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WEEK IN REVIEW:

Mon (June 24)	Tues (June 25)	Wed (June 26)	Thurs (June 27)	Fri (June 28)
12:00 PM Quarterly Meeting with City Manager, Room CH-14		Chamber Inter-City Visit Houston, Texas		
5:00 PM Council Business Meeting, Room 267		12:00 PM Housing and Neighborhood Development Committee, Room 280		
6:30PM Citizens' Forum, Meeting Chamber		5:30 PM Metropolitan Transit Commission, Room 267		

CALENDAR DETAILS:

Monday, June 24

12:00 pm Quarterly Meeting with City Manager, Room CH-14

5:00 pm Council Business Meeting, Room 267

6:30 pm Citizens' Forum, Meeting Chamber

Wednesday, June 26

5:30 pm Metropolitan Transit Commission

AGENDA: CATS DBE goal for FFY2014-2016

Wednesday, June 26 – Friday, June 28

Chamber Inter-City Visit Houston, Texas

June and July calendars are linked:

<http://charmeck.org/city/charlotte/citymanager/CommunicationstoCouncil/Memo%20attachments/Council%20Calendar%202013June.pdf>

AGENDA NOTES:

PULLED Agenda Item #29 – Utility Dry Storage Facility

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Item #29 on Monday's agenda, Utility Dry Storage Facility, has been pulled by staff to provide sufficient time for implementation of the Small Business Opportunity (SBO) Program Policy's appeal process. The following is background information on the item and staff activity to date.

Husky Construction Corporation (Husky) is a certified Small Business Enterprise (SBE). Staff's review of Husky's \$225,500 low bid deemed it non-compliant with the City's SBO Program. At bid opening, Husky did not meet the 8% SBE project goal, proposing 0% SBE utilization. Husky also failed to earn the minimum required GFE points, earning only 40 out of a possible 165.

City staff received a letter June 11 from Husky's attorney saying Husky misunderstood the SBO Policy, believing that as a certified SBE Husky could count itself in meeting the established SBE goal. The attorney letter requested a minor non-compliance waiver, per SBO Policy Part A, Section 8.5.

Staff met with Husky management June 18 to review the recommended rejection of Husky's bid. SBO staff explained that self-performance by a bidder, including an SBE certified bidder, on a project does not exempt bidders from the SBO Program requirements. Husky was also told the circumstances of this case did not meet criteria for granting a minor non-compliance waiver, because: (a) the non-compliance was not minor in nature, and (b) waiving the non-compliance would put complying bidders at a competitive disadvantage. A letter outlining this decision was mailed to Husky on June 20.

Per the SBO Policy, Husky is entitled to appeal staff's decision to the Neighborhood & Business Services Director, and ultimately the City Manager. Husky has chosen to exercise this appeal. Staff recommends deferring this item to the July 22 Council Business meeting to allow time for completion of the appeal process.

PULLED Agenda Item #31 – Crooked Creek Wastewater Pump Station, Force Main, and Gravity Sewer Pipe

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Item #31 on Monday's agenda, Crooked Creek Wastewater Pump Station, Force Main, and Gravity Sewer Pipe, is being pulled by staff.

Staff is awaiting receipt of final documents from the funding agency for construction, which are forthcoming. This item will be included in the next Council Business Meeting, scheduled for July 22.

INFORMATION:

Beatties Ford Road Widening Project

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Council has heard objections to the Beatties Ford Road Widening Project from business interests along the corridor during Council appearances, and from emails and other means. Mr. Paul Holmes, 3840 Beatties Ford Road, has spoken to Council requesting the proposed landscaped median between Capps Hill Mine Road and Slater Road be replaced with a painted median (five-lane roadway). Staff continues to support the median divided cross-section for the following reasons:

- Motor vehicle safety - A CDOT crash comparison between median-divided and five-lane roadways found that median divided roadways have 64% fewer crashes overall, 76% fewer severe crashes, and 53% fewer crashes resulting in disabling injuries.
- Pedestrian and bicycle safety - Medians minimize conflicts between bicyclists and turning vehicles, and serve as pedestrian refuge when pedestrians cross at unsignalized locations. This is especially important on a high traffic volume, high transit use corridor such as Beatties Ford.

- Additional tree canopy – Street trees in the planted median will enhance the tree canopy.

On April 8, Council acted to approve the condemnation of Mr. Holmes' property. Mr. Holmes and the City were able to negotiate a settlement and avoid condemnation.

