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WEEK IN REVIEW:

Monday, June 5

12:00 p.m.

Environment Committee Mtg., Room 280

Agenda: Solid Waste Ordinance Review; Urban Forestry Master Plan; Tree Canopy and Storm Impacts; Drinking Water Quality Report

5:00 p.m.

Council Workshop/Public Forum, Room 267

Wednesday, June 7

2:00 p.m.

ED Committee Mtg., Room CH-14

Agenda: Eastland Redevelopment; Applied Innovation Corridor CIP: Camp North End; River District; Extension of CBI Race-Conscious Measures; Overview of Upcoming Agenda Topics

Saturday, June 10

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Mayor Roberts Town Hall Mtg.

Pritchard Memorial Baptist Church – 1117 South Blvd.

June and July calendars are attached



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UPDATES:

May 24 Metropolitan Transit Commission Meeting Summary

Staff Resource: John Lewis Jr, CATS, 704-336-3855, John.Lewis@charlottenc.gov

MTC received information on three items at the meeting: Charlotte Gateway Station (CGS) Update, Update on Proposed Bus/Rail Integration, NCDOT State Safety Oversight (SSO) Program Briefing. The full report is attached.

The next MTC meeting will be June 28, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.



MTC Update May
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Save the Date for 2017 NEXLA

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The [2017 Neighborhood Exchange & Leadership Awards](#) is scheduled for 8 a.m. - 2 p.m., Saturday, September 23 at the Charlotte Convention Center. This year's theme is *Celebrate, Dream and Learn About Strengthening Our Neighborhoods*. The morning's keynote speaker will be Krista Nightengale from the Better Block Foundation, an urban planning nonprofit that educates, equips and empowers communities and their leaders to reshape and reactive built environments. Registration, as well as the awards nomination process, begins Friday, June 16. Save-the-Date cards have been placed in Council packets for your distribution to community stakeholders.

Mayor's Youth Employment Program (MYEP) 2017 Kickoff event

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The annual Mayor's Youth Employment Program (MYEP)'s kickoff will be 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. on Friday, June 16 at the Spectrum Arena. This event will launch the 31st year of the internship program and will provide a setting for employers and interns to meet. Currently, 79 businesses and agencies are partnering with the City to provide positions to 434 students. Staff anticipates that the program will exceed this enrollment before the kickoff due to continuing interest by local employers. Last year, MYEP placed 330 students in internships.

To be eligible for MYEP, participants must currently attend a Charlotte-Mecklenburg school and have a reference from an area community partner such as Communities In Schools, Right Moves For Youth, ACE Mentoring or Charlotte-Mecklenburg School's Career Development Services. The duration of internships will be June 19 to August 11. City Council is invited to attend the kickoff and meet this year's employers and interns.

Drinking Water Quality Report

Staff Resource: Barry Gullet, Charlotte Water, 704-336-4962, bgullet@charlottenc.gov

Charlotte Water is pleased to announce that the 2016 Drinking Water Quality Report will be published Monday, June 5. Customers in Charlotte will receive the report by mail starting next week. It can be found next week by visiting Charlottewater.org and clicking on Water Quality Information. Council's Environment Committee will receive a briefing at their June 5 meeting. The annual report, required by the EPA of all drinking water suppliers, summarizes water testing results for 2016.

Internal Audit Report – Grant Accounting FY15

Staff Resource: Greg McDowell, Internal Audit, 704-336-8085, gmcowell@charlottenc.gov

The purpose of this audit was to determine compliance with the City’s Grant Administration Policy and applicable federal guidelines for grant activities. Internal Audit selected a grant from each department based on information loaded into the City’s MUNIS financial system and listed on the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) Schedule of Expenditures FY15 report.

Conclusion – The City has managed grants satisfactorily. Internal controls are adequate to ensure compliance with City policies and federal, state and local guidelines.

A copy of the final report is attached below.



Grant Accounting
Audit FY15.pdf

2017 State Legislative Report #16

Staff Resource: Dana Fenton, City Manager’s Office, 704-336-2009, dfenton@charlottenc.gov



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June

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11	12 2:00pm Transportation & Planning Committee Mtg., Room 280 5:00pm Council Business Mtg./Budget Adoption, Room 267	13	14	15 6:30pm – 8:30pm CM Kinsey Town Hall Mtg., International House – 1817 Central Ave., #215	16	17
18	19 12:00pm Council Zoning Briefing (optional), Room 886 1:00pm Intergovernmental Relations Committee Mtg., Room 280 5:00pm Zoning Mtg., Room CH-14	20	21	22 12:00pm ED Committee Mtg., Room CH-14 6:00pm – 7:30pm CM Fallon and CM Driggs Town Hall Mtg, South County Library – 5801 Rea Rd. 6:30pm – 8:00pm CM Phipps Town Hall Mtg., MLK Middle School – 500 Bilmark Ave.	US Conference of Mayors Annual Meeting Miami Beach, FL	
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US Conference of Mayors Annual Meeting
Miami Beach, FL

