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CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

Tuesday, September 5, 2006

Room 267

- 5:00 p.m. Dinner**
- 5:15 p.m. Community Safety: Police Patrol Division Redistricting**
- 6:00 p.m. Environment: Results of Wastewater Collection Self-audit**
- 6:45 p.m. Housing & Neighborhood Development: 2006 Neighborhood Quality of Life Study**
- 7:30 p.m. Citizens' Forum
Room 267**

Request for Council Action: Adopt a motion to go into closed session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) to consider the competence, performance, character, fitness, compensation and other conditions of employment of the City Manager.

Request for Council Action: Adopt a motion pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3) to go into closed session to consult with attorneys employed or retained by the City of Charlotte in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege and to consider and give instructions to the attorneys concerning the handling of a claim.

COUNCIL WORKSHOP AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

TOPIC: Police Patrol Division Redistricting

COUNCIL FOCUS AREA: Community Safety

RESOURCES: Chief Darrel Stephens

KEY POINTS:

- CMPD needs to equalize the workload and span of control for its patrol divisions.
- Those objectives are best accomplished by redrawing patrol division boundaries.
- CMPD developed two redistricting options; one with 12 divisions; the other with 13 divisions, including a new division in the University area.
- The 13 division plan met more of the department's needs.
- The 13 division plan allows a balanced workload, creates a University Division that puts the University City area and surrounding communities into one patrol division; prepares the department most effectively for future growth and improves responses to outlying areas.
- The 13 division plan will change the number of officers allocated to each patrol division.
- The redistricting plan has been presented throughout the community to hear community concerns, and insure that CMPD has defined neighborhoods correctly.
- New patrol division boundaries go into effect in January 2007.

COUNCIL DECISION OR DIRECTION REQUESTED:

Presentation is for information only.

ATTACHMENTS:

None.

COUNCIL WORKSHOP AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

TOPIC: Results of Wastewater Collection Self-audit

COUNCIL FOCUS AREA: Environment

RESOURCES: Doug Bean

KEY POINTS:

- Staff will brief Council on the terms of an EPA Administrative Order concerning the operation of the wastewater collection system.

COUNCIL DECISION OR DIRECTION REQUESTED:

Council will be asked to consider an Agreement and Administrative Order with US EPA at the September 25 Business Meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

None.

COUNCIL WORKSHOP AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

TOPIC: 2006 Neighborhood Quality of Life Study

COUNCIL FOCUS AREA: Housing & Neighborhood Development

RESOURCES: Dr. Owen Furuseth, UNC-Charlotte
Stanley Watkins, Neighborhood Development

KEY POINTS:

- Every two years, the UNC-Charlotte publishes the Quality of Life Study, which analyzes quality of life variables in 173 Neighborhood Statistical Areas (NSA) within the City of Charlotte’s boundaries and sphere of influence.
- The study assesses 20 local neighborhood variables representing **Social, Crime, Physical** and **Economic** dimensions.
- Utilizing statistical analysis, each NSA is classified as ***Stable, Transitioning or Challenged.***
- The study is a relative assessment that compares NSAs to one another across the City.
- Below are the results of the 2006 Quality of Life Study rankings along with a comparison to the two previous studies.

Number of NSAs Rankings	2006 Study	2004 Study	2002 Study	% Change 2002 -2006
Stable	89	92	100	- 11%
Transitioning	60	54	41	+46%
Challenged	24	27	32	-25%

- A spatial analysis shows Challenged NSAs, which have decreased, are primarily confined to the inner-city area. The growth of Transitioning NSAs has been in eastern, northern and western portions of the City. Stable NSAs, which have declined slightly, are primarily in the southern and outlying suburban areas.
- This year’s study also provides an analysis of trends in NSA variables over the past four years. In each NSA, variables are shown as trending up, down or no change.
- The Neighborhood Quality of Life Studies help the City directs its resources and investments to areas of need as well as measures the results of its interventions.

- Copies of the 2006 Neighborhood Quality of Life Study will be distributed to Council at the workshop.

COUNCIL DECISION OR DIRECTION REQUESTED:

The study will be officially released to the public on September 5, 2006. Data from the study drives changes to the *HouseCharlotte* (Down payment Assistance) program, *Multi-Family Housing Locational Policy* and the *Neighborhood Matching Grant* program. Any proposed policy or programmatic changes to these programs will be placed on a future Council agenda.

ATTACHMENTS:

None.