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**WEEK IN REVIEW:**

Mon (Jan 18)	Tues (Jan 19)	Wed (Jan 20)	Thurs (Jan 21)	Fri (Jan 22)
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. HOLIDAY	12:00 PM Council Agenda Briefing (Optional), 8 <sup>th</sup> Fl. Conf. Room  1:30 PM Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Room 280  5:00 PM Council Zoning Meeting, Room CH-14  6:00 PM Neighborhood Revitalization Listening Tour, 6800 Monroe Rd.		12:00 PM Economic Development & Global Competitiveness Committee, Room CH-14	

## CALENDAR DETAILS:

### **Monday, January 18**

Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday (City offices closed)

### **Tuesday, January 19**

12:00 PM Council agenda briefing (optional), CMGC 8<sup>th</sup> floor conference room

1:30 PM Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Room 280  
**AGENDA:** Federal update; 2016 “short” session; Legislative calendar; Trending topics

5:00 PM Zoning Meeting, Room CH-14

6:00 PM Neighborhood Revitalization Listening Tour, 6800 Monroe Rd.

### **Thursday, January 20**

12:00 PM Economic Development & Global Competitiveness Committee, Room CH-14  
**AGENDA:** Regulatory land development user fees update; FY17 Focus Area Plan process update

January and February calendars are **attached**.



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## INFORMATION:

### **Parkwood Avenue and The Plaza Referral to Transportation & Planning Committee**

*Staff Resource: Ron Carlee, City Manager, 704-336-3429, [rcarlee@charlottenc.gov](mailto:rcarlee@charlottenc.gov)*

During the November 23 Citizen’s Forum, five residents spoke regarding their concerns about traffic safety issues along Parkwood Avenue and The Plaza. These streets traverse through the Optimist Park, Belmont, Villa Heights and Plaza-Midwood communities. Due to speeding and traffic collisions (including a recent cyclist fatality), the residents asked that the City consider street conversions (aka road diets) for both Parkwood Avenue and The Plaza as a way of improving safety and the overall travel environment. CDOT staff held a preliminary meeting with neighborhood representatives on this topic on December 16, 2015 as a follow up to the Citizen’s Forum.

At the January 4, 2016 Workshop, Council member Patsy Kinsey requested that this issue be referred to the Transportation and Planning Committee (TAP) for further discussion. Based on the consensus vote on Ms. Kinsey’s request, I am formally referring and requesting Council’s

Transportation and Planning Committee review and discuss the Parkwood Avenue and The Plaza street design issue.

More specifically, I am requesting the TAP Committee work with staff to:

- Identify current design and operational issues and challenges specifically for pedestrians and cyclists;
- Recommend criteria and metrics for when a street should be considered for redesign and/or a road diet;
- Identify most effective treatments and approaches currently being used locally and nationally to make streets safer for pedestrians and cyclists;
- Recommend a process to prioritize and fund these types of projects;
- Determine path forward for Parkwood Avenue and The Plaza.

**Transfer of Surplus Property to Habitat for Humanity - Charlotte**

*Staff Resource: Pamela J. Wideman, NBS, 704-336-3488, [pwideman@charlottenc.gov](mailto:pwideman@charlottenc.gov)*

The City’s Housing Policy supports the transfer of public properties to non-profit partners for use as affordable housing. Properties are approved for transfer by the Planning Commission through the mandatory referral process. The following properties were approved to be transferred to Habitat for Humanity - Charlotte:

Address	Council District	Zoning	Tax Value
2839 Mayfair Ave	3	R-5	\$ 64,500
2524 McLean Rd	4	R-3	\$32,500
325 S. Cloudman St	2	R-5	\$71,000
3308 Amay James Av	3	R-5	\$14,300
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$182,300</b>

Habitat for Humanity - Charlotte will redevelop or rehabilitate and sell the properties to new owners as affordable housing, serving families earning 60% and below (\$40,320) the Area Median Income.

This transaction is consistent with the three basic goals of the City’s Housing Policies which are to 1) preserve the existing housing stock, 2) expand the supply of affordable housing, 3) and support family self-sufficiency initiatives.

