

The City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina convened for a Dinner Briefing on Monday, March 25, 2013 at 5:28 p.m. in Room 267 of the Charlotte Mecklenburg Government Center with Mayor Anthony Foxx presiding. Councilmembers present were John Autry, Patrick Cannon, Warren Cooksey, Andy Dulin, David Howard, Patsy Kinsey, LaWana Mayfield, and Beth Pickering.

ABSENT UNTIL NOTED: Councilmembers Andy Dulin and James Mitchell

ABSENT: Councilmembers Michael Barnes and Claire Fallon

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1. Mayor and Council Consent Item

Mayor Foxx asked if there were any Consent Items to be pulled.

Councilmember Cooksey said I want to pull Items 22, 23 and 24 to vote no on those items.

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2. Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools Update

Mayor Foxx said tonight we will have a very special presentation by our Superintendent Dr. Heath Morrison. He has been on the job close to a year now and I think he is doing a phenomenal job and I met with him a few weeks ago and in talking with him I got excited because we actually have never in my time on the City Council had the Superintendent come and do a presentation to the City Council. I think this is a good step forward for the City to have this connection getting even stronger and Dr. Morrison welcome. Glad to hear from you.

Dr. Heath Morrison, Superintendent, Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools said what an honor and a privilege to be here this evening to be presenting to you, but more importantly to be collaborating with you. I have officially been on the job since July 1st, was making several visits to Charlotte Mecklenburg after I was announced and honored to be selected as the new Superintendent back in April and I've had a chance to meet many members of the City Council and every time I see in the elevator and in the community, it is always, how can we help. I think what brings us together as a community is how do we look to the future. I get to say I have the best job in Charlotte Mecklenburg because I'm in the future business. Each and every day I get to work with our future lawyers, our future engineers, our future City Council members and our future Mayors and so that is the honor that we have to work in the Charlotte Mecklenburg School District and it is also an awesome task in front of us.

What I want to do very quickly is to share with you an update of where we are as a school district. When I first came in as Superintendent, and I've said this often, I watch many, many individuals in leadership positions start off on the first day of their tenure in a new leadership role and they stand behind a podium, which I very rarely ever stand behind a podium, so this is kind of a first for me. But they stand behind a podium and they immediately start to talk about what they are going to do differently and while find that immensely interesting I also find it incredibly challenging in terms of how can you on the first day of your job, even if you have done a lot of homework, and I promise you I have done a lot of homework when I was first contacted about potentially coming on board as the new CMS Superintendent. How can you really start to talk about what you think is really strong about the organization and just as importantly what do you think needs to be fixed without actually coming and visiting. I made it my business not to come with a plan of what we are going to do, but a plan of entry, and to promise to get out to every one of our 159 schools in my first 100 days, which I did. People have numerous Community Town Hall meetings, which we had numerous one all over Charlotte Mecklenburg to visit with faith based leaders, political leaders, civic leaders, really asking the question where is CMS as a School District exceptionally strong and where do we have areas that certainly we can improve. As you know as leaders, very difficult to make the case for change. People don't like change and what I often say is that the only group of people ever jumping off to demand change are wet babies. So you've got to conceptualize why changes are important and how the change you are proposing is actually going to make things different for

the sake of being better. What we look to is not to think about the School District that we might remember but to challenge ourselves to create in Charlotte Mecklenburg the schools that we need for the future.

Councilmember Dulin arrived at 5:32 p.m.

Dr. Morrison said as you see these two beautiful children, these were two pictures that I selected for very important reasons. The future of our children is going to be very different than what we can even imagine. Children today, they are graduating from our high schools across Charlotte Mecklenburg and across the State of North Carolina and across our country will not be just looking for jobs they will have to be creating jobs. They will need to have incredible skills as entrepreneurs, as critical thinkers, as problem solvers. They will need to have skills and talents that right now many of those children across our country are not being stress ... because we are still embedded in schooling as we knew, not as we need it to be. As you look at these two beautiful children, you look at the young lady with the big pigtails and I remember when I first put this picture up, my wife said she is so cute, couldn't you just put her feet in your mouth? I don't get that but this young lady as we look at her being cute with an Ipad, she is learning. Most of what we learn - 80% of what we know to do as an adult before the age of 5 so when you put technology in front of a young person at that age you are unleashing their potential and you are making the curriculum the world.

The young lady sitting on the textbooks – it creates a paradigm shift in terms of how we have to think about schooling, because for us it was standard to have a book for every classroom but that is very antiquated. The textbook companies that we've all known for so many years are going out of business and all the curriculum will be on an electronic platform. We as a school district have to create those opportunities for change and transformation. How do we prepare our schools for the future? That is what we establish after my entry plan, after 100 days of being in this wonderful community, this great city, this great county, I came out in November and revealed in public what we titled, The Way Forward, which is our commitment to revise in our strategic plan, again not to create the school district of what we remember, but to create the school district that we need for the students that we serve in this community.

What is in the Plan? The first goal is around academic success for every student. Insuring that every student in Charlotte Mecklenburg, every single student walks across the stage and graduates truly college and career ready. There is not one unintentional word in this goal. Some people might say 100% really, that is not realistic. College and career ready, not realistic. But the question I ask you is would you want to go to a hospital that says it wants to get only 90% of its patients well? Then how could we as a school district not have an aspirational goal of every student and the reality is that the jobs that used to be available for young people, not being college and career ready, are quickly getting replaced. They are being outsourced or they are being replaced by technology so we can no longer afford to not have a student with a high school diploma and quite frankly even that is not enough anymore. We have to give them the skills because reality of the future job force is this. Our young people that graduate from high school today will change their careers some 10 to 12 times. Now you might say well I did this job in this city and I did this job, but you probably more than likely did something that is similar to the job that you are doing now. I'm talking about fundamental career shifts. I was a banker in Charlotte, I was a teacher in New York, I owned a florist shop in San Francisco, and fundamental career shifts that we must prepare our students for if we are really going to commit to creating the workforce for tomorrow for our city, our county, out state and our country.

Goal #2 is our best driver for how that happens. How do we create the conditions for every single classroom in Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools to have an effective teacher with every school led by an exceptional principal with support staff, all focused on the teaching and learning endeavors? What research shows us is very clear. Three years with a great teacher eliminates any achievement gap, but two years of successive ineffective teachers condemns students to learn far below their potential so we much insure in our school district that in every single classroom we have an effective teacher. We have to learn to recreate this conversation around teachers. Too often in communities all across our country our teachers feel put upon, disrespected, not looked upon as the heroes that they truly are. We much as a community be the first community that steps up and says we honor and respect our teachers, we appreciate the hard

work they do, demand excellence, but support them in the important work that they do and we are committed in our school district to creating a professional growth system to build to capacity of each and every one of our teachers, principals and support staff.

Goal #3 is how we uncap the power of this community. I am humbled every time I get to go out in the community and talk about CMS. I have never not left without a stack of business cards where people come up and say how can I help. How are we as a school district unleashing the power of our parents because our parents are truly are the first teachers of our children and we must respect that. How we galvanize with our faith based leaders, our civic leaders, our business leaders to recreate the partnership unlike you have ever done. Last Friday we had our second in a series of faith based community partnerships and we are really reinventing the wheel in terms of how to do a faith based partnership that goes well beyond anything we've done in CMS or any school district anywhere. That is our challenge, that is our opportunity in the Charlotte Mecklenburg Community.

Goal #4 – As you know as an organization your culture is incredible important. Our culture in Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools, in each and every one of them has to be a culture where every student feels value and every employee feels like they are incredibly important to our mission educating each and every child. We have to have a culture where children come to our schools not feeling unsafe in terms of the physical safety or their social or emotional safety. We have to be able to meet all those different needs. Our staff has to operate in a culture respect and we must recognize that our diversity as a district, our diversity with our students is not a deficit, but is one of our greatest assets and we are culturally responsive and proficient in every single classroom and in every single one of our schools is an important part of how we are moving forward.

Goal #5 is our commitment to accountability. We believe that our community has high expectations on our school districts, but what many school districts fail to do is to engage the community and ask the very important question, how do you want to hold us accountable for the success of each and every child. We've let the federal government come out with a No Child Left Behind, we let the State create an accountability system, but as a community very rarely does a school district ever challenge a community to say okay those things are fine, but they set hopefully a forum. What is the ceiling? What are the aspirational goals for ... big carry out goals that you as a community, this city, this county wants to challenge CMS to drive towards. That is what we are doing right now to create those catalytic leverage points that will help define success with school along that pathway, Pre-K, Elementary, Middle, High School and College and Career Ready.

Goal #6 is about choice. Fundamentally what we believe is average in every one of our CMS schools, has to be a school of choice. Every school in every neighborhood has to be a school of choice where parents feel good about sending their children, where students want to go because they feel like there is a quality education happening there. Even with every school being a school of choice, we still want to expand opportunities with academy programs, signature programs, magnet programs, all tied to the economic workforce development needs of this community now and in the future. We are in the process right now of creating new magnets and academy programs tied to workforce development needs. Around Aerospace and technology, around health and human services, around nursing and we will be announcing some of those plans with our capital budget presentation tomorrow night in this very room to the Board of Education and several other of those programs at our April 9th operating budget to our Board of Education.

Goal 7 is around is technology. Goal 7 speaks that need to create truly 21st century schools. Schools that are not only rich in terms of technology, but rich in terms of challenging that assumption about what a school should be. We will always need to teach children literacy. We will always need to teach students math and reading and writing and social studies. But we've gone well past that time period when it is all about take out a sheet of paper, number 1 to 10 and write down the first 10 presidents of the United States. That is nice to know, but when you can pull out your personal device and ask G to get that answer, is that really the most important thing or is it more important that we teach our children to be critical thinkers, collaborators, palm

solves, entrepreneurs? Those are the skills our children need, those are the things that we must hold ourselves accountable for and that really needs to have a 21st century school district.

Councilmember Mitchell arrived at 5:42 p.m.

Councilmember Howard said on Goal #6, you mentioned you were talking about adding new magnets and I try to stay in my lane and education is not what City Council does necessarily, but I am concerned about the fact that I think a lot of the ways we desegregated the school system some years ago was to make sure we had magnets in the inner city, not necessarily in areas where they had good education offerings already. What is your thought process about placing magnets right now or going forward?

Dr. Morrison said we are trying to be very intentional about that goal of thinking every school is a school of choice. We also want expanding opportunity for choice but be very respectful that we want to give students an option to go to something, not to go away from something. What I get concerned about quite frankly in an error of across our country, and in this state particularly with conversations about vouchers and conversations with an increase in Charter Schools is are we creating choices to something or are we creating choices away from something. In Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools we want to create opportunities for choices to something so we are looking at new programs throughout our school district. Many of them are schools most impacted by poverty, mobility, English as second language and students with special needs. One school, and I can't tell you too much about it except it is a school with high poverty that we are going to put a state of the art technology infusion into that school that we think is going to be a magnet to not only keep students to want to go to that schools, but to draw students back to that school that perhaps shows other CMS options. Thank you for that, it is something that we are very intentional about, but again we want every school to be a school of choice, every school to have a voice and then to make our magnet in the academy of ... programs things that want to go to again, not simply to get away from.

Mr. Howard said the only thing I will add to what you shared is that when we did magnets several years ago and it was after I graduated from high school, it was really controversial for a very long time and even now we still have magnets it works. It draws people who normally keep their kids in the neighborhood schools to other areas of town which means they are bringing their resources and their talents to areas of town that could use it while their children are getting a very special education. It worked before and I would hope that we would do something like that again.

Dr. Morrison said it's a question of equal versus equity. Equal is a very simple concept, it is the same for all. Equity is the same for all based on need. We need to make sure that our schools that serve, and it is an honor to serve every student in Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools, but many school districts across the country get kids who come to school with less ... and in Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools we are very committed to not doing that. We need to make sure that we get where kids come to school with less, more in school if we are really going to get every student that opportunity to walk across the stage and get a diploma that really is a passport for a better tomorrow. That has absolutely been part of our thinking and again we are very excited about choice, but again choice as an opportunity for meeting unique needs of every student. When I talk about choice, I will tell you of another example of how we look at choice, and that is alternative education. When you say alternative education most people think oh, you must be talking about students who get into trouble a lot. No, there are many of our students that really don't want to go to a comprehensive high school that has the football and the basketball and the cheerleaders and the pep rallies. They want to go to a school, they want to get their credits, and they'd like to be part of it through technology and blended learning and part of it through the traditional teacher to student concept. They might like to go to school later in the day because they are not really a morning person. They maybe would like to have some sort of twilight experience because that better fits their unique family needs, so that is what opportunities in Charlotte Mecklenburg, we can offer those kinds of opportunities. We are challenging ourselves right not to think out of the box in terms of how we create schools both from a physical facility standpoint and how do we invest in technology, how do we change hours and change programming to meet the needs of every single student. That is the excitement part and I think you are going to start seeing, starting tomorrow with our presentation of our capital budget and

then on April 9th as we present our operating budget, I think you are going to see the intentionality of those programs.

Goal #8 is about our commitment to our community. Often we talk about public education and we do a lot of talking to the public without doing some thoughtful listening. We continue to have Town Hall Meetings, we continue to have coffees with the superintendents. We have put more surveys out to our community in the last six months that we probably have in the last six years. We are doing that because we want to demonstrate that we are listening and we are striving to be the school district that people feel strong about and feel happy about. We have asked for help from our community. We have created 22 task forces to help in the revision of our strategic plan. These 22 task forces are led by a community leader as well as a CMS leader and they are representative of all different aspects of our community, business leaders, faith based leaders, all sorts of individuals helping hundreds of individuals who are doing great work helping us with the revised strategic plan. We are on this parallel track of revising our strategic plan the same time we are in the process of doing our budget, as I know you all are as well, and we are looking at our budget. We are very excited that we continue students. We continue to be a growing school district. That creates great opportunities, it also creates challenges but we will be up to those challenges. As we have listened to our community, I am thrilled with what we are hearing back in terms of where they want to see us make investments – in technology, in professional learning, treat our teachers respectfully to build their capacity to help them become teachers of the 21st century learning that our students need. To create partnership opportunities again to unleash the power of this City and this county on behalf of our students. They continue to challenge us to think about ways to infuse opportunities around, not only evaluating our teachers through how we treat our teachers in this community, but also to compensate appropriately. Unfortunately as we know and it has been very well reported in our news media recently, our teachers as a state are paid 45th out of 50 states. That makes it very challenging to attract the type of talent that we need and keep talented teachers who want to stay in our North Carolina system.

At the end of the day when people say are we trying to rebrand CMS, to that question I would say your brand is not what you say you are, your brand is what people say about you. What we want people to say in our school district is that we are innovative, we are striving to be worthy of every student that we educate and that we are not trying to recreate the schools for remembering, but we are creating the schools that we need for the future of our children. I am humbled to be the Superintendent of the Charlotte Mecklenburg School District. I was very fortunate; I was happy out in Reno, Nevada. I wasn't looking for a new job, I was getting a lot of nice opportunities, but when this one came along what drew me to this city and this community is that we don't believe as a community, our best days have come and gone. Unfortunately as I have worked for different school districts across this country, many of our cities feel like their best days, they have to look behind. Charlotte and Mecklenburg County are communities that really believe that the best is yet to come. We don't ask why we can't, we strive to ask the question how we can. We can ask those questions how can we create the best system of school anywhere in this state, this country and in the world and I believe this community, if unleashed, can find the answer to that question. We can also challenge ourselves to not let destiny and democracy be one in the same. How do we challenge ourselves to get every single one of our young scholars the opportunity to be that future lawyer, that future engineer, that future mayor? We owe that to our students, we owe that to our children. Communities are judged by how they focus on the needs of its young people. In our school district as we go about making decisions, we will make challenging decisions as this City Council does all the time. People will not always be excited about the decisions that we make, unlike the decisions that you make as a City Council, but it is how intentional we are about trying to serve every single one of our students. When people say I'm trying to reform education I always answer we are trying to make it better. What we are trying to do is create a beautiful piece of art. That art is a Mosaic, 143,866 very individualized specialized pieces when put together it creates a beautiful tapestry. There is no other better art that you can put out there than the pictures of our children, but when we lose one piece of that art, one mere tile out of 143,866 we've eminently diminished the value of that Mosaic. We can't afford to lose one single piece so as we make hard decisions, as we make difficult decisions, I want our community to know that every single one of our decisions will be made on a simple valued proposition, as we try to create a personalized environment for every student to be successful, every student can thrive, we will make every decision based off of the concept that

we are doing what every child, every day for a better tomorrow. I will welcome any questions, suggestions, or ideas that you may have.

Mayor Foxx said thank you Dr. Morrison, it is great to have you with us. One of the reasons I thought you would be a great speaker at one of our meetings is because we tend to get siloed in the things that we think about and when you take a step back, infrastructure which we spend a lot of time thinking about, huge important issue for the community, but bar none, education is the absolute most important thing we need to get right. We can get everything else right and if we get that wrong, we don't have a future. We really appreciate the work you do.

Councilmember Cannon said you mentioned in Goal #4, I heard you mention the word Safety and that has prompted me to ask you a couple of questions with regard to that subject matter, but prior to that question, we just had a Community Safety Committee meeting right before this and one of the things that came up in the meeting, based on a referral that was made by the Mayor to the Committee was about the six different bills that are in Raleigh right now. One is Senate Bill #27 which would allow for any employee, so that would mean a teacher, could mean a janitor, cafeteria worker or any employee to be able to be armed with a gun. Bud Sustina, who is the Chief for Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools, happen to be at the meeting today and was very articulate about his position with regard to that Bill and whether or not it was a good idea to have something like that be enacted. I'd like to ask your perspective on that.

