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WEEK IN REVIEW:

Mon (Sept 8)	Tues (Sept 9)	Wed (Sept 10)	Thurs (Sept 11)	Fri (Sept 12)
3:30 PM Transportation & Planning Committee, Room 280 5:00 PM Council Business Meeting, Room 267		12:00 PM Housing & Neighborhood Development Committee, Room 280 2:00 PM Environment Committee, Room 280	12:00 PM Community Safety Committee, Room 280	8:00 AM Chamber's Quarterly Elected Officials Breakfast, Charlotte Chamber

CALENDAR DETAILS:

Monday, September 8

- 3:30 PM Transportation & Planning Committee, Room 280
AGENDA: Transit Corridor Systems Plan update; Prosperity Hucks Area Plan update; Future agenda items
- 5:00 PM Council Business Meeting, Room 267

Wednesday, September 10

- 12:00 PM Housing & Neighborhood Development Committee, Room 280
AGENDA: Façade and Security Matching Grant Program referrals; 2014 Neighborhood Leadership Awards; Gentrification referral
- 2:00 PM Environment Committee, Room 280
AGENDA: Catch basin inserts; Internal environmental operations plan

Thursday, September 11

- 12:00 PM Community Safety Committee, Room 280
AGENDA: Digital dispatch services

Friday, September 12

- 8:00 AM Chamber's Quarterly Elected Officials Breakfast, Charlotte Chamber

ATTACHED: [September and October calendars](#)

AGENDA NOTES:

Dinner Briefing Agenda Changes

Staff Resource: Carol Jennings, City Manager's Office, 704 336-7285, cljennings@charlottenc.gov

Staff is recommending changes to the Dinner Briefing schedule on Monday night. This will accommodate some of the guest presenters and allow Council to hold its closed sessions in a timely manner. Staff will reschedule the Public Nuisance Enforcement presentation to a future meeting. The recommended schedule is:

- 5:00 p.m. - Mayor and Council Consent Item Questions
 - Closed Sessions
- 6:00 p.m. - Charlotte Works and Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Overview
 - Fluoridation of Charlotte Drinking Water Supply

CityLYNX Gold Line Phase 2 – Hawthorne Lane Bridge

Staff Resources: David McDonald, CATS, 704-336-6900, dmcDonald@charlottenc.gov

During the final work to complete the 65% level of design for the CityLYNX Gold Line Phase 2 project, the proposed modification of the Hawthorne Lane Bridge over Independence Blvd to accommodate the weight of the CityLYNX Gold Line modern vehicle was brought into question. The retrofit needed currently generates a construction cost higher than replacing the bridge with a new bridge. Thus, replacing the bridge was chosen as the primary option in the City's latest analysis for cost, maintenance, and longevity reasons.

Unfortunately, this level of detail was not available prior to staff's earlier public meetings in May 2014. Additionally the Mayor made staff aware of a prior Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Federal Highway Administration and the North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office relative to a finding of significant adverse impact to the Elizabeth Historic Neighborhood. This impact was caused by the highway project that widened Independence Blvd and converted it to a freeway in the early 1990s. The original MOA was approved in 1987 and an amendment was approved in 1994.

Both the North Carolina Department of Transportation and the Historic Elizabeth Neighborhood Foundation participated in the development of this agreement and are signatories of the concurrence to the final agreement. The final agreement was also accepted by the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, which promotes the preservation, enhancement and sustainable use of the nation's diverse historic resources and advises the President and Congress on national historic preservation policy. This agreement spelled out specific commitments related to the Hawthorne Lane Bridge that must be addressed if the bridge were to be replaced.

Although the CityLYNX Gold Line project has completed an environmental assessment and received a finding of no significant impact; it was not based upon replacing the bridge. Now that replacement of the bridge is being considered, additional coordination with the Elizabeth Community, the NC State Historic Preservation Office, the Historic Elizabeth Neighborhood Foundation, NC Department of Transportation and US Department of Transportation is necessary.

At this time, staff has located the 1987 and 1994 Memorandums of Agreement and has identified the following key design elements related to the Hawthorne Lane Bridge. NCDOT committed to and implemented the following, which remain binding for future work:

- Maintained Hawthorne Lane at its current height/elevation;
- Provided sidewalks and Pedestrian Scale Lighting;
- Provided decorative concrete coping on the bridge railings;
- Provided at least 4.5 foot high bridge railing meeting American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials standards for bicyclists' safety;
- Provided landscaping and noise walls relative to the Independence Blvd widening.

In order to gauge the full impact of replacing the bridge, staff will meet with the signatories of the agreement to seek their input, guidance and comments. Additionally, staff will notify the State Historic Preservation Office of this possible need to replace the bridge and request comments and guidance on the current environmental document. Staff will also develop working sessions with the Elizabeth Neighborhood and the Historic Elizabeth Neighborhood Foundation to seek their input on the redesign or replacement of the bridge. Staff are committed to working with the Elizabeth Neighborhood on this issue over the next 3-5 months while the project is being evaluated by the Federal Transit Administration.

In order to meet the application deadline for the Federal Small Starts Grant program, staff requests that it submit the full project that includes the possible replacement of the Hawthorne Lane bridge over Independence Blvd with the following stipulations:

“Staff will immediately notify each of the signatories to the original agreement of the possible bridge replacement and determine if a revision to the amendment is necessary.

