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WEEK IN REVIEW:

Mon (Nov. 25)	Tues (Nov. 26)	Wed (Nov. 27)	Thurs (Nov. 28)	Fri (Nov. 29)
11:45 AM Council-Manager Relations Committee, Room 280 5:00 PM Council Business Meeting, Room 267 6:30 PM Citizens' Forum, Meeting Chamber			Thanksgiving Holiday	

CALENDAR DETAILS:

Monday, November 25

- 11:45 pm Council-Manager Relations Committee, Room 280
AGENDA: Citizens Review Board; Council retreat locations
- 5:00 pm Council Business Meeting, Room 267
- 6:30 pm Citizens' Forum, Meeting Chamber

ATTACHED: [November and December calendars](#)

AGENDA NOTES:

Citizens' Forum – Storm Water Drainage Issue

Staff Resource: Jennifer Smith, E&PM, 704-336-7924, jgsmith@charlottenc.gov

A citizen has signed up to speak at Monday night's Citizens' Forum about a storm drainage issue at 6228 Eagle Peak Drive. Staff is providing the information below about its method of prioritizing storm water projects and staff's work at this address.

Charlotte has thousands of miles of storm drainage systems, some of which are publicly maintained by Charlotte-Mecklenburg Storm Water Services and some of which are privately maintained and are the responsibility of the property owner. Storm drainage systems maintained by the City of Charlotte are limited to those systems either installed by or accepted for maintenance by the City. Until the City takes over the storm drainage system from the property owner through a permanent storm drainage easement (for proposed improvements) or takes over maintenance of a street (and any drainage system which lies under it), the responsibility to maintain and keep a private storm drainage system safe and functional remains the responsibility of the property owner. Unfortunately, many customers of Charlotte Storm Water Services are not aware of this difference and presume the City is responsible for all drainage systems, regardless of whether it is in a public right of way or on private property.

City Storm Water Services receives hundreds of requests for storm water services every year. Since its inception in 1993, Storm Water Services has received more than 50,000 requests for service. To fairly and chronologically manage the requests, Storm Water Services established the following classification system to efficiently and effectively perform drainage system maintenance and repairs:

- AI – Failing or collapsed City-maintained streets posing a threat to public safety;
- A – Street flooding, living space flooding and sinkholes within 10 feet of a road or building posing a threat to public safety;

- B – Crawlspace or garage flooding, sinkholes farther than 10 feet from a road or building and HVAC flooding;
- C – General repair problems including channel/ditch/stream erosion and debris buildup.

At this time, AI and A classification requests dominate City Storm Water Services' workload and available resources.

At the owner's request, City Storm Water Services investigated the property at 6228 Eagle Peak Drive on the following dates:

- August 2011 – upon the original call to CharMeck 311
- December 2011/January 2012 – while preparing a 50-50 cost estimate (Storm Water offered Council-approved 50/50 cost share program where property owner could pay half the cost of the project and move the request up to the top of the list. Property owner requested that the estimate be done.)
- July 2012 – while evaluating soils to determine if sinkhole was causing foundation issues (foundation issues were not result of pipe issues)
- August 6, 2013 – revisit/reinvestigation request

The initial requests qualified for service because the storm drainage system at 6228 Eagle Peak Drive receives runoff from a publicly maintained street and because of the sinkhole over the storm drainage system. As such, the request was classified as a "B" priority request. Based on the most recent citizen request, staff revisited this location on August 6, 2013, and confirmed that the request continues to qualify for service and is still considered a "B" request.

Storm Water Services has over 600 AI, A and B requests for service to be assigned to a designer to evaluate the issue and design a repair/improvement, and over 180 that are currently assigned and in process of being designed. The most recent B assigned was originally received in September 2010.

Agenda Item #9 – Rezoning Petition 2013-067

Staff Resource: Sonja Sanders, Planning, 704-336-8327, ssanders@charlottenc.gov

City Council is scheduled to make a decision on rezoning petition 2013-067 at the upcoming City Council meeting. This is a rezoning request by Withrow Capital for approximately 18.95 acres on the west side of Northlake Centre Parkway near the intersection of Madison Square Place, Northlake Mall Drive and Northlake Centre. The petitioner is requesting a change from R-3 (single family residential) and BP (business park) to UR-3 (CD) (urban residential, conditional).