Dr. Morrison said I appreciate the question and I'll try to give a very simple answer to this. While I respect that every piece of legislation that is proposed has propelling why to it, I always look at every piece of legislation and ask what is the problem it is trying to solve. I think what we are seeing across the country is a proliferation of legislation. I think all of us if you have a heartbeat, if you have a pulse I don't see how you could have watched the tragedy that happened at that elementary school in Connecticut, see the faces of the young students that were lost and not want to be compelled to do something. We see across our country this idea that we are going to try to make our schools safer with a lot of different aspects to it. This idea of arming our teachers and our principals and our support staff in our schools concerns me greatly. At the end of the day, what I know about any business is successful businesses boil down essential things that they do and the businesses that really become the Fortune 500 businesses really think about what is it that we uniquely do that no-one else can do? They thrive at that and they expand as they've gotten that part right. What I get worried about in public education is every time there is a challenge we always say, well, let's have the schools do something about it. Because we have an economy that was challenged, let's make sure that the schools do everything that should happen with financial literacy. I actually think that is something we should do because we know across our country we have issues with obesity then we must now take on those challenges. Every time there is a challenge, schools are asked to be a part of that solution. When it gets to the point where I've got to have as a hiring prerogative to assess the worthiness or the ability for a teacher not to teach math or English, science or social studies or special education or English as a second language, do they have the mental capacity and did they have all the things that we would want them to have to be in our schools with an armed weapon because there is a difference I have the right to have it versus I want that in my schools. That is not something I think is a reasonable burden to ask schools to do. It takes up completely away from our primary mission of educating every single student. It puts an incredible burden on our schools to make sure that not only we are doing all the things we need to do to make our schools safe from the usual procedures, but then how do we account for everybody in our school who may or not have a weapon. I think it puts a challenge, it puts burden, it takes away from our core vision mission and I just don't think there is any part of it at the end of the day that makes a lot of sense. I appreciate the intentionality. I appreciate the legislators who put it forth and I'm sure in their minds there is a compelling reason for it, I as Superintendent of this School District don't support that piece of legislation.

Mr. Cannon said thank you very much and I would echo the same. It is something I don't support and hopefully if Mayor and Council are called upon, maybe one of the things we can do is to join partners across this state with some sort of a resolution to be in support of the School District relative to its position with regard to Senate Bill #27. I won't talk about the tracking piece of it all because I think our colleague, Councilmember Dulin who serves as our Chair for Government Affairs will probably want to speak to it as well. I do want to ask you some follow-

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up questions behind that and it is really about the number of School Resource Officers (SRO) that you have. I need to get a better handle on how many SROs you have right now in the School District.

Dr. Morrison said we have 62 SROs in middle schools and high schools and that includes SROs provided by the City of Charlotte and each of the six towns. Forty-Eight of those SROs are provided by the City of Charlotte with one Sergeant.

Mr. Cannon said so the total number of SROs CMS pays the City of Charlotte is what then?

Dr. Morrison said 48 and 1 Sergeant.

Mr. Cannon said the total bill is somewhere around what for that?

Dr. Morrison said this year it is \$4,517,939. That is an increase of almost \$2 million from the previous year as we have been asked as a school district to cover a higher percentage of the SROs as part of that partnership. Next year in FY2013-FY2014 to keep that same number of SRO's and one Sergeant the cost will increase to \$5,203,351.

Mr. Cannon said I'm not certain if there is an additional need, but if there is a need I would like to know what that need is and what that costs might be for that additional need. Public Safety is probably not the place for it to go but I would think Budget might be the place to get the response back. If there is no objection I would like for that information to go back to that particular Committee and for them to be able to hammer it out and have some level of discussion about it.

Dr. Morrison said that you and we appreciate the partnership. I have to go record as saying my friendship and partnership with Chief Monroe is very important to me. I got introduced to Chief Monroe as we invited a few of our favorite people to town with our Democratic National Convention and so thinking about being the new Superintendent and all the challenges of opening up schools and making that go really well. Right in the middle of the second week we have the DNC. What an honor for a city. I think we as a community show all reasons why we ought to have anyone with a big opportunity like that come to the City of Charlotte, but it was a pleasure and honor to get to know Chief Monroe during that time. Our Mayor sent a request out to make sure that our City showed off everything about our city that is wonderful and we wanted to make sure that people had an opportunity to see our schools. We wanted to keep our schools open and every challenge that we had we came together and came up with solutions to problems so I thank Chief Monroe for his leadership as I do Mayor Foxx. They are both two of the best individuals I have ever had the privilege and honor of working with. Certainly, as we have looked at our own security challenges, every time unfortunately when there is a horrific event, Columbine, what happened in Aurora, Colorado earlier this year, certainly what happened at Sandy Hook, we constantly look at our security measures. Keeping our students safe is our first most sacred obligation and so we look at our processes and systems and we are working with our County officials and our City officials to create better processes and systems. We think we've got good ones right now, but we can always improve. We are looking at doing some emergency drills to better equip our schools in case unfortunately there was ever such a challenge in our school district. We are working with our county partners now about trying to increase facility upgrades that would help us have better safer schools from a facility standpoint and we have certainly looked at the number of SROs in our schools. We feel we've got a good amount of SROs in our high schools and middle schools. We would like to be able to have some additional SROs that could serve elementary schools. The challenge obviously is just to keep what we currently have. It was a \$2 million increase in our budget this year and it is going to be another \$700,000 next year just to keep what we have so if there was any real ability for our groups to gather organizations and perhaps be able to think any aspect of that would certainly be appreciated. We understand as we are facing fiscal challenges we know the City is also but again I think that is where we try to do this partnership.

Mr. Cannon said if there is a need, and I don't know what that need might be and I don't know even what we have in our coffers, but if there is anything that might be there I think it is best to be proactive than to be reactive if that is worth anything, which I think is worth something.

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Councilmember Cooksey said one question popped up in my mind as I was listening to the presentation. With regards to the folks who have been handing in business cards and saying how can we help and serve on the task forces, do you have a sense of how many of those folks are the folks who have consistently been helping CMS over the years and how many are stepping up for the first time to get involved?

Dr. Morrison said I think it is a healthy combination of both. That is quite frankly, part of our challenge. We are really good about making the ask for the help and incredible eloquent right now to accept that help. The analogy that I always try to use is we create the search energy to say hey, you've convinced me, I'm here to help and we try to get this three-prong plug into a socket that only fits up to two. We have to create the infrastructure and that starts off with a data base so we can document every individual or group that has ever volunteered so that we never lose sight of them. If they brought great value we can always come back and make sure that we are keeping our relationship positive and fresh that as we get new business partnerships I would like to be able to come back to this City Council and say over the last year we have increased our new business partners by 27%, but right now we don't have a way to frame those metrics. One of the challenges that we have is that as we get searches, as we get businesses, places of worship, civic groups that want to help the school, helping the school accept that help because to put that burden on the principal is not the best use of that principal's leadership. What we are trying to do right now is to asset map our community, inventory our schools so that we can create unique partnerships. Part of that issue and I think is really important is that we have to get out of this mindset thought, every school has at least one business partner. We have a lot of small businesses and they may not be able to take on a full school, but 5 or 6 small businesses can support one elementary school. Often times our faith based partners go to a school that is clear across the city or county because they happen to have some relationships there instead of looking at their local school that is close to that place of worship to see are there more unique matches. We are in the process of creating that infrastructure. It is not the most exciting part of that work. The excitement is when you get a great business partner, faith based partner or civic partner and they are doing great work in the schools. We have so many examples of that but creating that infrastructure is very important for Goal #3 to happen.

Mr. Cooksey said I appreciate that because with a growing school system you need a growing volunteer base so we make sure we don't wear out those volunteers. I hadn't heard the three-prong plug in the two-plug outlet and I wanted to make sure I got to that one.

Councilmember Mitchell said thank you so much and I will ask you to continue to allow the City Councilmembers to join you when you go visit schools in their districts. We had the opportunity to go to the Northwest School of Art, West Charlotte and Thomasboro. I think it gives us a unique perspective to see what really goes on and some of the challenges you are facing and give us a different appreciation. I would ask council to make yourself available if the Superintendent is visiting the schools in your area. It was a great experience.

Dr. Morrison said I enjoyed that and we are going to try to do a much better job of extending those opportunities to our County Commissioners, our City Council, our State Legislatures. We want you to see the good things happening in our schools. We are not going to put on a dog and pony show, we are not going to try to make it seem better, we want to show you our schools and we want you to see the good things that are happening each and every day. We want you to see the challenges. I really want you to go out and visit West Charlotte. We have a new principal out there, John Wall and I have to tell you, not many things I have been astounded by this community. When we introduced the new principal and I got invited to a reception uptown, I thought a couple of people would be there, it was hundreds of people, including the Mayor and many of you were there that evening. What a welcome to our new principal. Why is important? Because I have said judge me as Superintendent of this School District by West Charlotte. When West Charlotte's graduation rate is what is right now, I've got to be judged by that. I have to hold myself as accountable for that as I do John Wall, but John Wall is going to make me look really good this year because that graduation rate I think is going to be a real positive message about our intentionality about every school. It won't be where we want it, but I can tell you under his leadership, the leadership of his community, the great partnership we have with Project L.I.F.T. I think you are going to see one of the most incredible success stories happening right there at West Charlotte, so go WC.

Mayor Foxx said you've got three graduates on the Council form WC.

Councilmember Dulin said I'm not a graduate although I am a fan. Mr. Cooksey and I were at West Charlotte this past Saturday morning. The only time Dr. Morrison and I see each other is passing in the parking deck, so I'm glad to see you. Ms. Kinsey's grandson and my son are good friends at Myers Park, they are both Juniors. We are consumers of your product as I have mentioned.

Dr. Morrison said I invite you to have more.

Mr. Dulin said I'm going to add one to AG next year. I appreciate the hard work you are doing. When you are in the consumer business and the customer service business as are we and when something goes wrong people don't have any trouble finding us. It is nice to hear the good things too, but I haven't heard any at least in the 101,000 people in my particular district and the 780,000 that we serve, I haven't heard anybody complaining about the new guy. You've done a good job of coming here and integrating yourself into our community and it is a big task with 143,000 customers every day and if one of them gets a scratch it is in the news. Continue that and I hope you are able to get home and enjoy your family and rest some, but the community right now has got you right where we need you, out front and you have figured that out, you are the head guy. One interesting thing I learned just the other morning from listening to your Vice Chair, Tim Morgan speak. CMS has 20 million square feet of school space and 20 million square feet is the equivalent of 20 Bank of Americas, 20 60-story buildings if you stacked all those elementary schools on top of each other. I was at Shamrock Gardens this afternoon and I was at Billingsville. He is handling 20 million square feet of real estate and that doesn't include the fields and 143,000 customers that come to his business every day so that is a big job and from my seat I appreciate what you are doing.

Dr. Morrison said thank you, I think we had the contacts of that conversation with our Vice Chair Tim Morgan around Senate Bill 236. Just as you are facing some interesting challenges in Raleigh around the Airport we are facing some too around control of our buildings. We value the opportunity to make sure that we continue to manage our capital needs. When you look at CMS over the last decade, all of our projects that we have done have come in on time and under budget. The cost for construction projects in CMS have constantly been below the state average. We are very proud of the facilities that we've been able to put forth, both in terms of new schools and replacements and renovations. We have many, many needs and not enough resources, but in the words of Thurgood Marshall we've done the best we can with what we have. We are very proud of that and we appreciate that perhaps in other counties in North Carolina there may be a reason for that, but as I said before when I look at a piece of legislation I look at what is the problem you are trying to solve and in our school district there is not a problem in terms of CMS stewardship over taxpayer dollars in terms of capital needs.

Mr. Dulin said I didn't mean to leave Mr. Mitchell out as he has a couple of his treasurers in CMS and Mr. Howard is a consumer so we are tracking what you are up to with great interest.

Mayor Foxx said Dr. Morrison thank you for the partnership. We look forward to more conversation. Without objection the matter that Mr. Cannon raised will be sent to the Budget Committee for review. I would also suggest, the Governor has come up with a school safety initiative and I don't know what the contours of that are or how it might impact this issue for us, but maybe also folding an assessment of that to the conversation as well. We also want to thank you for the partnership on afterschool as well as Youth Employment Program which you both have been very much involved in, so thank you.

Dr. Morrison said once again I want to publicly state my respect and admiration for your leadership and how you welcomed me to Charlotte from the time I was first announced that partnership and that friendship is very important to me so thank you so much for that.

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3. New Center City Evacuation Plan

Assistant City Manager, Julie Burch said Kim McMillan, Corporate Communication is going to give Council an update on the revisions to the Evacuation Plan for the Center City. This is simply for your information.

Kim, McMillan, Corporate Communications said before we get started I just wanted to acknowledge that we've got Liz Babson from C-DOT and we've also had a lot of help from CATS to make sure that the vehicular and pedestrian routes are what they should be and we are going to review this evening the history and what necessitated the changes and we are also going to debut some technologies so you will get to take a test drive. With that I will turn it over to Deputy Chief Dulin.

Deputy Chief Dulin, Department of Homeland Security said shortly after the disaster in New Orleans from Hurricane Katrina, the Department of Homeland Security required the 75 urban areas across the country to develop a core city evacuation plan to try and prevent what happened in New Orleans. Charlotte was one of those cities and we developed that plan in late 2006 and put it out. It was kind of an early version of what we are debuting today, but it gave us an idea about what it would take to evacuate our downtown area and also how do we manage that. We also had some experience, if you recall back in 2002 we had the massive snow storm that took place during the middle of the day and kind of gridlocked the City. We've had some experience having to do that.

CMPD and CFD worked with other City Departments to develop this original plan. The plan was originally put out in 2006 and assigned routes for both vehicular evacuation and pedestrian evacuation, based on what the disaster might have been. There has been a lot of changes to the Center City since that plan was actually developed. Some of the revisions we've incorporated is the addition of light rail into the Center City, updates on new buildings or facilities that might have changed their name or been built. Review by C-DOT to insure that safety of pedestrians on foot, and traveling by vehicle met the needs of the different road changes that have occurred since 2006, and then inspection of the routes and route signage, we've gone back and updated the signage and we've also had the installation of the new FEMA approved evacuation signs so it is a universal sign now. We also tried to work with and incorporate a way finding system that was implemented about two years ago and then also had the ability to provide the map in electronic and mobile formats as people become more and more used to using their phones, or I pads or tablet. We wanted to make sure that citizens were able to use this wherever they work. Nothing beats having your evacuation plan and you should know it and not have to have reliable source to tell you where to go. We would encourage people who are trained to make sure they know where their routes are, they have a printed copy with them all the time, but also we have this on line where we can go in and look at it because the move in different places around uptown. We have a lot of people that no longer work in uptown or live in uptown, they also visit uptown for cultural events and things. You can see how the map works and we are going to have a very, very aggressive marketing campaign for this going out to all the businesses and residents in the uptown area.

Councilmember Howard said we have a number of electronic signs we are starting to use with C-DOT for way finding, I was wondering if that was incorporated in the evacuation as well.

Deputy Chief Dulin said yes sir it will. We are working with C-DOT and the Traffic Management System so we can change those signs whenever we need to.

Ms. McMillan said I wanted to also acknowledge John Capell and .. with CMPD who have done a tremendous amount of work with us on this. You have a sample of the map the way it used to be and then you've got a mock up and if you will look on the back of these maps what we will be talking to the public about is have a plan and the ability to put that plan into a moment's notice. Anyone who works, lives or enjoys coming into the Center City needs to think preparedness and it will be a real targeted message for parents and caregivers. I know it will be extremely difficult for a parent to not want to run to their school or daycare center but it is going to be really important that they know the plans of those childcare facilities or the schools so they are sinking their plans with the plans of the education providers. We will work with our Center City

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Partners and the host of partners that we worked with during even the DNC to build upon communication plan. It will be available in print, electronically and mobile forms.

Councilmember Dulin is the kind of thing, at least at my house we have a drawer that all of the telephone books go in, all of the school directories go in and we know where everything goes. Is the kind of think you want in that drawer or is the kind of thing you want up on the back door bulletin board where we pin up our invitations to things and events for the children? How do you foresee the community using this?

Deputy Chief Dulin said what we tell people now is the evacuation plan for your home or your business should be somewhere where you can grab it and take it with you. Especially for this because it is going to be more than just getting out of your house and into the yard, this is actually getting you one mile outside of downtown. What we suggest is that you have a printed copy of this so that once you get outside you know where to go and you know which street is the out street. In developing this plan we looked at a couple of things. It is not just letting everybody go out on every street, we've got to maintain routes for emergency traffic for the Police Department and Fire companies to get back in. If you look at the plan, it manages certain routes out and certain routes in. You will need to take that with you.

Mayor Foxx said my observation is, I know you all look and study this stuff and you have probably forgotten more than I will ever know about evacuation plans, but I was actually in Washington on September 11th and a lot of our best laid plans end up getting rewritten on the fly because of something that happens unexpected like that. We may find the impracticality of people going into parking decks, getting into their cars and finding their way onto our streets, if something really terrible happened they may not have time to do that and I guess one place I would really encourage looking at is whether there are places within walking distances that can be holding places for people. I hope something like that never happens again obviously, but it were to happen I hope that we would have some contingencies for foot traffic because that may be a more practical way for people to get out.

Deputy Chief Dulin said on the map there are actually pedestrian routes that pedestrians can go to get those ... located just outside of downtown where people can go and from there CATS would take those people to a shelter or other location. Learning what we learned from New York City on 911, most of the time when you do an evacuation it is going to be on foot. The reason we did the vehicle one is we may need to evacuate one ward at a time or just one ward so based on that we give up the flexibility to use form in order to be able to do that. You are exactly right, if it really happens we are going to lock down the parking deck so people will have to walk out of the Center City.

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4. Pedicab Ordinance

Councilmember Cannon said at the last meeting I understand this issue came with regard to the Pedicab and you all received a memo from me on March 7th and basically at the July 23rd City Council Meeting you will recall that a deferral was made for the Community Safety Committee to review and consider regulations of the Pedicab in the City of Charlotte. As stated in the memo it was the industry more so asking to be regulated which is something we often don't hear from an outside private entity wanting to be the case. It was the case here and I will tell you I had some misgivings about it even coming to Committee largely in part because I found out more in terms when people want things coming to Committee maybe there is some other folks that are in the game that they don't want to be in the game with them. As a result we went through the process and we had a number of visitors and citizens utilizing these Pedicabs, even Mr. Howard did it. The Committee felt that based upon the idea that the City could be liable in some of these cases that it may not be a bad idea to really go ahead and look at this. Give it a hard look, come back, and give a referral to Mayor and Council. You will find that across the country, we pretty much stay in lock step with what is happening with other cities throughout the country on this issue, however we tweaked it so it would fit Charlotte. You would have found for example, that a driver's license is a basic requirement included in all of the ordinances reviewed. The Committee proposed an ordinance that include some recommendations specific to Charlotte as stated a moment ago such as making it convenience for folks who want to take part in this

because you know a lot of folks don't carry cash in their pocket, but they do carry a credit card or debit card. We are really thinking about the consumer and how easy that can be made, not so much trying to figure out how we can regulate the industry but how we can make something a little easier for utilization for our consumers here.

