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February 7 – Council Retreat Will Resume in CMGC Room CH-14

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As determined by Council at the conclusion of the retreat session on Tuesday, the retreat will resume on Monday evening, February 7. The session will start where it ended on Tuesday, with continuation of discussion about the Council Focus Area Plans. **Council members are asked to bring their Retreat Agenda notebooks.**

The meeting will be held in CH-14, with dinner at 5:00 p.m. and the session to start at 5:15. It is anticipated the retreat will conclude no later than 8:00 p.m.

Termination of HMS Host Merchandise Concessions at Charlotte Douglas International Airport

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On June 8, 2009, Council amended the City's contract with HMS Host for the operation of food, beverage and merchandise retail outlets in the passenger terminal building at the Airport. The effect of the amendment was to give the City the right to terminate Host's contract as to merchandise stores upon thirty days notice from the Airport, and extend Host's contract as to food and beverage stores for an additional five years to June 30, 2015, with the option for an additional five year extension.

Under the original (and amended) Host agreement, upon the termination of the contract with respect to any merchandise store the City is obligated to purchase any unamortized investment made by Host in such store, based upon a five year amortization schedule.

On September 13, 2010 Council awarded the new merchandise concessions to The Paradies Shops, Inc. of Atlanta, GA. Under this contract, Paradies is obligated to pay the amount of such unamortized capital investment owed by the City to Host as of the date the lease of the existing operator is terminated.

As of February 28, 2011 the contract with Host for all the merchandise stores will be terminated and the contract with Paradies will be in effect. As of that date, the amount of unamortized investment owed to Host by the City, and to the City by Paradies, will be \$1,036,290 and the Airport is in receipt of Host's invoice for that amount. On the same date, Paradies will owe the City \$1,036,290 for the right to take over those stores and Airport staff has advised Paradies of this amount.

By February 28, 2011 Paradies will issue its check in the amount of \$1,036,290 directly to HMS Host in payment of the City's obligation to Host and the contract between Host and the City, with respect to merchandise stores at the Airport, will be fully discharged.

Material Recycling Facility Issues

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At the January 20 meeting of the Derita Statesville Community Association, citizens expressed a number of concerns regarding traffic and operational issues related to the County's Material Recycling Facility (MRF) on Amble Drive. These concerns were raised as part of the citizen feedback process following a presentation at the meeting by representatives from the ReVenture Project team. The ReVenture Project team is proposing a large garbage processing facility on an industrial site located across Amble Drive from the Recycling Facility.

While attendees at the meeting embraced the opportunity to learn about the proposed project, a couple of citizens provided comments on traffic and litter issues associated with the current County Material Recycling Facility and expressed concerns that the issues could be further aggravated by the ReVenture Project. The following specific issues were raised:

- Trucks entering the recycling facility are occasionally backing up along Amble Drive causing ingress and egress problems for nearby businesses;
- Trucks entering and leaving the recycling facility are alleged to occasionally be speeding;
- Litter is falling from trucks leaving the facility and windblown litter, coming from the facility grounds, is being deposited along Amble Drive.

City Solid Waste Services staff, in collaboration with Mecklenburg County staff, have taken a number of steps to improve any negative impacts that have been noted in the vicinity of the MRF, including the following:

- Operating hours for the MRF have been extended one hour to 5 p.m. to provide a larger window of opportunity for trucks to deliver their loads, spreading out the traffic volume over a greater time span and somewhat reducing truck volume clusters. Staff will continue to evaluate the effects of these extended hours of operation and advocate for further adjustment in operating hours as the situation warrants.
- Mecklenburg County and their contracted operator of the MRF (FCR Corporation) have generally overcome "start-up" challenges resulting from the introduction of new equipment and new processes associated with the recent upgrading of the MRF for single-stream processing of materials. These challenges often resulted in material processing delays that, in turn, caused truck back-ups along Amble Drive. These "start-up" issues were occurring at the same time that recycling tonnage was escalating by as much as 25%.
- The City's contracted recycling service provider, Inland Services, has been directed to eliminate any occurrences of speeding on the part of their employees and to implement appropriate procedures to eliminate instances of litter falling from their vehicles.
- Mecklenburg County staff has worked closely with FCR Corporation to improve housekeeping standards at their facility and in the surrounding neighborhood. FCR assigns an employee to inspect Amble Drive each day and clean up any existing litter.

City Solid Waste Services will continue to work with County Solid Waste, Inland Services, and FCR to mitigate the truck traffic and littering issues that have been raised. CMPD has expressed a commitment to monitor the area as well to assist in controlling traffic related infractions and littering. This is especially helpful considering that a variety of private haulers, beyond the contractual control of the City or County, also use the MRF as a dumping site.