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WEEK IN REVIEW:

Mon (Jan 27)	Tues (Jan 28)	Wed (Jan 29)	Thurs (Jan 30)	Fri (Jan 31)
12:00 PM Optional Agenda Briefing for new Council members, CMGC 15 th LCR 5:00 PM Citizen's Forum/Council Business Meeting, Room 267		City Council Retreat Winston Salem, NC		

CALENDAR DETAILS:

ATTACHED: [January and February calendars](#)

AGENDA NOTES:

CityLYNX Gold Line Phase 2 Update - Agenda Item #29 (now Item #9b)

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The CityLYNX Gold Line Phase 2 Agenda Item has been moved from Consent Item #29 to Business Item #9b of the January 27th Council Agenda. A hard copy of the page with the updated Agenda Item numbering will be provided to Council at the dais (only the item numbering has changed). This is a small change that does not reorder any other items, so does not require a new electronic version for those Council members who view and annotate the Agenda on their mobile devices; however, the City Clerk's website will reflect the updated Item number, which can be viewed at the following site:

<http://charmeck.org/city/charlotte/CityClerk/CouncilRelated/Pages/Council%20Agendas.aspx>.

On Monday night City Council will consider action to pursue federal funding of the CityLYNX Gold Line Phase 2 project.

Charlotte's history of leveraging local funding with Federal transit grants has been very good in a competitive environment.

- South Corridor Blue Line - \$314 million Federal & State New Starts grants
\$148 million local match
- LYNX Blue Line Extension - \$879 million Federal & State New Starts grants
\$281 million local match
- CityLYNX Gold Line Phase 1 - \$25 million Federal Urban Circulator Grant
\$12 million local match
(plus \$5.5 million in 30% design cost of entire Gold line)

The cost of the Gold Line Phase 2 is estimated at \$126.0 million. Council appropriated 50% of the cost, \$63.0 million, in June 2013 and directed staff to pursue Federal funding for the balance. The Gold Line serves an important component in Charlotte's Transit Plan, linking light rail and bus routes.

Currently the entire Gold Line project is designed at 30% and staff has applied for FTA permission to enter project development. The Small Starts program requires the FTA to

evaluate the eligibility and merit of the project before it is allowed to enter project development.

Under project development, we must complete the following key tasks so that the CityLYNX Gold Line Phase 2 project can be evaluated and rated for a grant award:

- 65% design
- Vehicle engineering
- Land use and economic development report
- Financial plan

This means the City will have to spend \$12 million of the \$63.0 million in order to obtain the federal Small Starts grant funding.

The action on Monday night

- Meets Council directives to continue pursuing federal funding of the Gold Line; without this action, no federal funding is expected
- Is consistent with actions taken previously by Council to fund the Blue Line Extension and City Road projects by doing predesign work
- Enhances the City's ability to move the Gold Line Phase 2 project more quickly and thereby save money due to lower construction costs

Our experience with grants similar to this is that it can sometimes be a multiple grant application process. If we do not get the next Small Starts grant, the 65% design plans will still be good to continue to pursue subsequent cycles of federal funding and will have a shelf life of at least 4-6 years.

Applied Innovation Corridor - Dinner Briefing Item #2b added to January 27th Council Meeting

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A Dinner Briefing item "Applied Innovation Corridor" has been added to Monday's meeting as Item #2b of the Council Business Agenda. This presentation is informational related to the Agenda Item #13 "Applied Innovation Corridor Technical Assistance."

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INFORMATION:

Fluoridation of Charlotte Drinking Water Supply

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At the recommendation of the Mecklenburg County Health Department, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Utility Department (CMUD) adds fluorosilicic acid (fluoride) to the drinking water during the treatment process. This program has been in place since 1949, and partners in the medical community feel it is an important part of protecting public health. In fact, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention named community water fluoridation as one of the "Ten Great Public Health Achievements of the 20th Century."

There are several options for adding fluoride during the water treatment process. The utility department uses fluorosilicic acid (FSA) because it is quickly soluble in water. FSA feed equipment also requires less maintenance and consumes less power during operation. FSA used by CMUD meets standards set by the American Water Works Association and is certified by NSF International, an organization that certifies products and writes standards for food, water and consumer goods.

Mecklenburg County Health Director Dr. Stephen R. Keener has written a summary report about the fluoridation program. It is available on www.charmeck.org and by clicking the link below.

<http://charmeck.org/city/charlotte/Utilities/H2OHelp/Documents/FluoridationPoints100714.pdf>

In 2011, CMUD reduced the amount of fluoride added during the treatment process after guidance was issued by the Department of Health and Human Services. The County issued a press release and that release provides links to good resources related to fluoridation. To read it, visit this link:

<http://charmeck.org/mecklenburg/county/HealthDepartment/TopNews/Pages/PlanToScaleBackFluoride.aspx>

During the Citizen's Forum, Phillip Alexander is signed up to speak at the meeting in opposition to the program in Charlotte.

CharlotteBusinessResources.com – Business Web Portal

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CharlotteBusinessResources.com, the City's small business web portal was designed to connect businesses with helpful information and professional area resources. The website is a collaborative effort between the City and 13 business organizations including Central Piedmont Community College, the Charlotte Chamber, the U.S. Small Business Administration, CharlotteWorks, Ventureprise, and others.

The site was recently redesigned to include a smarter search feature, a more robust calendar, a resource navigator, a blog, and a social media presence. Website visitors can now sign up to receive quarterly e-newsletters and speak with an expert through social media to get answers to their business questions.

We are working to increase our brand awareness by introducing the updated site to media, business support groups and organizations, and hosting various social media promotions. Councilmembers will soon receive promotional materials to share with their constituents, and we request that you direct them to the site to learn about the wide variety of programs and services available in our community to help businesses and entrepreneurs be successful.

We also invite you to "Like" and "Share" the CharlotteBusinessResources.com Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/CharlotteBusinessResources> and follow us on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/CLTresources>.

For additional information or to request extra copies of printed promotional material, please contact Natasha Warren with Neighborhood & Business Services at 704-336-3980 or nwarren@charlottenc.gov.