

The City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina convened for a Budget Straw Vote Session on Wednesday, May 29, 2013 at 12:08 p.m. in Room 267 of the Charlotte Mecklenburg Government Center with Mayor Anthony Foxx presiding. Councilmembers present were John Autry, Michael Barnes, Patrick Cannon, Warren Cooksey, Andy Dulin, Claire Fallon, Patsy Kinsey, LaWana Mayfield, James Mitchell and Beth Pickering.

ABSENT UNTIL NOTED: Councilmember David Howard

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Mayor Foxx called the meeting to order at 12:08 p.m. and thanked everyone for being there. It seems like we have been doing budget straw votes the better part of 18 months, but here we are once again. I want to thank Council for your continued engagement on this very important issue. It is my hope today that we can provide some definitive direction on our budget for the year. I know there are some proposals that are floating around and those need to be worked through, but I hope when the dust settles what we end up with day is what we can definitively move forward with in June. I think the Manager's request, and I think it is a good idea, that at the end of our straw votes today that we take a vote to express intent to the staff of our intensions on June 10th.

This budget is probably the most important piece of policy that we will do by a term for several reasons. One because it will ensure that the City's physical position as a AAA bond rating city stays intact for the better part of a decade. Second, because what this budget captures is an awful lot of visioning for this community. Visioning on basic bare bones, roads, bridges, basic infrastructure, visioning on public safety assets such as police stations and the Command Center. Visioning on assets in our community that will continue to make us an attractive place to live, work and play. I'm very pleased with the work this Council has done to this point because this budget has gone through a lot of iterations and gyrations, but one of the last things this Council did was to move it into committees and each of the committees have taken bits and pieces of this budget and looked at them very carefully and all of them were favorably voted out, save two, one of which was dealt with last night and the other one, I there are some legal issues. Aside from that all of those pieces of the budget were moved forward. Hopefully there won't be a lot of controversy today and hopefully we can move forward and get this done and life will go on.

Councilmember Howard arrived at 12:09 p.m.

City Manager, Ron Carlee said I indeed hope that life goes on after this afternoon and I'm confident that it will. It has been interesting learning the Charlotte process for doing budget compared to my previous experiences. Some things have been different, some things are very similar, and this is very similar this afternoon. What you call straw votes we called final mark up in my previous job. One of the few things that is consistent from one city to another is that once you get the budget decisions made, in order to prepare the final document for a formal vote a tremendous amount of back room work has to be done. It is the numerically equivalent of dotting the I's and crossing the T's to make sure that everything truly does balance out. While I've not recommended a whole lot of changes in your process, one addition that I would propose from my previous experience beginning on Page 3 is at the end of the day after you've considered all the items before you, to adopt a motion that would direct us to prepare those documents essentially establishing your final mark or essentially establishing the budget which we would then go back and do the mechanical things in order for you to come back on June 10 to formerly adopt those legal documents and to express whatever policy perspectives and visions that the Council wants to use to frame the budget. At that point it is not the Manager's preliminary budget, it is the City's budget and is your budget. You can see the motion that I have proposed there, very similar to what I have worked with in the past.

If you will go to Page 5 you will see essentially the agenda for today. It comes in a couple of different formats. If you go to Page 7 however, you will see a handy reference table so you can keep score of items as you go through them and make your determinations on the items which you identified in your add/delete session. Our agenda per your policy has been defined by your add/delete session and what is on here are the things carried forward from the add/delete session. We have background material on each of them. I have not actually made explicit recommendations on each item. I do have some guidance that I may offer you if that would be
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helpful. The one piece that I would like to get on your agenda early on and not to take it out of order, but most of the items on the list are fairly routine kinds of items that Council has typically put on now for the research and made decision about. The one that is particularly significant, I want to address up front so you can have it in your mind as you go through the other items, particularly in the CIP was the alternative on the 2.78 property tax to the 3.17. When that scenario was presented to you in your workshop earlier, I hadn't really dived into it and looked at it very much, in fact my initial reaction well if you get everything for a cheaper tax rate, why don't you just do it. I have had since an opportunity, with this coming up on the add/delete to really look at the impact of the 3.17 versus the 2.78 and my recommendation to you is not to do a wholesale shift from the 3.17 to the 2.78. As I looked at that in the micro its affect is to push a significant number of programs really to the end of the CIP. What is happening there is that people's expectations around projects will be deferred for an extended period of time and it is really making a decision more about future Councils than it is about respectfully your own vision and I think it creates imbalances in the bonds over the different cycles. If you want to make changes in the CIP that could push some things out and potentially lower the tax rate my recommendation to you would be to do those on a project by project basis as opposed to a wholesale change, based on a scenario we had given you. You didn't come up with this, we gave it to you, but looking at it as a wholesale change I would not advise it. We have structured the projects that are affected by the difference between the 3.17 and the 2.78 in a way that you can make individual changes if you wanted to make a project by project choice and tell you what the implications would be. I will show you that when we get to that point, but as you go through, the way this is ordered the 3.17 doesn't come up until later in the agenda and I just wanted you to have that in mind as you look at other CIP projects that you have on the list.

Councilmember Howard said I understand what you are saying and actually after getting the information and understanding the way the project flow would work I'm actually find going with your recommendation a couple weeks ago.

Councilmember Dulin said that is the 3.17 versus the 2.78?

Mr. Carlee said yes the 3.17 versus 2.78.

Mayor Foxx said because we've been dealing with the same basic set of issues, there are a few operating issues in here, but on the capital we've gone through about 100 scenarios so I'm hoping we get these votes pretty quickly on the capital ones. The operating may take a little longer because some of them are new. Why don't we start with the capital and try to get through those.

Amendment 4 – Reduce Cross Charlotte Rail by \$15 million, from \$35 million to \$20 million in funding.

Mr. Carlee said if you want to start with the capital that begins with Item #4, Page 16 which is the Cross Charlotte Trail. The item that came up in the discussion was a reduction by \$15 million. We have shown you in the response what parts of the Trail would be impacted and we have broken that up into two different segments of \$7 million and \$8 million, one in segment two. We have given you a lot of information on it and will be happy to respond to any questions that you have.

Councilmember Kinsey said since I have worked with the Little Sugar Creek Greenway ever since I have been on the Council, I think it is a shame that we couldn't find a way to complete that one little segment that staff has indicated we couldn't. It is around Seventh Street area and I'm really sorry that couldn't be completed because it is a really important connector between the two segments. I understand engineering and having served on the Committee, I know enough about how difficult it is to work with NC-DOT and get all those things done. I think it is a shame we couldn't have done that and maybe left off something at either end.

