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**WEEK IN REVIEW:**

| <b>Mon (Nov 16)</b>                              | <b>Tues (Nov 17)</b>  | <b>Wed (Nov 18)</b>  | <b>Thurs (Nov 19)</b>  | <b>Fri (Nov 20)</b> |
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| 5:00 PM<br>Council Zoning Meeting,<br>Room CH-14 | 7:00 PM<br>Neighborhood<br>Revitalization<br>Listening Tour,<br>501 W. Arrowood Rd. | 12:00 PM<br>Community Safety<br>Committee Meeting,<br>Room CH-14<br><br>1:00 PM – 6:00 PM<br>New Council<br>orientation and<br>reception to meet<br>Department Heads<br><br>5:00 PM<br>Metropolitan Transit<br>Commission,<br>Room 267 | 6:00 PM<br>Neighborhood<br>Revitalization<br>Listening Tour,<br>1118 Beatties Ford Rd. |                     |

## CALENDAR DETAILS:

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5:00 PM Council Zoning Meeting, Room CH-14

### **November 17, 2015**

7:00 PM Neighborhood Revitalization Listening Tour, 501 W. Arrowood Rd.

### **November 18, 2015**

12:00 PM Community Safety Committee, Room CH-14

**AGENDA:** Public safety zones

1:00 PM-6:00 PM New Council orientation and reception with Department Heads

5:00 PM Metropolitan Transit Commission, Room 267

**AGENDA:** Route 60 schedule change; LYNX Silver Line transit study; CEO's report

### **November 19, 2015**

6:00 PM Neighborhood Revitalization Listening Tour, 1118 Beatties Ford Rd.

**November and December calendars are attached.**



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## INFORMATION:

### **November 18 – GSA Administrator to Visit Charlotte**

*Staff Resource: Carol Jennings, City Manager's Office, 704-336-7285, [cljennings@charlottenc.gov](mailto:cljennings@charlottenc.gov)*

Denise Turner-Roth, administrator of the federal General Services Administration, will visit Charlotte on November 18 to launch her agency's Economic Catalyst Initiative. Through this initiative, GSA will amend its practices to better encourage local economic growth in areas where the federal government owns real estate and strengthen its partnerships with local government.

There will be a press conference at 11 a.m. at the CMGC to launch the initiative. Council members are invited to attend.

### **Cherry Rezoning Lawsuit**

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Earlier this week staff received a lawsuit filed by the Cherry Community Organization against the City and Midtown Area Partners, LLC. The lawsuit challenges the City Council's approval of Zoning Petition 2014-109 on September 28, 2015.

Council will recall that the approval rezoned 1.99 acres located on the northeast corner of the intersection of Baxter Street and South Kings Drive and the south side of Luther Street between Cecil Street and Cherry Street to B-2(PED-O), UR-C(PED-O), and R-8MF(PED-O) to allow a mixed use development that includes a 270,000-square foot building, a 187,450-square foot parking structure with up to 4,600 square feet of commercial uses on the street level, and up to eight single family attached dwelling units.

At the September 21, 2015 Zoning Meeting, the Council voted 7-5 to approve the petition, a vote that was short of the 9 required to approve the protested petition. Later in the meeting, a motion to reconsider was made, seconded, and approved by the Council. The matter was then carried forward to the September 28, 2015 meeting where the petition was approved by a vote of 11-1, with the lowering of the height of the building containing the office and commercial uses from 106 feet to 100 feet.

The Cherry Community Organization's complaint seeks to invalidate the rezoning by alleging that the Council: (1) violated its rules by allowing an amendment to the petition after the public hearing and after the City Council voted to deny the petition; and (2) failed to adequately address the inconsistencies between the proposed development and the Midtown Morehead Cherry Area Plan. Staff believe Council acted in accordance with state law, the Zoning Ordinance, and the Council's Rules of Procedure, and will keep Council informed as the case progresses.

