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WEEK IN REVIEW:

| Mon (April 11) | Tues (April 12) | Wed (April 13) | Thurs (April 14) | Fri (April 15) |
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| 12:00 PM Budget Committee, Room 280 | | 12:00 PM Community Safety Committee, Room 280 | 12:00 PM Economic Development & Global Competitiveness Committee, Room CH-14 | |
| 2:00 PM Transportation & Planning Committee, Room 280 | | | | |
| 5:00 PM Council Business Meeting, Room 267 | | | | |

CALENDAR DETAILS:

Monday, April 11

- 12:00 PM Budget Committee, Room 280
AGENDA: FY17 General Fund budget discussion; Regulatory user fee policy; April 20 Council budget workshop agenda
- 2:00 PM Transportation & Planning Committee, Room 280
AGENDA: Charlotte MOVES update; Development ordinance and policy update; Transportation Action Plan
- 5:00 PM Council Business Meeting, Room 267

Wednesday, April 13

- 12:00 PM Community Safety Committee, Room 280
AGENDA: Joint Communications Center; Update on revision to PVH ordinance

Thursday, April 14

- 12:00 PM Economic Development & Global Competitiveness Committee, Room CH-14
AGENDA: City protocol society; Regulatory user fees policy; Midtown/Pearle Park redevelopment project

April and May calendars are attached.



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AGENDA NOTES:

Correction to Wednesday, April 6 Edition of Council-Manager Memo

Staff Resource: Wilson Hooper, City Manager's Office, 704-336-8774, whooper@charlottenc.gov

In Wednesday's edition, there were two items pertaining to upcoming agenda items. The titles and item numbers were listed incorrectly. The correct titles and items numbers are:

Agenda Item #31 – Biosolids Treatment Modifications Study

Agenda Item #35 – Architectural Services for the Zone 3 Facility Contract Amendment

DEFERRED: Agenda Items #61-62 – Property Transactions

Staff Resource: Charles Anzalone, E&PM, 704-621-1093, canzalone@charlottenc.gov

Agenda Items #61 and #62, both property transactions related to the North Tryon Business Corridor project (parcels 16 and 17, respectively), have been deferred to Council's April 25 Business Meeting.

INFORMATION:

April 14 – Westover Patrol Division Station Ribbon Cutting

Staff Resources: Monifa Woodside, E&PM 704-432-2577, mwoodside@charlottenc.gov

Tonya Arrington, CMPD, 704-200-8922, tarrington@charlottenc.gov

The City will host a ribbon cutting ceremony next Thursday, April 14 at 10 a.m. to celebrate the opening of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department (CMPD) Westover Patrol Division Station at 2550 West Boulevard. Construction began in January 2015 on the 16,250 square-foot station.

This will be the first City facility to seek LEED v.4 certification. LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certified buildings save money and resources while promoting renewable energy and having a positive impact on the health of occupants.

The CMPD Westover Patrol Division and the Neighborhood & Business Services Southwest Service Area Team will be located at this facility. This is the City's second department-shared station. Program speakers include Council member LaWana Mayfield, Police Chief Kerr Putney, Captain Tonya Arrington, and Code Enforcement Manager Ben Krise. The station features a brickwork public art installation. Cathay Dawkins (Public Art Commission/Executive Director of Beyond the Arts, Inc.) and Michael Morgan (artist) will also speak.

The invitation for Council members to attend is attached below.



Westover Division
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March 23 Metropolitan Transit Commission Meeting Summary

Staff Resource: John Lewis, CATS, 704-336-3855, John.Lewis@charlottenc.gov

At the March 23 Metropolitan Transit Commission (MTC) meeting, the commission held a public hearing on fare increases, considered two action items, and heard four information items. A summary of the meeting is attached below.