Councilmember Mitchell said I was the one to bring this issue up and now I have to do more research. Thank you staff for bringing this information to us because I want to see the impact to the neighborhoods. I'm okay with funding it at the \$35 million so I'm withdrawing my delete, taking \$15 million out of the Cross Charlotte Trail. I will support the original \$35 million.

Councilmember Barnes said thank you Mr. Mitchell for saying what you just said. I have nothing further to add to it and I appreciate you doing that. I would note Mr. Dulin it helps your neighborhood.

Councilmember Dulin said we voted to put it here so if it leaves I think it has to be a vote.

Mayor Foxx said the straw votes to put them up were put up so someone could make a motion today to actually take it out. If the maker of the motion decides that he doesn't want to put it up there, unless someone else wants to make motion to make the cut, then it goes away.

Mr. Dulin said he has deleted something that I thought was worthy of being in the budget and by vote of Council put it to where it is today.

Mayor Foxx said the vote was to ask staff to come back, show impacts and to tee it up for a vote today, but there has to be a motion to actually do that and there has not been a motion to do that.

Mr. Dulin said so we will vote on the original \$35 million?

Mayor Foxx said that is correct. There has been no change to the budget on this.

Amendment #5 - Park South Drive Extension

Mr. Dulin said I made that and I'd like to ask a couple questions about our real estate. This is pie in the sky kind of project. There is a 5-story office building that is in the way of this project and a 2-story parking deck and a creek. I'd like to know from our Transportation folks, did they do any research as to if this was a viable project or just so they could throw a little \$8 million Advil at District 6 to make them feel good about themselves. I'd like to ask DOT how they came up with this project and if any research was done at all or did they just write it down on a piece of paper.

Danny Pleasant, Charlotte Department of Transportation said the project was really conceived through area plans for the SouthPark area many, many years ago and has remained on our plans for quite some time. There is a developer who is working in the area, Crescent is building an apartment complex and they will build a part of that street and stub it to this location. We will be able to fill that gap with this project that does cross a parking structure that has one level and then a ground floor level that we've determined could be reconfigured and some of that parking restored back, but certainly it will take some work with the property owner themselves, who I believe are out of California that actually own that property so we will have to reach out and have those discussions if you choose to pursue this project and move it forward.

Mr. Dulin said the 5-story office building is owned by someone in California, they own the parking lot and the parking structure and I don't think anybody from us has called them to say we are thinking about putting this on a plan for future projects. Do you have any problem with us cutting a street through your parking deck so that we can put something on a list for District 6 to show them that they are not forgotten? I'm sorry Danny, and it goes back to the former Manager as well in last year's budget. That is just not good enough. You can make anything up if you want and we might as well say let's double deck Providence Road to alleviate traffic. You can write that down on a piece of paper and put it in the CIP, but it is still not a viable project. When they were putting the CIP together last year they literally were looking for something they could do to help the residents of District 6 and they come up with this little tiny project that goes through a building we don't even own and we haven't even talked to the owner in California. It is not good for the 100,000 folks that live in District 6.

Mr. Barnes said when I first moved to Charlotte I lived in Quail Hollow and I would kill for the problems you've got, million dollar houses, neat streets, nice shopping malls. My point is I understand what you are saying Mr. Dulin but the reason why that one project was suggested is because there is generally complete infrastructure in south Charlotte, particularly in your part of South Charlotte. I would support the project if you supported it. If you don't want to support it I won't support it. I heard staff explain, at least in the Transportation and Planning Committee

meeting, the way that particular extension could help alleviate traffic around SouthPark and get people from one side to the other, but if you don't want to support I understand.

Mr. Dulin said if indeed it was there I'm not saying it wouldn't help, but for it to happen it has to go about 20 feet from the corner of a 5-story office building where a guy has just put a new restaurant. It has to go through his parking lot where people park to use his building and then through the back side of his 2-story parking deck, across a creek. I'm not saying anything about anybody else's golf game, I could hit a driver as far as this whole project is and that means it would have to go one way or the other because I can't it straight. It is easy to write it down on a piece of paper but have we done any work to find out if it was doable? No. On these other projects we know if Tuckaseegee Road needs a bridge. We know about Informatics at UNCC and those are projects that we've talked to the people.

Mayor Foxx said do you support this or not?

Mr. Dulin said in its current form there is no reason for us to move and I don't mind cutting that \$8 million out.

Motion was made by Councilmember Dulin, seconded by Councilmember Barnes to delete Park South Drive Extension in the amount of \$8,632,000.

Mr. Howard said as an at large member I think I need to pull back and make sure I'm looking at the whole picture and our whole transportation network is important. I take staff at their word if this is important and I don't think it was for political reasons. There is a lot of congestion around that mall and around that area. I'm tempted to say let's take that \$8.6 million and move it over to UNCC for Informatics but I don't think I want to mess with the package at all. So I won't support the motion.

Mr. Dulin said I'm not saying it wouldn't work if we had a relationship with the guy in California that owns the building and the parking deck, but I think, and I might be wrong, that not the first conversation has been held with the property owner that we are thinking about making a connection, would you be up for that. If that is the case then they literally are just drawing stuff down on a piece of paper to make it look like they are thinking about a project. I don't mind speaking up for the folks that I represent.

Mr. Carlee said we are not sure whether or not anyone has directly contacted the property owner. It is not an approved project at this point. What staff has done is preliminary work to access the proximity to the building relative to our urban street design and to access whether or not we could mitigate the parking in order to avoid adversely affecting the property owner. Staff has done enough of an assessment to have a sense that the project is a viable project, notwithstanding that when you get involved in dealing with the property owner there will probably be some extended negotiations along the way, but there is no sense in beginning those extended negotiations unless it is a project that we really want to do.

Councilmember Mayfield said for clarification what we are saying right now is that Andy you are in support of your original motion of deleting the Park South Drive Extension and not adding it back in the way we just added in the last piece.

Mr. Dulin said that would be fine and anybody that wants to go stand in the parking deck that is above this site after this meeting is welcome to go over and I'll give you a very brief review because it doesn't take very long to look down and see how crazy this is.

Ms. Mayfield said as the District Rep when you put it on the first time, I supported it because you are out there in your community. As the District Rep, if he is comfortable with this delete then I'm going to support your delete on it.