### **Service Utilization of Veterans Experiencing Homelessness Report**

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On Tuesday, November 10, 2015, UNC Charlotte Urban Institute, in partnership with the Housing Advisory Board of Charlotte-Mecklenburg, released a report entitled Service Utilization of Veterans Experiencing Homelessness. The goal of this report is to deepen the community's understanding of how veterans experiencing homelessness access services. A copy of the report can be found [here](#).

The report is the third in a series of reports, funded by Mecklenburg County, designed to better equip the community to make data-driven decisions on housing and homelessness funding and programs.

From 2007 to 2012, there were 1,675 unique, homeless veterans that utilized services. Charlotte-Mecklenburg has strengthened its efforts to end veteran homelessness through deeper collaboration, increased resources, and improved data collection. In 2014, the City of Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, and the Veterans Affairs Medical Center joined the national Mayor's Challenge to End Veteran Homelessness by December 2015 initiative. Called Charlotte-Mecklenburg Housing Our Heroes, this initiative created a by-name registry of homeless veterans throughout the city. Each veteran on the registry is connected to veteran services, including housing, for which they are eligible. The Housing our Heroes implementation team remains confident veteran homelessness will end in Charlotte by the end of December 2015.

### **I-77 Express Lanes – Noise Wall Re-Balloting**

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#### *Background*

During 2013 and 2014 the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) held a number of community meetings and conducted a voting process for a series of proposed noise walls associated with the I-77 Express Lanes project. In the City of Charlotte this includes proposed noise walls along I-77 between Uptown and W.T. Harris Boulevard. As part of the voting process NCDOT and City of Charlotte staff conducted additional public meetings and individual citizen outreach to ensure maximum voter education and response. These efforts specifically included door-to-door verification of ballot receipt for the proposed noise walls along I-277 in Uptown and resulted in the initial noise-wall proposal being rejected.

#### *Noise Wall Re-Balloting*

Based on the experience and additional efforts conducted for the noise walls in the City of Charlotte, the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) will be conducting a complete re-balloting of citizens affected by the proposed noise walls for the entire I-77 Express Lanes project. The purpose of this re-balloting is to ensure the voting process and documentation is consistent with the process NCDOT conducted in the City of Charlotte.

#### *Noise Wall Design*

As part of the voting process conducted in 2014, affected citizens in Charlotte neighborhoods that were deemed eligible for national register historic status were also given choices on the color and texture of the proposed noise walls. The re-balloting process will not include a re-vote on these color and texture choices. The original voting process affirmed the desire for a brick pattern and color and this choice was confirmed and supported by NCDOT.

#### *Public Meeting – Tuesday, November 17*

On Tuesday, November 17 NCDOT will hold a public meeting in the City of Charlotte regarding this re-balloting process. This meeting will take place from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Metrolina Regional Transportation Management Center, 2327 Tipton Dr., Charlotte. The purpose of the meeting is to provide information and answer questions regarding the proposed noise walls and re-balloting voting procedures. Short overview presentations will be conducted at 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. followed by a question and answer period. Following the meeting, ballots will be

mailed to citizens affected by the proposed noise walls, and individual voter outreach and documentation will be conducted.

**4th Street Lane Closure for Epicentre Hotel Construction**

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Construction of the AC Hotel/Residence Inn by Marriott atop the EpiCentre should begin November 21, 2015 and continue through September 2017. The right lane of 4<sup>th</sup> Street will be closed (generally Brevard Street to College Street) to accommodate staging for hotel construction.

Two through-lanes will be restriped to maintain vehicular travel, pedestrian, and bicycle access for the duration of the closure. Flaggers will be available during peak hours to assist CATS bus access to the Transit Center. CDOT expects increased congestion during peak hours; however, this lane closure is the least impactful way to construct the hotel. CDOT will be monitoring the closure and making adjustments as warranted.

