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**WEEK IN REVIEW:**

Mon (Aug 27)	Tues (Aug 28)	Wed (Aug 29)	Thurs (Aug 30)	Fri (Aug 31)
2:00 PM City Attorney’s Evaluation, Room 278  4:00 PM Council Business Meeting, Room 267  6:30 PM Citizens’ Forum, Meeting Chamber			12:00 PM Budget Committee Meeting, Room 280	

## CALENDAR DETAILS:

### **Monday, August 27**

2:00 pm City Attorney's Evaluation, Room 278

4:00 pm Council Business Meeting, Room 267

6:30 pm Citizens' Forum, Meeting Chamber

### **Thursday, August 30**

12:00 pm Budget Committee Meeting, Room 280

**August and September calendars are attached.**



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## AGENDA NOTES:

### **Agenda Item #45 – Property Transactions (Blue Line Extension Project)**

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On August 27, Council will be asked to approve some of the first property transactions needed for the Blue Line Light Rail Extension Project. The real estate phase of this project is part of the critical path to meeting milestones and deadlines required under the federal rules that apply to this project. Over 280 property transactions will be required, and the majority of those involve privately-owned commercial property. Many of the properties are high-end, attractive business locations and will appraise at high values. In addition, there will be one residential transaction and additional transactions from the County, CMS and private utilities as the project progresses.

Staff and real estate consultants are working closely with the property and business owners along the project in order to balance property owners' needs and interests with this challenging schedule. In each case of a request for condemnation, staff will document on Council's agenda the communication that has occurred with the property owner and the reasons for moving to condemnation resolution. Additionally, staff will work closely with any business tenants to assist in the relocation of their business to another adequate location.

As in all cases, Council's approval of the condemnation resolutions signals to the City

Attorney's Office to initiate condemnation proceedings. As part of the condemnation process, RealEstate staff and the City Attorney's Office will continue to negotiate, including court-mandated mediation, in an attempt to resolve the matter. Most condemnation cases are settled by the parties prior to going to court. City Real Estate and CATs staff are available to answer questions regarding any individual property at Council's request.

**PULLED Agenda Item #48D – In Rem Remedy (1244 A&B Pegram Street)**

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Code Enforcement staff has observed that substantial work has been performed on this unit. There, this case has been pulled from the agenda. Staff will continue to work with the property owners to bring the dwelling into full compliance.

## **INFORMATION:**

**October 10 - Council Work Session on Affordable Housing Strategy**

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As requested by the Mayor and Council, a second work session has been scheduled for discussion of the City's affordable housing strategy. The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 10, noon – 2:00 p.m. in room 267. This is a follow-up to the Council's discussion on June 27. An agenda and additional information will be sent prior to the October 10 meeting.

**Bloomberg Philanthropies Mayor's Challenge Grant**

*Staff Resource: Tracy Montross, Mayor's Office, 704-336-4332, [tmontross@charlottenc.gov](mailto:tmontross@charlottenc.gov)*

Earlier this summer, Bloomberg Philanthropies, a charitable foundation started by New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, announced the Mayor's Challenge Grant, open to U.S. municipalities with at least 30,000 residents. The goal of the program is to develop innovative ideas to solve community challenges that can be replicated in cities across America. One grand prize winner will receive a \$5 million grant to implement their idea, and four communities will each receive a \$1 million award. Successful ideas must accomplish one of the following:

- Solve a major social or economic issue;
- Improve the customer service experience for citizens or businesses;
- Enhance accountability, transparency, and public engagement; and/or
- Increase government efficiency.

Mayor Bloomberg has encouraged Mayor Foxx to consider making an application on behalf of the City of Charlotte. The deadline for submission is September 14, 2012. Twenty finalists will be announced later this fall, and be invited to an "idea camp" to receive coaching from national experts to fully develop the concept. Winners will be announced in spring 2013.

During Monday's Council meeting, Mayor Foxx will seek Council's consent to submit an application to the Mayor's Challenge Grant. Building on the City's emerging focus on

entrepreneurship and youth employment, Mayor Foxx desires to focus Charlotte's application on the implementation of an Entrepreneur Academy in partnership with Project L.I.F.T.

The Entrepreneur Academy would provide Project L.I.F.T participants a foundation in entrepreneurial thinking to prepare them for future success. Key components include:

- Activities to develop critical thinking skills used to identify and evaluate market opportunities and how to manage risks.
- Developing a strong working knowledge of business fundamentals such as marketing, product/service development, management, and financials.
- Acquiring relationships through mentoring and networking opportunities.
- Creating an actionable business plan with support from local entrepreneurial support organizations, colleges and universities (such as Packard Place, JCSU, Davidson College and UNC Charlotte).

Project L.I.F.T staff has agreed to submit the application on behalf of the City, which will require no City staff time or resources. Should Charlotte be selected as one of the twenty finalists, Council would then have an opportunity to discuss whether and how much staff time may need to be devoted to fully implement the Entrepreneur Academy.

#### **CLT Receives Zero Discrepancies on Airfield Inspection**

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CLT received zero discrepancies on its 2012 FAA Part 139 Inspection, held Tuesday, August 21 – Thursday, August 23 at Charlotte Douglas. The rating is the highest an airport can earn.

The annual three-day FAA Part 139 Inspection examines the overall condition of airfields to ensure that airports nationwide are meeting safety requirements set by the FAA. Inspectors examined many areas that included: pavement conditions, airfield signage, lights, safety areas, approach zones, firefighter drill response, wildlife hazardous management plan, self inspection records, airport certification manual, fueling operations and various training records.

Airport operations, airfield maintenance, North Carolina Air National Guard, Wilson Air Center and the Charlotte Fire Department all took part in the inspection.

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<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 12:00p Special Meeting, Room 267	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 2:30p Housing & Neighborhood Development Committee, Room 280	<b>16</b> 3:00p Economic Development Committee, Room 280	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 11:45a Council-Manager Relations Committee, Room 278	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 2:00p City Attorney's Evaluation Room – 278  4:00p Citizens' Forum/ Council Business Meeting	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 12:00p Budget Committee Meeting, Room 280	<b>31</b>	
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