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**WEEK IN REVIEW:**

Mon (August 23)	Tues (August 24)	Wed (August 25)	Thurs (August 26)	Friday (August 27)
12:00 PM Transportation and Planning Committee, Room 280  3:00 PM City Attorney Evaluation, Room CH-14  5:00 PM Council Business Meeting, Room 267  6:30 PM Citizens' Forum, Council Chamber		12:00 PM Housing and Neighborhood Development Committee, Room 280  5:30 Metropolitan Transit Commission Meeting, Room 267		

## CALENDAR DETAILS:

### **Monday, August 23**

- 12:00 pm Transportation and Planning Committee, Room 280  
**AGENDA:** USDG update on ordinance language; 2011-2020 State Transportation Improvement Program
- 3:00 pm City Attorney Evaluation, Room CH-14
- 5:00 pm Council Business Meeting, Room 267  
**Note:** The dinner session is scheduled to conclude at 6:15 pm and Council will be asked to adjourn to the CMGC TV studio for a group photograph.
- 6:30 pm Citizens' Forum, Council Chamber

### **Wednesday, August 25**

- 12:00 pm Housing and Neighborhood Development Committee, Room 280  
**AGENDA:** Johnston and Mecklenburg Mills update; Housing Locational Policy update; Single room occupancy: review of Zoning Ordinance provisions
- 5:30 pm Metropolitan Transit Commission, Room 267  
**AGENDA:** Red Line Task Force update; Travel market and procurement policies; Blue Line EIS update

### **ATTACHMENT:**

August and September Calendar (*see left side table of contents for attachment*)

## AGENDA NOTES:

### **Agenda Item #74 O,P,R – Property Transactions (Eastburn CIP Condemnations)**

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On August 23, Council will be asked to consider several condemnations, Agenda Item #74 N-S. These properties are needed in preparation for storm water infrastructure improvements for neighborhoods along Park Road, Park South Road, Fairview Road and Sharon Drive as part of the Eastburn Storm Water Capital Improvement Project. The property owners for Transactions O, P & R have signed up to speak to Council.

The Eastburn Storm Water CIP is funded by the Storm Water Flood Control Program. The project will improve the storm drainage infrastructure to help reduce street flooding and house/crawl space flooding and address storm water requests throughout the project area. Construction is scheduled to begin first quarter of 2011 and is anticipated to take approximately two years to complete.

Of the 74 total acquisitions for this project, 43 have been donated and 22 settled; five are condemnations with the remaining four in negotiations.

The table below details the status of acquisition discussions:

Item	Property Address	Explanation
O	4827 Fairheath Road	Compensation for the easements, based on a certified independent appraisal, has been offered. Design considerations were also offered. Owner states a previous project damaged his foundation, and requests compensation for foundation damage. Staff recommended the owner contact City Risk Management concerning the foundation issue.
P	4824 Aspen Court	Compensation for the easements, based on a certified independent appraisal, has been offered. The appraisal offered \$800 for trees which are outside of a pre-existing public easement and must be removed. There is no compensation for removing trees inside an existing easement. Owner requests additional compensation for trees removed.
R	6400 Hazelton Drive	Compensation for the easements, based on a certified independent appraisal, has been offered. Owner states compensation offer is too low. Staff looked into alternative designs per owner's suggestion; ultimately this location was deemed the best available for the project. To address site concerns the City offered to place orange temporary fencing and replace some trees.

If City Council approves, the City's condemnation attorney will institute condemnation actions. As part of the process, the City's attorney, the property owners and a third party mediator will attempt to negotiate a settlement, which resolves the majority of cases. If no settlement can be reached, the case will proceed to trial where a judge or jury who will determine "just compensation."

## INFORMATION:

### **Request for Proposals Issued for Airport Taxi Service**

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In late 2008, Aviation Director Jerry Orr presented a status report on Airport taxi service. During the presentation, numerous operational and quality issues were discussed. Since that time, Airport staff has been working towards modifying Airport taxicab operations to create an improved system that benefits the traveling public and the citizens of Charlotte. Staff analyzed existing operations including efficiency of the system, costs and revenues, Airport staffing, and enforcement of rules and regulations. All Airport taxicab drivers were surveyed and the Aviation Director met with 12 taxicab companies, the Independent Taxicab Owners &

Operators Association, and the Airport Taxi Association. Staff also investigated current industry practices in other markets.

The system that is currently in place has had no significant changes since 1989 and is extremely outdated from a methodology and quality standards viewpoint. Primary concerns include:

- System not on par with equivalent cities;
- Many taxicabs do not have updated equipment;
- Inconsistent customer service;
- Inconsistent quality and appearance of the taxicabs;
- Challenges in managing numerous contracts.

Goals identified for an improved program include:

- Ensure the safety of the traveling public and the citizens of Charlotte to protect their property and provide first class taxi service;
- Have a fair system where all parties are invested in the success of the operation;
- Enforce rules and regulations with consistency;
- Optimize revenue to the Airport.

Therefore, an RFP for Taxi Service under the newly designed program was issued on August 18, 2010 and is available at [www.charlotteairport.com](http://www.charlotteairport.com). As a condition of the RFP, proposers are prohibited from attempting to influence a fair and open selection process. To that end, proposers and anyone acting on their behalf may not contact elected or appointed City officials, officers, employees, or Airport Advisory Committee Members about the RFP or the new Taxi Service until the start of the open business meeting at which City Council is asked to approve the Operating Agreement(s). The targeted date for City Council approval is October 11, 2010.

#### **Frazier Avenue Storm Water Maintenance Project**

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Several residents that live along Frazier Avenue and Wake Street are concerned about a recent storm drainage maintenance project and may speak during the Citizens' Forum on Monday evening.

Storm Water Services received citizen inquiries and began investigating an erosion problem along Frazier Avenue in July 2009. At about the same time, Frazier Avenue was resurfaced under the City's paving contract. Unfortunately, this meant the road was resurfaced before the storm water problem could be fixed.

In June 2010, the City's construction contractor began work on the storm water maintenance project. The project included installation of 440 feet of storm drainage pipe, 10 catch basins, and 393 feet of curb and gutter to address the erosion issues as well as street flooding. The

street had to be cut in several locations in order to install the pipe. As is the City's normal practice, the street was patched instead of resurfaced. Construction by the contractor is now complete and the residents are not happy with the way the project looks or the way it is functioning. Staff will be reviewing the project with the contractor to determine if any of the work needs to be fixed or replaced, or if the street needs to be resurfaced again. In addition, staff will be addressing ways to improve communication and coordination with Street Maintenance to minimize this type of occurrence in the future.