Information regarding this lane closure will be communicated through the Street Use and Event Notice (SUN), Road Closure notice, website, social media, and signs in the traffic control area.



# November

| <i>Sun</i>  | <i>Mon</i>   | <i>Tue</i>   | <i>Wed</i>  | <i>Thu</i>  | <i>Fri</i>   | <i>Sat</i>   |
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| <b>1</b>  | <b>2</b>   | <b>3</b>   | <b>4</b><br>10:30am<br>Bojangles' Coliseum reopening press conference   | <b>5</b>  | <b>6</b>   | <b>7</b>   |
| <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; background-color: #e0e0e0;"> <b>NLC Congress of Cities and Exposition<br/>Nashville, TN</b> </div> |  |  |   |   |  |  |
| <b>8</b>  | <b>9</b><br>2:00pm<br>City Manager's Update Meeting, Room CH-14<br><br>3:00pm<br>Transportation Committee Mtg., Room 280<br><br>5:00pm<br>Council Business Meeting, Room 267 | <b>10</b><br>9:30am – 11:30pm<br>New Council Zoning Orientation, 8th Floor Conf. Room<br><br>6:00pm<br>Neighborhood Revitalization Listening Tour, 1601 W. Trade St. | <b>11</b><br>12:00pm<br>Housing & Neighborhood Dev. Committee Mtg., Room 280<br><br>2:00pm<br>Environment Committee Mtg., Room 280  | <b>12</b>   | <b>13</b>  | <b>14</b><br>9:00am<br>Neighborhood Revitalization Listening Tour, 1705 Rosa Parks Place   |
| <b>15</b>   | <b>16</b><br>5:00pm<br>Zoning Meeting, Room CH-14  | <b>17</b><br>7:00pm<br>Neighborhood Revitalization Listening Tour, 501 W. Arrowood Rd.   | <b>18</b><br>12:00pm<br>Community Safety Committee Mtg., Room CH-14<br><br>1:00pm – 6:00pm<br>New Council Orientation and Reception with Dept. Heads<br><br>5:00pm<br>MTC Meeting, Room 267 | <b>19</b><br>6:00pm<br>Neighborhood Revitalization Listening Tour, 1118 Beatties Ford Rd. | <b>20</b>  | <b>21</b>  |
| <b>22</b>   | <b>23</b><br>12:00pm<br>Governance & Accountability Committee Mtg., Room 280<br><br>5:00pm<br>Citizens' Forum/Council Business Meeting, Room 267                             | <b>24</b>  | <b>25</b>   | <b>26</b>   | <div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #e0e0e0; text-align: center; padding: 5px;"> <b>Thanksgiving Day</b> </div> | <div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #e0e0e0; text-align: center; padding: 5px;"> <b>Thanksgiving Holiday</b> </div> |
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# December

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| <b>6</b>   | <b>7</b><br>5:00pm<br>Organizational Meeting (Swearing-In Ceremony), Meeting Chamber   | <b>8</b><br>6:00pm<br>Neighborhood Revitalization Listening Tour, 2415 Lester St. | <b>9</b>                                     | <b>10</b>   | <b>11</b>                  | <b>12</b>  |
| <b>13</b>  | <b>14</b><br>12:00pm<br>Agenda Review (optional), 15 <sup>th</sup> Floor Large Conf. Room<br><br>4:00pm<br>Combined Zoning & Business Meeting, Room CH-14<br><br>6:30pm<br>Neighborhood Revitalization Listening Tour, 2000 Milton Rd. | <b>15</b>   | <b>16</b><br>5:30pm<br>MTC Meeting, Room 267 | <b>17</b><br>4:00pm<br>Continued Zoning Mtg., Meeting Chamber | <b>18</b>                  | <b>19</b>  |
| <b>20</b>  | <b>21</b>  | <b>22</b>   | <b>23</b>                                    | <b>24</b><br>Christmas Holiday                                | <b>25</b><br>Christmas Day | <b>26</b>  |
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