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ATTACHMENTS:

City Council Follow-Up Report



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--Renaming Greenwood Cliff

--Disparity Study

--Citizens' Forum – Constituent Concerned About Storm Water Fees

April

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| 3 | 4 12:00pm Environment Committee Mtg., Room 280 3:30pm Closed Session with City Manager 4:30pm Council Workshop/Citizens' Forum, Room 267 | 5 | 6 12:00pm Housing & Neighborhood Development Committee Mtg., Room 280 1:30pm Budget Workshop, Rom 267 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 | 11 12:00pm Budget Committee Mtg., Room 280 2:00pm Transportation & Planning Committee Mtg., Room 280 5:00pm Council Business Mtg., Room 267 | 12 | 13 12:00pm Community Safety Committee Mtg., Room 280 | 14 12:00pm ED & Global Competitiveness Committee Mtg., Room CH-14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17 | 18 8:00am 2016 Short Session Legislative Briefing, Room 267 12:00pm Council Agenda Briefing (optional), Room 886 12:00pm Intergovernmental Relations Committee Mtg., Room 280 5:00pm Zoning Meeting, Room CH-14 | 19 | 20 1:30pm Budget Workshop (optional), Room 267 | 21 6:30pm – 8:00pm District 6 Town Hall Mtg., Sharon United Methodist Church – 4411 Sharon Rd. | 22 | 23 |
| 24 2:00 – 4:00pm CM Fallon's Town Hall Meeting, University City Library – 301 E. WT Harris Blvd. | 25 12:00pm Governance & Accountability Committee Mtg., Room 280 5:00pm Citizens' Forum/Council Business Mtg., Room 267 | 26 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Mayor and Council to Raleigh </div> | 27 5:30pm MTC Meeting, Room 267 | 28 12:00pm ED & Global Competitiveness Committee Mtg., Room CH-14 | 29 | 30 |
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May

| <i>Sun</i> | <i>Mon</i> | <i>Tue</i> | <i>Wed</i> | <i>Thu</i> | <i>Fri</i> | <i>Sat</i> |
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| 1 | <p>12:00pm Environment Committee Mtg., Room 280</p> <p>5:00pm Council Workshop/Citizens' Forum, Room 267</p> <p>7:00pm Budget Presentation, Meeting Chamber</p> | 3 | <div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #e0e0e0; padding: 5px; text-align: center; margin-bottom: 10px;">Mayor and Council to Raleigh</div> <p>12:00pm Housing & Neighborhood Development Committee Mtg., Room 280</p> | <p>6:30pm CM Mitchell's Engagement Through Economic Development Town Hall Mtg., Room 267</p> | 6 | 7 |
| 8 | <p>2:00pm Transportation & Planning Committee Mtg., Room 280</p> <p>5:00pm Council Business Mtg., Room 267</p> <p>5:30pm Budget Public Hearing, Meeting Chamber</p> | 10 | <p>1:00pm Budget Adjustments, Room 267</p> | <p>12:00pm ED & Global Competitiveness Committee Mtg., Room CH-14</p> | 13 | <p>14 9:00am – 12:00pm District 3 Budget Workshop, Steele Creek AME Zion Church – 1500 Shopton Rd.</p> |
| 15 | <p>12:00pm Council Agenda Briefing (optional), Room 886</p> <p>12:00pm Intergovernmental Relations Committee Mtg., Room 280</p> <p>5:00pm Zoning Meeting, Room CH-14</p> | 17 | <div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #e0e0e0; padding: 5px; text-align: center; margin-bottom: 10px;">Mayor and Council to Raleigh</div> | <p>12:00pm Community Safety Committee Mtg., Room 280</p> | 20 | 21 |
| 22 | <p>12:00pm Governance & Accountability Committee Mtg., Room 280</p> <p>5:00pm Citizens' Forum/Council Business Mtg., Room 267</p> | 24 | <p>12:00pm Budget Adjustments/Straw Votes, Room 267</p> <p>5:30pm MTC Meeting, Room 267</p> | <p>12:00pm ED & Global Competitiveness Committee Mtg., Room CH-14</p> | 27 | 28 |
| 29 | <div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #e0e0e0; padding: 10px; text-align: center; margin-bottom: 10px;">Memorial Day</div> | 31 | | | | |

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JOIN US FOR THE CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT

Westover Patrol Division **Ribbon Cutting Ceremony**

2550 West Boulevard

Overflow parking will be available at New Shiloh Baptist Church (2600 Elmin Street) and along Elmin Street.

April 14, 2016
10 a.m.

