CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

Monday, April 1, 2013

5:00 p.m.  Dinner
5:15 p.m.  Swearing in of City Manager
5:30 p.m.  Community Safety: Citizens Review Board Update
6:30 p.m.  Economic Development: Collaborative Partnership for Expanding Second Harvest Food Bank
7:00 p.m.  Housing & Neighborhood Development: Rental Subsidy Program
7:30 p.m.  Citizens Forum
            Room 267
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TOPIC: Citizens Review Board Update

COUNCIL FOCUS AREA: Community Safety

RESOURCES: Willie Ratchford, Community Relations
            Gregory West, Citizens Review Board Chairman
            Julian Wright, Attorney for the Citizens Review Board
            Rodney Monroe, Chief of Police

KEY POINTS:

• This presentation will provide an overview of the Citizens Review Board and its role in CMPD’s disciplinary process. Topics to be covered include:
  o Responsibilities of the Citizens Review Board
  o Citizens Review Board Process
  o Cases Appealed to the Citizens Review Board
  o CMPD Discipline Process
  o Changes in CMPD discipline process, departmental policies, and training
  o Other models for citizen oversight of police

COUNCIL DECISION OR DIRECTION REQUESTED:

None. This presentation is for informational purposes only.

ATTACHMENTS:

None
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TOPIC: Collaborative Partnership for Expanding Second Harvest Food Bank

COUNCIL FOCUS AREA: Economic Development

RESOURCES: Kay Carter, Executive Director Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina
Ron Kimble, Deputy City Manager

KEY POINTS:

- Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina operates out of a County-owned facility on Spratt Street on property adjacent to the City’s Building Services Offices. Second Harvest desires to expand their existing facility and to provide additional parking for delivery trucks and clients. Second Harvest is undertaking a capital funds drive to raise money for this expansion.

- The City, Mecklenburg County and Second Harvest have worked together to develop a plan that would enable their expansion, predicated on a successful fund drive.

- The plan would have the City deed property to Mecklenburg County via the property ledger at a value of $388,300. This land would allow the building expansion by Second Harvest. In addition, the City would lease land to Second Harvest for additional delivery and client parking.

COUNCIL DECISION OR DIRECTION REQUESTED:

None at this time. A future action involving the transfer of the property and the lease of parking would come before Council.

ATTACHMENTS:

Site Plan
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TOPIC: Rental Subsidy Program

COUNCIL FOCUS AREA: Housing & Neighborhood Development

RESOURCES: Eric Campbell, Assistant City Manager
Patrick T. Mumford, Neighborhood & Business Services

KEY POINTS:

- During the June 27, 2012 and October 12, 2012 Affordable Housing discussions, a local rental subsidy program was proposed. This program would provide a temporary subsidy to households paying more than 30% of their annual income for housing with the ultimate goal of moving the household to self-sufficiency within a two year period.
- A rental subsidy program would pay the owner of a multi-family housing development or an agency the difference between the tenant’s contribution (30 percent of adjusted income) and the monthly rental rate over a predetermined period of time with the ultimate goal of moving the household to self-sufficiency.
- The goals of a rental subsidy program are to:
  - Stabilize neighborhoods
  - Disperse geographically
  - Generate private investment to assist in addressing the need for affordable housing
  - Reduce vacant/foreclosed units and improve housing quality
  - Leverage local dollars against private investment
- The Foundation For The Carolinas (FFTC) is working with the philanthropic and the business communities to determine the feasibility of creating a Rental Subsidy Endowment with participation from the City and County.
- During the February 27, 2013 Housing and Neighborhood Development Committee meeting, Vi Lyles, on behalf of the FFTC shared some national models of successful rental subsidy programs.
- On March 18, 2013, the Housing and Neighborhood Development Committee voted unanimously to continue the discussion on a proposed local rental subsidy program and recommended that the full Council receive an update on the proposed program and begin discussing the possibility of making an annual contribution toward a local rental subsidy endowment, as part of their FY14 budget deliberations.

COUNCIL DECISION OR DIRECTION REQUESTED:

City Council will continue to discuss the proposed funding model at their April 10, 2013 Budget Workshop.

ATTACHMENTS:

None