## ATTACHMENTS:

City Council Follow-Up Report



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- Traffic Calming – Reid and Ross Avenues
- Assistance to Firefighters Grant Question

# January

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>	
					<b>1</b> New Year's Day	<b>2</b>	
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <b>12:00pm</b> Transportation & Planning Committee Mtg., Room 280  <b>3:00pm</b> Retreat Planning Committee Mtg., 15 <sup>th</sup> Floor LCR  <b>5:00pm</b> Council Workshop/Citizens' Forum, Room 267	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <b>12:00pm</b> ED & Global Competitiveness Committee Mtg., Room CH-14	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <b>12:00pm</b> Council Agenda Briefing (optional), 15 <sup>th</sup> Floor LCR  <b>1:30pm</b> Budget Committee Mtg., Room CH-14  <b>3:00pm</b> Environment Committee Mtg., Room 280  <b>5:00pm</b> Council Business Mtg., Room 267	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <b>12:00pm</b> Housing & Neighborhood Development Committee Mtg., Room 280	<b>14</b> <b>12:00pm</b> Community Safety Committee Mtg., Room 280	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday	<b>19</b> <b>12:00pm</b> Council Agenda Briefing (optional), 8 <sup>th</sup> Floor Conf. Room  <b>1:30pm</b> Intergovernmental Relations Committee Mtg., Room 280  <b>5:00pm</b> Zoning Meeting, Room CH-14  <b>6:00pm</b> Neighborhood Revitalization Listening Tour, 6800 Monroe Rd.	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> <b>12:00pm</b> ED & Global Competitiveness Committee Mtg., Room CH-14	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <b>12:00pm</b> Council Agenda Briefing (optional), 15 <sup>th</sup> Floor LCR  <b>12:00pm</b> Governance & Accountability Committee Mtg., Room 280  <b>5:00pm</b> Citizens' Forum/Council Business Mtg., Room 267	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> City Council Retreat Graylyn, Winston-Salem, NC			<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b>							
<b>31</b>					<b>2016</b>		

# February

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	<b>1</b> <b>12:00pm</b> Environment Committee Mtg., Room 280	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <b>12:00pm</b> Housing & Neighborhood Development Committee Mtg., Room 280	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
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<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <b>1:30pm</b> Budget Committee Mtg., Room 280					

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**January 4, 2016 – City Council Workshop**

**Traffic Calming - Reid and Ross Avenues**

*Staff Resource: Doreen Szymanski, CDOT, 704-336-7527, [dszymanski@charlottenc.gov](mailto:dszymanski@charlottenc.gov)*

During the Citizens' Forum, Rickey Hall, President of the Reid Park Neighborhood Association, requested that City Council consider directing the Charlotte Department of Transportation (CDOT) to waive the traffic volume requirement to allow speed humps on Reid and Ross Avenues.

*Existing Residential Traffic Calming Policy*

CDOT follows the City Council approved policy for the installation of traffic calming devices. The requirements for speed humps are as follows:

1. Street must be classified as a two-lane, local residential street;
2. Street width must be less than or equal to 40 feet;
3. Traffic volume must be at least 1,000 vehicles per day (vpd);
4. The speed of 15% of the vehicles should be equal to, or greater than, 5 miles over the posted speed limit;
5. Current speed limit should be posted as 25mph;
6. Street should not be primary emergency services route;
7. Neighborhood consensus required.

Traffic calming policies typically have minimum vehicular volume, and 1000 vpd is not an uncommon minimum. When the traffic calming policy was created, City Council with staff assistance determined that 1000 vehicles per day was the point when a street reasonably needs traffic calming devices. CDOT still supports this threshold as:

- Streets with low traffic volumes experience long periods with no traffic and have sufficient gaps in traffic for residents to cross the street and walk along the roadside safely when no sidewalk exists;
- In cases where street connectivity is good, traffic is dispersed across the neighborhood system so that no one street carries the full burden; hence, oftentimes neighborhood streets will carry under 1000 vpd. In a well-connected neighborhood where a street clearly carries the burden (1000 vpd) speed humps tend to displace traffic to the other neighborhood streets, thus creating a need for additional calming on those streets.

- It is important to help maintain reasonable response times for emergency services by keeping streets with traffic calming devices that impede travel to a minimum.

### *Neighborhood Traffic History*

The Reid Park Neighborhood has a well-connected system of residential streets. The speed limit is 25 mph and there is street parking present in some locations. There are few vacant parcels, so traffic volumes have remained stable over the years. The latest statistics showing the traffic count on the streets Mr. Hall referenced are as follows:

Ross Avenue – 600 vehicles per day

Reid Avenue - 800 vehicles per day

Few crashes have been documented and, overall, both streets are operating safely.