That they have collared shirts – the industry liked this idea because it would separate them and they would have different colors. Prohibition on advertising was talked about. In as much as we could use the advertising dollars one of the things we didn't get too deep into on this matter with regard to that subject is because years ago we had the taxi cab industry that could at once upon a time have signage on their vehicles for advertising. When that went away we got conscious on the committee level relative to saying you open that can back up for allow for this you know it is going to create that. We hear often from some members of the body this whole issue about clutter. We just went through it last Monday night regarding something else about this issue of potential clutter. That was surrounding a rezoning on baseball so we were trying to be conscious of that as well. The Community Safety pretty much unanimously, as you all know, recommended that we allow this go into an ordinance and keep in mind if the Council and Mayor is not comfortable with wanting to regulate this industry, the committee respectfully understands. If there are other questions or things that you think we ought to reevaluate and take it back to Committee we are open to that. If there is anything you want more clarity on please let us know and we are fine doing something with, we are fine doing something without it.

Councilmember Mayfield said do you have any update on the questions that did arise when we initially had this meeting back on March 4th like some of the questions specifically around the attire as far as they have on their logo shirts as opposed to the collar?

Mr. Cannon said what was the specific question?

Ms. Mayfield said I had a question regarding the initial presentation that did suggest the collared shirts, but when I did a search on line of other Pedicabs it seems like most of them had t-shirts, but they were specialized t-shirts only having their logo on it. We are thinking about the weather conditions so that the clothing will be appropriate based on the weather, but I haven't heard any update as far as there being any changes to that. I understand as far as the license piece because at first I was asking questions as far as young people like 17 or 18 that might be interested of having this as a part-time summer job, and how strict that licensing would be. If it was a student it could be a student license since I believe we have student ID's for young people.

Mr. Cannon said staff resource is Assistant City Manager, Eric Campbell, but I will tell you that on the attire we pretty much left that open. They can still do the collared shirts but relative to being able to adjust for inclement weather or weather that is too hot or too cold, they have the ability to wear sort of what they want to wear.

Ms. Mayfield said so we did open it up to give them a little more leeway?

Mr. Cannon said I don't think we are going to penalize them or try to strike a fine on them in they are not dressed in an appropriate way except one of the things the industry said was we basically would like to distinguish ourselves in a way color wise, which we have no problem with. Beyond that we weren't trying to hamstring them to anything. But remember Charlotte is Charlotte and we've always tweaked, always looked at other things in other places throughout the country, but have made Charlotte to be what we felt like would be good for our City and that is what we felt we were doing in Committee with regard to that.

Councilmember Cooksey said I remain uninterested in any of these regulations. If there are things the industry wants to do they can do them, nothing is stopping them because Pedicabs are affordable and voluntary transaction of the taxicabs, it pains me but I appreciate the reality of taxicab regulation because a visitor comes to Charlotte they've got to get around. Pedicabs are a more voluntary activity, you can look at it and say oh, I don't want to get involved in that or not, but with a cab you need to get around. Nothing is going to stop them from wearing collared shirts and nothing is going to stop them from looking professional, nothing is going to stop them from de-cluttering their Pedicabs without ads if that is a more attractive product. I think the

market can take care of this one. I appreciate the work but I remain uninterested in passing any of it.

Mr. Cannon said that is fair, but it is worth something when you want to have folks in the Pedicab industry to utilize your sidewalks when that is not what our sidewalks have been designed for and potentially hurting or injuring somebody along that sidewalk. I think there is some level of reasoning to want to do it. It may not hit every point of course and I concur but we think there is some validity in having some sort of ordinance in place so that we don't remain liable in an instance where we don't want to find ourselves and say oops only if we had done that. Hopefully we will continue to move forward in this direction.

Mr. Cooksey said I guess I will turn to the City Attorney, what kind of liability could the City have for an incident that involves a Pedicab? How would we be liable for something that they do?

City Attorney, Bob Hagemann said if we did not actively contribute to the incident ... What I can tell you is that ... not to regulate, actions of regulations is not likely to be a reason for the City to be held liable.

Mayor Foxx said I think Mr. Cannon is seeking our guidance on whether we want to move forward with a vote on this or not a vote.

Councilmember Pickering I don't think the Committee had any super strong feelings about any one of these issues. I think a driver's license is something we would like to see and insurance requirement we thought was legitimate. I don't have strong feelings about the collared shirts or the prohibition on advertising we were really trying to standardize with the PVH requirements so I'm comfortable doing whatever Council wishes or doesn't wish to do.

Councilmember Kinsey said Mr. Cannon did you say they could ride on the sidewalks? I would say no to that. If they are going to do it they need to be in the street and observe all the traffic regulations but not on the sidewalks.

Mr. Cannon said one of the ask in Committee was that they wanted to be able to have that right.

Ms. Kinsey said I would not support that at all.

Mr. Cannon said that is one thing we probably couldn't come eye to eye on in Committee.

Councilmember Dulin said as far as I know this ordinance says no sidewalk, they have to stay off the sidewalks and they operate as a cab particularly around the College Street, Fourth Street, Epicenter zone where there are thousands of pedestrians. We need that pedestrian space on the sidewalks. Mr. Cooksey I appreciate your comments and I think you and the Mayor were pretty close together on that one but I sit on that Committee and have sat in all the meetings and I'm comfortable with where the ordinance goes and plan to vote to support this.

Ms. Kinsey said I've always heard and I look at the Attorney, people can ride their single bikes on the sidewalks out in the neighborhoods, but not uptown. I'm getting a nod and that is what I was always told. I would say Pedicabs not on any sidewalks.

Mayor Foxx said we see by a show of hands how many want this to come up for a vote. You are not voting but you are just telling me that you want this to be on the agenda for a vote. He counted six and said we will bring it up and place it in line for Council consideration.

Councilmember Autry said I just want to take this opportunity to thank our Interim City Manager who will be manning her last Council meeting as the Interim City Manager and we appreciate the work she has done and hopefully you will still be around.

Mayor Foxx said Julie all you've got to do is keep the Airport for six more days.

Interim City Manager, Julie Burch said I do appreciate the confidence that you expressed in me last December and in three ways to describe it this has been rewarding, challenging and intensely invigorating.

The meeting was recessed at 6:39 p.m. to move to the Council Chambers for the regularly scheduled Business Meeting.

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The Council reconvened at 6:52 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Charlotte Mecklenburg Government Center with Mayor Foxx presiding. Councilmembers present were John Autry, Patrick Cannon, Warren Cooksey, Andy Dulin, David Howard, Patsy Kinsey, LaWana Mayfield, James Mitchell and Beth Pickering.

ABSENT: Councilmember Michael Barnes and Claire Fallon.

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INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Mayor Foxx gave the Invocation and led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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CITIZENS' FORUM

Pedicab Ordinance

Eric Rowell, 4821 Font Hill Lane said I want to start by saying I may be a little premature in my remarks tonight. It is my understanding the Community Safety Committee met earlier today prior to the Dinner Meeting so I am unaware of the current status of the proposed draft Pedicab Ordinance, but assuming that the matter is still being considered by the Community Safety Committee and the Council as a whole, I want to speak in opposition to the currently proposed 21-page draft ordinance. I e-mailed some thoughts of mine to the Committee members a few months back and I want to thank Councilmember Pickering for responding. First of all I want to say I have no vested interest in any Pedicab company. I'm not a Pedicab operator or Pedicab owner so I'm not speaking on behalf of anyone but myself tonight. The ordinance in question was spurred by the comments of an individual last July who came before the Council to speak and I give you those origins just to say this draft ordinance was not spurred by any safety hazard, there was no increase in injuries or death related to Pedicab accidents. This ordinance was really spurred by one individual Pedicab owner and during that meeting Mr. Cannon, you alluded to the fact that how unusual it was for a business owner voluntarily seeking to be regulated and I concurred at that time. I have to question why the Community Safety Committee at this time is still willing to go forward with this ordinance. Liability limits, as it stands right now, this 21-page ordinance or at \$500,000 for a Pedicab Company, if you look at the North Carolina laws for automobiles, minimum liability limits are currently set at \$30,000 for a single incident, \$60,000 for one or more injuries and \$25,000 for property damage. That is for an automobile, minimum liability limits that an automobile driver has to have. Of course I guess there could be a situation where a Pedicab incurs \$500,000 worth of damage but I think it is a little out of proportion based on the damage an automobile could cause, based on the minimum liability limits. Further, I've seen no economic impact study on how this will affect the Pedicab industry and how many jobs will be lost if this Pedicab ordinance as it stands is enacted. It regulates everything from requiring driver's license to requiring closed toed shoes to banning advertising. How many of you sitting on the dais I would ask have ever been involved in the Pedicab business or even spoken to a Pedicab owner? I also have to question why a Pedicab operator needs a driver's license? We don't require bicycle operators to have driver's license as it stands right now.

Councilmember Cannon said you were about to say in conclusion you would ask what?

Mr. Rowell said that you strongly reconsider this ordinance as it stands. I think it is a little excessive at this point and maybe reconsider either voting against it as it stands or making it a little more concise.

Mr. Cannon said does that mean lessening the liability piece that you made mention of?

Mr. Rowell said I think that is one piece of it yes sir. I don't know what the economic cost of it is. I don't know if anybody has received a premium quote from any insurance companies. I don't know if that is part of the economic impact. How much will that cost each individual company.

Mr. Cannon said what would be some other things that might need some changes along the way if the Council decides to move forward to adopt it?

Mr. Rowell said based on my conversation with Pedicab owners, which there are not many here in the City. We only have 4 or 5 companies currently operating. They pay privilege license tax to operate. I think the main thing would be the banning of advertising. I think that is a major source of income for most Pedicab companies and if you ban Pedicab companies from being able to advertise unless they are tied to a restaurant or hotel, I think you are going to eliminate many of the small business Pedicab owners.

Mr. Cannon said thank you. I can't say that disagree with the last point and some of the other points you've made.

Bullying

Abby Cole 5129 MacAndrew Drive said I am a senior in high school and I have been a victim of bullying for most of my life. Girls started saying nasty comments to me when I was around 11 years old but I just thought that over time it would go away. My so called friends started making nasty remarks about me and none of them were true and I decided to start changing so I would fit in but it didn't work out. Every time I would wake up I would be afraid because I didn't know if today was going to be a good day or if anyone would notice me. I didn't know if my books and binders would be stolen. It was a never ending battle. Every day I would have to come up with a new route to get to class. Wherever I would go I would be harassed. I would be slammed into lockers and into walls. Worst of all I would be constantly told that I needed to die. For the first time in my life I felt like I did not have a purpose here. No-one gave me the chance to show who I really was. This time last year I was completely lost. I tried to disguise my pain from my friends and family, I started harming my own body by cutting and picking my skin. I thought that if I did that I would finally feel something other than pain. Harming myself did not help whatsoever. I was physically bullied and for example I was shoved up against a sink in the girl's bathroom and both my sides were black and blue. A few weeks after that I was rushed to the hospital because I lost feeling on my left side and the only conclusion they came to was that my body couldn't handle being bullied anymore. My family told me to tell them everything and I knew that I had to so I came clean about everything. I even told them about wanting to commit suicide but I told them I could not bear to do that because I could not bear to hurt my friends and family like that. The look in my parent's eyes was something that I will never forget. I had broken their hearts because there was nothing anyone could do or to change what happened to me. I have decided that I am going to stand up. Look at me, I have two metal sticks and I can't walk but I will one day and I'm going to walk on graduation. I am not a victim but I want to be an advocate to those who are being bullied too.

If sharing my story with you will open your eyes of the people and let people know that bullying happens and that you can overcome it and it is worth it is. I am not here to get sympathy; I'm here because I want you to be aware of what is happening. I am not the only one. I hope you see the truth because bullying is more than just silly playground antics. Thank you for listening.

Mayor Foxx said Abby thank you, what a courageous young lady.

Councilmember Pickering said we can't thank you enough for having the courage to stand up there and say what you just said to us. We appreciate that. Was this bullying reported, and if so to whom?

Ms. Cole said yes it was, but when I was going through it I realized that I was not the only one. It was not just at my school, it goes on everywhere. There are a lot of people who are too afraid to talk about it so I thought if I start talking about it then they will start talking about it too.

Ms. Pickering said so it was reported to the school officials? What is the status now would you say?

Ms. Cole said I can't answer that but I know that I am happy where I am now. I just want to be a voice for all the others.

Ms. Pickering said I can't thank you enough for the courage to get up there and say that to us. I am sure there are young people like you everywhere who can relate to exactly what you are saying. Thank you.

Councilmember Autry said thank you again Abby. I appreciate you coming forward like this and I would just hope that this is a story that we hear too often all over the country of where schools are receiving these reports and students and families are looking for intervention in some form and a lot of times it comes too late. I would certainly hope that we have the mechanisms in place in our school system to deal with this and to hopefully be able to make a difference. Thank you for coming.

2nd Historic West End Cleanup for Change

Joseph Canty, 3122-100 Fincher Farm Road, Matthews said I bring greetings from the Chris Canty Foundation for Youth. I'm here to bring some awareness to a very important initiative we think as far as youth and community going into the History West End of Charlotte off Beatties Ford Road. It is called Historic West End Cleanup for Change. Councilmember Mitchell, thank you for your support last year. I'm asking you all to really take a look at this initiative and really try to get all the different districts behind this because we think it is important to bring light to what has happened in West End Charlotte. It is so much history, so many key members from the City, Mayor Foxx himself and we just want to make sure that you all understand what is happening. I challenge every one of you to help us get at least 25 volunteers a piece. Our goal is 500 volunteers this year. Last year we had 315 Charlotteans show up for this event and over 40% of the volunteers were youth. Ms. Cole thank you for what you are doing because this Cleanup for change is exactly about that. We are a youth organization and the focus is to make sure that we can bring adults out and show these children exactly what change is about. Change their attitude, change their way of life and show the physical change in a community that day during Historic West End Cleanup for Change on April 20th. The event starts at 8:30 a.m. and will go to 1:00 p.m. For more information you can go to our website chriscantyfoundation.org. More importantly I want to share one other thing that was important to me personally. Last year we had the opportunity to be involved with the Historic West End Neighborhood Association and because of the volunteer hours that were donated on behalf of the community at large, the West End Neighborhood Association was able to put out all the signage they wanted to put out for some time in that neighborhood so we are very proud of that and we have you all to thank for that. Thank you to the community for being a part of that and we hope each one of you can come out this year and see what happens, see the positive energy, see the people from the community come around. It is quite an experience and again our goal this year is 500 volunteers. I would love for each one of you all to be a part of that 500.

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AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Inspire the Fire

Councilmember Cannon read the Proclamation, "Inspire the Fire" for their outstanding work in the community and for their performance at the recent Mayor's Mentoring Alliance awards event.

Dennis Shredin, said I was a 17-year old student at Northwest School of the Arts. I was born and raised in Charlotte so I'm a proud Charlottean and as a 17-year old student at Northwest School of the Arts, everything was going great except during the summers I noticed that I was extremely bored and so were a lot of my peers. I decided to do something about it. I was working at a local church one summer and I had nap time with the kids and when I woke up I felt inspired. I felt like God had told me why don't you just use the talents and the gifts that you have. Since I have always been into music and involved with the church I said why don't we have a Gospel Choir Concert? I didn't expect many kids to show up, maybe 30 kids, but to my surprise it was 150 kids the first time and I knew that I wasn't the only bored teen. Now 10 years later we are still going strong and that 150 has swelled to 400 during the summer and this is just not even a portion of how many young people that we've had the privilege of working with. At Inspire The Fire it is where young people become the choreographers, the dancers, the singers, the actors, the song writers, but it all for the unified purpose of igniting the flame of hope in their hearts so they know and will never forget that it is beyond the singing and it is beyond the dancing and it is beyond all of that and we had this great pleasure of representing this great city on America has got Talent last season where we made it all the way to the finals. I knew that it was nobody but God who got us there, but wonderful things can happen when young people stand up just like what they are doing now. Not just the young people that are standing up, but the parents that are standing behind them and how we are facing you guys, knowing that you guys every day, whether it is things that we know about, I told them that before we go in they are going to be talking about a lot of things that you probably are not interested in and you will be bored to tears when they start talking about budgets, but you need to know because it is affecting our future. We just want to tell you that you should never let your fire die because we're never letting our fire die. I was so moved by Abby and that is really the heart of why we do it and whether it is Abby or another, we've had teens who have tried to commit suicide. We've had gang members who have joined our organization and left their gang associations and then you have just regular kids who have been bored but I want to tell you that because of this Proclamation today it proves that whether you are just that 17-year old with a dream that great things are possible if you just keep on persevering, if you keep hope alive and if you keep fighting. So thank you to the City of Charlotte, to all of you guys for believing in us and we will forever remember this day.

Child Abuse Awareness Month

Councilmember Autry read the Proclamation recognizing April as Child Abuse Awareness Month.

Dana Frady said this has been a very inspiring evening. I never knew it would be so fun to come to a City Council meeting so I am really inspired and I appreciate Mr. Autry for reading the proclamation for us. Thank you Mayor Foxx and the City Councilmembers for hearing us and having this proclamation for us. I want to share a little bit about April as Child Abuse Awareness Month. Since 1983 April has been designated Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month. For the first time locally a team of agencies charged with helping children are combining forces on a public awareness campaign to get the message out about this critical issue and the importance of mandatory reporting of suspected cases. Many people don't realize that we are mandated, all of us, regardless of your position to report any suspicion of child abuse and if you don't know that number it is 704-336-CARE. Our local committee is made up of representatives from the Council for Children's Rights, Youth and Family Services, Communities and Schools, Pat Place Advocacy Center, Teen Health Connection, Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools, Levine Children's Hospital, Presbyterian Hospital, Children's Home Society, A Child's Place, Meck Links, Thompson Child and Family Focus, Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department and the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Office. We have all been working together on this public awareness campaign. As a part of our public awareness campaign, we will be painting the town blue. The Duke Energy Building will be lit up blue on April 8th along with other shows of blue throughout the month in the community. The Blue Ribbon Campaign, which I hope each of should have received a letter with a blue ribbon

which I wear year-round, but if you will wear during the month of April. This campaign began in the spring of 1989 when a Virginia grandmother tied a blue ribbon to the antenna of her car as a tribute to her grandson who was killed as a result of child abuse. The Blue Ribbon Campaign is a memorial to children who have been touched by abuse and neglect and a reminder that preventing the maltreatment of children is a community responsibility. CMPD and other local police forces will be wearing the Blue Ribbon on their uniform and we encourage you to wear them as well. Another symbol of Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month is a pinwheel. Pinwheels are part of an effort to focus on community activities that support families and public policies that prioritize prevention right from the start to make sure that child abuse and neglect never occur. Shining in the sun the pinwheel is reflective of the bright future all children deserve and our belief that getting it right early is less costly than trying to fix it later. I have a flyer that list the activities that are going on in April. April 4th is when we will be planting blue pinwheels across the whole city and county and in our Plaza right next door at the old Criminal Court House we will be planting pinwheels there. If any of you would like to join us on April 4th at 12:30.

