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WEEK IN REVIEW:

Monday, Oct. 2

4 p.m.

Council Workshop/Citizens' Forum, Room 267

Thursday, Oct.5

Noon

Community Safety Committee Mtg., Room 280

UPDATES:

Sept. 25 Business Meeting Follow-Up Report Items

Staff Resource: Rachel Wood, Constituent Services, 704-336-3656, rwood@charlottenc.gov

Constituent Services has created a report detailing follow-up information based on comments and questions received from elected officials at the Sept. 25 council business meeting. The follow-up report is attached below.



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(Business Meeting).pdf

2017 Housing Instability & Homelessness Report Series

Staff Resources: Pamela Wideman, Housing & Neighborhood Services, 704-336-3488, pwideman@charlottenc.gov

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On Monday, Sept. 25, Mecklenburg County released the report [Charlotte-Mecklenburg Evictions Part 1: An Introduction to Evictions in Charlotte-Mecklenburg](#). The report is written by the UNC - Charlotte Urban Institute and is a part of the ongoing research work of the Housing Advisory Board of Charlotte-Mecklenburg. Mecklenburg County Community Support Services provided funding for the report.

The report is the first part in a series of reports that provides an overview of evictions in Mecklenburg County - including outlining the process and providing data on formal evictions that take place through the court system. This is the first study to examine evictions in Mecklenburg County.

Evictions can have ripple effects that go beyond housing to affect overall health and wellbeing, education attainment and neighborhood stability. Some findings from the report include:

- In Mecklenburg County, 28,471 summary ejections were filed in FY2015/2016.
- In North Carolina, 162,355 households were at risk of eviction in FY2015/2016.
- 45% of renter households were cost burdened in Mecklenburg County in 2015.

Solid Waste Services' Healthy Communities' Food Too Good To Waste Challenge

Staff Resource: Victoria O. Johnson, Solid Waste Services, 704-336-3410, vjohnson@charlottenc.gov

Solid Waste Services is kicking off its second [Food Too Good to Waste Challenge](#) on Oct. 26 at 6:30 p.m. The kick off will take place at the Solid Waste Services' facility, 1105 Otts St. Throughout the six-week challenge, participants will learn practical activities to help residents reduce their food waste while decreasing the amount they spend on wasted food.

Benefits of the program include learning:

- How to improve health through changing waste behavior.
- How to prepare and store food to save money.
- How to shop for healthy food inexpensively.
- How to compost food and other organic waste.

During the kickoff event, participants will learn more about the challenge and receive supplies, rules and tips for a successful challenge.

To-date, 130 Charlotte residents from various parts of the City have registered to take the challenge.

Why is the Food Too Good to Waste Challenge important?

The program helps fulfill two goals in the City Council's [Focus Area Plan](#) - reduction of waste landfilled per curbside unit and an increase in composting education. Additionally, the [Environmental Protection Agency](#) estimates that more food reaches landfills and incinerators than any other single material in our everyday trash, constituting 21.6 percent of discarded municipal solid waste. Based on this information, it is fair to reason that if the City of Charlotte reduced residential food waste it could reduce the amount of waste landfilled per curbside unit and increase composting awareness.

Are you ready to take the Challenge?

Registration for the Food Too Good to Waste Charlotte is still open. Want to take the Challenge? Register today at tiny.cc/F2G2Wkickoff.

Blue Line Extension Public Meetings – Oct. 10, 11 & 12

Staff Resource: Jill Brim, CATS, 704-336-2267, jmbrim@charlottenc.gov

The Charlotte Area Transit System (CATS) will hold public meetings on Oct. 10, 11 and 12 to present information on the status of the Blue Line Extension. Staff will inform the community on the progress of the extension, answer questions and share the overall vision for the alignment. Additionally, various city and state departments will be present to discuss related local projects.

Information for the public meetings is below:

Tuesday, Oct. 10

6 – 8 p.m.

Sugar Creek Presbyterian Church
101 West Sugar Creek Road
Charlotte, N.C. 28213

Wednesday, Oct. 11

12 – 2 p.m.

No presentation at this meeting.