2017

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Metropolitan Transit Commission Meeting Summary

Charlotte Gateway Station (CGS) Update

Staff from the City of Charlotte/ CATS and NCDOT Rail Division will lead the CGS project. The project will provide a new much-needed Amtrak station near uptown along new tracks that separate freight and passenger tracks. The project will create high-quality connections between multiple modes of transportation including Amtrak rail service, local and express bus service and intercity bus service through an anticipated partnership with Greyhound and CityLYNX Gold Line Streetcar service. In addition, the CGS project establishes a new activity center with Transit Oriented Development (TOD) serving a wide range of land development needs. CATS applied for a federal Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant to pay the entire estimated construction cost of \$114 million. However, the TIGER grant awarded was for \$25 million, necessitating a phased approach for the project. Denver faced similar budget constraints and completed their phased station project in 15 years. The first two phases are for track and signals and the Amtrak rail platform and supporting infrastructure. Funding for these phases of the CGS project is drawn from federal, state and local funds.

CATS and the City are in negotiations with Greyhound to purchase their existing property and develop the design for their space in the new station building. The project work plan has been produced; design, engineering and architectural services procured and track plans are under development. In addition, staff has identified the rest of the funding and negotiated the Municipal Agreement with the Charlotte City Council and the Framework Agreement. With these two agreements signed, the project will be ready for signature by the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) by September 2017. Stakeholder agreements with Norfolk Southern are under development. Utility relocation bid documents are anticipated for November 2017. Station and TOD Requests for Proposal are anticipated for spring 2018, when developers can see that the project is breaking ground.

The project is currently on schedule. The project's scale means that it will take champions and teamwork with many parties to continue to advance the project.

Update on Proposed Bus/Rail Integration

Staff gave a detailed update on proposed changes in bus routes to improve connections as part of the Bus/Rail Integration plan when the LYNX Blue Line Extension begins service. In addition to connecting routes with rail stations, some routes will be adjusted for crosstown connections to better serve ridership. Fare adjustments are proposed for select bus routes to facilitate the transfer between bus and light rail. Staff also updated MTC members on the proposed discontinuation of Gold Rush service in August 2017. Gold Rush ridership has decreased 23 percent this year, in part due to construction on Trade Street, which will worsen as CityLYNX Gold Line Phase 2 construction proceeds. Most Gold Rush survey respondents indicated that they used the shuttle to get from their parking area to jobs Uptown. Income levels indicated that this is a service of convenience and does not serve a low-income population. Route 7 Beatties Ford and Route 1 Rozzelles Ferry also serve the area currently served by the Gold Rush.

NCDOT State Safety Oversight (SSO) Program Briefing

In 2012, President Obama signed the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) act directing FTA to enhance its Safety Program. MAP-21 and subsequent legislation gave additional authority to FTA and to the SSO Agency. In North Carolina, FTA authorized NCDOT as the SSO Agency.

MTC has responsibility for the safety for CATS Rail Operations, including signature authority of annual submissions for FTA-required documents. FTA can stop funding of formula grants to the state if safety standards and requirements are not met. CATS will work with NCDOT to ensure compliance with NCDOT's SSO Program requirements, as well as with those of FTA. CATS and NCDOT have worked together in the past, and both partners remain committed to the shared goal of achieving the highest level of safety and security.

CATS CEO Report

Under the CEO's report, Mr. Lewis discussed:

a. Staff Update:

The GOVies recognize outstanding City employees in several categories, including employee of the year. The Employee of the Year is sponsored by The Employers Association and selected by an external panel. Employees nominated in this category generally go above and beyond in every aspect of their job. This year, CATS employee Jason Lawrence received the Employee of the Year award. Mr. Lawrence is a longtime CATS employee who has most recently worked on the LYNX Silver Line Alignment Study and is currently working on the North Corridor Mobility Study, the results of which will be folded into the Envision My Ride project.



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INTERNAL AUDIT

**Audit Report
Grant Accounting FY15
May 31, 2017**

**City Auditor's Office
Gregory L. McDowell, CPA, CIA**

Audit Report
Grant Accounting FY15
May 31, 2017

Purpose and Scope

The purpose of this audit was to determine compliance with the City's Grant Administration Policy and applicable federal guidelines for grant activities. Internal Audit selected a grant from each department based on information loaded into MUNIS and listed on the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) Schedule of Expenditures FY15 report.

