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**WEEK IN REVIEW:**

<b>Mon (Mar 24)</b>	<b>Tues (Mar 25)</b>	<b>Wed (Mar 26)</b>	<b>Thurs (Mar 27)</b>	<b>Fri (Mar 28)</b>
12:00 PM Governance & Accountability Committee, Room 280		2:00 PM Environment Committee, Room CH-14	12:00 PM Transportation & Planning Committee, Room 280	
4:00 PM Council Business Meeting, Room 267		5:30 PM Metropolitan Transit Commission, Room 267		
6:30 PM Citizens’ Forum, Meeting Chamber				

## CALENDAR DETAILS:

### **Monday, March 24**

- 12:00 pm Governance & Accountability Committee, Room CH-14  
AGENDA: Internal Audit Update; External Audit Update; City Manager and City Attorney Review Process
- 4:00 pm Council Business Meeting, Room 267
- 6:30 pm Citizens' Forum, Meeting Chamber

*\*\*Please note that the dinner briefing portion of the Business Meeting will begin at **4:00 PM**\*\**

### **Wednesday, March 26**

- 2:00 pm Environment Committee, Room CH-14  
AGENDA:
- 5:30 pm Metropolitan Transit Commission, Room 267  
AGENDA: Public Hearing on Fare Increase; NCDOT FY2015 Transportation Demand Program Grant; 2014 State Legislative Agenda; CRTPO Representative (principal & alternate)

### **Thursday, March 27**

- 12:00 pm Transportation & Planning Committee, Room 280  
AGENDA:

ATTACHED: [March and April calendars](#)

## AGENDA NOTES:

### **March 24 – 4:00 PM Council Meeting Start Time**

*Staff Resource: Hyong Yi, City Manager's Office, 704-336-3403, [hyi@charlottenc.gov](mailto:hyi@charlottenc.gov)*

At the March 24 dinner briefing, staff has scheduled a briefing on Duke's proposal to repurpose coal ash from Riverbend Steam Station at Charlotte Douglas International Airport in a structured engineered fill.

Given the amount of information staff intends to provide to the Council and the other items on the dinner briefing agenda, staff are asking for the dinner briefing to start at 4:00 PM. Staff would use 4:00 to 5:00 to discuss the Duke proposal. Dinner would follow and the remaining two items on the dinner briefing agenda would then be presented.

**Citizens' Forum – Russell Brown, 4919 Rozzelles Ferry Road**

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At the March 24 City Council meeting, Russell Brown is scheduled to speak on the topic of an unresolved zoning issue at 4919 Rozzelles Ferry Road.

Neighborhood & Business Services Code Enforcement Division has issued the owner of 4919 Rozzelles Ferry Road, Mr. Robert Morris, a Notice of Violation for failing to obtain a Change of Use permit. The tenant for this property is Mr. Russell Brown. Mr. Brown's ABC zoning approval is on hold until all matters are resolved. The Notice of Violation was issued because the only permitted use allowed at this time is for warehouse occupancy. The tenant, Mr. Brown has been advised that he must discontinue current operation of a pool hall and/or nightclub until he meets the necessary zoning requirements. Going forward, the building may not be used for commercial purposes without completing the commercial plan review process which includes Zoning, Building and Fire reviews to ensure the use is permitted. At this time, the structure is deficient to support the proposed use and poses life/safety concerns. Additionally, there is not ample separation from a residential use. Staff has been in communication with Mr. Brown for the past month attempting to assist him with this matter. Staff has not heard from the owner, Mr. Morris.

**Agenda Item #15 – Memorandum of Understanding with Studio Development, LLC**

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The attached Request for Council Action was approved by the Economic Development & Global Competitiveness Committee on Thursday, March 20 after the publication of the Business Agenda.

**ATTACHED: [Agenda item #15](#)**

**DEFERRED – Agenda Items #40 and #41**

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These two agenda items are being deferred by staff. Staff is currently working with the federal granting agencies to obtain their approval on proposed adjustments to the project plan. The proposed adjustments involve the repurposing of equipment originally purchased with grant funds, and the purchase of new equipment with grant funds. If approved by the granting agencies, Staff plans to bring these items forward for consideration at the next Council business meeting.