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Recognition of July Burch, Interim City Manager

Mayor Foxx said I want to piggy back on a comment that was made upstairs in our Dinner Meeting. For the last couple of months we've been privileged to have as an Interim City Manager Julie Burch. We recognize that tonight is her last meeting in her capacity as the Interim City Manager. All of us are grateful to you Julie for your service. No-one quite knew when you took this role that you would be having to put on a construction helmet and fight some of the battles we are having to wage, but you've done it in a very able fashion and we are very pleased and happy that you have been able to do this and look forward to more of you after the new City Manager takes hold. Julie and I have a joke – ever so often I ask her, are you really happy you did this and she has said yes every time for those of you who care.

Councilmember Kinsey read the Proclamation proclaiming March 31, 2013 as Julie Burch Day in Charlotte.

Mayor Foxx presented Ms. Burch with a gift.

Interim City Manager, Julie Burch said I was going to make one comment and as I mentioned earlier this evening, I really appreciate and thank you for the support and the confidence that you expressed in me when you appointed me as Interim in December. I also wanted to let you know that we are getting ready for new City Manager, Ron Carlee to arrive and be here beginning April 1st. I've had a number of conversations with him over the last two or three weeks to help get him ready and I will be helping him with the transition. I think it will be a smooth and seamless one and certainly speaking for all of our Management Team we will do our best to help him and I think we will be ready to go on the first of April and ready to continue with the many important initiatives that we have in front of us right now. Thank you very much, this was totally unexpected.

Mayor Foxx said we really appreciate you Julie.

Recognition of Dr. Bonnie Cone

Mayor Foxx said there is one more thing I want to do. Last month we celebrated Black History Month and this month is Women's History Month. Charlotte is full of stories of people who have helped build this City and I thought I would recognize tonight someone whose name we know, but we may not know that much about her and her name is Bonnie Cone. Few Charlotteans noticed when Bonnie Cone, a mathematics teacher at Central High School was named Director of the Charlotte Center of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. In 1947 the School was a temporary facility created to educate veterans. Cone's appointment to the head of the institution turned out to me momentous and a significant change. A women of indomitable will and determination Cone began almost immediately laying plans to make the school a permanent institution of higher education. It is doubtful that City leaders fully

anticipated at the beginning the ramifications of having a major university in their midst writes historian Ken Sanford. However, the coming of the state supported higher education institution in Charlotte set in motion a sequence of events that would forever change Charlotte and its greater region. The creation of Charlotte College in 1949 as a Municipal Financed Institution, and its eventual transformation into the University of North Carolina at Charlotte in 1965 was a seminal development in the history of this community. Perhaps as notable as the arrival of Alexander Craighead in 1758, the coming of the first railroad town in 1852 and the opening of the Charlotte Cotton Mills in 1881. Charlotte College wouldn't be where it is now if it hadn't been for her said Board Chair person J. Murray Adkins about Bonnie Cone.

Bonnie Ethel Cone was born on June 22, 1907 in Lodge, South Carolina, a tiny railroad town of some 200 people located roughly midway between Columbia and Charleston. Reared in a conservative Baptist home Cone acquired the love of teaching as a young child. Bonnie Cone earned an MA in mathematics from Duke University and moved to Charlotte in 1941 to teach the same subject at Central High School. The school's principal, Dr. Elmer Garinger was most impressed with Cone's intelligence and instructional abilities. In 1943 Cone returned to Duke to work in statistics for the US Naval Ordnance Laboratory and after a stint in Washington, D.C. she returned to Central High School in 1946 and resumed her career. Not surprisingly Dr. Garinger recruited Cone to be a part-time teacher in newly opened Charlotte Center of the University of North Carolina. She taught mathematics to engineering students. In 1947 Garinger summoned Cone to his office and asked her to become the Director of the Charlotte Center because the first occupant of that position had returned to Chapel Hill. I took the job as Director as only a temporary position she explained. I had prepared myself for high school teaching and that is what I wanted to do. Cone's Administrative Office was formerly the lost and found room at Central High School. Cone did not own an automobile, she rode a bus to campus from a house where she rented a single room. She had no administrative experience beyond the classroom or what she might have acquired working for the Navy. Everyone assumed that Cone had taken a dead-end job. Indeed it was likely that Chapel Hill would have chosen a woman to assume the job if it appeared that there had been any prospects of become permanent. People told me that I was out on a limb, that I couldn't last. They said I should look for another job. Cone worked up her 18 hours per day, she taught classes, she recruited faculty, she made sure the classrooms were left clean for high school students who would be returning the next morning. I can't say anything but good things about her proclaimed Mary Denny, a longtime associate. Cone decided to fight to keep the Charlotte Center open because of the educational opportunities that the institution provided for students who otherwise would have little hope of attending college. I saw what was happening to young people she said. She worked with Governor James Holshouser and he summed up her achievements to the best of his retirement. He said that some people devote their lives to building monuments to themselves. She has devoted hers to building educational opportunities for others. Her first major victory came in 1949 when she and other supporters won permission from the North Carolina General Assembly to continue the two-year college under the auspices of the Charlotte Public School System of which Garinger had just become Superintendent. Named Charlotte College the institution ran on a shoestring. It operated with part-time faculty and part-time classrooms. The man responsible for obtaining initial state funding for a 1955 Charlotte College and maybe as influential as Bonnie Cone. His name was W. A. Kennedy, nicknamed Wooley. Ken Sanford calls him the spiritual father of Charlotte College. At any rate Bonnie Cone continued to work and work over the years to build Charlotte College and it never would have moved beyond being a two-year college with her. Miss Cone provided the faith on which the college many times found its primary ability to exist said J. Murray Adkins. She stuck with it and never thought of giving up even when the times were getting pretty hard. Support among business executives for Charlotte College grew as she continued to grow the influence of the institution. One influential graduate of North Carolina State feared that putting a state supported college in Charlotte would harm his beloved Alma Mater. I would not be in favor of anything that would in any way hinder the growth and prestige of Dear Ole State he wrote. The write was also not always harboring such sentiments. Charlotte has never short on pride said the Charlotte News in 1956, but when the chips were down it is ... distressing little interest in higher education in the past.

The long and short of it is that Charlotte College has grown into what we know as UNC-Charlotte and it is an institution that we are immensely proud of and hope to continue growing

long into the future and we have Bonnie Cone to thank for it. I would like to share and reflect on a significant woman in the history of the City of Charlotte, Bonnie Cone.

Charlotte Regional Visitors Authority Convention Announcement

Tom Murray, Charlotte Regional Visitors Authority said we are here tonight to announce a big win for Charlotte and we are excited to be sharing the spot light with Chief Hannah and our former Chief. In 2017 Charlotte will host the Fire Rescue International, a tremendous convention for our destination projected to bring approximately 7,500 attendees to Charlotte and secure more than 14,000 room nights. This is estimated to generate \$10.6 million in economic impact and nearly \$5.5 million in direct spending. It will do so during what is traditionally a need period for us during the summer months and on a week-end. Really plugging a key piece of convention business which we need when we need it the most, but most importantly this group perfectly illustrates that when we join forces with our local stakeholders, in this case the Charlotte Fire Department, we can accomplish incredible things. Chief Hannah and his team were instrumental in insuring that we could tap the proper resources, planning assistance and equipment preparation for this group and we did. We've already heard lots of positive feedback from Fire Rescue International in Charlotte that they can't wait to be here in 2017. I know you will share in our excitement in what a group of this caliber means to growing our city as a convention and events destination. Thank you Chief Hannah and his team for this outstanding effort in helping us secure this convention. We could not have done it without your support and your resourcefulness.

Chief Hannah, Charlotte Fire Department said I want to compliment the Authority and their work on it too. They put a lot into this. We did work with them to do it and it will be more like 15,000 people and they will come for the week and I don't believe they have all the paperwork done yet, but we are going to have it in 2017 and 2021. Chief Fincher is here with us tonight and he was a big part of this. He is still on the Board of Directors of the International Association of Fire Chiefs and had a lot to do with this. This is a big event for the City.

Mayor Foxx said I like how that worked out because you had like inspire the fire in the beginning and now you can put the fire out. Thank you very much it is having you here.

CONSENT AGENDA

Deputy City Clerk, Ashleigh Price said Item Nos. 22, 23, 36 and 37 have been pulled by Council. Item Nos. 24 and 52-V have speakers; Item Nos. 27, 52-T, 52-U, 52-W, 52-X, 52-AO and 52-AU have been pulled by staff. There is a correction for 52-AJ, it was a condemnation and now has been settled and is now considered for an acquisition.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cannon, seconded by Councilmember Kinsey, and carried unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of the above items.

The following items were approved:

Item No. 25: Assets Forfeiture Appropriation

Budget Ordinance No. 5061-X appropriating \$120,000 in police assets forfeiture funds for motorcycle helmet cameras and a Communications Division Study.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 58, at Page 104.

Item No. 26: Computer Hosting Services

(A) Two-year contract with RMSource, Inc. to support hosting the Microsoft Dynamics Customer Relationship Management (CRM) application up to an amount of \$139,372; and (B) Authorize the City Manager to approve up to two additional, one-year renewals with possible price adjustments as authorized by the contract.

Item No. 28: Transportation Aerial Bucket Trucks

(A) Approve the purchase of two International Aerial Bucket Trucks as authorized by the cooperative purchase exception of G.S. 143-129(e) (3); and (B) Approved a contract with Santex Truck Centers, Ltd. in the amount of \$289,526.

Item No. 29: Private Developer Funds for Traffic Signal Improvements

(A) Authorize the City Manager to execute a Developer Agreement between P&L Coliseum, L.P.; and (B) Budget Ordinance No. 5062-X appropriating \$200,000 in Private Developer Funds for Traffic Signal Improvements.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 58, at Page 105.

Item No. 30: Mineral Springs Sidewalk Improvements

(A) Reject the low-bid of \$196,311.08 from Capricorn Grading, LLC for failure to comply with the bid requirements; and (B) Award a contract to the second lowest, responsive bidder Red Clay Industries, Inc. in the amount of \$218,346.69 for the Mineral Springs Sidewalk Improvements.

Item No. 31: Debris Removal Services

(A) Approve a unit price contract for providing debris removal services for a four-year term to DRC Emergency Services, LLC; and (B) Authorize the City Manager to extend the contract for an additional one-year term with possible price adjustments as authorized by the contract.

Item No. 32: Barringer Drive and Michael Baker Place Bridge Replacement

(A) Approve design engineering contracts for bridge replacement with the following firms:
WSP USA Corp in the amount of \$203,447 for the Barringer Drive Bridge;
DRMP, Inc. in the amount of \$309,084 for the Michael Baker Place Bridge; and
(B) Budget ordinance No. 5063-X appropriating \$410,025 total from the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) contribution for 80% of the contract cost.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 58, at Page 106.

Item No. 33: Spratt Street Facility HVAC Replacement

Award the lot-bid contract of \$560,320 to Southern Comfort of Charlotte, Inc. for the Spratt Street Facility HVAC Replacement Project.

Summary of Bids

Southern Comfort of Charlotte, Inc.	\$560,320.00
Catawba Mechanical Services, Inc.	\$616,970.00
Cost Effective Maintenance, Inc.	\$735,420.00

Item No. 34: Airport Center Runway Pavement Repairs

(A) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a memorandum of understanding with W. K. Dickson and Co., Inc. and Hi-Way Paving, Inc. for repairs to failing concrete on the Center Runway and Taxiway E; and (B) Approve a contract amendment with W. K. Dickson and Co., Inc. in the amount of \$288,175.12 for repairs to failing concrete on the Airport's Center Runway and Taxiway E.

Item No. 35: Sale of 2333 Newberry Street

(A) Resolution approving the sale of the Airport-owned real property located at 2333 Newberry Street (PID #115-133-04 and 115-133-05 for \$42,000; and (B) Authorize the City Manager to execute the sale documents for this transaction.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 44, at Page 188.

Item No. 38: Transit Management Services Extension

Approve a six-month extension of the existing agreement with McDonald Transit Associates, Inc. to provide transit management services for the Bus Operation Division at a cost of \$303,500.46.

Item No. 39: Express Bus and Institution Shuttle Services

(A) Approve the renewal of Cost Sharing agreements for the Express Bus and Shuttle Services with the following cities, county, institution and business: City of Concord, NC/Concord Mills; City of Gastonia, NC; City of Rock Hill, SC; Union County; University of North Carolina at Charlotte; Wells Fargo; and (B) Authorize the City manager to execute four additional, one-year contract renewals; and (C) Authorize the City Manager to modify or terminate the agreements.

Item No. 40: McAlpine Creek Wastewater Treatment Plan Aeration Diffuser Replacement Project

Award the lob-bid contract of \$779,004.03 to the joint venture of The Huffstetler Group Inc./Eagle Wood, Inc. for the McAlpine Creek Wastewater Treatment Plan Aeration Basin Diffuser Replacement Project.

Summary of Bids

The Huffstetler Group/Eagle Wood	\$779,004.03
Turner Murphy	\$815,046.00
M. B. Kahn	\$826,056.00
Crowder Construction	\$902,308.00

Item No. 41: Wastewater Treatment Chemical Contract

(A) Award the low-bid unit price contract to Siemens Industry, Inc. for the purchase of Bioxide for a two-year term; and (B) Authorize the City manager to extend the contract for two additional, one-year terms with possible price adjustments as authorized by the contract.

Summary of Bids

Siemens Industry, Inc.	\$2.16/gallon
Doer Products and Services, Inc.	\$2.249/gallon

Item No. 42: McDowell Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant System

Award a low-bid contract of \$124,750 with Gilbert Engineering Company for the repairs to and replacement of the ferric chloride system at the McDowell Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Item No. 43: Boulevard Homes HOPE VI Infrastructure Reimbursement Agreement Contract Amendment

Approve a contract amendment to the Boulevard Homes HOPE VI Redevelopment Infrastructure Reimbursement Agreement in an amount up to \$1.7 million for the installation of a segment of the Taggart Creek Relief Sewer.

Item No. 44: Analytical Laboratory Equipment Replacement

(A) Approve the purchase of analytical laboratory equipment as authorized by the sole source exception of G.S. 143-129 (e)(6); and (B) Approve a one-time purchase from Agilent Technologies, Inc. for the purchase of a replacement Gas Chromatograph /Mass Spectrometry System and additional hardware compatible with other existing Agilent equipment.

Item No. 45: Relocation and Adjustment of Utility Lines Municipal Agreement

(A) Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a Municipal Agreement with the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) for design and construction of water and sewer line relocations and adjustments in the estimated amount of \$679,350.20, 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 189.

Item No. 46: Public Auctions for Disposal of Equipment and Police Unclaimed Property

(A) Resolution declaring specific vehicles, equipment and other miscellaneous items as surplus, and (B) Authorize said items for sale by public auctions on April 13, 2013 and April 20, 2013.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 44, at Page 190-198.

Item No. 47: Microsoft Enterprise Licensing Agreement

(A) Approve a three-year Microsoft Enterprise Agreement and Enterprise Enrollment for citywide software licensing to ensure software license compliance and support of included Microsoft products; and (B) Authorize the City Manager to approve one additional, three-year term with possible price adjustments at the time the second contract is negotiated, contingent upon the company's satisfactory performance.

Item No. 48: Refund of Property and Business Privilege License Taxes

(A) Resolution authorizing the refund of property taxes assessed through clerical or assessor error in the amount of \$501,248.17, and (B) Resolution authorizing the refund of business privilege license payments made in the amount of \$72.50.

The resolutions are recorded in full in Resolution Book 44, at Pages 199-213 and 214-215.

Item No. 49: Resolution of Intent to abandon a 10-foot alleyway between Camden Road and Hawkins Street

(A) Resolution of Intent to abandon a 10-foot alleyway between Camden Road and Hawkins Street; and (B) set public hearing for April 22, 2013.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 44, at Page 236.

Item No. 50: Resolution of Intent to Abandon a Residual Portion of Hoke Street

(A) Resolution of Intent to abandon residual portion of Hoke Street; and (B) Set public hearing for April 22, 2013.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 44, at Page 237.

Item No. 51: In Rem Remedy

Item No. 51-A: 1113 1, 2, 3 Belmont Avenue

Ordinance No. 5066-X authorizing the use of In Rem Remedy to demolish and remove the structure at 1113 1, 2, 3 Belmont Avenue (Neighborhood Profile Area 37).

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 58, at Page 109.

Item No. 51-B: 2700 Englehardt Street

Ordinance No. 5067-X authorizing the use of In Rem Remedy to demolish and remove the structure at 2700 Englehardt Street (Neighborhood Profile Area 70).

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 58, at Page 110.

Item 51-C: 608 South Torrence Street

Ordinance No. 5068-X authorizing the use of In Rem Remedy to demolish and remove the structure at 608 South Torrence Street (Neighborhood Profile Area 163).

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 58, at Page 111.

Item No. 51-D: 1120 Louise Avenue

Ordinance No. 5069-X authorizing the use of In Rem Remedy to demolish and remove the structure at 1120 Louise Avenue Neighborhood Profile Area 37).

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 58, at Page 112.

Item No. 51-E: 2833 Southwest Boulevard

Ordinance No. 5070-X authorizing the use of In Rem Remedy to demolish and remove the structure at 1120 Louise Avenue (Neighborhood Profile Area 37).

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 58, at Page 113.

Item No. 51-F: 11718 Norkett Drive

Ordinance No. 5071-X authorizing the use of In Rem Remedy to demolish and remove the structure at 11718 Norkett Drive (Neighborhood Profile Area 360).

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 58, at Page 114.

Item No. 51-G: 1117 Rollingwood Drive

Ordinance No. 5072-X authorizing the use of In Rem Remedy to demolish and remove the structure at 1117 Rollingwood Drive (Neighborhood Profile Area 362).

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 58, at Page 115.