The Beatties Ford Road Widening Project, identified in the FY2009-2013 Capital Investment Plan, widens Beatties Ford Road from two lanes to four lanes with left turning lanes, planted medians, bicycle lanes, sidewalk and planting strips. The improvements are from Capps Hill Mine Road to Pauline Lane (1.5 miles). The total project cost is estimated to be \$14,115,000.

Planning for the widening of Beatties Ford Road began in 2003. A total of five public workshops were held to present alternatives and gain feedback from the public. The final public meeting was held on November 16, 2010. Funding for final design and right-of-way acquisition were included in the 2008 and 2010 Transportation Bonds.

The project has progressed through final design and into the right-of-way phase. Right-of-way and construction easements have been acquired for 88 out of the 96 parcels.

On August 26, 2013, staff will request that Council award a contract for clearing and grading in order to begin utility relocation in advance of general road construction. General Construction work is scheduled to begin in 2014.

Community Sustainability Plan Update

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On May 13, 2013, Council approved the development of a Community Sustainability Plan and up to \$150,000 in funding support. The plan will be developed through a phased approach that would first create a community vision/framework, and second, develop a measureable community plan, through citizen workgroups and robust community engagement. The City of Charlotte will work with Mecklenburg County and the towns of Cornelius, Davidson, Huntersville, Matthews, Mint Hill, and Pineville. In addition, the Foundation For The Carolinas has agreed to participate in the process.

Recently, the Foundation For The Carolinas and The Knight Foundation each awarded \$25,000 grants toward this initiative. Although other grants applications have been submitted, the County and the City are anticipating funding commitments in the amount of \$125,000 each from current fiscal year budgets to complete this initiative.

An Oversight Committee has been assembled to guide the work of a future consultant and the citizen workgroups who are responsible for development of the plan. Members of this Oversight Committee are as follows:

Leslie Johnson: Mecklenburg County Interim Assistant County Manager
Monica Allen: Mecklenburg County Performance and Evaluation Manager
Julie Burch: Charlotte Assistant City Manager
Pat Mumford: Charlotte Director of Neighborhood and Business Services
Tyler Beardsley: Cornelius Manager's Office
Leman Brice: Davidson Town Manager
Greg Ferguson: Huntersville Town Manager
Annette Keller: Matthews Communications Director
George Fowler: Pineville Mayor
Brian Collier: Foundation For The Carolinas, Senior Vice President

The Oversight Committee held its first meeting on June 17. Staff will continue to advise Council of progress and milestones.

Old City Hall Earns ENERGY STAR Certification

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Old City Hall has earned the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) ENERGY STAR certification, which signifies that the building performs in the top 25 percent of similar facilities nationwide for energy efficiency and meets strict energy efficiency performance levels set by the EPA. Old City Hall earned an ENERGY STAR score of 86 out of 100 as compared to similar facilities nationwide.

Commercial buildings that earn EPA's ENERGY STAR certification use an average of 35 percent less energy than typical buildings and also release 35 percent less carbon dioxide into the atmosphere.

Old City Hall achieved an energy use reduction of 43% according to E&PM's baseline year of 2009. Additionally, the energy efficiency renovation project and dedicated efforts of staff ensuring energy efficient management of Old City Hall has resulted in accumulated avoided costs of \$47,000 to date.

Earning ENERGY STAR was achieved after the completion of recent mechanical & lighting upgrades funded by the Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant that was awarded to the City in 2009. This project included the replacement/retrofit of interior lighting, upgrading the buildings control systems, and replacement of a portion of the HVAC system. Recognizing the historical significance of the building, staff worked diligently to preserve historical features while making them more energy efficient.

On April 23, the Smart Energy Now program, as part of its Building Recognition Program, recognized Old City Hall as one of the top two energy saving buildings in the category "buildings under 100,000 square feet."

June 21 State Legislative Update

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Linked is the Week 21 Legislative Report, which includes updates on bills of interest to the City of Charlotte. Much of the attention early in the week was focused on the Senate tax reform plan, which was ultimately sent back to the Senate Finance Committee for "more work" (i.e. House/Senate negotiations). The plan, which reduces revenues available to local governments by a cumulative \$251 million in FY19 alone, was strongly opposed by local governments. The plan, which also impacts State personal income and corporate income tax revenues, needs to be done before the State Budget can be adopted. For this reason, House leadership communicated that a Continuing Resolution will be passed this coming week in order to allow for negotiations to continue without interrupting the provision of State services.

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ATTACHMENTS:

City Council Follow-Up Report

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