For more information on the ceremony, please contact
Kristen Behlke, City of Charlotte - Engineering & Property Management, 704-258-4020 or kbehlke@charlottenc.gov

March 23 Metropolitan Transit Commission Meeting Summary

Fare Increase Public Hearing

The Public Hearing allowed the public to comment on the proposed fare increase options. Olaf Kinard, CATS Director of Marketing, Communications & Technology, said that there is a \$2.8 million gap in the operating budget for FY17. Options to close the gap include:

- Increase fares
- Reduce sales/ pass pricing discounts
- Combination – increase fares & reduce sales/ pass pricing discounts
- Reduce services

Mr. Kinard reviewed the revenue potential under each of the options. If there is no fare increase, service would need to be reduced by 31,049 hours. Mr. Kinard demonstrated how CATS' fares compare with other systems for local, express, regional and paratransit fares.

Twenty members of the public made comments opposing the proposed fare increase options during the Public Hearing. Many cited concerns for the effect any type of increase would have on low income and disabled riders, as well as impacts on students and those on fixed incomes. Speakers expressed issues with broken fare boxes and fare enforcement on the LYNX Blue Line, and requested better coordination between the bus and train schedules. Other issues noted were driver courteousness and late buses. Speakers expressed appreciation that the fare box issue is being addressed and suggested that CATS implement Smart Card technology soon.

Adoption of 2016 Federal & State Legislative Agendas

MTC members unanimously approved the 2016 Federal and State Legislative Agendas. The 2016 Federal legislative agenda includes continuation of federal resources for build-out of the 2030 Transit Corridor System Plan, continued federal funding for the LYNX Blue Line Extension (BLE) project and funding for eventual construction of the LYNX Red Line. The only item on the State agenda is repeal of the recently-enacted light rail funding cap.

Proposed Date Change for April 2016 MTC Meeting (4/20 at 5 p.m.)

The regularly-scheduled April meeting conflicts with a Chamber trip to Denver on April 27-28, 2016 to learn about Denver Union Station and bring back lessons learned to apply to the Charlotte Gateway Center project. The group will also learn about Denver Union Station's financing and how the public asset spurred private development. MTC members unanimously approved moving the April MTC meeting to **April 20 at 5 p.m.**

Transit Capital & Debt Programs

MTC is scheduled to approve the CATS budget in April. The timing is necessary so the approved budget can be included in the City of Charlotte's FY17 budget document. Staff is making a change from the budget presented to MTC in January. CATS received an additional \$1.7 million for the State of Good Repair in the Federal budget, so that should be included in the budget ordinance so CATS can apply for the apportioned funds. Because of changes in project schedules, staff is also advancing capital budget funding for the Blue Line Capacity Expansion

(BLCE) Phase II project. The light rail vehicle overhaul schedule will be pushed out to utilize current funding to complete that program. These are fairly significant changes to the FY17 Community Investment Plan (CIP) budget and will also change debt issued in 2017.

The biggest item in the Transit Capital program is the BLE, scheduled to open next summer. The BLCE project will complete platform expansion for the remaining eleven LYNX Blue Line stations so they will accommodate three-car trains. Staff is reviewing the LYNX Red Line Transit Study. Commuter rail continues to be the long term solution for the North Corridor, but express bus service in the area can stimulate transit interest. Other City-funded development includes the Charlotte Gateway Station and the CityLYNX Gold Line Phase 2 project, with some funding coming from a \$75 million FTA grant. Staff seeks a modern streetcar to replace the Gomaco replica trolleys, including cars with battery capacity for areas with no catenary.

Title VI – Fare Equity Analysis

The Title VI statute prohibits discrimination for programs or activities receiving federal financial assistance. CATS' Title VI Fare Equity Analysis process includes gathering public input and comments, presenting the results and recommending mitigation efforts to the governing body. Mitigation efforts come into play when there are inconsistent impacts in how fares are raised, based on disparate impact (disproportional minority representation) and disproportionate burden (disproportional impact for the low-income community). Mitigation efforts are required when disproportionate burdens occur, as when fare increases impact low income riders more than high income riders. Staff will expand communication about day passes, a more economical alternative, to mitigate the impact of any fare increase on low income riders. Day passes are priced at three rides and require less up-front cash than a weekly pass, but provide for unlimited rides. In addition, volume discounts of 25 percent for non-profits will continue, and the public will receive targeted notifications about the non-profits participating in the program. CATS will conduct a customer education campaign including rider alerts, ad cards inside buses and trains, shelter ads and an ad on the CATS website.

