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WEEK IN REVIEW:

Mon (Sept 17)	Tues (Sept 18)	Wed (Sept 19)	Thurs (Sept 20)	Friday (Sept 21)
3:00 PM Environment Committee, Room 280		2:30 PM Steele Creek District Police Station Grand Opening 6:30 PM District 4 Town Hall Meeting	NLC 20th Anniversary Leadership Summit Omni Charlotte Hotel Chamber of Commerce Fall Planning Retreat Charleston, South Carolina	

CALENDAR DETAILS:

Monday, September 17

3:00 pm Environment Committee, Room 280
AGENDA: Update on feasibility study of a community sustainability plan; Solid waste multi-family collection tonnage and cost allocation; Roll-out carts and sidewalk obstructions.

Wednesday, September 19

2:30 pm Steel Creek District Police Station Grand Opening, Westinghouse Blvd. and South Tryon St.

6:30 pm District 4 Town Hall Meeting, Vance High School, 7600 IBM Drive

Thursday, September 20 – Saturday, September 22

National League of Cities 20th Anniversary Leadership Summit, Omni Charlotte Hotel

Thursday, September 20 – Friday, September 21

Chamber of Commerce Fall Planning Retreat, Charleston South Carolina

September and October calendars are attached (see "2. Calendar.pdf").

INFORMATION:

Zoning Ordinance Policy Assessment Project Update

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The City Council approved a contract on July 6, 2012 with Clarion Associates to perform an assessment of the City's Zoning Ordinance. The assessment will focus on how well the current Zoning Ordinance implements City policies and plans, and will also assess the ordinance's format, clarity and ease of use. This project is not a re-write of the City's Zoning Ordinance. It is, however, an important step in a process that may eventually result in significant changes to the ordinance.

The project is divided into three phases: 1) Ordinance assessment, including interviews, public meetings, document review, field reconnaissance and a written report; 2) Identification of zoning ordinance models/typologies, including best practices, case studies, and a written report; and 3) Consultant's presentation and final report.

Clarion Associates, will be in Charlotte on September 18 and September 19 working on phase one of the project. On September 18, Clarion will facilitate two public meetings in Room 267 of the Government Center. The first public meeting, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., will be geared

toward frequent users of the Ordinance, typically development-related professions. The second meeting will run from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and is geared toward occasional users of the Ordinance, typically neighborhood leaders and citizens. However, anyone may attend either meeting.

For those unable to attend the meetings, an on-line survey will be available for the public starting on September 18 at www.charlotteplanning.org and will remain available for 30 days. Paper copies of the survey will also be available.

While Clarion Associates are in town, they will also be interviewing key City and County staff, Planning Commission members, and the City Council's Transportation and Planning Committee members, to gain a better understanding of their perspectives on the current ordinance.

Updates on the project will be given to the Transportation and Planning Committee on a regular basis. The project is expected to be complete by June of 2013.

City Response to Permanent Rules for Outdoor Advertising
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Attached (see "3. EPM Letter.pdf") is correspondence to NCDOT commenting upon the proposed rules for Outdoor Advertising. The proposed changes in the rules are based upon the legislation passed in the 2011 General Assembly. In its comments, City staff has focused upon issues it can affect through the rulemaking process. Such issues have been identified by City staff while reviewing selective vegetation removal permit applications since March 2012. Accordingly, no attempts are being made to overturn the preemption of local tree ordinances as this is a legislative issue to be decided by the General Assembly, not NCDOT staff. Staff will keep Mayor and Council apprised of any developments as appropriate.

ATTACHMENTS:

City Council Follow-Up Report **(see "4. FollowUp.pdf")**

Contents include:
--Runnymeade Lane Street Light Outages