Councilmember Cannon said developers have known what has been coming by way of rezonings we've had in that area, the right-of-way is there so they are familiar with it. I've been riding that area, not as long, but maybe just a few years shy of you Andy for 40 years and all I'm saying is

that if it is a matter of dealing with congestion in that area we ought to be mindful of lessening the burden on some of those folks over there. I still travel it today and run slap dead into it as a traveler in the area so I know what they are experiencing first hand and you know what they are experiencing first hand so in as much as I obviously respect you and would like to go on the way that you want to go on this I don't know that I can get there. Being a former District Rep I get that piece but sometimes in years past there have been people that saw something a little different than what I saw who may have served in an at large capacity. That said I'll encourage us to go along with staff's recommendation. I don't think it hurts us to try to help if we can help. I think it does put us in an awkward situation if we just ignore it.

Mr. Dulin said my motion is to delete and a lot of it is in protest to something that is silly.

Mr. Barnes said I withdraw my second.

Ms. Mayfield said I will second it.

The vote was taken on the motion to delete the \$8.6 million for Park South Drive Extension and was recorded as follows:

YEAS: Councilmembers Cooksey, Dulin, Fallon and Mayfield.

NAYS: Councilmember Autry, Barnes, Cannon, Howard, Kinsey, Mitchell and Pickering.

Amendment #6 – Delete General CIP Scenario 2 with 3.17 cents property tax rate increase (\$816.4 million package) and replace with scenario 4 with a 2.78 cent property tax rate increase plan (\$821.2 million package).

Councilmember Howard said I will withdraw my proposal for 2.78 property tax rate.

Amendment #7 – Add UNCC Informatics project at an amount of \$10 million.

Motion was made by Councilmember Howard, seconded by Councilmember Barnes, to add UNCC Informatics project at an amount of \$10 million.
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Councilmember Mitchell said I remember in the economic development meeting we had a discussion about this and there was a legal issue that was still outstanding. Could we get an update on the legal issue?

Budget Director, Randy Harrington said in North Carolina it is denoted what services cities and counties can do specifically by the General Assembly. In this particular case cities are not authorized to fund a higher education component. That is the key legal issue and so if Council were to add this back to the budget, one of the things we would continue to do is work with UNCC to see if there is a different way to achieve the same outcome for the project under a scenario that is legal and within the authority that is given to us. Right now there is no authority for the city to contribute those funds to the University.

Councilmember Barnes said one of the things that makes the investment attractive is it is projected to spin off about two companies per month and as a part of our applied innovation corridor strategy, which is in Ms. Kinsey's District, it would help create jobs, it would help establish that part of Charlotte as a Research and Development area, Technology area as a result of work going on at the campus. I think it would be a great idea and one of the question I have Mr. Manager, were you able to identify a funding option. If there something we could cut to keep within the 3.17 to allow us to do it? I think we just gave it away.

City Manager, Ron Carlee said yes you did. The other options would involve adjusting other projects and their timing.

Councilmember Howard said or increase the tax rate.

Councilmember Mayfield said since we are in the process where we still have these legal concerns, if we were to move forward with this \$10 million and we are not able to come up with some creative way to make this happen what happens to that \$10 million?

Mr. Carlee said it would still be available to Council to reallocate.

Ms. Mayfield said I supported it when we put it on the delete. For me we just had a conversation around the table where we could have reallocated it. I still support it because along with the legal concerns that we have I don't feel this falls under our umbrella as what our focus area for the city is to make this type of investment. I think UNCC is an amazing school, they do great work, they produce great and wonderful graduates that have excelled, but for me this falls in their category or the business community, one of our business partners coming in to support this so I'm going to still support the deletion.

Councilmember Kinsey said I understand this is an economic development tool but I'm concerned about the legal issues and we sort of have a history of doing all this stuff and making it all work and that makes me uncomfortable. While I was not here on the 15th long enough to vote on this I'm going to vote to delete this particular project at this time.

Councilmember Cannon said any ideas as to how much this would change the number of the 3.17 if we just rolled it into?

Councilmember Dulin said this Council is pretty good at adding stuff, but not very good about deleting, but we just deleted \$6,830,000 from Park South Drive, can we roll that over?

Mayor Foxx said 3.27.

Ms. Mayfield said no, it was left in.

Mr. Dulin said I was trying to find the money for you Mr. Howard.

Mr. Barnes said do you want to reconsider?

Mr. Dulin said no but I'm going to support the Informatics.

Mr. Howard said I just want to be clear. Are you saying that if for some reason we reconsider the \$8.6 million you would vote to put it in UNCC?

Mr. Dulin said no, if we had cut South Park Drive then I would say use the money for UNCC. I just voted to cut it, but I'm planning on supporting UNCC. I could make a decision for 100,000 people that we would like to help UNCC today with our money.

Mayor Foxx said is there a substitute motion to take out Park South Drive Extension and substitute the funding for UNCC Informatics?

<p>Motion was made by Councilmember Barnes to add the \$10 million back to our CIP for UNCC Informatics and fund it through the \$8.6 million deletion for Park South Drive. Councilmember Pickering seconded the motion.</p>

Ms. Mayfield said Mr. Manager, where would the difference from the \$8.6 million and the \$10 million come from?

Mr. Dulin said I have done the math and it is \$1 370,000 difference.

Mr. Carlee said what I recommend is that if you pass this motion that we would work on this project within the \$8.6 funding parameter.

Ms. Mayfield said not with the \$10 million goal?

Mr. Carlee said correct. The \$8.6 million is not a significant amount of money anyway you look at it and we have legal issues we have to work out anyhow. There is a whole lot of work to be done around the Informatics. If you've got \$8.6 million on the table then we can work with \$8.6 million and see if we can make the project go.

Ms. Mayfield said what we are saying now is not adding the \$10 million back in but deleting the \$8.6 million and identifying that fund, even though we still have legal issues, and that is still my biggest concern and tying in with what Ms. Kinsey stated, the fact that we are saying that we are going to figure this out to make it work, have we had any conversation with the business community in order to see if they are willing to step into this role as opposed to the City stepping into this role?

Mr. Carlee said I will say that we will try to figure it out. I can't guarantee that we can resolve the legal issues, but we will work to do so. It will necessarily be coming back to Council for further review which will include consultations with the business community and the other actors that are involved.