Item No. 52: Property Transactions

Item No. 52-A: 720 Marion Drive

Acquisition of 3,988 square feet in Sanitary Sewer Easement, plus 3,869 square feet in Temporary Construction Easement at 720 Marion Drive from William G. Palmer and Lara M. Rhodes for \$10,400 for Sanitary Sewer Project to serve 720 Marion Drive, Parcel #3.

Item No. 52-B: 4120 Sunset Road

Acquisition of 9,224 square feet in Fee Simple, plus 10,518 square feet in Temporary Construction Easement at 4120 Sunset Road from Aldi (N.C.) LLC for \$107,570 for Beatties Ford Road Widening Phase 4, Parcel #53.

Item No. 52-C: 7639 North Tryon Street

Acquisition of 1,540 square feet in Fee Simple, plus 2,129 square feet in Temporary Construction Easement, plus 4,570 square feet in Utility Easement at 7639 North Tryon Street for \$51,775 for Blue Line Extension, Parcel #3107.

Item No. 52-D: 7649 North Tryon Street/217 Brookside Lane

Acquisition of 2,413 square feet in Fee Simple, plus 5,837 square feet in Temporary Construction Easement, plus 5,206 square feet in utility Easement at 7649 North Tryon Street/217 Brookside Lane for \$95,000 for Blue Line Extension, Parcel #3111.

Item No. 52-E: 5540 North Tryon Street

Acquisition of 5,997 square feet in Fee Simple, plus 500 square feet in Access Easement and Utility Easement, plus 2,091 square feet in Temporary Construction Easement, plus 327 square feet in utility Easement at 5540 North Tryon Street from VL Holdings, LLC. for \$167,475 for Blue Line Extension, Parcel #3126.

Item No. 52-F: 7100 Macfarlane Boulevard

Acquisition of 498,233 square feet in Fee Simple, plus 5,689 square feet in Storm Drainage Easement, plus 26,081 square feet in Temporary Construction Easement, plus 39 square feet in Utility Easement at 7100 Macfarlane Boulevard from 85 City Partners, LLC for 1,650,738 for Blue Line Extension, Parcel #3129.

Item No. 52-G: 7925 and 7945 North Tryon Street

Acquisition of 7,816 square feet in Fee Simple, plus 255 square feet in Access Easement, plus 354 square feet in Access Easement and Utility Easement, plus 7,850 square feet in Temporary Construction Easement, plus 584 square feet in Utility Easement at 7925 and 7945 North Tryon Street from DNC Investment Group, Inc. for \$650,575 for Blue Line Extension Parcel #3147.

Item No. 52-H: 8040 North Tryon Street

Acquisition of 2,547 square feet in Fee Simple, plus 2,397 square feet in Temporary construction Easement, plus 2,462 square feet in Utility Easement, plus 2 square feet in Storm Drainage Easement and Utility Easement at 8040 North Tryon Street from Griffin Brothers Auto Centers, LLC for \$111,636 for Blue Line Extension, Parcel #3153.

Item No. 52-I: 8116 North Tryon Street

Acquisition of 7,124 square feet in Fee Simple, plus 5,204 square feet in Temporary Construction Easement at 8116 North Tryon Street from New Hampton Presbyterian Church for \$61,900 for Blue Line Extension, Parcel #3159 and #3160.

Item No. 52-J: 8340 North Tryon Street

Acquisition of 13,061 square feet in Fee Simple, plus 331 square feet in Storm Drainage Easement, plus 10,619 square feet in Temporary Construction Easement at 8340 North Tryon Street from Apple Nine North Carolina, L.P. for \$132,210 for Blue Line Extension, Parcel #3175.

Item No. 52-K: 8404 North Tryon Street

Acquisition of 7,324 square feet in Fee Simple, plus 6,348 square feet in Temporary Construction Easement at 8340 North Tryon Street from Peak Properties I, LLC for \$509,500 for Blue Line Extension, Parcel #3177.

Item No. 52-L: 8517 North Tryon Street

Acquisition of 1,081 square feet in Fee Simple, plus 132 square feet in Access Easement and Utility Easement, plus 419 square feet in Waterline Easement, plus 377 square feet in Temporary Construction Easement, plus 613 square feet in Utility Easement, plus 319 square feet in Combined Utility and Waterline Easement, plus 69 square feet in Combined Utility, Waterline and Access Easement at 8517 North Tryon Street from Shri Gopinath Hospitality, LLC and any other parties of interest for \$16,875 for Blue Line Extension, Parcel #3195.

Item No. 52-M: North Tryon Street

Acquisition of 15,038 square feet in Fee Simple, plus 6,487 square feet in Temporary Construction Easement, plus 79 square feet in Utility Easement at North Tryon Street from CMF 15 Portfolio, LLC for \$414,650 for Blue Line Extension, Parcel #3237.

Item No. 52-N: 9303 Kittansett Drive and Barton Creek Drive

Acquisition of 12,359 square feet in Fee Simple, plus 5,630 square feet in Temporary Construction Easement, plus 1 square foot in Utility Easement at 9304 Kittansett Drive and Barton Creek Drive from Ashford Green Apartments, LLC for \$119,850 for Blue Line Extension, parcel #3239.

Item No. 52-O: 2597 Mt. Harmony Church Road

Acquisition of 51,166 square feet in Fee Simple, plus 20,110 square feet in Temporary Construction Easement, plus 18,470 square feet in Permanent Easement at 2597 Mt. Harmony Church Road from Wilma W. Stilwell for \$18,700 for Crooked Creek Pump Station and Sanitary Sewer improvement Project, Parcel #1.

Item No. 52-P: 6931 Old Post Road

Acquisition of 15,860.63 square feet in Fee Simple (Total Take) at 6931 Old Post Road from Amalia S. Reyes and Brian A. Juchnik for \$161,500 for East Forest Neighborhood Improvement Project – Phase II, Parcel #111.1

Item No. 52-Q: 222 North Sharon Amity Road

Acquisition of 7,044 square feet in Temporary Construction Easement at 222 North Sharon Amity Road from William A. Rork and wife, Sandra S. Rork for \$22,725 for Gaynor Storm Drainage Improvement Project, Parcel #71.

Item No. 52-R: 4304 Park Road

Acquisition of 681 square feet in Sidewalk and Utility Easement, plus 732 square feet in Temporary Construction Easement at 4304 Park Road from Faye H. Culbreth for \$18,743 for Park Road Pedestrian Crossing Sidewalk Project, Parcel #1.

Item No. 52-S: 1600 East 5th Street

Acquisition of 3,637 square feet in Sidewalk and Utility Easement, plus 2,945 square feet in Temporary Construction Easement at 1600 East 5th Street from Providence Road Land Partners, LLC for \$92,400 for Streetcar Starter Project, Parcel #81.

Item No. 52-Y: 5100 Beatties Ford Road

Resolution of condemnation of 8,242 square feet in Fee Simple, plus 10,066 square feet in Temporary Construction Easement, plus 91 square feet in Utility Easement at 5100 Beatties Ford Road from 5100 Beatties Ford Road, LLC and any other parties of interest for \$128,550 for Beatties Ford Road Widening Phase 4, Parcel #57.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 44, at Page 216.

Item No. 52-Z: 4105 Blenheim Road

Resolution of condemnation of 8,427 square feet in Fee Simple (Total Take) at 4105 Blenheim Road from Seafus Jones and any other parties of interest for \$1,000 for Blenheim Storm Drainage Improvement Project, Parcel #4.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 44, at Page 217.

Item No. 52-AA: 430 East 36th Street

Resolution of condemnation of 6,567 square feet in Storm Drainage Easement, plus 114,367 square feet in Temporary Construction Easement, plus 2,350 square feet in Permanent Easement at 430 East 36th Street from RM 36th Street Investors, LLC and any other parties of interest for \$114,625 for Blue Line Extension, Parcel #1260.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 44, at Page 218.

Item No. 52-AB: 7628 North Tryon Street

Resolution of condemnation of 356 square feet in Waterline Easement, plus 674 square feet in Temporary Construction Easement, plus 141 square feet in Utility Easement, plus 1,738 square feet in Combined Utility and Waterline Easement at 7628 North Tryon Street from Clubview Apartments, Inc. and any other parties of interest for \$13,525 for Blue Line Extension, Parcel #3109.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 44, at Page 219.

Item No. 52-AC: 7706 North Tryon Street

Resolution of condemnation of 1,784 square feet in Fee Simple, plus 4,811 square feet in Temporary Construction Easement, plus 1,934 square feet in Utility Easement, plus 2,211 square feet in Combined Utility and Waterline Easement at 7706 North Tryon Street from Intown Suites Charlotte North, LLC and any other parties of interest for \$55,085 for Blue Line Extension, Parcel #3113.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 44, at Page 220.

Item No. 52-AD: 7716 North Tryon Street

Resolution of condemnation of 2,176 square feet in Fee Simple, plus 2,156 square feet in Temporary Construction Easement at 7716 North Tryon Street from UV Partners and any other parties of interest for \$28,900 for Blue Line Extension, Parcel #3115.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 44, at Page 221.

Item No. 52-AE: 7701 North Tryon Street

Resolution of condemnation of 1,659 square feet in Fee Simple, plus 4,226 square feet in Temporary Construction Easement, plus 5,589 square feet in Utility Easement at 7701 North Tryon Street from The Corral Group of Charlotte, LLC and any other parties of interest, for \$111,975 for Blue Line Extension, Parcel #3117.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 44, at Page 222.

Item No. 52-AF: University City Boulevard

Resolution of condemnation of 1,805 square feet in Fee Simple, plus 369 square feet in Temporary Construction Easement, plus 1,979 square feet in Utility Easement at University City Boulevard from University Investments, Inc. and any other parties of interest for \$21,625 for Blue Line Extension, parcel #3119.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 44, at Page 223.

Item No. 53-AG: North Tryon Street

Resolution of condemnation of 22,759 square feet in Fee Simple, plus 5,462 square feet in Temporary Construction Easement, plus 83 square feet in Utility Easement at North Tryon Street From The Pantry, Inc. and any other parties of interest for \$485,475 for Blue Line Extension, Parcel #3120 and #3122.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 44, at Page 224.

Item No. 52-AH: 7840 North Tryon Street

Resolution of condemnation of 3,906 square feet in Fee Simple, plus 16,570 square feet in Temporary Construction Easement at 7840 North Tryon Street from BRE Retail Residual NC Owner, LP and any other parties of interest for \$33,375 for Blue Line Extension, Parcel #3133.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 44, at Page 225.

Item No. 52-AI: 7850 North Tryon Street

Resolution of condemnation of 7,916 square feet in Fee Simple, plus 182 square feet in Access Easement, plus 11,664 square feet in Temporary Construction Easement, plus 46 square feet in Utility Easement at 7850 North Tryon Street from Halle Properties, LLC and any other parties of interest for \$344,875 for Blue Line Extension, Parcel #3135.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 44, at Page 226.

Item 52-AJ: 8211 University Executive Park Drive

Acquisition of 5,271 square feet in Fee Simple, plus 17,605 square feet in Temporary Construction Easement, plus 1,645 square feet in Utility Easement at 8211 University Executive Park Drive from ESA P Portfolio, LLC and any other parties of interest for \$175,375 for Blue Line Extension, Parcel #3155.

Item No. 52-AK: 8310 University Executive Park Drive

Resolution of condemnation of 11,867 square feet in Fee Simple, plus 136 square feet in Access Easement and Utility Easement, plus 4,398 square feet in Temporary Construction Easement, plus 1,271 square feet in Utility Easement at 8310 University Executive Park Drive from ATAPCO UEP, Inc. and any other parties of interest for \$777,500 for Blue Line Extension, Parcel #3171.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 44 at Page 227.

Item No. 52-AL: 8320 University Executive Park Drive

Resolution of condemnation of 14,410 square feet in Fee Simple, plus 384 square feet in Access Easement and Utility Easement, plus 8,851 square feet in Temporary construction Easement, plus 1,422 square feet in Utility easement at 8320 University Executive Park Drive from ATAPCO UEP, Inc. and any other parties of interest for \$294,575 for Blue Line Extension, Parcel #3173.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 44, at Page 228.

Item No. 52-AM: 8431 North Tryon Street

Resolution of condemnation of 3,818 square feet in Fee Simple, plus 227 square feet in Storm Drainage Easement, plus 3,257 square feet in Temporary Construction Easement, plus 1,767 square feet in Utility Easement, plus 209 square feet in Storm Drainage Easement and Utility Easement at 8431 North Tryon Street from John G. Blackmon and wife, Irene H. Blackman and any other parties of interest for \$110,175 for Blue Line Extension, Parcel #3183.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 44, at Page 229.

Item No. 52-AN: 8531 North Tryon Street

Resolution of condemnation of 4,330 square feet in Fee Simple, plus 535 square feet in Temporary Construction Easement, plus 2,389 square feet in Utility Easement, plus 89 square feet in Combined Utility and Waterline Easement at 8531 North Tryon Street from Village Oaks Properties, LLC and any other parties of interest for \$164,000 for Blue Line Extension, Parcel #3197.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 44, at Page 230.

Item No. 52-AP: W. T. Harris Boulevard

Resolution of condemnation of 47,980 square feet in Fee Simple, plus 1,437 square feet in Storm Drainage Easement, plus 154 square feet in Waterline Easement, plus 33,747 square feet in Temporary Construction Easement at W. T. Harris Boulevard from The Charlotte Mecklenburg Hospital Authority and any other parties of interest for \$428,625 for Blue Line Extension, Parcel #3201.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 44, at Page 231.

Item No. 52-AQ: J. M. Keynes Drive

Acquisition of 1,531 square feet in Fee Simple, plus 1,777 square feet in Temporary construction Easement at J. M. Keynes Drive from CS Shoppes at University Place, LLC and any other parties of interest for \$13,675 for Blue Line Extension, Parcel #3230.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 44, at Page 232.

Item No. 52-AR: J. M. Keynes Drive

Resolution of condemnation of 492 square feet in Fee Simple, plus 911 square feet in Temporary Construction Easement at J. M. Keynes Drive from The Lakeshore Village Condominium Project and any other parties of interest for \$5,150 for Blue Line Extension, Parcel #3232.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 44, at Page 233.

Item No. 52-AS: 9211 and 9315 North Tryon Street

Resolution of condemnation of 36,471 square feet in Fee Simple, plus 1,329 square feet in Access Easement, plus 23,072 square feet in Temporary Construction Easement at 9211 and 9315 North Tryon Street from Mallard Pointe Associates, LLC and any other parties of interest for \$443,850 for Blue Line Extension, Parcel #3233.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 44, at Page 234.

Item No. 52-AT: Mallard Creek Road

Resolution of condemnation of 7,316 square feet in Fee Simple, plus 3,627 square feet in Fee Simple within Existing Right-of-Way, plus 609 square feet in Sidewalk and Utility Easement, plus 501 square feet in Temporary Construction Easement, plus 1,945 square feet in Existing Drainage Easement to be accepted at Mallard Creek Road from FS Properties of LA, LLC and any other parties of interest for \$55,825 for Mallard Creek Sidewalk Improvements, Parcel #9.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 44, at Page 235.

ITEM NO. 24: STREETCAR STARTER PROJECT – PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

Steven Burke, 108 Providence Road said I am Vice President of Novant Health and the Manager of Providence Road Land Partners. In the last few years we have been looking at the overhead service lines which Duke Energy maintains on Hawthorne Lane and have particularly been trying to find mechanisms to take those underground and make them safer for the hospital in times of emergency, but also to be a very positive benefit as we develop the Hawthorne Lane site for Providence Road Land Partners. As we have been involved with the Streetcar Project we recognized that there was going to be significant work done right where those lines are located, particularly all of that sidewalk is going to be torn out and rebuilt as part of the project in order to accommodate the new terminal station that will be there at the corner of Fifth and Hawthorne Lane. In looking options we also explored weather or not to have an independent contractor be involved and do the work that we need to have done in order to take the electrical duct bank and place it underground. What we found was that there was a lot of benefit in pursuing a public/private partnership, really getting to the point where if we pooled our resources we wouldn't have two contractors trying to work in the same sandbox so to speak because it is going to be right there in the same area of the sidewalk and we could coordinate this with Duke Energy to make it a much more cost effective way to provide this service in the community. This will put us in a situation where the site at Hawthorne goes down to Park Drive and Elizabeth is also more developable according to the zoning which it now maintains. We saw that as a win/win and also recognize that once we put the Streetcar in place this activity would cost about three times what it would cost about three times what it would cost currently in conjunction with the work that is being done. We think this is a win/win for the whole community, it certainly is for the hospital and I speak on behalf there from my capacity in planning, but I also see it really for Providence Road development and how we can get things moving forward there along Elizabeth Avenue and Hawthorne Lane.

Mayor Foxx said I think we would like to get staff's response to that either tonight or in writing because it sounds like there is an opportunity to collaborate here.

Jeb Blackwell, City Engineer said I would agree with everything said. I think it is a benefit to our project and to the hospital to do this collaboratively and we were going to spend some money on utilities and we've brought that to the table and they are dealing with the increment so as it is described I think it is a great win/win project for everybody.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cannon, seconded by Councilmember Kinsey, to (A) approve the public/private joint venture agreement with Providence Road Land Partners, LLC (PRLP) for construction of a utility duct bank in conjunction with the Streetcar Starter Project (SSP) along Elizabeth Avenue and Trade Street from the Charlotte Transportation Center (CTC) to Presbyterian Hospital; (B) Budget Ordinance No. 5060-X appropriating up to \$400,000 from PRLP; (C) Authorize the City Manager to approve an amendment with URS Corporation – North Carolina for the design of the PRLP utility duct bank in an amount up to \$25,000 and (D) Authorize the City Manager to approved a change order with Balfour Beatty Rail Incorporated and Blythe Development Company (Joint Venture) for the construction of the PRLP utility duct bank in an amount up to \$400,000. The vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS: Councilmembers Autry, Cannon, Howard, Kinsey, Mayfield, Mitchell and Pickering.
NAYS: Councilmembers Cooksey and Dulin.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 58, at Page 103.