- a. **If a revision is necessary** and cannot be accomplished in time for FTA to recommend the project for funding, **Staff will request FTA’s permission to shorten the project scope to stop short of the Hawthorne Lane Bridge** in order to provide the additional time needed to complete the update.
- b. **If a revision is not necessary the City will meet or exceed each of the commitments from the 1987 and 1994 MOA** with the advice and concurrence of the original signatories in order to advance the full phase-2 project.
- c. **Staff will provide regular updates** on the status of this work including input received from the Elizabeth Community Association, the Historic Elizabeth Neighborhood Foundation, the State Historic Preservation Office, USDOT and other interested parties.”

Staff will prepare a substitute Request for Council Action, for distribution on Monday, September 8, 2014, with actions related to this issue.

Agenda Item #32 – Eastburn Storm Drainage Improvement Project Change Order #1

Staff Resource: Susan Tolan, E&PM, 704-432-0407, stolan@charlottenc.gov

On September 8 Council will be asked to approve a change order for Blythe Development Company related to overruns of suitable soil and rock removal beyond the quantities estimated in the contract for the Eastburn Storm Drainage Improvement Project. This action is intended to provide additional funding for those overruns at the unit price as bid by Blythe. This increase will allow the City to keep making monthly progress payments to the contractor. However, the contract itself entitles the contractor to request adjustments to the unit prices when the overrun exceeds the estimated quantities by 100%. In this project, the overruns of suitable soil and rock removal are in the range of 300-500% and Blythe has submitted a claim for a price adjustment. Additional documentation is needed from Blythe in order for staff to properly evaluate the claim. Staff anticipates being able to reach agreement on an equitable

adjustment. When the new, negotiated unit price is known, staff will be return to City Council to ask for approval of a second change order amending the contract.

Agenda Item #42C – Property Transactions (Prosperity Village NW Arc Phase B)

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On September 8 Council will be asked to approve one of the initial property transactions needed for relocations associated with the Forest Park Mobile Home Park property for the Prosperity Village NW Arc Phase B Project.

Phase B will build Benfield Road from Ridge Road to Prosperity Church Road, widen a section of existing Prosperity Church Road from Prosperity Ridge Road to Beaver Creek Drive, and construct two local street connections and a bicycle/pedestrian connection. Funding for this project includes \$4.8 million in federal funds from a Surface Transportation Program-Direct Attributable grant.

The real estate phase for this parcel is governed by federal rules requiring the City to purchase a portion of the mobile home park from the landowner, buy the eight mobile homes currently occupied and relocate the owners/occupants.

Residential owners/occupants and tenants required to move as a result of City projects are eligible for reimbursement of replacement housing payments and moving expenses, as defined in the federal Uniform Relocation Act.

NCDOT requires the acquired mobile homes be treated as real property, not personal property, so Council will see property transactions with no land being purchased from the owners of the mobile homes, only the mobile homes.

INFORMATION:

Charlotte To Apply for 100 Resilient Cities Grant

Staff Resource: Rob Phocas, Neighborhood & Business Services, 704-336-7558,

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The City has the opportunity to apply for a grant with 100 Resilient Cities (100RC), an organization pioneered by the Rockefeller Foundation. 100RC is dedicated to helping cities around the world become more resilient to the physical, social and economic challenges that are a growing part of the 21st century. 100RC supports the adoption and incorporation of a view of resilience that includes not just the shocks – earthquakes, fires, floods, etc. – but also the stresses that weaken the fabric of a city on a day to day or cyclical basis. Examples of these stresses include: high unemployment; an overtaxed or inefficient public transportation system; endemic violence; or chronic food and water shortages. By addressing both the shocks and the

stresses, a city becomes more able to respond to adverse events, and is overall better able to deliver basic functions in both good times and bad, to all populations.

Cities in the 100RC network (32 to date) are provided with the resources necessary to develop a roadmap to resilience along four main pathways:

1. Financial and logistical guidance for establishing an innovative new position in city government, a Chief Resilience Officer, who will lead the city's resilience efforts;
2. Expert support for development of a robust resilience strategy;
3. Access to solutions, service providers, and partners from the private, public and Non-Governmental Organization sectors who can help them develop and implement their resilience strategies; and
4. Membership in a global network of member cities who can learn from and help each other.

If the City is an awardee, staff will be able to leverage the work that is being done under the City's Energy and Sustainability Manager as well as the Mecklenburg Livable Communities Plan. One of the guiding principles for the Livability Plan is resiliency, and the community will be developing a structure to implement strategies and actions under that principle.

The application is due September 10, the grant amount is not specified and no match is required. Staff expects notification of grant award in December. The grant term is one year and any future position funding will be based on priorities at the time Council considers the annual budget.

For more information on 100 Resilient Cities, please visit <http://www.100resilientcities.org/>.

New CIAA Contract

Staff Resource: Ron Kimble, City Manager's Office, rkimble@charlottenc.gov, 704-336-4169

The CIAA, CRVA, and Charlotte Hornets held a press conference September 3 to announce the finalization of the contract for the CIAA men's and women's basketball tournament to remain in Charlotte for the next six years. CIAA Commissioner Jacqie McWilliams joined CRVA CEO Tom Murray and Hornets President Fred Whitfield to sign the contract during Wednesday's event. The CIAA will also relocate its conference headquarters to Charlotte in 2015. The tournament is estimated to result in nearly \$30 million in direct spending each year.

ATTACHED: [Press release detailing the contract and conference relocation](#)