vote. You can do early voting through Saturday and then Election Day is November 5th so please go vote. It's very important that you do that.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Emily Kunze, Deputy City Clerk

Length of Meeting: 3 Hours and 16 minutes
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