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CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

Monday, March 1, 2010

Room 267

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| 5:00 p.m. | Dinner |
| 5:15 p.m. | Update from Holland & Knight |
| 5:45 p.m. | Economic Development: Small Business Opportunity Program Task Force |
| 6:00 p.m. | Economic Development: ReVenture Park Development |
| 6:30 p.m. | Environment: MOU with Mount Holly for Long Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant |
| 7:00 p.m. | Environment and Transportation: Development Standards: Purpose and Implementation |
| 7:30 p.m. | Citizens' Forum
Room 267 |

COUNCIL WORKSHOP AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

TOPIC: Holland & Knight

COUNCIL FOCUS AREA: All

RESOURCES: Ron Kimble
City Manager's Office

KEY POINTS:

- Representatives from Holland & Knight will brief the City Council on the status of the City's 2010 Federal Legislative Agenda.
- They will also communicate information on other important issues at the Federal level.
- They will briefly discuss plans for the upcoming National League of Cities Meeting in Washington, DC March 13 – 17, 2010.

COUNCIL DECISION OR DIRECTION REQUESTED:

None. This presentation is for informational purposes only.

ATTACHMENTS:

2010 Federal Legislative Agenda

The City of Charlotte
FY 2011 Federal Legislative Agenda

Earmark Requests:

- Transit
 - Funding for NE Corridor -- \$40,000,000
 - Support TIGER Grant for North Corridor Commuter Rail Project -- \$300,000,000

- Police
 - Priority Offenders --\$966,960
 - Emergency Communications Co-Location -- \$5,000,000
 - Police Activities League Youth Initiative -- \$260,000
 - Gang of One -- \$1,050,000
 - Electronic Monitoring of Priority Offenders Under Court-Directed Probation -- \$500,000

- Eastland Mall Site Flood Control Basin -- \$1,000,000

- Briar Creek Outfall -- \$4,000,000

Policy Issues:

- Transportation Policy Issues
 - Clearer direction about the relationship between states and urban area MPOs
 - Direct allocation to urban areas
 - Explore alternative funding sources for transportation needs

- Transit Policy Issues
 - Inclusion of Transit Projects in Reauthorization of the Surface Transportation Bill
 - Support for proposed changes in Reauthorization of the Surface Transportation Bill

- Lobbying Against Mandatory Collective Bargaining for Public Safety Officers

COUNCIL WORKSHOP AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

TOPIC: Small Business Opportunity Program Task Force

COUNCIL FOCUS AREA: Economic Development

RESOURCES:

Task Force Chairs: Michelle Fish, Integra Staffing & Search
Julius Chambers, Ferguson Stein Chambers
Gresham & Sumter

Staff Resources: Tom Flynn, Neighborhood & Business Services
Nancy Rosado, Neighborhood & Business Services
Cynthia White, City Attorney's Office

KEY POINTS:

- On December 14, 2009, City Council approved the Small Business Opportunity Task Force.
- On January 26, 2010, a 15-member task force was appointed. The task force held its first meeting on February 10, 2010.
- The task force is charged with reviewing the City's Small Business Opportunity Program and providing recommendations to promote small business utilization in City contracting.
- The City's Small Business Opportunity Program seeks to enhance competition in City contracting and promote economic growth and development in the Charlotte Regional Area. There are currently 799 City certified Small Business Enterprises.
- Task Force Chairs will present an update and identify their main focus areas of work.

COUNCIL DECISION OR DIRECTION REQUESTED:

None. This presentation is for informational purposes only.

ATTACHMENTS:

None

COUNCIL WORKSHOP AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

TOPIC: ReVenture Park Redevelopment

COUNCIL FOCUS AREA: Economic Development

RESOURCES: Peter Zeiler
Neighborhood & Business Services

KEY POINTS:

- At the Workshop, representatives of Foresite Development will present the plan for ReVenture Park. The company proposes to develop a “Renewable Energy Eco-Industrial Park” that would include the following components: Biomass power plant, solar fields, green energy incubator labs, wastewater treatment and reuse facility, and research and development facilities. The site is in the City’s Extra-territorial Jurisdiction, adjacent to the US National Whitewater Center and Mount Holly Road.
- Total public/private investment is estimated at \$900 million and 1,100 “green collar” jobs are projected to be created.
- The developer is asking the City’s assistance in the following areas:
 - Development of a planned wastewater treatment plant by CMU. The waste sludge from this plant would be used to fuel the Biomass power plant.
 - Expedited land development permitting to meet Federal deadlines.
 - Assistance in negotiating Brownfield agreement with NC Department of Environmental and Natural Resources.
 - Purchase of a portion of the Statesville Landfill site adjacent to a waste transfer facility. This will enable Foresite to expand capacity of this facility that would feed waste to the Biomass power plant.

COUNCIL DECISION OR DIRECTION REQUESTED:

Provide general direction to City staff on moving forward to work with Foresite development on this project.

ATTACHMENTS:

None

COUNCIL WORKSHOP AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

TOPIC: MOU with Mount Holly for
Long Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant

COUNCIL FOCUS AREA: Environment

RESOURCES: Barry Gullet, Utilities

KEY POINTS:

- The 2007 Wastewater Master Plan recommended a new regional treatment plant at Long Creek.
- The new plant needs to consolidate existing plants to avoid creating a new discharge into Lake Wylie.
- Mount Holly also needs more treatment capacity and is interested in being a partner in the project.
- A Memorandum of Understanding has been drafted as the foundation for a formal agreement.
- Terms of the MOU include:
 - Moving forward is contingent upon available funding and receipt of permits;
 - Charlotte will be responsible for design, construction, financing, operation and maintenance;
 - Mount Holly will pay treatment costs; and
 - Mount Holly will receive treatment capacity in exchange for transferring its plant permit to Charlotte and for the cost of piping flow across the river.
- Mount Holly's City Council has discussed the MOU and their approval is expected.
- Utilities is working with the ReVenture Park developer to integrate the treatment plant into their plans.

COUNCIL DECISION OR DIRECTION REQUESTED:

This presentation is for informational purposes only. Final approval of the MOU will be requested at a future business meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

None

COUNCIL WORKSHOP AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

TOPIC: Development Standards: Purpose and Implementation

COUNCIL FOCUS AREA: Environment and Transportation

RESOURCES: Debra Campbell, Planning
Jeb Blackwell, Engineering/Property Management
Danny Pleasant, Transportation

KEY POINTS:

In a letter to the City Council (January 7, 2010), Mayor Foxx asked City staff to provide a briefing and update on development policy and standards, specifically the **Post-Construction Controls Ordinance**, updates to the **Tree Ordinance** and the **Urban Street Design Guidelines**. The presentation will provide an overview of:

- Purpose – The policy and standards are to advance the Vision of the City by providing a balanced and sustainable approach to development, the construction of infrastructure, and protection of the environment.
- Implementation – The key elements to be reviewed are:
 - Current status
 - Policy vs. ordinance
 - Consistent standards vs. flexibility
 - Context sensitive application
 - Costs – short term/long term

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None