Mr. Mitchell said I would just caution us Council. This just doesn't feel right to me that we have taken a role versus entrepreneurship and the headline in the paper is going to read that. I don't think that is what we are really trying to accomplish here. I know some people are passionate about the Informatics and I say let's vote as two separate issues. If we are serious about road improvements as we've heard from our citizens over and over and I'm just going to blunt Andy, you aren't going to be representing them next year.

Mr. Dulin said I was against it last year too.

Mr. Mitchell said the responsibility is going to rely on those us who are going to be on Council and I may not be for Informatics or against Informatics but let's be very careful about choosing project. I just don't think that is how we want to proceed.

Mr. Barnes said I'm very sensitive to what Mr. Mitchell just said and I'm also sensitive to what Mr. Dulin said. Essentially if we dialed it back 15 minutes we would have done what Andy suggested, delete the \$8.63 million and then pursuant to Mr. Howard's effort, added \$8.63 million for Informatics. We could roll all of that into one budget so I understand what you are saying, but we took a short-cut to do what we could have done 15 minutes ago.

Mr. Mitchell said for those who support it, why not put the \$10 million in there? We've got the votes to put the \$10 million in there. Until the legal issues get resolved, it still stays as a placeholder. City staff says we can use those funds for other projects. Let's just keep them separate. I think what I'm uncomfortable about we are saying roads versus entrepreneurship at UNCC. I don't think it is either or, we can have both.

Mr. Barnes said what would be the methodology to reopen Mr. Dulin's original motion, revote it and then have a new vote on this item?

City Attorney, Bob Hagemann said a motion to reconsider by someone who voted in the majority, if that passes the matter is back up for a vote.

Mr. Howard said is there any interest on your part to do a 3.27? If we do that we leave his vote alone and we just vote on this with the source being the rate.

Mr. Barnes I would prefer not to do an additional increase. I heard the Manager say that if we revisit some of the projects there may be some way to squeeze out the money and I don't know if you have time to do that between now and Monday, and in fact we were trying to get this wrapped up today so we could vote.

Mr. Carlee said we would need to do that today.

Mr. Barnes said we want to do that. Is there anything that you all can think of as we are sitting here now that would generate the savings that we are talking about?

Mr. Carlee said I can show you what they are. If you go up to the board we have put up there each of the projects that would have been affected by the change to go to the lower tax rate. If you look on Page 26 you can see them listed, what would change from what bond cycle to the other bond cycle and the amount of delay that would be affected. That table lists those projects by bond cycle. Table #7 lists them by category and what we have done is calculate on each one of those how deferring the project would impact the tax rate. As you can see it is a lot of bits and pieces in order to come up with the impact to add the \$10 million and whether or not you would want to go down that path I don't know,.

Mayor Foxx said it seems there are some legal issues associated with the Informatics anyway which may or may not be resolved to the satisfaction of those who want to see that project happen. Would it be possible to structure a motion such that \$8.6 million is reserved, priority being for Informatics, assuming those issues get resolved, that is where the money goes. If the issues don't get resolved then it be reserved with a prioritization placed on the Park South Extension. Left that way you have given the instruction to staff to go forward with the other project if the funding is there.

Mr. Barnes said is that acceptable?

Mr. Dulin said acceptable.

Mr. Mitchell said no.

Mr. Barnes said the thing I like about the Mayor's suggestion is you are saying if the legal issues clear up and Mr. Dulin says I want to give up that funding.

Mr. Mitchell said that is the part I have a problem with. He shouldn't make that call. I'm supporting doing the project.

Mr. Howard said I see the value in growing our entrepreneurial Eco system, we've been talking about that and I think part of growing that Eco system is going to be to make sure that UNCC becomes a bigger player in how we grow that and how we develop the talent pool around it. For that reason I'm going to stay with it. Either one of the scenarios I'm going to vote for it Mr. Barnes, but I wanted to tell you why I'm doing it because I think it is important to grow that at UNCC. If we can grow our economy we can build all kind of roads.

Mr. Barnes said it seems to me we still have Mr. Dulin's original motion to delete the \$8.6 which has been voted on. I am not going to pursue Informatics because I don't think there is support for it. What would be great would be if they could work out the legal issues with UNCC anyway and let us know at some point and maybe we can use the business corridor revitalization fund if there is anything left.

Mr. Howard said that doesn't change what I just said a few minutes ago. UNCC is still and if you think about it, most of the research towns and how important their universities are to their growth. We still need to figure out how to better utilize UNCC in our economic development strategy. If it is not Informatics fine, we need to spend some time on that in the future.

Mayor Foxx said maybe there could be some policy direction and we could ask staff to explore opportunities to leverage our relationship with UNCC.

Mr. Howard said I was actually going to refer it to ED.

Councilmember Cooksey said if memory serves Item 4 or 5 on our high entrepreneurship strategy is to seek out more opportunities to work with the University communities in general and UNCC in particular. So that is a policy item that is already adopted by Council.

Mayor Foxx said the motion has been withdrawn by Mr. Howard.

Amendment #8 – Add Lynx Red line Commuter Rail study support at an amount up to \$250,000.

Councilmember Howard said I think you heard yesterday pretty clearly there are some opportunities to be created to put these public/private partnership and if we can figure how to move that forward it means a lot to the whole system. One of the first hurdles is this big hurdle of getting over this potential study that is needed. The request was an up to number with the understanding that the State would participate as well, but we need to get over this hurdle to get the Red Line conversation going. These are big projects and in order to get some of these studies that need to be done to move it cost money. This is part of that scenario yesterday of cobbling it together and moving everything forward as much as we can as quickly as we can.

Councilmember Barnes said we talk about regionalism, we talk about the MTC and the six towns and everything until they want to take something from us always coming back to Charlotte writing the check. Are any of the towns who benefit from this project, and there are three of them to the north in this county, going to be helping?

Mr. Howard said I think one of the things that is missing from the Red Line conversation is Charlotte's leadership and that has affected conversation about the Blue Line, the Gold Line about whether Charlotte is really in on the whole system and the majority of the system does lie within Charlotte. This is another part of just moving the complete system forward as far as I'm concerned. We start getting into you have a part of this and you have a part of this and is this a system, and in that situation we should go to all six towns, not just the three up north. I really just want to move – we have some opportunities with three P's with Norfolk/Southern that are real and I think in addition to showing good faith on this one we need to say to Norfolk/Southern that we are serious and this could be leveraged more than probably any investment we make if we do this right. I didn't ask for them to be asked about it.

Mr. Barnes said do we know that the up to \$250,000 can't be scoped more appropriately? It is really going to be \$75,000, is it going to be \$100,000?