At the October 21, 2013 zoning meeting, City Council deferred the decision on this rezoning case to allow the petitioner to address concerns from Council members about building elevations. Since that meeting, the petitioner and staff have worked to address the issues raised by Council. Specific elevations, as well as notes relating to architecture and site design,

have been added to the petition. A revised Request for Council Action, which provides a full summary of the petitioner's response to City Council members' concerns about building elevations, is attached. The site plan proposed for approval and the Zoning Committee recommendation are also attached.

At the November 25, 2013 meeting, Council will be asked to determine whether there are substantial changes to the petition that would require the petition to be referred to the Zoning Committee for additional review. If Council determines that the rezoning petition does not need to be referred to the Zoning Committee, Council will be asked to make a decision on this rezoning case.

ATTACHED: [Rezoning petition 2013-067](#)

CORRECTION Agenda Item #12 – Immigrant Integration Task Force Resolution

Staff Resource: Brad Richardson, N&BS, 704- 336-3857, brichardson@charlottenc.gov

On Monday's Council meeting agenda, Item #12 incorrectly states that the Economic Development Committee recommended that the incoming Mayor make seven of the 25 appointments to the Immigrant Integration Task Force. The Committee recommended that Mayor Kinsey be responsible for making seven appointments to the task force.

Since receiving the Committee's recommendation, Mayor Kinsey has been considering these appointments, and will be prepared to make these appointments prior to December 2.

INFORMATION:

Noise Walls Correspondence

Staff Resource: Tracy Montross, Mayor's Office, 704-336-4332, tmontross@charlottenc.gov

At the November 11 Business meeting, the Council unanimously approved an action by Mayor Kinsey to send correspondence to Governor McCrory indicating the Council's concerns about the installation of noise walls along the I-77 corridor. A copy of the Mayor's letter is attached.

ATTACHED: [NCDOT letter](#)

Draft 2014 Calendar

Staff Resource: Stephanie Kelly, City Clerk, 704-336-4515, sckelly@charlottenc.gov

ATTACHED: [Draft calendar for 2014](#) - City Council will consider adopting the calendar at the December 9, 2013 Council meeting.

December 2 – Public Hearing for the Proposed North Carolina Railroad/Sugar Creek Road Grade Separation Project

Staff Resource: Tim Gibbs, CDOT, 704-336-3917, tgibbs@charlottenc.gov

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) Rail Division will convene an informal meeting to discuss plans to construct a bridge on Sugar Creek Rd. over the Lynx Blue Line Extension and the North Carolina Railroad tracks. The new bridge will also be built over Raleigh St. and Bearwood Ave. This meeting will be held on Monday, December 2 from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. at Sugaw Creek Presbyterian Church located at 101 W. Sugar Creek Rd. During the meeting, NCDOT staff will provide citizens with an opportunity to view project plans and comment on the draft Environmental Assessment as well as the grade separation project.

The draft Environmental Assessment was approved by the USDOT earlier this month. It identifies project impacts on businesses, community access and historic resources.

Access to the project maps and the Environmental Assessment are available on the project website at the following link: <http://www.ncdot.gov/projects/sugarcreekroad/>

December 10 – University City Area Plan Update Kick-Off Meeting

Staff Resource: Mandy Vari, Planning, 704-336-5718 avari@charlottenc.gov

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Department is updating the University City Area Plan, adopted in 2007, to reflect the consolidation and relocation of three transit stations along the Blue Line Extension Light Rail (University City Boulevard, McCullough and J.W. Clay Boulevard). The public kick-off meeting will be held December 10, 2013, 4:30 to 6:30 pm at the Oasis Shriner's Temple at 604 Doug Mayes Place.

The planning process for the University City Area Plan update will be similar to that of the Blue Line Extension Transit Station Area Plans, adopted May 2013. The plan will identify appropriate future land uses and station area character, urban design features and a multi-modal transportation network. At the kick-off meeting, an interdepartmental team will present future growth concepts and provide an opportunity for the public to react to those concepts.

Kathy Cornett and Mandy Vari, with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Department, are the project managers for the interdepartmental City and County staff team working on this project.

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