Rail Trail Framework / Vision Plan

Due to time constraints, this item was postponed to the April MTC meeting.

Silver Line Update

The current Silver Line study has three main goals: to define a rail fixed guideway alignment that is not in the median of Independence Boulevard, to develop an interim bus transit strategy, and to develop strategies to protect and preserve the rail alignment corridor. Public outreach indicated that there are numerous destinations to which people in the area want access, from hospitals to Bojangle's Coliseum. People throughout the corridor want a consistent travel time, which makes exclusive right of way a high priority. Downtown Matthews has multiple potential hubs. Expansion into Union County is desired. Staff has held the Matthews Alignment Workshop and focus groups in Central Avenue and Monroe Road neighborhoods. Rail would have a significant impact on the footprint of Monroe Road; the median for the BLE is wider than Monroe Road is in some sections. Staff has eliminated options that are inconsistent with nearby neighborhoods or with land use and mobility goals in the Southeast Corridor.

Potential alignment options remaining are on Independence Boulevard, on Monroe Road and an option that combines side-running on Independence Boulevard and crossing onto a widened Monroe Road near Village Lake Drive. All remaining options score well according to evaluation criteria. None of the options are easy; all have design challenges. It will come down to which option fits the community the best. Key questions for the Uptown alignment are what specific destinations to serve and how to integrate with LYNX Blue Line and the future West Corridor. Public meetings in April serve to present and gain feedback on a smaller set of corridor options. This is a long-term corridor, so goals include determining what to do now to maintain the ability to construct the project in the future.

CATS CEO Report

Under the CEO's report, Mr. Lewis discussed:

a. Ridership:

Ridership was up 8 percent over February 2015, but there were three snowstorms in February 2015 and February 2016 had an extra day. February ridership was up from January, an encouraging sign.

b. Rail Trail Vision Plan:

The Rail Trail Vision Plan presentation was moved to the April MTC meeting. The investment this Board has made in the LYNX Blue Line and the BLE has given the area more mobility options. The transportation infrastructure has virtually become a park and vastly improved the quality of life, so much so that developers want to add more amenities and beautification along the trail. A private developer is currently adding a fountain and pocket park near the Carson station. This is the sort of partnership that will be explained in the future Rail Trail vision plan presentation.

The next MTC meeting will be **April 20, 2016 at 5 p.m.**



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**City Council
Follow-Up Report**

April 8, 2016

March 28, 2016 – Council Business Meeting

Renaming Greenwood Cliff

Staff Resource: Doreen Szymanski, CDOT, 704-336-7527, dszymanski@charlottenc.gov

During the Council meeting, Council member Smith inquired about the status of the request to rename Greenwood Cliff in advance of the public hearing on Monday, April 25. The Charlotte Department of Transportation (CDOT) has no objection to renaming the remnant portion of Greenwood Cliff. Should the City Council vote to adopt the resolution to close a portion of Greenwood Cliff, the CDOT will work with the adjacent property and business owners on renaming the street.

Citizens interested in renaming a street can complete a Street Name Change Form and provide the CDOT with three name choices to be vetted through the Street Renaming Committee which consists of Mecklenburg County GIS and emergency response agencies. Once a name is selected, the CDOT will issue a petition, valid for 90 days, for renaming the street. If a valid petition endorsing the new street name is returned in 90 days or less, the CDOT will make arrangements for the change to go into effect, and Mecklenburg County will notify property owners and delivery services of the change of address. If there are no unforeseen challenges, the name change can occur between 30-120 days, depending on how swiftly the petitioner returns the petition.

April 4, 2016 – Council Workshop

Disparity Study

Staff Resource: Nancy Rosado, Management & Financial Services, 704-336-2116, nrosado@charlottenc.gov

During the dinner briefing, Council member Driggs requested, 1) an overview of the market for firms who conduct disparity studies and, 2) the disparity numbers for each category and whether City staff have any information to update those numbers.