ITEM NO. 52-V: 3840 BEATTIES FORD ROAD

Paul Holmes, 3840 Beatties Ford Road said I'm speaking on behalf of myself as well as other business owners like myself on Beatties Ford Road between Capps Hill Mine Road and Slater Road. The first item I really want you to consider, Item #1 of 3 you are at a position now where

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you can condemn part of my property because I haven't signed. I'm asking you to hold up and give me a couple of week. I was born at night, but it wasn't last night and I have had a chance just since last Friday to see actually the area of property that you are saying you are going to condemn to widen Beatties Ford Road. The residents and myself say great, we want the road widened, etc. so I'm asking for a two-week extension to allow me to speak with the property company who is now beginning to make some concessions. Now that I see actually how much land is going to be taken, the amount that you offered is nowhere near the value of it. That leads me to Item #2 of 3, and what we are asking for, the property owners and the business owners myself, you see a little red tab, if you will turn to that red tab page, and I'm reading what is in the box. The consensus request that we want the 800 foot stretch from Capps Hill Mine Road to Slater Road to only consist of a painted median. What you are doing with a concrete median from Capps Hill Mine Road to Slater Road, only 800 feet, is blocking the residents, including myself and the business owners, including myself. One of the business owners is King Funeral Home. The way the engineers had it designed first, King Funeral Home was going to have to come out and go about 300 feet in a funeral procession to make a U-turn. That was just no consideration at all. Why have a funeral processing going up 300 feet to make a U-turn. That was part of our recommendation or request. The City Engineer and Councilmember Mitchell did come out to my home twice and they considered themselves making a concession and the first time they came out they were going to let a funeral procession leave, so they were going to make an indentation in the medial so it could leave, but you couldn't return. You still had a funeral processing making a U-turn in a short area. That was just an adjustment really to accommodate King Funeral Home. Now we understand and Mr. Mitchell will tell you I haven't heard back how you have handled this in your communications with myself and the other residents.

Councilmember Mitchell said let me thank Mr. Holmes for being a very strong advocate for himself and the business community there. We've had about four meetings and he has been gracious enough to allow us to have him at his home and he has been passionate. Some of the things he addressed in here we have made the changes, staff has worked and at the end of the day we are not going to make Mr. Homes totally happy but I do think we've got a work around that will definitely take care of King Funeral Home and some of the other issues that are out there. I will say Mr. Holmes, I dropped the ball so I apologize to you. Staff had made a decision and they wanted me to call you and so I apologize to you publically for not getting to you in a timely manner.

Tim Green, Engineering and Property Management said Beatties Ford Widening is a 2010 Bond Project, widening Beatties Ford Road from Capps Hill Mine Road to Sunset, it is about \$14 million. Mr. Holmes is right, we are installing a median from Capps Hill Mine Road up to Slater Road as well as other parts of Beatties Ford Road. We believe it is safer for motorists and pedestrians. We are making accommodations to King Funeral Home to allow funeral processions to come out of the property and into the property based on the land use of that property.

Mr. Mitchell said I would like to make sure staff don't have any opposition to Mr. Holmes' request for a two-week extension. Would that have any negative impact to the project?

Mr. Green said no it won't.

Mr. Mitchell said Mr. Holmes can you share with us item #3 of 3?

Mr. Holmes said item #3 of 3 – from Griers Grove Road to Reeder Memorial Church is a painted median, two strips of paint, cars going in and out of Angie's Diner, Reeder Memorial and that is 1,500 feet. We are asking from Capps Hill Mine Road just to Slater Road for the same painted median. It would be the same painted median and it would be more economical. Eight-hundred feet of concrete and trees and shrubs, etc. is more expensive than 800 feet of two strips of paint. It is like that for $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile from Griers Grove Road to Reeder Memorial, it is two lines and we are asking for that type of median. If you are going to do it for the funeral home, item 3 is my business as well. Last statement, go on East Boulevard, those homes and businesses there go in and out. They have medians at the ends of the block. Every one of those homes and businesses from attorney's office, etc. they can go in and out at any point. But they are going to block us in. We are going to have to go 800 feet, which is as short distance except when you have to go all

the way down to the next block to make a U-turn to come back. That is not fair, it is not right and by the way those medians on East Boulevard have nice trees and shrubs that bloom. The trees and shrubs on Beatties Ford Road, you don't even notice them because they are just plain trees and they don't do anything. We are asking for two strips of paint from Capps Hill Mine Road to Slater Road. You see I have a business, I have traffic in and out so do the businesses on East Boulevard. Widen the road and do all the things you need to do, just allow us to be able to go in both directions.

Mr. Mitchell said Tim can you respond because Mr. Cannon asked me what was wrong with Mr. Holmes proposal and I was saying how staff has spent time. Do you want to give feedback to Council?

Mr. Green said C-DOT has done studies in the past. This issue is not unusual for widening a two-lane road to a four-lane road. Our statistical crash data shows us that a median divided road is safer than a painted or paved center. It is a major thoroughfare and is going to handle over 20,000 vehicles per day whereas East Boulevard does not contain that amount of volume.

Councilmember Dulin said Tim we are talking about out near the McCrory Y is that right and there are 20,000 cars going through there?

Mr. Green said our future projections are that it will be there.

Mr. Dulin said I'm in and out of the McCrory pretty often. This is the first time I've heard of this Mr. Holmes so that you for coming and letting us know. I know Mr. Mitchell is all over it because he does a good job out that way, but is there any give and take to the individual business man or lady out that way?

Mr. Green said that is what we did for the King Funeral Home, because of the land use we really thought 50 vehicles coming out as a funeral procession should not have to go up to Slater and make a U-turn. They should be allowed to come out, but for single individual businesses that only have one or two cars coming out we do believe and statistics show that a median is safer.

Mr. Dulin said Mr. Holmes, at this point I think we are going to delay this thing two weeks and Council will learn a little bit more about it. I'm going to go out and take a look and I'm sure some of the others will also and give us an opportunity to do some homework, and at least from my chair I appreciate you coming down tonight.

Mr. Holmes said thank you very much, we would appreciate you taking a look at that. I am a business and Angie's Diner is a business right down the street so is the little grocery store.

Motion was made by Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Cannon and carried unanimously, to give Mr. Holmes a two-week extension.

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ZONING DECISIONS

ITEM NO. 10: REZONING PETITION NO. 2013-039

Motion was made by Councilmember Cooksey, seconded by Councilmember Autry to adopt Ordinance No. 5057 for text amendment to Sections 2.201, Table 9.101, 9.1003, and 9.1103 of the Zoning Ordinance to add a new definition for brewery and modify the prescribed conditions for breweries in the U-1, I-1 and I-2 Zoning Districts.

Councilmember Kinsey said I apologize for not making the hearing last week. I was sick so all I have is what I'm reading. I'm getting more and more nervous about Text Amendments because I think sometimes there are some unintentional consequences. I think that has happened recently so I am a little nervous about it, particularly when we expedite them as we have been asked. I have looked at this and it looks fairly harmless but since I missed the hearing I don't know quite
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as much about it as you do, although I have read the material I haven't had a chance to speak with people about it because I was out most of last week.

Tammie Keplinger, Planning said this Text Amendment is actually very narrow in focus. It will change or clarify where breweries are allowed only in our industrial districts. We've had a CAG group that has worked on the brewery uses and you will see another Text Amendment that will be coming to you in May which will address breweries in all of other districts, but we had several property and business owners in town that needed to have this particular Text Amendment expedited due to some business deals and staff and the CAG agreed that we should move forward because everyone was in agreement with the Text Amendment.

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

YEAS: Councilmembers Autry, Cannon, Cooksey, Dulin, Howard, Mitchell, and Pickering.

NAYS: Councilmembers Kinsey and Mayfield.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 58, at Page 96-99.

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ITEM NO. 11: ORDINANCE NO. 5058-Z FOR A UMUD-0-SPA SITE PLAN AMENDMENT FOR APPROXIMATELY 8.42 ACRES SURROUNDED BY GRAHAM STREET, WEST 4TH STREET, MINT STREET AND MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BOULEVARD.

Tammie Keplinger, Planning said everything is accurate and this is the rezoning for the Knights Stadium. Staff is recommending approval as the Zoning Committee did also.

Motion was made by Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Cannon, to approve the Statement of Consistency and Petition No. 2013-005 by Mecklenburg County for the above site plan amendment, as recommended by the Zoning Committee.

Councilmember Kinsey said I think it is still a little too cluttered and I'm not going to support it. I particularly don't care for the advertising part of it. I did have a meeting today with Mr. Schumacher so he clarified some of it but I'm still not real comfortable with it. It looks a little messy to me.

Councilmember Howard said could we hear from Mr. Schumacher about the advertising? I would like to get a little more comfortable with it too. The advertising along Graham Street is what I've had some issues with. Are there any changes to that?

Unidentified speaker said what we've done is define that a little bit. I think as I can appreciate the understanding of what the term advertising would be and we've tried to establish that we have different levels. The sponsorship and those advertising panels would be tied directly to sponsors that are tied with the Knights. They are not panels that would be associated outside the ballpark and outside the ballpark sponsorship.

Mr. Howard said that is what I wanted to clarify.

Councilmember Pickering said I know we are talking about exterior signage for the zoning petition but I have a question about interior signage. For this area at the outfield where the 330 and 400 foot signs are, that green area, do we know what that will be?

Unidentified speakers said the batter's eye area.

Ms. Pickering said with that be advertising and if so what type of the three that you've outlined?

Unidentified speaker said they will be designated as sponsorship advertising and there will be only a small percentage, I believe it is 10% of the total square footage. That will be designated

for the play area which will be directly underneath it. It will be a corporate sponsor sponsoring that play area. No other advertising will be on that.

Ms. Pickering said 10% of that green area?
Unidentified speaker said correct.

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

YEAS: Councilmembers Autry, Cannon, Cooksey, Dulin Howard, Mayfield, Mitchell and Pickering.

NAYS: Councilmember Kinsey.

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ITEM NO. 12: DECISION ON PROPOSED REZONING PETITION NO. 2013-013 BY ADAM FLORENZA FROM R-3, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO R-4 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL, FOR APPROXIMATELY 9.50 ACRES LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF PROVIDENCE ROAD WEST, AT THE INTERSECTION OF OLD ARDREY KELL ROAD AND PROVIDENCE ROAD WEST, DEFERRED

Tammie Keplinger, Planning said this is a protested petition and last week at the City Council Meeting we didn't have a full Council and again tonight we don't have a full Council so the rules are that this automatically rolls over, however the petitioner, instead of requesting a roll over to your next business meeting is asking for a deferral to April 15th which is your next Zoning Meeting.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cooksey, seconded by Councilmember Cannon and carried unanimously, to defer Petition No. 2013-013 to April 15 th .
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ITEM NO. 13: PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SMALL BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM REVISIONS

The scheduled public hearing was held on the subject matter.

Councilmember Mitchell said no presentation but I want to thank Economic Development Committee and staff. We wanted to bring it forth today just to give public input on a new program that is scheduled to be effective July 1. I would like to thank all our stakeholders for their input and there has been a lot of hard work on having a new program – City INclusion connecting MWSBE to opportunities with a new tag line.

Denise Presley, 5811 Fairview Road said I am here in support of the staff's recommendations for the City of Charlotte to become more involved in the registration of minority and women owned businesses. I hope you will decide to have gender and race conscious goals set for all of the departments that go outside to hire vendors, not just construction but also service and supplies as well. I am an attorney, I own a business, Presley Law and we are located in South Charlotte. Our practice is limited to commercial real estate and I recently was certified by the North Carolina Department of Transportation, which has resulted in getting a lot of mail. One of the pieces of mail I got was an invitation to come and speak on behalf of or at least weigh in on this initiative by the staff and initially my thought was oh, what do I care, I don't do any business with the City, and then I thought you need to check yourself Denise. You live in this city, you have a business in this city, you pay taxes, you own property, you are a minority and you are a female, if you don't care who will care. I am in support of this initiative of the City, I think they have done a terrific job. My experience with the folks in Raleigh who are responsible for certifying minority and women on businesses has not been particularly good. I started a process with them back in February of 2011 and it was unsuccessful despite taking my requests for certification all the way to the top. I would hope that the City would get more involved in this because it matters more to us than it matters to the folks in Raleigh.

Stephanie Berwald, 4337 Howie Circle said I am President and Chair of the Metrolina Minority Contractors Association, also known as MMCA. We are a local trade association that has been representing minority owned construction companies for over 25 years. I'm here to talk to you today about the Small Business Opportunity Program Recommendations. First I would like to commend Councilmember Mitchell and the Economic Development Committee and staff for their ongoing efforts to insure equal access to opportunity and for their courage and commitment to close the disparity gaps that were found in the Disparity Study nearly two years ago, particularly as it relates to African American, Hispanic and Native American owned businesses. MMCA has been actively engaged in the overall review process and recommendations to the new program. We are pleased to see the race based goals are being considered. Under the old program more African American contractors participated on City projects. When it was eliminated the number declined significantly. By reestablishing these goals where disparity was found it creates a win/win situation for all. It is our desire to continue to stay abreast of the results the new program will bring. As we have recommended in the past we would like to see the following in addition to the program changes: A Community Advisory Committee made up of community stakeholders like MMCA that will receive quarterly updates on the progress and results of the new program. Staff ownership and accountability – not only language that makes staff accountable for the implementation of the program, but action behind it when necessary; Quarterly audits by an independent consultant that will review and track the progress as well as make recommendations to enhancements for the program. Additionally ongoing staff training – we would like to see all departments that administer the new program be on the same page and give out the same message at their pre-bid meetings. Our City is diverse and there should be a commitment to creating a diverse workforce on City projects. We believe that the new changes will lead to success, success by creating INclusion, participation and ultimately business growth. I thank you for your time and I ask that when the opportunity presents itself that you vote in favor of adding race based goals to the Small Business Opportunity Program.

Ed Bryant, 2848 Queen City Drive, said I'm also a member of MMCA and I am the Treasurer of MMCA. I'm also representing Co-Electrical Services and I'm here to talk to you about is just following up behind Stephanie about this new program. I am excited about it. Councilmember Mitchell brought it to us himself at one of our meetings and I appreciate the good job you are doing with it Mr. Mitchell. I want to bring up one of the sides when this program is not in place. For instance I have to bring up something else that is on your agenda tonight, Item #37. There is no goal set there and the reason that is stated on here is that there is no contracting opportunity. I am an electrical contractor, I am on the first phase of that and this side also needs an electrician so there is opportunity. I was chased by two of the bidders pretty hard to the last day when we got an e-mail saying they didn't need our services. There was contracting opportunities there and there will be an electrical permit pulled for this project. My question is why were there no goals there and this is a good reason why we do need this program.

Camisha Farris, 2848 Queen City Drive, said I am with Anointed Flooring and also a member of the Disparity Study Advisory Committee as well as a Board Member for MMCA. I am in support of the new MWSBE program and look forward for Council's approval of the program. I believe the new program will help close the disparity gap particularly in construction as a result of the City's recent Disparity Study that was done. I would like to reiterate that continual oversight be looked at very seriously when this new program does take place within the community as it has been said by our President of MMCA. Thank you for your time and efforts.

Motion was made by Councilmember Howard, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell and carried unanimously, to close the public hearing.

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ITEM NO. 14: (A) PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BLUE LINE EXTENSION INITIAL FINANCING FOR THE BLUE LINE EXTENSION (BLE) AND (B) ADOPT A RESOLUTION RELATED TO THE FINANCING OF THE BLE.

The scheduled public hearing was held on the subject matter.

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Mary Hopper, 8334 IBM Drive said I wanted to take this opportunity to express University City Partners gratitude for Council's support for the northeast rail line. We are painfully aware of the competition for city resources so we cannot thank you enough for your unwavering support for completion of the LYNX Line to University City. Miss Bonnie would be very proud Mayor Foxx.

Mayor Foxx said we will come back to this over and over again, but first of all I want to thank our CATS staff, starting with Carolyn Flowers and on down to the entire team over there for their work on the Blue Line Extension. It has been a real travail in a lot of respects but you all have really persevered through this and to even be at a point where we could have this hearing is a testament to your efforts. Secondly, to make it very clear to this community, that this project is the number one transit priority for this region. But, having said that I'm finding that I think people are getting stuck in talking about these projects as though they are just by themselves. Even the Blue Line Extension, we talk about it like it is an island and none of these projects are islands. The whole system is important and what we've been saying over and over again is that the environment for funding has changed pretty dramatically. The sales tax that is paying for this particular line, although there is at least a proposal for \$100 million or more of capital expenditures to support this line, it is not going into the trains but it is actually going into the infrastructure around the trains that is property tax based, but there is a lot of almost a myopic way in which we look at this system. So we get this line done and we have a line that runs north and south and what else do we have? We've got a good bus system, it is not something to be given short shrift but the system we have developed is a land use and transportation based system and it is only as good as our ability to get it deployed. I am concerned and have been concerned that there is a lot of mythology about how we are going to build this system that is baked into how we built the pieces that are there today. This will probably be the last project that gets 50% federal, 25% state and 25% local matches. The local match is tied up in the sales tax which won't spin off any further capacity. The state is just the state. Then at the federal level we know what is going on there so we have a lot of challenges with this system, but I'm continuing to have the belief that the more of it we get deployed as soon as possible is going to be cheaper for our tax payers, it is going to be better for our mobility and it is going to be better for our land use. Even my wonderful friends who love the Blue Line Extension, who have worked with us to get this done, understand that it is a part of the system just like the Streetcar, just like bus rapid transit, just like commuter rail, the Red Line and I'm going to give this speech every time I see any transit project on our agenda. I think it is going to be an important reminder that we are not trying to build a line, we are trying to build a system.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cannon, seconded by Councilmember Mayfield, and carried unanimously, to close the public hearing and adopt the subject resolution.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 44, at Page 182-187.

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ITEM NO. 15: CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Interim City Manager, Julie Burch said I do have a report that I would like to give tonight and it relates to four topic areas under the broad subject of Governance of the Airport. I'm going to touch each of these briefly and first of all a progress report on the Governance Study, status of the current legislation in the General Assembly; status of the State Treasurer's Bond Council opinion and finally media coverage recently about this matter and desire to correct some inaccuracies around that.

Going back to the Governance Study, you authorized that on the 4th of March. Last week I entered into a contract on behalf of the City with a well-known aviation consulting firm by the name of Oliver Wyman. Mr. Bob Hazel is a partner in that firm and is leading the study. As you know we are on a very fast track to get this governance study done. We have committed to having it complete by May 1st and that is so that members of the General Assembly will have the benefit of that study and the recommendations in time for consideration in this year's legislative session. Also in accordance with your direction, a Study Oversight Committee has been

established and they met for the first time last Thursday. The charge to that committee is to insure independent unbiased consultant review of the governance models for airports across the country and to also review the issues related to any transition of airport governance from a city department to an independent authority. Representatives from the Chamber, Regional Partnerships, CRVA, US Airways and the Airport Advisory Committee were in attendance at that meeting last week. Mr. Hazel, the lead partner for the consulting firm began work last Friday. As you recall the first part of this study is to determine the drivers for the interest in a change in governance at the Airport and as part of that he will be interviewing a number of stakeholders and a number of business and community leaders as well as each of you to glean information regarding that. He will also be interviewing members of the Mecklenburg Delegation. I believe most of the interviews with Council have actually been completed now and I think there are just two remaining and he will continue that process with those folks I just mentioned. The results of the interviews will be summarized in a report and will be provided to us on Friday, April 5th and of course that information will be made available to you as to the public as soon as we have it.