Mr. Howard said we don't know. What we know in talking to Carolyn and her staff that a normal study of this type could cost about \$300,000. The state has about \$50,000 they have allocated for it right now. We will continue to have conversations with them and part of this could be us having conversations with the towns. That is why I'm saying up to.

Mayor Foxx said I sense the discomfort and I'm wondering whether Mr. Barnes your point and Mr. Howard your point, whether there could be an effort to say up to \$200,000 and the difference be something that we go to the towns and ask them to join in with?

Mr. Howard said there is some appetite here then I will be quiet, but I'm not sure what makes us comfortable. It could be more symbolic than anything because we're still the 800 pound gorilla on this one. We still make up 57% of the MUMPO area and we make up more than that in Mecklenburg County, I can't remember what the number is. We are still the big I on this one and if that is the symbolic number than fine, I just didn't want to try to come up with what would make everybody feel symbolic enough.

Mr. Barnes said here is the thing and I understand and believe in the 2030 Transit Plan. We have tried to figure out how do the line and all the experiences we've been having we've been trying to figure out how to get the lines done. With the Red Line you've got three stops in Charlotte and the rest of them are outside of Charlotte and going up into Iredell County potentially. All I'm questing is whether we get \$5,000, \$10,000 from the other municipalities involved to help offset the cost. I actually understand what you are saying about the ... and I get that but part of this comes from my conversation in Transportation and Planning about MUMPO and the fact that people are approaching that a little differently and looking for some equity. That is all.

Mr. Howard said that none of the towns in Mecklenburg could have been a part of any of those conversations, none of them. About the regional issues that we've been having they have all be really supportive. I'm talking about the Airport and none of them have been a part of that at all.

I guess I could support what the Mayor is saying about the \$200,000. The point is we need to move it and give the resources to move it.

Mayor Foxx said when we did the Libraries a couple of years ago our funding was contingent on other partners coming to the table so it is another way to structure this so it is setting an amount that gives some room for them to help fill the gap but also make our funding contingent on the gap being filled. I'm just throwing out ideas to help move this along.

Councilmember Cannon said it seems to me we ought to be getting some feel to come up with some basic division on this in terms of the shared costs and we haven't done that. It concerns me a little bit that we are guessing on the costs and if we did some basic division on the costs, and obviously our nut is even less than what is going to be proposed and even less than maybe \$100,000 or unless we are going to pick up the additional costs because of our scope of size here. In the name of regionalism it would seem to be that they would be on board with trying to help us out with this. I would like to try to keep us on par with the recommendation of the Manager and I think that is all our goals right now. The conversation should have started some time ago. I just don't know that a shot in the dark with guessing at a cost and not doing some basic division on this to come up with something is the way we ought to be going. The last point is I don't know what is in contingency right now off the top of my head, but if that is another way to go, with what is in contingency I think is probably something for us to consider to try to help us get there to minimize the impact. Can I get a comment on contingency please Randy, or Mr. Manager?

Budget Director, Randy Herrington said up on the screen you have some revenue sources that have been identified as potential use. One would be the Red Line Planning and Design from PAYGO. This is what you used for advancing planning and design typically for bond projects. You are talking about the Council discretionary piece there which is the 3rd, 4th and 5th lines and the current Council discretionary is a little over \$29,000. Right above that we have identified \$300,000 in fuel reserve, an amount that we don't anticipate using this particular year. We do anticipate using some of it, but not the full amount so \$300,000 would be available from that particular pot.

Mr. Cannon said that is the point. I think if we can be flexible in terms of our thinking and in terms of where we might be able to land here are some things I think for us to consider without having to jump head in on something.

Mr. Carlee said I think that is a good solution to reallocate \$250,000 from the fuel reserve into a contingency for Red Line studies. It is only in contingency so it would be subject to coming back to Council with a specific scope of the study, cost sharing and other elements as we continue to discuss with the towns and the state and Norfolk/Southern as to what we actually need to do, but we will have already set aside our resources so they would be available to participate in that.

Mr. Cannon said it remains up to that amount?

Mr. Carlee said yes, it would be subject to coming back to Council for approval.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cannon, to reallocate \$250,000 from the fuel reserve into a contingency for Red Line Studies. Councilmember Howard seconded the motion.

Councilmember Fallon said I think that is a good idea because basically the whole point of that line is to bring people in here to work, to bring taxes to us and to have a regional plan. When we had the Urban Institute, the towns seemed very willing when they understood what it would do for them. I really think that we ought to allocate that money because it is going to cost more than that in the end because we will have to do further studies, but put a pot of money that can be used and then ask the towns to come in with us. When they see the willingness of us to do it.

Mr. Barnes said it is up to \$250,000 as opposed to up to \$200,000?

Mr. Cannon said I think it is going to shake out to be the same.

Mr. Howard said you mentioned three stops and the biggest stop we will have will be Gateway, then there is the potential of one at Camp Station area. This is going to have a bigger effect on Charlotte than any other towns just based on Gateway alone.

Ms. Fallon said there is one on Statesville which will be a big project.

Councilmember Kinsey said this in effect takes us away from the CIP and puts it in a regular budget.

Mr. Howard said this is not CIP at all, this is an other.

Mr. Barnes said concerning our ability to get partnerships from other towns how would you suggest doing that because they are all going to see this on line and say well, they have the \$250,000, so we are going to say no when they call.

Mr. Carlee said we still have to scope the project so there is a lot of discussion that will be taking place including in the context of the MTC with the towns at the table. I serve on the MTC myself now so we will be carrying the message of contingency that was created by Council subject to participation by others.

Mr. Barnes said how would you suggest Mr. Manager if you approach the partners and say the project is going to cost \$250,000 or \$200,000 and they say well you guys have already set aside the money so we don't want to kick in anything. I want some partnership.

Mr. Carlee said I'm comfortable having that discussion with them and you didn't set up a formula. What I heard from the Council is that we would like for them to have some skin in the game.

Mr. Barnes said what I'm asking you is to quantify the skin.

Mr. Carless said that is what we would do jointly with them. I think that gives us the negotiating flexibility to help them see that it is to their advantage and everybody else's.

Mayor Foxx said why don't we ask the Manager to scope that out, have those conversations and then at some point come back to us. The reason I threw \$200,000 out there, it was because \$250,000, if you give \$200,000 that is 80% of \$250,000 which we are 80% of the county basically. That was the theory there. You may come up with a different formula and that is fine. Why don't we ask the manager to develop a partnership?