The MWBE Disparity Study Request for Proposal (RFP) was publicly advertised on the North Carolina Interactive Purchasing System Site from March 1 - April 7. Email notifications of the RFP were sent to more than 400 City registered vendors relating to consulting services and analytical studies and surveying. City staff is aware of nine national firms that have experience conducting disparity studies. To date, six firms have indicated an interest in responding to the City's MWBE (Minority Women Business Enterprise) Disparity Study RFP.

The City's 2011 Disparity Study Report, published on September 26, 2011, documents the MWBE findings of significant underutilization (below 80%) for specific racial/ethnic and gender groups. This underutilization was

found in both prime and subcontracting opportunities for firms trying to obtain City contracts. Attached is a summary of the underutilized business owner categories along with their disparity index.



MWBE Disparity Findings.pdf

The Charlotte Business INclusion Office publishes biannual reports of the City's spending with Minority, Women, Small Business Enterprises (MWSBEs). One of the metrics included in the report is a table of the City's Disparity Target Goals and the City's spending achievements with minority and women owned businesses as it relates to these targets. The table can be viewed on page 12 of the CBI FY 2015 (MWSBE) Annual Report which is accessible in the link below.* The information contained in the report does not show the updated availability of MWBE firms because a disparity study is the proper mechanism for determining the level of available firms within the utilization region.

<http://charmeck.org/city/charlotte/CharlotteBusinessInclusion/Doc%20Library/CBI%20FY%202015%20Annual%20Report.pdf>

*Please note that the 20-page report will only be made available for review electronically. The hard copy of the one-page summary of the underutilized business owner categories and corresponding disparity index (MWBE Disparity Findings) has been attached to this follow up report.

Citizens' Forum – Constituent Concerned about Storm Water Fees

Staff Resource: Jennifer Smith, Storm Water Services, 704-336-7924, jgsmith@charlottenc.gov

During the Citizens' Forum, Mr. M.A. Davis expressed concerns about his Storm Water Fees.

Effective July 1, 2015, Charlotte City Council changed the Storm Water Fee structure, resulting in a more equitable billing rate for impervious surface. The change increased rates for approximately 39% of detached single-family residential accounts with 3,000 or more square feet of impervious area falling within Tiers III (3,000 – 4,999 square feet) and IV (5,000 square feet or more).

On February 16, 2016, Storm Water billing staff spoke with Mr. Davis by phone and explained the Storm Water Fee and his bill. Mr. Davis' property has 5,062 square feet of impervious surface area. The property falls within Tier IV. Mr. Davis receives a semi-annual bill sent in January and July. Tier IV customers billed semi-annually had an increase of around \$70 per bill, from approximately \$68 to \$138.

MWBE Disparity Findings

| Subcontracting Opportunities For Construction Firms | |
|--|--------|
| African Americans | 46.11% |
| Hispanic Americans | 24.93% |
| Native Americans | 68.48% |

| Subcontracting Opportunities For Architecture & Engineering Firms | |
|--|--------|
| African Americans | 24.07% |

| Prime Opportunities For Construction Firms | |
|---|--------|
| African Americans | 9.94% |
| Hispanic Americans | 6.50% |
| Native Americans | 12.42% |
| Non-minority Women | 68.71% |

| Prime Opportunities For Architecture & Engineering Firms | |
|---|--------|
| African Americans | 61.20% |
| Hispanic Americans | 18.48% |
| Native Americans | 14.39% |
| Non-Minority Women | 48.02% |

| Prime Opportunities For Professional Services Firms | |
|--|--------|
| Asian Americans | 2.35% |
| Non-Minority Women | 76.51% |

| Prime Opportunities For Oher Services Firms | |
|--|--------|
| Hispanic Americans | 26.25% |
| Asian Americans | 11.93% |
| Non-minority Women | 74.28 |

| Prime Opportunities For Goods and Supplies Firms | |
|---|--------|
| African Americans | 23.83% |
| Asian Americans | 0.18% |
| Non-minority Women | 65.08% |