### *Recommendation*

It is not uncommon for CDOT to receive requests to waive volume requirements for speed humps. Because low volume residential streets operate safely overall, the CDOT offers multi-way stops instead in compliance with the Residential Traffic Calming Policy. CDOT is aware that the Reid Park Neighborhood does not support multi-way stops. CDOT staff will work with the Reid Park Community to see if they can reach a compromise solution to address this issue.

## **January 11, 2016 – City Council Business Meeting**

### **Assistance to Firefighters Grant Question**

*Staff Resource: Jon Hannan, Fire Department, 704-336-4925, [jhannan@charlottenc.gov](mailto:jhannan@charlottenc.gov)*

At the dinner briefing, Council member Fallon asked a question regarding the return of grant money or penalties related to an earlier Assistance to Firefighter Grant.

Attached are letters from the Department of Homeland Security and the NC Department of Public Safety showing the history of the City of Charlotte’s Assistance to Firefighter Grants.



AFG\_FEMA\_CFD\_Grant\_History.pdf



NC State CFD Grant History.pdf

The only instance the City’s records show is that a small portion of the 2009 grant was returned. This total grant was \$1,229,712. Of that amount, approximately \$49,639 was returned. This was due to the fact that quotes for materials came in at a lower cost than anticipated and the funds were not reallocated in a time through the funding agency process. There was no penalty.

January 12, 2016

Charlotte Fire Department  
500 Dalton Avenue  
Charlotte, NC 28206

To Whom It May Concern:

The Department of Homeland Security, FEMA Region IV, has reviewed the award history for Assistance to Firefighter Grants with the Charlotte Fire Department. All AFG grants awarded to CFD in previous years have been appropriately closed. There are no issues related to CFD's management of these grants and activities have been carried out with cooperation and transparency. CFD grant history includes the following:

EMW-2005-FG-13976 Charlotte Fire Department All Paid/Career North Carolina

EMW-2006-FG-09305 Charlotte Fire Department All Paid/Career North Carolina

EMW-2002-FG-02477 Charlotte Fire Department All paid/career North Carolina

EMW-2011-FR-00617 Charlotte Fire Department All Paid/Career North Carolina

EMW-2003-FP-02270 Charlotte Fire Department North Carolina Fire Prevention

EMW-2010-FO-04187 Charlotte Fire Department All Paid/Career North Carolina

EMW-2009-FO-05755 Charlotte Fire Department All Paid/Career North Carolina

EMW-2010-FR-00382 Charlotte Fire Department All Paid/Career North Carolina

EMW-2011-FO-09500 Charlotte Fire Department All Paid/Career North Carolina

Sincerely,

*Vincent W. Ramm SR*

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# North Carolina Department of Public Safety

## Emergency Management

Pat McCrory, Governor  
Frank L. Perry, Secretary

Michael A. Sprayberry, Director

### **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Jon Hannan, Chief, Charlotte Fire Department (CFD)

**FROM:** Michael A. Sprayberry, Director, NC Division of Emergency Management (NCEM)

**DATE:** January 14, 2016

**SUBJECT:** Status of DHS Grants Awarded to CMFD

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NC Emergency Management has been asked to review the history of DHS Grants that have been awarded to CFD as the sub-grantee. The following information is provided for your review:

1. Since the inception of the grant program after 2001, all grants awarded to CFD have been successfully completed and appropriately closed with the exception of the current active grants.
2. CFD typically has zero de-obligations for their grant award and is well-known for efficient grant management by allocating their funds carefully and economically to enhance public safety.
3. Grant program activities between CFD and the NCEM have been executed with the highest level of cooperation as well as transparency between the agencies. Determination of major program activities are laid out in the initial grant documentation and equipment purchases are discussed with NCEM contacts. Representatives from both agencies meet regularly and converse on a weekly basis concerning program activities.
4. It is important to note that after almost 15 years and millions of dollars of grant awards, CFD has never had a finding regarding misappropriations or misuse of funding. This is significant as these grants are frequently audited by both federal and state auditors. This is a fact of which CFD can be justifiably proud.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please feel free to contact me at 919/825-2291 or by email at [mike.sprayberry@ncdps.gov](mailto:mike.sprayberry@ncdps.gov). As always, we appreciate your strong support of NCEM!

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