The Study Committee has scheduled two other meetings to monitor study progress and to provide feedback to the consultant as he does his work. We have also scheduled a public input meeting that will be open to anyone who would like to attend and that will be on Tuesday, April 16th, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in Room 267 here in the Government Center. All the meetings are open to the public. The Oversight Committee Meetings are open and there is information being posted on the City's website, there are minutes of the Committee meetings being taken and those minutes will be available to the public and certain as any reports become available such as the Stakeholder report and finally the final report on May 1 will also be available to the public as well. That is the progress we've made to date on the governance study and I feel like we are moving right along so we make that May 1st deadline.

Mayor Foxx said first of all I want to thank you and the staff for the efforts you've made so far to put this together. The feedback I get from folks involved in the Oversight Committee is extremely good. Why do you suppose that there are some folks that I guess are choosing to use the media as an outlet to express their concerns. Why are we not finding some of those folks at the table?

Ms. Burch said Mayor, I don't think I want to speculate on that but we will be reaching out to people who have been mentioned in media reports. The consultant will be, to see if they are willing to be interviewed on this subject. None of the comments from the interviews will be attributed to individuals. We will have a list of everyone the consultant reached out and talked to and then a summary of the comments made so we really would hope that people that are speaking out on this issue will be willing to speak to the consultant so that feedback can be reflected.

Mayor Foxx said here is my concern and I know you are going to get to this in a second, but in my brief review of this letter by this attorney hired by the State Treasurer to review the bond issues, one of the issues that was raised in the Wayne County case was allegations of mismanagement of the Detroit Metropolitan Airport as a basis that was used by the legislature to affect the takeover of that airport. What strikes me and what I'm hearing in the news and reading from time to time is that despite data, facts, information, sharing of perspectives that there are some folks that are just bound and determined to make it appear as though the Airport has been mismanaged in order to create a record for themselves to justify the legislation that has been proposed. I think our challenge is making as clear as we possibly can what is truth and what is not truth. The problem is that I continue to hear that this legislation is moving to use a metaphor from the Intermodal, it is on a track and it is moving pretty fast and almost nothing we can do is going to stop this from happening. It is very frustrating because this Council is being attacked for being political with the Airport when this Council has not been political. We are being attacked for not making business decisions when we've done the best job we can in making business decisions in some very difficult situations. When this Council is being attacked for meddling in things that we haven't meddled in and I'm disturbed because I feel like a segment and this is not a large segment, and it is not even the Chamber of Commerce, I saw the Chamber of Commerce issued a letter this week urging the legislature to put the brakes on things. It is disturbing that a small group of people can get a Bill dropped and create this frenzy

without there every being a real assessment of what is actually going on at the Airport. I actually think that we might consider picking a time in the Government Center or someplace else and invite those people to come into the Government Center for a briefing on the Airport. If they don't choose to come I think we can assume that they don't choose to want to know what is going on at that facility. This is not the way Charlotte makes decisions and I don't care who is involved in it, it is a real problem and a very bad precedent for this City to have local decisions being made dare I say in exclusive clubs without the public being privy to what is going on. I'm going to stop there but I do think, looking at this a little more scenically that I tried to look at it to this point that part of what may be going on is this Wayne County case and folks trying to make a record that there has been mismanagement when in fact what as I understand has been attempted is to actually try to manage. One can agree or disagree about the various decisions that were made and one can agree or disagree as to whether those decisions can or should be revisited, but I take ... at what I've seen and what I've read.

Ms. Birch said I hear your comments Mayor and let me continue just briefly again in terms of the status of legislation in the General Assembly. Senate Bill 81 which again is to transfer control of the Airport to an independence authority composed of 13 members, two of whom would be appointed by the Mayor and Council. That Bill passed in the Senate and has been sent to the House where it has been referred to the House Transportation Committee. As of late today, the best information we have now the Senate Bill has not yet been calendared for committee discussion and also House Bill 104 has been also been referred to the Transportation Committee. That is the current status of that. If you have additional questions Dana Fenton is here this evening for additional discussion if you have further questions about but that is the latest information I have as of late this afternoon.

With regard to the State Treasurer's opinion, you all have a copy of that. We received also just late this afternoon. This was the Bond Council opinion the State Treasurer sought and it has now come back and it does raise a number of legal issues including one potential claims of impairment of bond holder rights; potential event of default under the documents governing the issuance of the City's Airport Revenue Bonds; potential violation of a general statute the state's agreement with holders of revenue bonds such as the City's Airport Revenue Bonds. In conclusion the Deputy State Treasurer says we urge the General Assembly to proceed cautiously on Senate Bill 81. We just received this information this afternoon and we will be turning this information and this opinion over to the City's Bond Council for further review and analysis. When we have additional information about that certainly we will share that with you.

Finally, I want to talk about Airport media coverage and Friday evening we sent to all of you an e-mail where we addressed some of those concerns. Late this afternoon we issued a media advisory or press advisory that is also I believe at your place, where we do respond to several incorrect statements that have been made in the media and in the interest of time I will not walk through each of these, but I urge you to take a look at this and certainly anyway that you can help correct the record on those statements I would certainly suggest that we all try to do so. The incorrect statements related to Airport Bonds not being backed by the City's AAA Bond Rating, an incorrect statement that the City did not approve a CIP for the Airport; an incorrect statement regarding CMPD's presence at the Airport in terms of shifting of money as a result of loss of federal stimulus dollars; an incorrect statement regarding disbursement of bond money and the Aviation's Departments role in that; incorrect statement regarding investigation of a security matter, the Tisdale case at the Airport and finally an incorrect statement regarding Airport revenue such as parking fees which are indeed covered by federal restrictions on the use of Airport revenue.

I'm not going to go through all of that but we did send that out to both Charlotte and Raleigh media today as well as members of the Mecklenburg Delegation and members of the House Transportation Committee which would be the next group that would take this matter up when it is calendared for them to do so. That is the end of my report and I will be happy to take any questions.

Mayor Foxx said you left one out because I've heard that my brother is going to become the Airport Director.

Ms. Burch said I hadn't heard that Mayor.

Mayor Foxx said I don't have a brother, so that is the joke.

Councilmember Mitchell said in the document that Council has it made reference to Page 5 and the Mayor kind of highlighted it when it is talking about Wayne County Board and how people are using that to say we are in the same situation. Greg can you talk about that? There is a difference between what happened in Michigan and what is going on here locally.

Finance Director, Greg Gaskins said I think the primary difference is the one that the Mayor has already alluded to. There were significant problems with the operations of that airport and in that particular case I'm sure that the bond holders might have been very favorable towards someone stepping in, given the circumstances of that and that certainly would not be the fact situation here. It is a significantly different fact situation here in Charlotte than there was in Wayne County.

Councilmember Howard said Mayor you articulated a lot of what I feel. Being a native Charlottean I think the part that is bothering me more than anything, we are just not used to creating issues to drive division and that is what I think this one is. It is kind of a created division wedge that is not necessary because we are really good about sitting at the table and trying to figure things out. One of the things I wanted to say publicly and I want to make sure it is on the record and if any of my colleagues disagree I will let them speak to it. I believe that everybody around this dais is committed, just like Councils in the past, as still being a low cost Airport. We're committed to being the lowest cost Airport and we know that is our competitive advantage. By looking around the dais and seeing the head nods I think that is clear and I want to make sure if the media is here that you get that because there are reports to the contrary that say that we are not. There is a huge respect for the leadership past and present that has gotten our Airport to the point that it is. One of the things I would like to do, if I could Ms. Burch, could you or somebody associated with this give us just a little bit more information about the whole police at the Airport? One of the things that is disturbing to me and Mr. Dulin and I heard this when we visited Raleigh, we heard this for the first time about two weeks ago was that we took the 50 offices that we got from the Federal government and the stimulus money and because we couldn't cover paying for those we put them out at the Airport to take care of it and that is really what they are saying about this and then it got repeated in the paper. Now we are trying to address it. If I remember the way that worked, we actually covered that with our budget last year and this has nothing to do with that whatsoever. If you could address that and I think we have actually asked for the Police Chief to give us a breakdown if I'm not mistaken at past meeting. We have asked for more information about exactly what is happening out at the Airport with all these numbers, but as much as you can tonight, can you explain that process, how we got here and how they are different?

Ms. Burch said first of all Mr. Howard you are absolutely correct. Those are two entirely separate issues and one of them has nothing to do with the other. It is true that federal stimulus money did expire but we were able to develop other ways to fill that gap when the federal money went away and it had nothing to do with the Airport whatsoever. The correct number on the number of new Airport officers is 17 additional officers and those were approved by this Council I believe in June of 2011 in anticipation of the change. I don't know what else I can say except the two matters are totally unrelated.

Mr. Howard said I think the report that we've asked for already of getting a breakdown will be important. One of the things that I have heard and read is that I think in Pittsburg when they had some issues with their police force, the public safety costs are one of those things that do give pause sometimes to operators of Airports and airlines. The more we can explain why we are doing what we are doing, what our future plans are out there as well and how we plan to continue to work with the Airport to be the most efficient with those resources as we can I think the better. I don't think our goal is to overextend or overdo, it is just to address the concerns that we've had over time about safety.

Mayor Foxx said I've said a lot already, but I'm going to say one more thing because I've heard this a lot, that there were warring factions in Charlotte. Actually the truth is there are not warring
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factions in Charlotte. I define a war as the engagement of two parties directly in conflict. That is not what happened here. What has happened here is an in run around local government so there are allegations that keep getting parroted out in the medial, we don't even know what all the allegations are. I appreciate what the staff is doing to try to correct the record, but it is almost like shadow boxing and it is disturbing. I don't think has to do with people at war with each other, there obviously are some people that are concerned about the Airport who think their concerns are elevated beyond the other 750,000 people who live here. I just don't think that is right and I'll be happy to sit and talk with any of them, but there are going to have to be some facts involved in the conversation for it to be meaningful. There are lots of issues going on in the world and in society and it is a shame that we have to spend time trying to correct the record about something as important as the Airport because what we should be talking about is how are we going to grow this Airport to its maximum and fullest potential. That is what we really want to be talking about and we are unable to have that conversation and frankly I'm a little concerned that the Airport may not get to its maximum potential because of all this kerfuffle that is going on. At any rate, to whom it may concern I'm asking you to come sit down and let's figure this out because this is just not the way Charlotte operates and if is our future is going to be dimmer because of it.

Councilmember Cannon said I know there is a lot on the brains of us all and I appreciate everyone's interest and hard work on this. There are three things that are important to me, one as we talk about the future because it is about the future. This is about a succession plan, it is about a low cost Airport as Mr. Howard laid out and it is about trying to maintain a hub. There was an entity left out as the Mayor pointed out and what I would like to know is has the consultant received this information as of yet?

Ms. Burch said we just got this today and we will certainly share it with him. This just happened at 5:00 but we will send it to him.

Mr. Cannon said please get it to him because what I would like to request that we pass him along to him is that he share this information with those persons that he will be interviewing, but then beyond that provide him with the wrongs that you laid out and that we have received information on so that even that gap can be closed with the appropriate information because as the Mayor said there is some misinformation out there. I read something from a constituent based upon an ask that had made to a legislator and the legislator gave his rational for why he was where he was in moving forward with an authority. With what he laid out it wasn't applicable at all so those are the kind of folks that we have to make sure know what the real deal is because obviously, it is not that they don't get it, I don't think they want to get it. I think that is where we are right now. This is about something else that we may never get an answer to or an explanation about. But we shall see. It is my hope that we will come together as a state with officials here and as local officials on this level that we can all come together and work something out for the betterment of this community because there are going to be some unintended consequences I think, looking at the information I have received if we move in this direction. I'm really concerned about it as we all are right now, and not just for Charlotte but for the entire State of North Carolina and they should be too as representatives of it.

Mayor Foxx said for all of those bright notes thank you staff and Julie specifically.

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ITEM NO. 16: DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM REVISIONS

Motion was made by Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Kinsey, to (A) approve the revisions to the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program and (B) authorize the City Manager to execute the revised DBE Program.

Councilmember Cooksey said I have a quick question of our Attorney if I could. I see the line here in the write-up on this that the DBE Program that we are talking about is a requirement of USDOT. Do I interpret that correctly that Council doesn't really have a choice in this matter, that we are essentially rubber stamping what the federal government is already mandating to us?

City Attorney, Bob Hagemann said that is correct.

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

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ITEM NO. 17: GREENWAY BUSINESS CENTER LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS LOAN

Councilmember Mitchell said I am a fan of Greenway Business Center and I want to say that from the very beginning because it happens to be in District 2, but I'm having a little discomfort with this agenda item and I would prefer asking for Council's indulgence if we could refer this to the Economic Development Committee to do a little more vetting on April 4th and maybe bring it back on Council's agenda on April 8th. It says in the first bullet point that NOVA is a Mecklenburg County sponsored agency and I think Brad did want to clarify the third bullet point which says Mecklenburg County will execute the lease on behalf of NOVA. Brad Richardson shared with me that that is a mistake. The overall question I have is why the County is not at the table considering this service is more country oriented? If there is no strong objection, and I did talk to staff about deferring it and allowing us to vet this some more and they were okay with that.

Motion was made by Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Mayfield, to defer this to the Economic Development Committee for more discussion at their meeting on April 4th and bring it back to the Council on April 8th. The vote was recorded as unanimous.

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ITEM NO. 18: METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY INCENTIVE GRANT

Motion was made by Councilmember Howard, seconded by Councilmember Cannon, to (A) approve a contract between the North Carolina Department of Commerce and Metropolitan Life Insurance Company (MetLife) for a \$2 million One North Carolina Fund Grant from the State to MetLife; (B) Budget Ordinance No. 5059-X appropriating \$2 million from the One North Carolina Fund Grant to MetLife; and (C) approve the City share of a Business Investment Grant to MetLife for a total estimated amount of \$1,065,233 over eight years (Total City/County grant estimated at \$2,996,304).

The vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS: Councilmembers Autry, Cannon, Cooksey, Dulin, Howard, Kinsey, Mitchell and Pickering.

NAYS: Councilmember Mayfield.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 58, at Page 102.

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ITEM NO. 19: CONCLUSION OF CONSENT AGENDA

ITEM NO. 2: STREETCAR STARTER PROJECT – DESIGN SERVICES CONTRACT AMENDMENT #2.

Motion was made by Councilmember Howard, seconded by Councilmember Cannon, to approve contract amendment #2 for \$300,000 to URS Corporation – North Carolina (URS) for additional services during construction and start-up testing for the Streetcar Starter Project (SSP) along Elizabeth Avenue and Trade Street from the Charlotte Transportation Center to Presbyterian Hospital. The vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS: Councilmembers Autry, Cannon, Howard, Kinsey, Mayfield, Mitchell and Pickering.
NAYS: Councilmember Cooksey and Dulin.

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ITEM NO. 23: STREETCAR STARTER PROJECT – CONSTRUCTION SUPPORT SERVICES

Motion was made by Councilmember Howard, seconded by Councilmember Cannon to approve a contract for \$350,000 with Terracon Consultants, Inc. to provide construction support services for the Streetcar Starter Project along Elizabeth Avenue and Trade Street from the Charlotte Transportation Center to Presbyterian Hospital at the intersection of Hawthorne Lane and Fifth Street. The vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS: Councilmember Autry, Cannon, Howard, Kinsey, Mayfield, Mitchell and Pickering.
NAYS: Councilmembers Cooksey and Dulin.

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ITEM NO. 36: AIRPORT ELECTRIC GROUND SERVICE BATTERY CHARGERS

Councilmember Dulin said I have been spending a lot of time as a lot of us are working the Airport and I'm going back tomorrow as well as Mr. Autry, Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Howard and then a bigger delegation is coming Wednesday so we can work Town Hall Day and obviously I really wish we could be spending our time working on other agenda items that we've got that are important to the citizens of Charlotte. This is what we've got in front of us and we are going to work on the Airport and the Panthers for most of the next three days. One of the things I hear in Raleigh is that we micromanage the Airport. I've said to those legislative members, wait a minute, you call it micromanagement, I call it and Council calls it and the Mayor calls it oversight, the oversight you wish us to have. We are as a body accused of not properly looking after the Airport and several weeks ago we had three Airport issues and here we have two more Airport issues and this isn't sexy stuff. This is Airport Electric ground service battery chargers and aircraft air conditioning unit installations. What some people might call micromanaging, I call that oversight and that is the instance where the Council is looking after our asset at the Airport down to the small stuff. If you watch the small stuff the big things work out well, so I pulled those and will make a motion to pass them of course, but I thought we needed to get that on the record that what some people call micromanaging I call oversight and it is one of the reasons why I'm passionate about going up there and trying to keep the Airport as an asset for the citizens of Charlotte and the people that founded, watered it, nurtured it, grew it, maintained it and deserve to have oversight of their Airport.

Motion was made by Councilmember Dulin, seconded by Councilmember Howard, and carried unanimously to (A) approve the purchase of electric ground service equipment (eGSE) battery chargers, as authorized by the sole source purchasing exception of G.S. 143-129 (e) (6); and (B) approve a contract in the amount of \$609,769.28 with Averest, Inc. for the purchase of outdoor battery chargers for the eGSE vehicles; (C) approve a contract in the amount of \$43,970 with Vector Electric for the installation of outdoor battery chargers and bollards for eGSE vehicles; and (D) Budget Ordinance No. 5064-X appropriating \$653,739.28 from the Airport Discretionary Fund to the Airport Operating Fund.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 58, at Page 107.

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ITEM NO. 37: AIRCRAFT AIR CONDITIONING UNITS INSTALLATION

Councilmember Mitchell said I pulled this item and I think we heard earlier from Mr. Bryant who was part of electrical work on Phase I, he had previous conversation and wanted to do some work on Phase II and then the bidders said there was no sub-contracting opportunities so I got a little itchy with Item No., 37. Jerry can you explain Phase I there was work and Phase II there was discussion that there was going to be work and all of a sudden those opportunities were withdrawn.