Mr. Barnes said I'm fine with that but I have a question about this fuel reserve. How do we have \$300,000 left over from fuel reserve. Did we overestimate?

Mr. Harrington said last year as part of the budget process we included a \$500,000 fuel contingency based off of the escalation in pricing that we were seeing at the time. That is a sustained level of escalation. We think we hit the mark pretty good from the standpoint of that \$500,000. We estimate that Police is going to need about \$200,000 of that and the other departments will be okay so we have estimated about \$300,000 that is not needed. It was a good thing that Council approved that and we did need to tap into that, but not all of it.

The vote was taken on the motion to reallocate \$250,000 from fuel reserve into a contingency for the Red Line Study and was recorded as unanimous.

Mayor Foxx said that takes care of all the things listed under the Capital budget.

Amendment #1 – Maintain Charlotte International Cabinet’s (CIC) status as a Financial Partner at the current funding level of \$156,121; do not transfer to an office within the Neighborhood and Business Services Department.

Councilmember Barnes said my concern there was adding FTEs to our staff and to leave those positions where they are. I was concerned about the additional HR expenses, benefits and such. The idea was to leave the positions where they are currently are in CIC and not to bring them over to Neighborhood and Business Services.

Motion was made by Councilmember Barnes, seconded by Councilmember Dulin to maintain Charlotte International Cabinet as a Financial Partners at the current funding level of \$156,121 and not transfer those positions to Neighborhood and Business Services.

Councilmember Mayfield said didn't we get a report as far as the Manager's recommendation on this?

City Manager, Ron Carlee said we have information on Page 9 and I think our concern is whether or not operating independently is going to be viable in the long-term. That was the basis on which this went to committee previously and to the full Council at a Dinner Meeting.

Mr. Barnes said I'm trying to put you on the spot Mr. Carlee but could someone name for us the two top things they did for us last year?

Mr. Howard said I don't know if you had an opportunity to ever go to the International Cabinet Awards Program but because these two guys couldn't be there I had to fill in for them and it was extremely impressive. The level of engagement that that small staff had with the international companies that are here, to me just looking at that and thinking how we could joint that with some of the other things we are doing and grow that was exciting. I also had the opportunity to interact with the Ambassador to America from Kosovo and from the Philippines. The folks from the Philippines are dead serious about doing some work here. The guy that is an Ambassador is a banker. Those relations are not one that we should just take for granted. Those are things that are real and if we are really going to grow that as a community and be global this may be the best investment that we make out of the whole budget to be honest with you.

Councilmember Cannon said the other two would be this cultural awareness campaign piece that they have where they bring in all the different sectors of this community, and even beyond, to come together. That is a very worthwhile event to have and then the other has been pretty much where David was going. It is the ideal that you have an opportunity to meet some of these consulates and you know we are trying to set up these offices where we can here, and you will recall also that this used to be Sister Cities. I've had a concern about the coming together or the consolidation between Sister Cities and CIC. I think they should actually be two separate entities with two different missions to help us relative to economic development, etc. So there is a need, there is a case for them and hopefully you can support this.

Ms. Mayfield said what I know about the Charlotte International Cabinet is that it also works with the International House, even though Charlotte International House is a non-profit I personally through their relationship with the Charlotte International Cabinet, have been there to speak to them and welcome representatives from Russia and China and there was a women's working group in Pakistan that are working in politics and because of the relationship with the International Cabinet and International House I have met with. I do see the work that they are doing on the ground with building our international community and thinking about the fact that Charlotte is 10% ... now. Everyone that I have talked to at the different events have said the role the International Cabinet has helped with them getting connected when they first come into the City of Charlotte.

Councilmember Cooksey said an argument that I have heard for this change that I mull over but find persuasive in spite of the fact that I don't like the way it is, is that when international companies are looking at Charlotte, the International Cabinet is the organization that has that linkage, but international companies are far more accustomed to governments being involved in

economic development recruiting than a non-profit. The concept of a non-profit being their link instead of the local government is one that I have been told, and I find it seems to be a reasonable conclusion, is something foreign to the international company. Unless there is a counter argument to that that someone can offer I will support shifting them over and take everybody at their word that the net cost to the City will not change from that move.

Councilmember Kinsey said I supported putting the Sister Cities with Charlotte International Cabinet and Michael you made a good point, does anybody know what they do. I think that is one reason to bring them under the City so we will know what they are doing and that will also bring the protocol officer under and I think sometimes Catherine Hanson is out there not knowing exactly what she is supposed to be doing and not having really strong guidance from staff because she doesn't work for the City. I'm hoping it is not going to increase the budget a whole bunch, but I'm thinking it might be better under the City so we will know what they are doing and they will have the benefit of the City's support. I think what you said is probably very accurate, I have had the opportunity to travel a little bit and represent the City in China and I've also visited some other countries as guest of government. They sort of deal with government rather than non-profits.

Mr. Barnes said I see where the votes are but I would note if I wanted to argue the case all day long that it is not a lot of money and the things that you mentioned they're already doing. It is not like we are hoping they will start doing these things, they are already doing the good stuff that you talked about, why stop them. When I talked about substantive examples I was talking about perhaps a meeting with the Philippine leaders and them agreeing to bring a car plant to Charlotte or something. It is one thing to just establish the network, it is another thing to actually do something and I thought this is what the Chamber was supposed to be doing.

Mayor Foxx said a lot has been said and I agree with most of it. What we lack right now is G to G connection. As someone said and I don't know who it was, a lot of these foreign business owners, etc. they are used to connecting with government as their point of entry and we don't really have a strong mechanism right now to do that. We've been doing this with duct tape and chewing gum for a long time, but what I think this allows the International Cabinet to do is to leverage the infrastructure of the city to really further it is mission. Secondly, the Chamber does do an awful lot of outreach around the country, but I hope future Mayors of the City will take it upon themselves to reach out into the world and to go do trade missions because as the Global Summit last week, a lot of the folks that were there were talking about the fact that we've got a great presence in Germany, but if you look in places like China and counties in South America that are growing economies, we've still got some work to do in terms of building our identity as a community. I think there is a role for government officials to play in putting the City's mark out there, in addition to the Chamber, not in opposition to them and I think this will help us do that.

Mr. Cannon said South Africa is here tomorrow and looking to do the very thing you are talking about it. We will be meeting with them tomorrow and two others as well.