Internal Audit selected 11 grants across 10 departments for testing. Grants audited by the City's outside accounting firm were excluded. (See Appendix for a complete listing of grants reviewed in this audit.)

We conducted this performance audit in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain sufficient, appropriate evidence to provide a reasonable basis for our findings and conclusions based on our audit objectives. We believe that the evidence obtained provides a reasonable basis for our findings and conclusions based on our audit objectives.

This report is intended for the use of the City Manager's Office, City Council and all City Departments.

Conclusion

The City has managed grants satisfactorily. Internal controls are adequate to ensure compliance with City policies and federal, state and local guidelines.

Summary Results

The transactions tested were in compliance with City policies and federal, state and local grant guidelines. Auditors noted clerical errors which occurred during the initial rollout of the City's MUNIS ERP system. After inquiring with accounts payable, staff located documentation to support grant payments that were tested. There are centralized grant processes that would be beneficial to the City and should be considered.

Background

The City of Charlotte receives a variety of federal, state and local grants. Grant activities are handled among individual grantee departments, Strategy & Budget, and Finance. According to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards for the year

ended June 30, 2015, the City had a total of 128 active grants. Collectively, \$241,711,937 was expended for these. The departments' grants program managers are responsible for ensuring grants are managed in accordance with grant agreements and applicable regulations.

Findings and Recommendations

1. The transactions tested were in compliance with City policies and federal, state and local grant guidelines.

Auditors selected 11 grants for review whose expenditures for FY15 totaled approximately \$38 million. Thirty invoices totaling \$8,319,541 were tested for these grants. Auditors selected two or more revenue and expenditure transactions (from each) to verify grant appropriateness. These included City payroll transactions and P-Card purchases. Testing included the validity of purchases, proper documentation and accurate account posting. The revenues and expenditures were compliant with each applicable grant guideline.

Auditors selected Cornelius Park and Ride for a detailed review of the grant process. The process started with the approval of the 2012 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and ended with the 2017 Charlotte Area Transit System (CATS) Project Management Plan. The grant application, MUNIS workflow and City Council contract approval followed procedures.

Conclusion: The City effectively maintains compliance with applicable federal, state and local policies. Internal controls are adequate.

2. Accounts Payable should ensure invoices are attached in MUNIS when payments are processed.

During testing, auditors were not able to find a selected invoice for \$2,590,798 that should have been attached in MUNIS. The department provided a copy upon request but further investigation noted that none of the construction invoices for FY15 were attached. At auditors' request, Accounts Payable researched the missing documentation and determined that the invoices were manually attached to the incorrect vendor in MUNIS.

Conclusion: With one exception attributed to clerical errors occurring during the initial rollout of the City's MUNIS ERP system, documentation to support grant payments was appropriate.

3. **Centralized grant processes would be beneficial to the City.**

The City is awarded numerous grants each year, and existing grants can extend over several years. The grant process is complex and must be handled appropriately. The City relies on grant funding to offset some of the cost associated with improving its infrastructure and implementing programs that are beneficial to the Charlotte community.

City departments have very different grants, and individual grant analysts ensure all grants are in compliance and financial reporting is accurate. These analysts work very closely with grantors. Having centralized processes in place would benefit departments and financial reporting to ensure all pertinent information can be easily accessed.

Recommendation

Departments' grant analysts and Finance's reporting staff should meet regularly to exchange information regarding MUNIS project ledger applications, new grants, grantor guidelines, and financial training available for federal and state grants to ensure compliance. This would help the City ensure that Departments are using all available resources, e.g., MUNIS revenue allocation. Finance's staff would also benefit as these meetings would be a place to update reporting requirements. In addition, the schedule of grants could be updated throughout the year to improve the efficiency of year-end reporting.

Finance Response

Finance agrees with the recommendation.