Charlotte Main Library
300 East 7th St.
Charlotte, N.C. 28202

Thursday, Oct. 12

6 – 8 p.m.

University of North Carolina - Charlotte*
Cone University Center, Lucas Room
9025 University Road
Charlotte, N.C. 28262

**When accessing campus from the Main Entrance, go straight through the traffic circle to stay on Broadrick Blvd, take a left on to University Road. Parking for the Cone Center can be accessed by taking the next right. Please park in guest parking spots. Standard parking fees will apply.*

Other city projects in close vicinity to the Blue Line Extension alignment will also be represented. CATS welcomes attendance from the elected officials. Other projects that will be discussed include:

- CATS Bus Operations
- Blue Line Extension Business Outreach
- Northeastern Corridor Infrastructure Projects
 - Parkwood Avenue Streetscape
 - Tom Hunter Road Streetscape
 - McCullough Street Streetscape
 - Sugar Creek Streetscape
 - N. Tryon and 36th Street Streetscape
 - JW Clay Blvd Streetscape
 - 25th Street Streetscape
 - Orr Road Extension
 - Rocky River Road West Street Improvement
- I-85 Bridges (South Bridge/University Pointe Blvd/and North Bridge/JW Clay Blvd-Research Drive/Connector)
- CATS Arts In Transit
- Cross-Charlotte Trail
- North Carolina Department of Transportation
- Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Department

The information presented at each public meeting will be the same.

Follow Up Items
City Council Dinner Briefing and Council Business Meeting
Monday, September 25, 2017

Agenda Item Number	Agenda Item Title	Mayor and Council Questions	Agenda Coordinator/ Staff Resource	Department Response
14	FY2018 Housing Funding Support Requests	What is the percentage of people moving to Charlotte that need affordable housing?	Pam Wideman, Zelleka Biermann/Keith Richardson	According to estimates over a five-year period (2011-2015) found in the Census' American Community Survey, 57,000 new residents move to Charlotte annually. Approximately 18,800 of them are below 150% of the poverty level, which is based on a family of two with no children, earning \$24,108 annually. This amounts to 33% of new residents, who may be in need of some level of affordable or workforce housing. However this figure is based on assumptions using the Census data, which do not align directly with benchmarks for poverty used by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

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16	CAMP North End Infrastructure Reimbursement	What can the City do to protect the neighborhoods around this development so that current residents can benefit from it?	Pat Mumford, Todd DeLong, Mike Davis, Jim Keenan/Kristen Behlke	<p>The developer has agreed to work with the City to incorporate a Minority, Women and Small Business Enterprise Plan, which could provide opportunities for area residents and businesses.</p> <p>The City and the developer will coordinate outreach to residents in adjacent communities to inform them of the opportunities available through Project PIECE.</p> <p>The City is currently engaging residents in surrounding areas in racial, equity-based work around access to technology and educational programs</p>

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17	River District Infrastructure Reimbursement	For Action B (the Infrastructure Reimbursement Agreement for public infrastructure improvements that will be reimbursed through the 2016 Community Investment Plan), can we incorporate MWBE and SBE participation goals for the City and the private sector?	Pat Mumford, Mike Davis, Barry Gullet/Keith Richardson	<p>The developers will agree to a goal of a minimum of 10% MWSBE inclusion on the public infrastructure aspect of the project and will work with the City to develop a goal for Phase I of the privately owned construction after the project has been designed and capacity of the firms in the City database has been established.</p> <p>It is Charlotte Water's intent to incorporate the water line construction (Action C) in the overall West Boulevard Extension project to leverage cost efficiencies related to construction activities. This may allow for more opportunities for MWBE or SBE participation.</p>

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28	Tasers and Related Products Contract	Describe the funding source that will be used to fund this contract.	Kerr Putney, Stephen Willis/LaVondra Farquharson	The funding source for Tasers is the General Capital Equipment Fund. The General Capital Equipment Fund accounts for financial resources, primarily proceeds from bonds, and other financing agreements and taxes, used for the acquisition, construction and improvement of facilities, vehicles and capital equipment with a useful life of approximately five years .