The vote was taken on the motion to maintain the International Cabinet status as a financial partner at the current funding level and not transitioning them to Neighborhood and Business Services and recorded as follows:

YEAS: Councilmember Barnes

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

Amendment #2 – Delete two of the three recommended Charlotte Business INclusion Program positions at an amount of \$175,525 in FY2014 and \$159,987 in FY2015.

Mayor Foxx said has to leave the meeting but I'm asking you to do one thing for me before you leave today, do not leave without voting our intensions to move forward with what we have decided and then we will pick it up on June 10th.

Councilmember Mayfield said I wanted to give Manager Carlee a moment because I did notice that he gave a write-up on this so if you don't remember, my delete was to remove two of the three proposed positions, thinking of retirements and transitioning and making sure that we are utilizing to the full capacity the staff that we already have in Neighborhood and Business Services so I put the ask to the Manager's Office to come back to let me know where are we on those retirements and the current positions and if this is a need for these three additional positions.

City Manager, Ron Carlee said we have provided information in the main report and in the supplemental report on Page 12 you can see specific assignments of the three staff people. It is a pretty ambitious expansion of the program that the Council adopted and it really depends on how deeply we want to go in implementing that program. The original ask for this program was actually five FTEs which seemed beyond the scope of what we really could do so we internally negotiated this back to the three with the first two really providing essentially the technical work that has to be done to implement the program. The third position, which in many ways I think is really the most important one in order to achieve your ultimate objectives, and that is really the training and outreach and getting our minority women, small businesses to the table. In terms of fully realizing the goals and objectives of the program we do think this is the appropriate staffing again scaled back from where staff would have like to have been, but I think we can make meaningful impacts on bringing more minority and women small businesses to the table and to our contracting. Beyond construction contracts, this is an opportunity to get into services, the financial sectors and what we really want to do is to bring more of these businesses as primaries and not just subs and give them the training and exposure to compete effectively for City contracts.

Ms. Mayfield said so for the outreach for the MWBE which we need, but I was under the impression that that was already being done under Nancy Rosado's leadership. Do we not already have that focus in place and are already working on that where we are going to create another position just to focus on MWBE?

Mr. Carlee it is a matter of capacity and scope and with this program we have expanded the scope and I think we really want to increase the actual skill.

Councilmember Kinsey said in expanding the scope are we expanding the territory and I've got a problem with that. Mr. Mitchell knows that I worked at the other end of this for a number of years when I was working for an architectural and engineering firm. It is extremely difficult to find, and I've used this story before. We were desperately searching for a minority engineer so I called minority contractors and my friends over there. The closest one was in Atlanta. I'm not interested in sending our money to Atlanta so unless we are out there training and recruiting, which I don't think is really our job, from colleges for engineers and architects and that is mostly what I am familiar with, that they are either not here, and I hope we've got an engineer in town by this time, or the architectural firms there is really only two that I know of, mainly minority architectural firms because Gantt/Huberman is really no longer really a minority firm. They are so busy they can't take on anymore and Darryl Williams is really busy. I see some problems there with that kind of service and I just don't think we should go outside our region because we are spending our money somewhere else.

Councilmember Mitchell said you are right Ms. Kinsey. Our region is going to be the 16 counties that we currently use so we are not going too far out, but we have changed the boundaries. I was very supportive of Ms. Mayfield to put it on the board and largely it was just getting more information because a lot of us felt uncomfortable about the position and job description. Having a conversation with staff and they have put the job description. Two key things with me, talking about the new program, I think we only have one chance to get it right and I had rather give them all the things they need to be successful because it will be very difficult as we talk about new Charlotte INCLUSION and not giving them the resources and try to come back the following year and say oops we made a mistake. I would rather give them what they need, I hear the compromise, they wanted five, they put in the budget three and we are asking a lot in this new program because we are talking about rebranding, but getting a lot of utility and I think utilization is very important. We have a designated person for that and the training and development, I think some of our small businesses really need training and

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development and having a dedicated person to do that I think is very helpful. I'm supportive of all three positions after talking to staff and getting a clear understanding of what they really need to make the program successful.

Mayor Pro Tem Cannon said you will recall in our economic development committee meetings there was real discussion around making sure we had the resources to make the new program very successful. We start considering things relative to outreach, certification, training and reporting efforts, it is really hard for one and even two people to do those things because they require a lot of attention. If you really look at the number of people we are trying to incorporate in terms of utilizing the program it is going to take more than probably the three. I would have been fine with five.

Mr. Carlee said it is not going to be just their job, other people have to do it too.

Mayor Pro Tem Cannon said I operate off the proposal, but keep something in mind, I believe that if we find ourselves in a position where we have more than what we need, if you end up not needing that third person, you can freeze that position without having to go and potentially hire. That is another way in terms of sayings that we as a body can be responsible in our abilities to make sure we are dotting I's, crossing T's and looking at everything to be considered.

Motion was made by Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Mayfield to fund the new Charlotte INClusion staff to three as recommended by the City Manager.
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The vote was taken on the motion and recorded as follows:

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

NAYS: Councilmembers Cooksey and Dulin.

Amendment #3 – Add an internship program to support Council member constituent support needs at a funding range of \$82,940 - \$160,000.

Councilmember Mitchell said I think it would be helpful for Manager Carlee – he said he had some information he wanted to share with us. There could be some challenges about hiring staff people and who they would report to. I will say this and I've said it over and over again, the way we do business has changed in the City of Charlotte. As much as people don't believe that, Andy goes out and he is a Big Brother at a school, yet he still has issues he has to deal with. Michael has all this growth in the University area and he still has issues and they won't change as people continue to come to our City. I don't know how we relieve the burden to make us effective and at the same time Manager Carlee you say in a legal way because you add staff and then you said who is going to be responsible for the staff that we add, especially since there is a difference between internship and salaries. I think David, LaWana and I always operate an internship so we didn't have this report, we just had to sign off their work study form. Manager Carlee mentioned something about staff so is it okay if he gives us an update?

City Manager, Ron Carlee said if we go to paid internships they would become part the City's service, not necessarily have to be hired by the Manager and subject to our personnel rules and other regulations and obviously need supervision. I've actually in a very short time become keenly aware of the challenges facing Council around staffing and I'm sympathetic to those. I do think you are actually understaffed and I expect that over the coming months I will be making some staffing changes in my office and in yours. I don't exactly know what they are yet but I see the problem. I'm committed to working with you to try to give you more support. I'm also very much willing to work with you to create an appropriate paid internship program. I think internship programs are excellent but they really do need to address the academic objectives of the internship. There needs to be a process on how they are hired and selected that is competitive and appropriate, that they clearly are not engaged in political activity, that they are paid appropriately, consistent with our pay plan and that they receive appropriate supervision. I'd be happy to work to create a pool of interns for you that could work with you as well as other

staffing support. I see that need and would like to have some additional time to work on that to bring you a different kind of proposal at a subsequent date.

