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WEEK IN REVIEW:

Sun (Oct 24)	Mon (Oct 25)	Tues (Oct 26)	Wed (Oct 27)	Thurs (Oct 28)	Fri (Oct 29)
North Carolina League of Municipalities Annual Conference, Winston-Salem, North Carolina				12:00 PM Restructuring Government Committee, Room 280 2:00 PM Transportation and Planning Committee, Room 280 6:30 PM District 5 Community Meeting, Hickory Grove Elementary School Cafeteria	

CALENDAR DETAILS:

Sunday, October 24 – Tuesday October 26
North Carolina League of Municipalities Annual Conference, Winston-Salem, NC

Thursday, October 28

12:00 PM Restructuring Government Committee, Room 280
AGENDA: Executive compensation policy; Water/sewer rate study

2:00 PM Transportation and Planning Committee, Room 280
AGENDA: Urban street design guidelines; Plaza-Central plan amendment; Transportation Action Plan 5-year update

6:30 PM District 5 Community Meeting, Hickory Grove Elementary School Cafeteria
6709 Pence Road, Charlotte, NC

October and November calendars are attached. ***(see left side table of contents for attachment)***

INFORMATION:

In-Rem Demolition at 4513 Wildwood Avenue
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At the Citizens' Forum on Monday, September 27, 2010, Mr. Glen Robinson asked City Council to rescind an existing demolition order for the property at 4513 Wildwood Avenue. City Council had unanimously approved the demolition in June, 2010. Mr. Robinson claimed to be the new property owner through a "quit claim" deed that was executed on September 21, 2010.

City Council voted to give Mr. Robinson 60 days to complete repairs, provided that certain conditions were met as designated by the City's Code Enforcement Division. On October 4, 2010, Mr. Robinson contacted Code Enforcement and indicated he had decided it was not feasible to repair the structure at 4513 Wildwood Avenue. He indicated his structural engineer had inspected the house and confirmed the conditions and repair costs relayed in the original In Rem report submitted to Council in June. Mr. Robinson has also provided written correspondence to Code Enforcement stating he is no longer interested in repairing the house.

Additional Background:

The conditions at 4513 Wildwood Avenue are unsafe, but the structure remains occupied by a Mr. Walter Work. Mr. Work was recommended for relocation but did not qualify under CHA guidelines. Code Enforcement filed eviction proceedings, that are still underway, to get Mr. Work out of the house. The City obtained an order from a Magistrate Judge allowing the City to

evict Mr. Work from the house. However he has appealed the order to District Court. His appeal is scheduled to be heard during the week of November 15, 2010 before a District Court Judge.

Mr. Robinson's "quit claim" deed was acquired from Mr. Work. Mr. Robinson is the new owner of record; however, the City Attorney's Office has reviewed the "quit claim" deed and determined that it may be defective. Mr. Robinson has been advised in writing by the City Attorney's Office that he should consult a private attorney to determine what he needs to do to correct these defects.

Based on the information provided by Mr. Robinson it is the City's intent to move forward with the demolition once the eviction process is completed.

ATTACHMENTS:

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