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WEEK IN REVIEW:

Mon (May 5)	Tues (May 6)	Wed (May 7)	Thurs (May 8)	Fri (May 9)
3:00 PM Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Room 280				
5:00 PM Council Workshop/Citizens' Forum, Room 267				
7:00 PM City Manager's Recommended Budget Presentation, Meeting Chamber				

CALENDAR DETAILS:

Monday, May 5

- 3:00 PM Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Room 280
AGENDA: Federal legislative update; State legislative update
- 5:00 PM Council Workshop/Citizens' Forum, Room 267
- 7:00 PM City Manager's Recommended Budget Presentation, Meeting Chamber

ATTACHED: [May and June calendars](#)

AGENDA NOTES:

Citizens' Forum – Prosperity-Hucks Area Plan

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Several people have signed up to speak at Monday night's Citizen Forum regarding the Prosperity-Hucks Area Plan. Council was originally scheduled to hear public comments on this plan at the February 24 meeting, but the comment period was deferred to allow residents an opportunity to first share their concerns with staff. The meeting to discuss the community's concerns took place on March 27.

Since the March meeting, staff has been working with an interdepartmental team to review the draft recommendations and have provided updates to the Transportation and Planning Committee. During the month of May, staff is scheduling meetings with small groups of residents, developers, business owners, and other interested parties to better understand specific concerns and discuss potential solutions in anticipation of holding a larger community meeting in June.

Monday's speakers may also be concerned about a pending rezoning in the Prosperity-Hucks Area, Petition 2013-94 by the Halvorsen Development Corporation for approximately 38 acres on the west side of Prosperity Church Road across from Ridge Road. The public hearing for this petition is being deferred until June 16.

INFORMATION:

North Carolina Department of Transportation I-77/I-277 Noise Walls Project

Staff Resource: Bridget Dixon, Planning, 704-432-4493, bdixon@charlottenc.gov

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) released a statement on May 1, 2014 regarding the proposed noise walls on I-277. The statement indicates that NCDOT is no

longer considering noise walls along I-277 southeast of North Pine St. adjacent to Fourth Ward. This change was made after an independent review of the initial balloting resulted in additional information on property owner preference. Please see the [attached](#) NCDOT press release.

Planning and CDOT staff will continue to work with NCDOT and the community to identify other opportunities for improving the relationship between the proposed road widening and flyover project and the adjacent neighborhood.

ATTACHED: [NCDOT press release](#)

Proposed Legislation Repealing Cities' Ability to Regulate Tree Removal, Replacement and Preservation on Private Property

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The Agriculture and Forestry Awareness Study Commission, which was established by the NC General Assembly, has advanced broadly written legislation to the General Assembly stripping municipalities' authority to approve any ordinance, rule, regulation, or resolution that regulates the "removal, replacement, and preservation of trees on private property" for consideration during the 2014 Short Session.

The proposed legislation negatively impacts the City's ability to achieve the community's goal of enhancing and protecting Charlotte's tree canopy as a major asset. Impacts of the proposed legislation would include the following:

- The City's ability to regulate and preserve trees in water quality buffers would be limited, which will lead to degradation of local water quality and will affect the City's ability to comply with the it's federally mandated National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit.
- The City would no longer be able to prevent the clear-cutting of trees in new subdivisions, which would negatively impact air and water quality.
- The City would no longer be able to require trees in zoning buffers, which would allow greater intrusion by light and noise from adjacent parcels. This is particularly important where residential abuts other zoning classifications.
- The City would no longer be able to require tree plantings in parking lots, which would tend to exacerbate temperatures in the warmer months.
- The ability of the community to reach its "50 by 50" tree canopy goal by the year 2050 would be severely impacted.

At this point in time, staff is not aware of the impetus for this proposal. The Agriculture and Forestry Awareness Study Commission did not notify the City or the North Carolina League of Municipalities of the reasons behind the proposal. The impacts cited above have been communicated to the Mecklenburg County Delegation.

Staff will monitor this issue and report back to Council as appropriate.

CONNECT Our Future Public Meetings

Staff Resource: Ann Wall, City Manager's Office, 704-336-3187, awall@charlottenc.gov

CONNECT Our Future, a 14-county regional planning effort coordinated by the Centralina Council of Governments, is launching its public engagement phase. In the coming weeks, public meetings are scheduled in each of the 14 participating counties. A schedule of the North Carolina meetings is [attached](#) below. Meetings in participating South Carolina counties will be scheduled for the week of May 12.

The purpose of these meeting is to collect citizen input on existing conditions, future needs, and potential strategies for regional growth. The information will inform the development of a regional growth framework.

Mayor and City Council are invited to attend any of the scheduled meetings.

ATTACHED: [CONNECT meeting schedule](#)

National Police Week Events

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CMPD will observe National Police Week from May 12-17. National Police week honors the men and women who keep Charlotte safe with a special emphasis on those officers who have sacrificed their lives in service to the community.

Mayor and Council are invited to join CMPD at Police Week events:

Monday, May 12, 2014 Promotion Ceremony
10:00 a.m. at Police and Fire Training Academy
1770 Shopton Road

Promotion Ceremony for 11 Sergeants, 5 Lieutenants, 4 Captains, and 2 Majors

Tuesday, May 13, 2014 Police Awards Ceremony
10:30 a.m. at Police and Fire Training Academy
1770 Shopton Road

The ceremony recognizes the outstanding work of CMPD employees in the past year.

Friday, May 16, 2014 Peace Officers Memorial Service
11:00 a.m. at First Baptist Church
301 South Davidson Street

This service honors officers who have been killed in the line of duty in Charlotte-Mecklenburg.

Saturday, May 17, 2014 2014 Police Memorial Picnic
1:00 p.m. at Police and Fire Training Academy
1770 Shopton Road

An afternoon of food, activities and fellowship for police officers and their families

Internal Audit Report – CMPD Vice Imprest Fund

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Council's Governance and Accountability Committee is charged with reviewing all internal reports. Recently, the Committee agreed that all reports would be distributed to all Council members. The [attached](#) report is the first to be distributed in this manner.

Report Conclusion and Summary Results – The overall accounting controls in place related to the Vice Imprest Fund are adequate and operating satisfactorily. The accounting for the Imprest Fund and the related case documentation are detailed and complete. However, CMPD supervisory staff have been unable to obtain compliance with important administrative controls (timely completion of documentation) with about 19% of vice transactions classified by CMPD as non-compliant. While auditors noted that adequate procedures exist to resolve these issues, Internal Audit recommends that CMPD should take additional steps to achieve a higher initial compliance level. Internal Audit staff are satisfied with their response, including plans to implement a procedural change which will be strictly enforced.

ATTACHED: [Vice Imprest fund audit](#)