Councilmember Barnes said just restating what I stated before. I believe that a non-paid internship is great because you get the experience, you get to hang out with people like David Howard and James Mitchell and absorb all the things that you can absorb from people like that. I don't see any need to create a paid pool of interns because we are sitting here right now looking at raising taxes and unfortunately the way a lot of people interpret it is you are raising my taxes and you are creating a pool of students to work for you and I just think it goes over poorly. To an issue you are raising Councilmember Mitchell, you have been around a lot longer than me, and since I have been around I can see exactly what you are talking about. The demands on us are growing. I've got 120,000 people in my district and all the districts are growing and the demands are there. I got 6,100 e-mails and I just try to get through them and every time I click one five more pop in and people get mad if you don't respond in a day or two. Then you get the phone calls so there is a lot of demand on us and I don't think it should affect this Council or the next Council perhaps but there may be a time when we have to start talking about the form of government and how we function because it is becoming a chore. But for this particular item I don't support adding paid interns to the budget.

Councilmember Kinsey said this isn't really a follow-up to Michael, it is really a follow-up to our Manager. I just want to say Mr. Manager whatever you do in repositioning employees staff please do not take Robin away from us. Give her a huge salary increase but do not take away from us. That has happened in the past when we've had really good help and they are promoted. I'm glad for them but then but then we start all over again and Robin is terrific.

Councilmember Mayfield said I am going to agree with letting the City Manager move forward but I do want to make sure that it is understood why I supported the original recommendation. A lot of the reasons Mr. Mitchell has already mentioned, but also thinking about the reality that today's graduates have a lot of more challenges than a number of us in this room and around this table when going to college and having an opportunity with internships. We have a lot more people going straight to work afterwards and I was thinking whether it was a stipend or some kind of way to offset the costs and basic needs like gas and the fact that you are traveling back and forth and doing all of the work. For me and the intern that I have had, she has been extremely helpful just with what you were saying, when we are in meetings and we are getting 2,500 e-mails, to make sure that we are getting as quick a response to the constituents as possible and keeping up with our calendars so the reason I supported the original motion and I still support the idea, in today's market we need to figure out a way where when we have access to have these young people come in, having the training, especially being a political science major and they are getting all this experience, that experience isn't going to help them put gas in the car and it doesn't do any good if they are here and they can't afford to go down to the only restaurant we have in the building and pick up something to eat because there is no offset costs

Mr. Barnes said I want to be clear because I don't want this to slip by me and look back and find some open issue. I think the Manager was suggesting that he could help work on a program of some sort and I'm saying that is fine as long as it is an unpaid program. In all seriousness in what you described Ms. Mayfield is within the responsibility set of the individual. I sometimes take peanut butter sandwiches to my own office now because I either don't want to go out or I don't have a reason to go out and it is too hot or whatever. So you make those judgments and I do it in part as a business owner. I know what is coming in and I know what is going out and I've got to pay taxes on this and I've got to pay fees on this and I have to balance all of that out so someday it may be a peanut butter sandwich and some days it may be Dana taking me to Shomars. The point is a lot of the experiences that we have and even going back to my college days sometimes you suck it up. Life is not pretty even as a college student and a lot of times it is those experiences of not quite having everything you need that actually make you tougher and prepare you for the real world. I do appreciate what you are saying.

Ms. Kinsey said my granddaughter has a non-paying internship this summer and she is so happy she can't stand it. She is also having to get another job to pay for her apartment but that internship is going to be great for her and she is not getting paid a cent.

Mayor Pro Tem Cannon said Brittany is going through two herself and they are non-paid, but you can't buy experience through apprenticeships or internships.

Mr. Dulin said the interns that come into the building are for City Council City business only. Not a single political telephone call received or made off of the phone in that office. Not a single fund raiser set up, complete and 100% constituency service to the member.

Mr. Barnes said paid or unpaid Mr. Manager.

Mr. Carlee said I would to have the flexibility to explore both. You have an unpaid internship program now and there is no reason why that can't continue however that may continue. We do have paid graduate interns in the Manager's office and there actually can be value in paid internship programs as well and what I'd like to have the opportunity to do is to explore a range of options around additional support staffing for the Board office which may not be interns, it may be just regular paid staffing. What I have to do is look across the resources that we have and the various assignments to make some judgments about how within the allocations available I can make that work best for you.

Mr. Barnes said I can already hear our Boards and Commission all wanting stipends not too.

Mayor Pro Tem Cannon said you have one or two out there that already receive stipends and have been doing so for years. The CRVA unless that has been taken away.

Mr. Dulin said the Planning Commission gets \$500 per month.

Motion was made by Councilmember Barnes, seconded by Councilmember Mayfield for the Manager to properly explore internship program. The vote was recorded as follows:

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

NAYS: Councilmember Dulin.

Mr. Carlee said I think we have made it through all of the amendments and if I may ask you to go back to Page 3.

Motion was made by Councilmember Autry, seconded by Councilmember Mayfield, to direct the City Manager to prepare the necessary budget documents, resolutions and ordinance based on the FY2014 and FY2015 Preliminary Strategic Operating Plan and FY2015-FY2018 Capital Investment Plan as amended by the City Council approved straw votes.
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The vote was recorded as follows:

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

NAYS: Councilmembers Cooksey and Dulin.

Mr. Cooksey said I appreciate the procedural observation because technically that is what it is, but I harken back to how the Manager presented it and our experience last year and I absolutely feel that while technically it is a procedural amendment this vote should be a flat indicator of how each Councilmember will vote on June 10. I'm voting no on June 10. Therefore I'm voting no today.

Mayor Pro Tem Cannon said I hear you but each member of this body reserves the right to cast their vote how they choose to vote whenever that time comes. But to you point people will hold in terms of where they are and if not we will hopefully know ahead of time.

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Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilmember Mayfield, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 1:45 p.m.

Stephanie C. Kelly, City Clerk

Length of Meeting: 1 Hour, 37 Minutes
Minutes Completed: June 21, 2013