Appendix: Grant Selection

Grant	Department	FY15 Expenditures	Tested Amount
Streetcar Starter Project	E&PM	\$11,897,853	\$2,685,794
Airport Checked Baggage	Aviation	\$10,862,726	\$1,576,909
ARRA-BTOP	I&T	\$7,182,355	\$1,241,303
Community Development Block	NBS	\$4,332,967	\$55,924
Cornelius Park & Ride	CATS	\$1,567,213	\$1,765,092*
Urban Area Security Initiative	CFD	\$1,339,561	\$406,445
COPS Technology	CMPD	\$646,998	\$264,066
Metropolitan Planning Program	CDOT	\$183,333	\$53,425
CNG-Refuse Vehicles	SWS	\$168,400	\$168,400
Fair Housing Assistance Program	CMO-CR	\$46,239	\$5,182
SPX Corporation	NBS	(\$97,000)	\$97,000
Total		\$38,130,645	\$8,319,541

*Portion of expenditures paid by CATS

Streetcar Starter Project: The Urban Circulator awarded grant funds of \$24,990,000 to the City to construct 1.5 miles of a proposed 10 mile streetcar project in the City's urban core. The streetcar alignment will extend along Trade Street and Elizabeth Avenue to Hawthorne Street. The local share of this grant was \$12,000,000 increasing the total to \$36,990,000.

Airport Checked Baggage: The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) awarded the City \$45,431,845 in reimbursable funds for the design and construction of the TSA Checked Baggage Inspection System at the main terminal of the Charlotte Douglas Airport. The award was amended to increase the funding by \$3,834,000 in 2015 adjusting the total award to \$49,265,845.

ARRA-BTOP (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act-Broadband Technologies Opportunity Program): The City of Charlotte was awarded \$16,702,490 to deploy an interoperable public safety wireless broadband network for the City as well as the greater Mecklenburg County area. The project will construct 24 new wireless towers to complement six existing towers and bring 11,000 public safety users onto the system. The grant stipulates a recipient share cost of \$4,389,953 increasing the total to \$21,092,443.

CDBG (Community Development Block Grant): The grant was designed to provide affordable housing, services and jobs for the most vulnerable within the Charlotte community. The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires at least 70% of the funds must be used for activities that benefit low and moderate income persons. The total award was \$4,865,370.

Cornelius Park & Ride: The U.S. Department of Transportation-Federal Transit Administration (FTA) awarded the City \$3,750,000 toward the design and construction of a bus park and ride lot within the Town of Cornelius. The lot will include landscaping, bicycle and pedestrian amenities, and an Art-in-Transit component. The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) and the Charlotte Area Transit System (CATS) will each provide \$468,750 in funding increasing the grant to \$4,687,500.

Urban Area Initiative Security (UASD): The City of Charlotte entered into an agreement with the State of North Carolina, the Department of Public Safety and the North Carolina Emergency Management to establish responsibilities and procedures to implement the terms of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security FY2013 Homeland Security Grant Program. The agreement was to purchase equipment, provide planning, exercise and training activities that will prevent, protect against, respond to, mitigate, and recover from potential acts of terrorism and other hazardous or catastrophic events. The agreement was not to exceed \$2,400,000.

COPS Technology (Community Oriented Policing Services): The U.S. Department of Justice awarded the City of Charlotte \$2,884,170 towards funding collection and analysis technology for police in preventing, detecting, and effectively addressing criminal activity and criminal enterprises. The Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department chose COPLink to fulfill the grant guidelines. The cost to implement COPLink was \$3,845,560 and the City paid the additional \$961,390.

Metropolitan Planning Program: The City of Charlotte entered into an agreement with the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) to provide for the undertaking of public transportation studies described in each cycle of the Planning Work Program (PWP). The agreement was properly developed, endorsed, approved and transmitted by the Mecklenburg Union Metropolitan Planning Organization to the

NCDOT, and to state the terms, conditions and mutual undertaking of the parties as to the manner in which the PWP will be undertaken and completed. The cost of the project was \$657,950 of which 80% (\$526,360) was to be paid with federal funds and the remaining 20% (\$65,795) in state funds by NCDOT.

CNG-Refuse Vehicles (Compressed Natural Gas): The North Carolina Solar Center at the University of North Carolina State awarded the City \$168,400 towards the purchase of five CNG powered refuse vehicles in an effort to reduce environmental burdens from business activities and promote green purchasing practices throughout the City of Charlotte. Solid Waste Services provided \$8,420 per vehicle increasing the total grant to \$210,500.

Fair Housing Assistance Program: The US Department of Housing and Urban Development has awarded \$112, 815 in funds to the City. These funds are to be used to promote fair housing laws and equal housing opportunity awareness. In addition, the funds can be used to conduct preliminary investigation of discrimination claims by sending “testers” to properties suspected of practicing housing discrimination.

SPX Corporation: The City of Charlotte entered into an agreement with SPX Corporation, a company that intends to create jobs and invest in North Carolina. The City was awarded a One North Carolina Fund grant from the NC Department of Commerce in the amount of \$350,000. The grant was to be used by SPX Corporation to create 180 permanent full-time new jobs and \$70,000,000 in new investment in the state of North Carolina.



**CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE
M E M O R A N D U M**

June 1, 2017

TO: Marcus Jones, City Manager
Randy Harrington, Chief Financial Officer

FROM: Dana Fenton, Intergovernmental Relations Manager

SUBJECT: Week 16 State Legislative Report

What You Need to Know

The House continued working on the **Appropriations Act of 2017** ([SB 257 – Brown](#)) this week. SB 257 cleared the last of its required committee reviews yesterday and will be on the floor of the House on Thursday and Friday, June 1 and 2. Once it passes the House, the Senate will reject the House version and a committee of conference will be formed to iron out the differences. House and Senate leaders are still aiming to send the budget to the Governor for his consideration by Friday, June 16.

The biggest issue that budget conferees will have to iron out is the substantially larger size of the Senate tax relief proposal; the Senate's proposal totals a little over \$1 billion in FY 2018 and FY 2019 while the House package totals \$366 million over the same two year period. The House budget includes the Airport Infrastructure package, which appropriates for Charlotte Douglas International Airport capital improvements \$12.5 million in each of FY 2018 and FY 2019. While staff is still reviewing the budget, there do not appear to be any negative impacts upon the City's upcoming capital and operating budget. For instance, state funding for local road maintenance (Powell Bill), State Maintenance Assistance Program for transit, and the state share of construction funding for the LYNX Blue Line Extension is maintained.

The House preliminarily passed the **Wireless Communication Siting** ([HB 310 – Saine](#)). Final reading of the bill is scheduled for today, June 1. HB 310 mandates the processes that local governments must follow when regulating wireless communications infrastructure (sometimes referred to as DAS or small cell technology) in city owned rights-of-ways. The City continues to work through the NC League of Municipalities on amendments to the bill.

Strategic Transportation Investments: The Senate Transportation Committee reported out the **DOT/DMV Changes – Megaproject Funding** ([HB 110 – Torbett](#)) legislation that creates a

new program to fund larger-scale and higher-cost transportation projects of over \$200 million. HB 110 has two major flaws; one being that it does not have a dedicated source of revenue to fund megaprojects, except for appropriations or transfers made by the General Assembly, and second, it does not establish criteria for selecting projects. The Committee expressed very strong concerns that HB 110 would put politics back into the driver's seat in the project selection process, which the Strategic Transportation Investments program was intended to eliminate. The bill has been re-referred to the Senate Rules Committee, whose Chairman has acknowledged the flaws in the bill but believes there is a strong need for a mechanism to fund and construct large scale transportation projects. So stay tuned.

Status of the State Legislative Agenda

Police Recordings: The House passed **Changes to Current Body-Worn Camera Law ([HB 797 – Faircloth](#))** that amends last session's police recordings law (HB 972) but without new language to add members of city councils to the list of officials to whom the custodial law enforcement agency may disclose the recordings. The outlook for adding back the language that was removed by the House appears remote at this time. In Senate Rules Committee.

Sales Tax Redistribution: The Senate passed **Change the Local Option Sales Tax Adjustment Factors ([SB 126 – Brown](#))** that changes the adjustment factors applied to the half-cent local Article 40 sales tax levy with factors based on the county's economic tier designation. Tier 1 counties, which are the most economically distressed counties in the State, would be assigned a factor of 1.10. Tier 2 counties would receive no adjustments and Tier 3 counties would be assigned a factor of 0.90. The Mecklenburg County factor would increase from the current 0.89 to that of Tier 3 counties, 0.90. According to new estimates prepared by the non-partisan General Assembly Fiscal Research Division on May 3, approximately \$2.3 million more in sales tax revenue would accrue to the City of Charlotte in the first full year of implementation. In House Rules Committee.

Sales Tax Redistribution: The Senate passed **Economic Development Incentives Modifications ([SB 660 – Brown](#))** that makes changes in how Job Development Investment Grant and One NC funds are distributed to projects in Tier 3 counties like Wake and Mecklenburg. SB 660 is similar to legislation filed in the 2015 long session in that it put projects in Tier 3 counties at a competitive disadvantage when competing for State economic development funds. In House Rules Committee.

Charlotte Firefighters Retirement System ([HB 58 – Dulin](#)) is local legislation requested by the City of Charlotte that enables the Charlotte Firefighters' Retirement System to comply with the Voluntary Correction Program entered into with the Internal Revenue Service to tweak the method for computing a firefighter's final average salary. The bill has no fiscal impact upon the System. HB 58 passed the House and resides in the Senate Rules Committee.