**April Council Meeting Schedule Reminders**

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This is a reminder to Mayor and City Council of two changes to the April meeting calendar.

The April 7 workshop will be held at Charlotte Douglas International Airport and include a tour of the area including the intermodal facility. Because of the location of the meeting, a Citizens' Forum will not be held that evening. This meeting will begin at the normal starting time of 5:00 PM. More details will follow.

The April 28 Council meeting will be a combined zoning and business meeting. There is no Council meeting on April 21. No Zoning meeting was scheduled for April 21, and this meeting will combine zoning, business, and citizens' forum agendas. To accommodate the zoning briefing, Citizens' Forum, advertised zoning hearings as well as the business agenda, the start time has been scheduled for 4:00 PM.

## **INFORMATION:**

### **April 3-4 – The Americas Competitiveness Exchange on Innovation and Entrepreneurship**

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The Americas Competitiveness Exchange on Innovation and Entrepreneurship is a program to bring high-level economic development officials (referred to as "gatekeepers") from the Americas and the Caribbean to the United States for cooperative exchanges. The US Department of Commerce, Inter-American Competitiveness Network, US International Trade Administration, US Economic Development Administration and the Organization of American States sponsor the program. The exchanges, which take place between March 31 and April 4, will showcase advanced technology centers, innovation hubs, public-private partnerships and investments in Atlanta, Georgia; Greenville, South Carolina; Conover, North Carolina; Kannapolis, North Carolina; and Charlotte. The featured sites are research and development centers in the medical, agro- industrial, manufacturing, and automotive industries.

The Americas Competitiveness Exchange for Innovation and Entrepreneurship has been communicated to the visiting economic development "gatekeepers" as a great opportunity for decision and policy makers in these countries to see the results of economic development initiatives and meet high level authorities, leaders of private sector associations, public and private universities with research and innovation centers, looking to explore and expand the links between our economies and key stakeholders. Approximately 40-45 "gatekeepers" will be on the trip.

The City of Charlotte is coordinating exchange activities in Charlotte on April 3 and 4, in collaboration with the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce, Latin American Chamber of Commerce of Charlotte, University of North Carolina Charlotte, Packard Place, and the Charlotte International Cabinet. On the evening of April 3, a reception and dinner will be held for the "gatekeepers" at the Mint Museum Uptown. Officials from the US Department of Commerce at the cabinet and/or sub-cabinet level will attend. Governor McCrory, NC Secretary of Commerce

Decker, Mayor and Council, Mecklenburg County Commission Chair and County Manager, key public and private sector leaders, and community partners are invited to attend the reception and dinner, which are being underwritten by the Charlotte International Cabinet using donations from private sources. The dinner utilizes a “Relationship Building” event model whereby guests and community leaders will be paired at small tables of eight to ten people to maximize discussion opportunities. Such a model has been used successfully for other similar events with officials from foreign countries.

The Exchange will resume the morning of April 4 for visits to the Energy Production and Infrastructure Center at the University of North Carolina Charlotte and Packard Place in Uptown Charlotte.

**Recycled Art Exhibit Coming to CMGC**

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The City of Charlotte is partnering with UNC Charlotte Urban Institute and College of Arts + Architecture in KEEPING WATCH, a three-year project designed to engage the public in local sustainability issues. The theme this year is KEEPING WATCH ON PLASTICS and the project includes a range of art exhibitions, installations, events and discussions that will bring attention to plastic waste.

Under the KEEPING WATCH initiative, artist Kurt Warnke will install a large, recycled plastic art exhibit on the CMGC plaza. The exhibit will be constructed of three 1,000 pound bales of recycled plastic provided by the Mecklenburg County recycling centers. The City’s Solid Waste Services department will provide a truck and personnel to deliver the bales to the plaza and set up the installation. The exhibit will be installed on March 24, and will remain for approximately one month.

A similar exhibit will be installed at Discovery Place. For more information about the project, visit [www.keepingwatch.org](http://www.keepingwatch.org).