Aviation Director, Jerry Orr said the last of about 5 or 6 contracts. The first couple were electrical contracts, bringing the power to a disconnect. This contract is setting the air conditioning units and plugging them in.

Mr. Mitchell said can I do a follow-up to Mr. Bryant. Mr. Bryant you heard Mr. Orr's presentation and I just want to make sure, is that the same understanding that was shared with you on this opportunity?

Ed Bryant, 2848 Queen City Drive, said I don't want to disagree and I don't want to derail this project at all but there is just small minor thing. If it just plugging in an air conditioning unit there would not be an electrical permit required. There is electrical work that is tied to it and if you look at the actual bid day when we actually had the meeting to bid on this project, there were several general contractors there, all three entertained using us and the one that got it Aero actually entertained using us until just the other day. There is an electrical permit that will be pulled for this project. I just wanted to know why there was no participation there. I do not want to derail this project.

Mr. Orr said I don't know whether there was an electrical permit or not. I would have to check into that.

Mr. Mitchell said is it time sensitive Jerry?

Mr. Orr said yes sir.

Mr. Mitchell said how time sensitive?

Mr. Orr said we are trying to get these air conditioners turned on by the first of May.

Mr. Mitchell said if you can give us a report on April 8th and make sure we are clear. My feeling is if there is a sub-contractor opportunity and we have able ones out there doing good work I would like for them to be able to participate so you even shared with us that you need time to get some clarification so will April 8th be enough time that we can delay this to get the answers to our questions?

Mr. Orr said we need them to start work tomorrow but if that is what you need to do.

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Councilmember Mayfield said is there any way for us to add a clause since we are saying right now there is a discussion of whether or not there needs to be an electrical permit pulled, if there is a discussion of this on different projects, is there any way for us to add a clause if there is an electrical permit pulled that it will be defaulted to the SBE that we have already that they have been in discussion with to make sure that we are adhering to the rules that we are trying to put in place?

Mr. Orr said we couldn't do it like that because there was no goal set for this contract.

Ms. Mayfield said for clarification sake if we are saying that there were no goals set, but if there is a permit that is pulled and we do have a DBE or SBE that fits into that category do we not have a clause that kicks in to insure that we are meeting the goals that we are setting through the Economic Development Committee as well as Council to insure that our minority business owners have an opportunity to have access to the contracts that are available?

Mr. Orr said no name, the goal is set when the project is bid so do that we would have to go back, re-advertise and rebid the project.

Interim City Manager, Julie Burch said I would like to ask Nancy Rosado to step to the mic to help address that question.

Nancy Rosado, Neighborhood and Business Services said for this particular project an SBE goal wasn't set because the engineer's estimate did not show that there was electrical work. There was no ill will or bad intent on our part. We typically set a goal looking at the engineer's estimate and looking at where the sub-contracting opportunities were and do we have vendors that are available. In this particular case the estimate did not show electrical and that is why there wasn't an SBE goal set. That is the explanation as to why there wasn't one set. Jerry is correct, because we didn't set a goal we wouldn't be able to force a prime contractor to use an SBE, however we always encourage our prime contractors to utilize sub-contractors when there are opportunities available.

Mr. Mitchell said Nancy could there be a possibility that it was just an oversight on the part of the engineer?

Ms. Rosado said I don't know the particulars of this case and I would have to go to our folks in our contracting to see why, but it could have been that there was something that wasn't identified or maybe it was specialized, it just wasn't identified at the time. I don't have any more details to that other than I do recall this particular issue coming up and all that I know is that there wasn't any sub-contracting opportunities identified. Our office is really meticulous about when there are sub-contracting opportunities making sure that there is a goal set. This wasn't brought to our attention until the RFP was released and until bids were received so there are times where we go by the engineer's estimated and that is the best that we can do.

Ms. Mayfield said I know that our departments have been doing a really good job and a focus job to try to expand, but I would like to have a consideration moving forward where if we receive an engineering bid regardless of how that bid looks to make sure that we have some type of checks and balances where the permits are going to be pulled or if they are pulled later to insure, and if not we need to be tracking to make sure that we are opening the door for as much access as possible. If that is not the case moving forward on this piece I definitely understand that your department can only go by the information that is presented to you but we need to try to look at creating a checks and balances moving forward where if I as a business owner submit something to you but I know or if it is decided that I'm going to need a particular permit and there is a sub-contracting responsibility or opportunity we need to make sure that we are tracking that information also to make sure that we are not losing a lot of business by it falling through the cracks.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cooksey, seconded by Councilmember Autry, to approve (A) Award the low-bid contract of \$980,015 with Aero Bridgeworks for the installation of the aircraft air conditioning units; (B) award the lob-bid contract of \$164,195 with Aero Bridgeworks, Inc. for the remaining components for the aircraft air conditioning units; and (C) adopt a budget ordinance appropriating \$1,144,210 from the Airport Discretionary Fund Balance to the Aviation Capital Investment Plan.

The vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS: Councilmembers Autry, Cannon, Cooksey, Dulin, Howard, Kinsey, and Pickering.
NAYS: Councilmembers Mayfield and Mitchell

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 58, at Page 108.

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ITEM NO. 20: APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

A. Bicycle Advisory Committee - The following nominees were considered for one appointment for an unexpired term beginning immediately and ending December 31, 2013:

Jess Cochran nominated by Councilmembers Kinsey and Mitchell
Matt Fowler nominated by Councilmembers Dulin, Fallon and Howard
Tyteen Humes nominated by Councilmember Barnes
Terry Lansdell nominated by Councilmember Cannon
Michael Zytchow nominated by Councilmembers Autry, Cooksey, Mayfield and Pickering

Results of the first ballot were recorded as follows:

Jess Cochran, 2 votes – Councilmembers Kinsey and Mitchell
Matt Fowler, 3 votes – Councilmembers Dulin, Howard and Mayfield
Terry Lansdell, 1 vote – Councilmember Cannon
Michael Zytchow, 3 votes – Councilmembers Autry, Cooksey and Pickering

Since no nominee received 6 votes a second ballot was taken between Matt Fowler and Michael Zytchow and recorded as follows:

Matt Fowler: 4 votes – Councilmembers Dulin, Kinsey, Howard and Mitchell
Michael Zytchow- 5 votes – Councilmembers Autry, Cannon, Cooksey, Mayfield and Pickering

Mayor Foxx said this will be carried over since no-one received 6 votes.

B. Charlotte Mecklenburg Coalition for Housing – The following nominees were considered for one appointment for an unexpired term for a representative of affordable housing beginning immediately and ending June 30, 2014:

Dennis Booth, Jr. nominated by Councilmembers Autry, Cooksey, Howard, Kinsey, Mayfield, Mitchell and Pickering.
Cedric McCorkle nominated by Councilmember Dulin

Applicant not in required category:
Michael Sceau, nominated by Councilmember Cannon

Results of the first ballot were recorded as follows:

Dennis Booth, Jr., 7 votes – Councilmember Autry, Cooksey, Howard, Kinsey, Mayfield, Mitchell and Pickering.
Cedric McCorkle, 1 vote – Councilmember Dulin

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Michael Sceau 1 vote – Councilmember Cannon.

Dennis Booth was appointed.

C. Citizens' Review Board –The following nominees were considered for one appointment for an unexpired term beginning immediately and ending July 31, 2015:

Sandra Donaghy, nominated by Councilmembers Cannon, Dulin and Howard
Carolyn Millen, nominated by Councilmembers Autry, Barnes, Fallon, Kinsey, Mayfield, and Pickering
William Schreiner nominated by Councilmembers Cooksey and Mitchell

Results of the first ballot were recorded as follows:

Sandra Donaghy, 5 votes – Councilmembers Cannon, Cooksey, Dulin, Howard and Kinsey
Carolyn Millen 4 votes – Councilmembers Autry, Mayfield, Mitchell and Pickering.

Since neither nominee received 6 votes a second ballot was taken and recorded as follows:

Sandra Donaghy, 5 votes – Councilmembers Cannon, Cooksey, Dulin, Howard, and Mitchell
Carolyn Millen, 4 votes – Councilmembers Autry, Kinsey, Mayfield and Pickering

Mayor Foxx said this will be carried over since no-one received 6 votes.

Later in the meeting after Council had appointed Sandra Donaghy to Community Relations Committee they took another vote and Carolyn Millen received a unanimous vote for Citizens Review Board.

Carolyn Millen was appointed.

D. Community Relations Committee – The following nominees were considered for one appointment for an unexpired term beginning immediately and ending June 30, 2013, then continuing for a full three-year term ending June 30, 2016:

Sheena Cox nominated by Councilmember Barnes
Sandra Donaghy nominated by Councilmembers Howard and Mitchell
Vanessa Kenton-Hunt nominated by Councilmember Pickering
Jason Lackey nominated by Councilmember Dulin
Delores Reid Smith nominated by Councilmembers Autry, Fallon and Mayfield
Thomas Sowers nominated by Councilmember Kinsey
Carrie Taylor nominated by Councilmember Cannon
Michael Zytkow nominated by Councilmember Cooksey

Results of the first ballot were recorded as follows:

Sandra Donaghy, 2 votes – Councilmembers Howard and Mitchell
Vanessa Kenton-Hunt, 1 vote – Councilmember Pickering
Jason Lackey, 1 vote - Councilmember Dulin
Delores Reid-Smith, 1 vote – Councilmember Autry
Thomas Sowers, 1 vote – Councilmember Kinsey
Carrie Taylor, 2 votes – Councilmembers Cannon and Mayfield
Michael Zytkow, 1 vote – Councilmember Cooksey

Since none of the nominees received 6 votes a second ballot was taken between Sandra Donaghy and Carrie Taylor and recorded as follows:

Sandra Donaghy, 6 votes – Councilmembers Autry, Cannon, Cooksey, Dulin, Mayfield and Mitchell
Carrie Taylor, 2 votes – Councilmembers Kinsey and Pickering

E. Domestic Violence Advisory Board – the following nominees were considered for one appointment for an unexpired term beginning immediately and ending September 21, 2015:

Claudia Davis, nominated by Councilmembers Barnes and Cannon
Sandra Donaghy, nominated by Councilmembers Dulin, and Howard
Gregory Hunt, nominated by Councilmembers Cooksey, Fallon, Kinsey and Pickering
Eddie Sanders, nominated by Councilmembers Autry, Mayfield and Mitchell

Results of the first ballot were recorded as follows:

Claudia Davis, 1 vote – Councilmember Cannon
Sandra Donaghy, 4 votes – Councilmembers Autry, Dulin, Howard and Mayfield
Gregory Hunt, 3 votes – Councilmembers Cooksey, Kinsey and Pickering
Eddie Sanders, 1 vote – Councilmember Mitchell

Since none of the nominees received 6 votes a second ballot was taken between Sandra Donaghy and Gregory Hunt and recorded as follows:

Sandra Donaghy, 0 votes
Gregory Hunt, 8 votes – Councilmembers Autry, Cannon, Cooksey, Dulin, Howard, Kinsey, Mitchell and Pickering

Gregory Hunt was appointed.

F. Zoning Board of Adjustment - the following nominees were considered for one appointment for an unexpired term for an alternate member of the Board beginning immediately and ending January 30, 2015:

Tyler Conner, nominated by Councilmember Dulin
Russell Hughes nominated by Councilmember Cooksey
Jason Mathis nominated by Councilmember Fallon
Eric Netter nominated by Councilmembers Autry, Howard, Mayfield and Pickering
Cardiff Shea nominated by Councilmember Cannon and Mitchell

Results of the first ballot were recorded as follows:

Tyler Conner, 1 vote – Councilmember Dulin
Russell Hughes 1 vote – Councilmember Cooksey
Eric Netter, 5 votes – Councilmembers Autry, Howard, Kinsey, Mayfield and Pickering
Cardiff Shea, 2 votes - Councilmembers Cannon and Mitchell

Since no-one received 6 votes a second ballot was taken between Eric Netter and Cardiff Shea and recorded as follows:

Eric Netter, 6 votes – Councilmembers Autry, Cooksey, Kinsey, Howard, Mayfield, and Pickering
Cardiff Shea 3 votes – Councilmembers Cannon, Dulin and Mitchell

Eric Netter was appointed.

ASC Arts & Culture Public-Private Task Force – The following nominees were considered for two appointments for at-large representatives beginning immediately and ending once the work of the task force is concluded:

Jeanne Brayboy nominated by Mayor Foxx
Marc Gustafson nominated by Mayor Foxx
Laurissa Hunt nominated by Councilmember Howard
Martique Lorrain nominated by Councilmembers Autry,
Matt Mayhue nominated by Councilmember Cannon
John Moore nominated by Councilmembers Autry

Results of the first ballot were recorded as follows:

Jeanne Brayboy 2 votes – Councilmembers Kinsey and Mitchell
Marc Gustarfson 2 votes – Councilmembers Cooksey and Dulin
Laurissa Hunt, 3 votes – Councilmembers Cooksey, Howard and Mayfield
Martique Lorray 5 votes – Councilmembers Autry, Cannon, Kinsey, Mayfield and Pickering
Matt Mayhue, 2 votes – Councilmembers Dulin and Pickering
John Moore, 3 votes – Councilmembers Autry, Howard and Mitchell

Since no-one received 6 votes a second ballot was taken between Laurissa Hunt, Martique Lorray and John Moore and recorded as follows:

Laurissa Hunt, 8 votes – Councilmember Cannon, Cooksey, Dulin, Kinsey, Howard, Mayfield, Mitchell and Pickering
Martique Lorray , 6 votes – Councilmember Autry, Cannon, Dulin, Kinsey, Mayfield and Pickering
John Moore , 3 votes – Councilmembers Autry, Cooksey and Howard

Laurissa Hunt and Martique Lorray were appointed:

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ITEM NO. 21: MAYOR AND COUNCIL TOPICS

Councilmember Mayfield said this past Saturday I had an amazing opportunity, thanks to Tree Charlotte which we approved last year for them to move forward and partner with Foundation for the Carolinas and a number of other local public and private opportunities but we were planting trees on a rainy Saturday morning at Southside Park. I wanted to thank the volunteers because this particular tree planting was sponsored by Charlotte Rotary. This spring the residents of Southside Park which is located off of Remount Road are going to be in for a wonderful treat for the beautiful trees that we planted. I want to thank them for all the work they are doing in District 3 and thank my fellow Councilmembers for moving forward and supporting Tree Charlotte last July.

Councilmember Kinsey said I want to thank Neighborhood and Business Services for the Summit we had this past Saturday at Garinger High School. We were looking at opportunities and a vision for the entire area, not only the school but the neighborhood. I think we had around 65 people, mainly neighborhood people, but we had the Principal at Garinger, who stayed the entire time. We had a former assistant Principal who is now retired who was there with us, a few students. I'm always amazed at what we get done through Neighborhood and Business Services and this was a really good opportunity for the area. I'm encouraged about what is going on over there and looking forward to what is going to come out this summit. I will keep you posted on it. Of course those grants come from General fund or Bond money so thank you for continuing to support that.

Councilmember Pickering said last week touched briefly on the issue of pedestrian safety and mentioned another accident on North Tryon Street near the 28th Street intersection where a young mom had crossed the street with her two children. I contacted C-DOT this week just to inquire about how bus stopped are located since the bus stop was quite a distance away from the street light and CDOT was kind enough to refer that issue to the bus stop committee. I did not know there was a bus stop committee, but there is and they look at bus stops and evaluate. The bus stop committee had determined that they are going to move that bus stop from mid-way down the block to closer to the street light. This is the bus stop on North Tryon Street near 28th Street. I just wanted to let people know that should happen this week, but that bus stop will get moved and that is the kind of thing that we are going to continue to look at as we look at all facets of this pedestrian safety issue.

Mayor Foxx said I know that is a passionate issue for you Ms. Pickering, the sidewalk issue and I'm wondering if we couldn't ask you to work with staff in terms of looking at this issue. I don't know if it is just happening or if we are just reading more about it. The pace of the accidents is

starting to increase and I don't know if it is just facilities or whether we need some driver education, but there just seems to a rash of these things.

Ms. Kinsey said I think we need some pedestrian education. Sometimes we make wrong choices of where we are going to ..

Mayor Foxx said I'm wondering if you Ms. Pickering can spend some time, come back to us with some ideas about what we can do about it. Reacting to it is harder than being proactive.

Ms. Pickering said I literally had a stand-up meeting in the hallway with some C-DOT folks. We are going to get together they want to go over some data they have, look at some public awareness campaigns that they have done in the past. I also talked to Chief Monroe today prior to the Safety Committee meeting and the CMS Police Chief asked to be included also. We want to look at a comprehensive attack as it were and as I said it is a multi-faceted issue. It is not just sidewalks, not just crosswalks. That is part of it but it is also pedestrians, drivers who are not always doing what they should. That is the plan right now.

Mayor Foxx said when you get it all rolled in come back to us and let's talk about it.

Interim City Manager, Julie Burch said staff will be happy to work with Ms. Pickering and bring back a report to the entire Council and some information and an analysis around this matter.

Councilmember Mitchell said I want to thank the City of Charlotte for the 32nd consecutive year for Arbor Day and we just planted two trees in celebration of Pat Garrett's outstanding leadership in affordable housing. That was on Friday. Secondly I want to thank Alvin Burney and Kim Oliver for a very successful leadership conference we had this Saturday. We had about 90 community leaders from District 2 and I would like to thank my colleague David Howard for dropping by. Also I want to thank staff because this was on a Saturday and I know you prefer spending time with your family, but Carolyn Flowers, Ruffin Hall, Ron Kimble and Julie Burch came out and spent time with us. It meant a lot to the citizens of District 2. Thank you staff.

Ms. Mayfield said this coming Saturday, March 30th City ... will be having their annual West Boulevard Neighborhood Coalition Community celebration and we will be honoring Ms. Dorothy Waddy who has been an amazing leader in our community for more than 30 years, especially in the West Boulevard area with the West Boulevard Neighborhood Coalition. She has done amazing work and has not received nearly enough attention for the work that she is doing. I'm really excited about the fact that during this celebration for the West Boulevard Neighborhood Community at Arbor Glen Recreational Center we will have an opportunity to celebrate the community and celebrate Ms. Waddy. For all the residents in the area please plan to come.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Ashleigh Martin Price, Deputy City Clerk

Length of Meeting: 3 Hours, 39 Minutes
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