CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

Monday, March 7, 2011

5:00 p.m. Dinner


6:15 p.m. Community Safety: Six Year Crime Trends

6:45 p.m. Housing & Neighborhood Development: Non-Residential Building Code Ordinance Update

7:30 p.m. Citizens Forum
Room 267
COUNCIL WORKSHOP
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

TOPIC: Urban Land Institute (ULI) – Rose Fellowship Program: Preliminary Panel Recommendations for Independence Boulevard

COUNCIL FOCUS AREA: Economic Development and Transportation

RESOURCES: Debra Campbell, Planning
Alysia Osborne, Planning
Danny Pleasant, Transportation
Jim Schumacher, City Manager’s Office

KEY POINTS:

• The Urban Land Institute (ULI) Daniel Rose Center for Public Leadership in Land Use has named Charlotte Mayor Anthony Foxx and three other outstanding local community leaders to serve in fellowships for the Center through 2011.

• The Charlotte Fellowship Team is as follows:
  o Mayor Anthony Foxx (Fellow)
  o Debra Campbell, Planning Director (Fellow)
  o Gene Conti, North Carolina Secretary of Transportation (Fellow)
  o Danny Pleasant, Transportation Director, CDOT (Fellow)
  o Jim Schumacher, Assistant City Manager (Alternate)
  o Alysia Osborne, Principal Planner (Fellowship Team Coordinator)

• The mission of the ULI Rose Center is to encourage and support excellence in land use decision making. By providing public officials with access to information, best practices, peer networks, and other resources, the Center seeks to foster creative, efficient, practical, and sustainable land use policies.

• During January 12–14, 2011, the ULI – Rose Fellowship Panel completed their Charlotte land use visit by bringing leading experts in the real estate development, finance, and land use fields to develop preliminary recommendations to address a land use problem chosen by Mayor Foxx and the Charlotte Fellows Team.

• The team will review the recommendations of the ULI panel, highlighting how they correspond to the Independence Area Plan and suggest implementation steps to re-energize, reposition and ensure long-term viability of development along Independence Boulevard, historically one of Charlotte’s major commercial corridors.

COUNCIL DECISION OR DIRECTION REQUESTED:
None. This presentation is for informational purposes only.

ATTACHMENTS:
None.
TOPIC: Six Year Crime Trends

COUNCIL FOCUS AREA: Community Safety

RESOURCES: Deputy Chief Kerr Putney

KEY POINTS:

- For police departments, long term crime trends are the most accurate performance indicator.

- In CMPD’s jurisdiction, Part One crimes (homicide, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny, vehicle theft, and arson) increased during the three year period from 2005 to 2007.

- From 2007 to 2010, Part One crimes decreased significantly, declining from 57,204 incidents in 2007 to 38,466 crimes in 2010.

- A number of strategies have been used to achieve this significant decrease in crime including:
  - An organizational structure that places more officers in the field
  - Response Area Teams accountable for crime reduction in their assigned area
  - Emphasis on priority offenders/partnership with District Attorney’s Office
  - Specialized units dealing with gangs, firearms, and assault with a deadly weapon
  - Data driven enforcement and deployment strategies
  - Emphasis on addressing precursors of crime
  - Partnerships with federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies
  - Citizen partnerships

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TOPIC: Non-Residential Building Code Ordinance Update

COUNCIL FOCUS AREA: Housing & Neighborhood Development

RESOURCES: Walter Abernethy, Code Enforcement Manager

KEY POINTS:

- In 2007, the state provided municipalities the authority to adopt ordinances and establish minimum standards of fitness for commercial structures and other non-residential buildings.

- In September 2009, the City Council approved the new Non-Residential Building Code (NRBC). Enforcement began on April 1, 2010.

- The intent of the NRBC is to ensure there are safe and sanitary commercial structures in our community.

- Staff will provide an overview of NRBC activities since implementation and assess its impact on the community.

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