

**City Council**  
**Virtual Workforce & Business Development Committee Meeting**

Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at 2:30p.m., Room 280

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Committee Members:           Tariq Bokhari, Chair  
  Malcolm Graham, Vice Chair  
  Dimple Ajmera  
  Renee Johnson  
  Greg Phipps

Staff Resource:                           Tracy Dodson, City Manager's Office

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**AGENDA**

- I.     **Growing Jobs and Businesses – 10 minutes**  
*Staff: Christina Thigpen, Economic Development Department*  
Action: Staff will provide an update on its ongoing efforts to grow jobs and businesses, including the latest progress on HIRE Charlotte, its strategic employment framework initiative. No action is requested.
  
- II.    **Business Investment Grant Update – 30 minutes**  
*Staff: Fran West, Economic Development Department*  
Action: Staff will provide an update on the Business Investment Grant Program and discuss step to finalize the pilot policy. No action is requested.
  
- III.   **Competitiveness Study Update – 10 minutes**  
*Staff: Fran West, Economic Development Department*  
*Guest: Rob Horton, Charlotte Regional Business Alliance*  
Action: The Charlotte Regional Business Alliance will provide an overview of the regional competitiveness study that is being undertaken. No action is requested.
  
- IV.    **Charlotte Business INClusion Annual Report – 25 minutes**  
*Staff: Steven Coker & Shaunne Thomas, General Services Department (Charlotte Business INClusion)*  
Action: Staff will provide an update on Charlotte Business INClusion's annual report.
  
- V.     **Chair's Report – 5 minutes**