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	1300GT RETREAT

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Council Agenda

BUDGET RETREAT Tuesday, June 10, 1997

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<u>CH14</u>

Lunch

1:30 p.m.

Meeting Chamber

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Busmess Park

Consider amendments to the recommended FY98 Operating Budget and FY98-2002 Capital Investment Plan. The proposed amendments will be considered by Fund and then by revenue and expenditure change.

General Fund

REVENUE CHANGE

1. User Fees for Regulatory Services

\$150,000

This change will increase the City's revenues by \$150,000

User fees for regulatory services will be set at 60% full cost recovery in accordance with City Council's policy The new fees will be effective September 1, 1997 During FY98, these services will be benchmarked with other cities to ensure efficiency and use of "best practices"

EXPENDITURE CHANGES

2. Children's Services Network

This action <u>discontinues</u> funding for the Children's Services Network

The Manager's recommended budget includes continued funding for the Children's Services Network (CSN) in the amount of \$50,000 \$25,000 of the recommendation was to be held in reserve pending a joint decision by the five sponsors of CSN (the City, the County, the School Board, the Chamber and United Way) on the future of the organization. The FY99 budget placed all of the funding in reserve.

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3. Stop the Killing

This action establishes funding for the Stop the Killing Crusade

The Stop the Killing Crusade requested funding for programs related to fighting crime in predominantly African-American communities. Funding would be used for drug patrols, door-to-door campaigns, monthly community projects and radio and television advertisements.

Total request is \$40,000 Funding would be released contingent upon receipt of the following

- Current Board of Directors (appointment process, attendance records, meeting schedule)
- Financial Policies
- Federal Tax Returns for previous two years
- Approved budget for previous fiscal year
- Organization Chart
- Conflict of Interest Policy
- Salary Disclosure
 - Executive Director
 - Top five salaried positions over \$30,000 (including benefits, incentive pay and/or bonus pay)

Police Chief Dennis Nowicki supports the initiatives of Stop the Killing as complementary to the Police Department's Mission of "Preventing the Next Crime" However, he believes a key to the Crusade's success to date has been its "grass roots," community-based attributes

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Chief Nowicki offers his staff's assistance to the organization for Board of Directors participation and appointment processes and for suggesting options for developing fiscal and organizational management tools

Attachment 1

4. Crime Stoppers

This action establishes funding for Crime Stoppers

Crime Stoppers is a non-profit organization that pays money from an established reward schedule to anonymous callers who provide information which solve crimes.

Charlotte's Crime Stoppers program was established in 1982 with \$114,585 in private donations. Crime stoppers has paid out \$196,000 in rewards from the original funds.

Crime Stoppers was privatized in 1994, with one of the goals being to raise tax-deductible funds privately

The funds currently available to Crime
Stoppers are projected to run out within 18
months Reward payments have increased
in part to the new Scholastic Crime
Stoppers Program in the CharlotteMecklenburg Schools Crime Stoppers has
committed that funds will be sought from
the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of
Education

No specific amount has been requested by Crime Stoppers The \$36,000 increase reflects the rewards estimated to be paid during the next twelve months

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5. City Manager's Salary Pulled Remarks

\$8,760

This action increases the City Manager's base salary from \$121,240 to \$130,000 effective July 1, 1997

Police Felony Investigator

\$38,656

This change funds an additional felony investigator in the Police Department

The 19th priority on the Police Chief's budget request was an additional felony investigator to focus on the County's gangs and other organized groups, hate crimes, and individuals recently released from prison

This investigator would coordinate intelligence information from all the Department's units The comprehensive information report then would be distributed as an additional investigative resource

Attachment 2

Police Investigative Technicians

This change funds four additional investigative technicians in the Police Department

The 21st priority on the Police Chief's budget request was four additional investigative technicians for the Crimes Against Property and Persons Investigations (including Arson and Rape) and Family Services Bureaus (including Domestic Violence and Missing Persons)

\$134,018

The civilian investigative technicians assist sworn investigators by managing caseload paperwork and computerized database programs and by providing research and analysis support. This assistance allows sworn staff to increase the time they spend in direct investigation and interview processes at the crime scenes and with witnesses, victims, and potential suspects.

Attachment 3

SUMMARY OF GENERAL FUND CHANGES

Revenue Change	Amount	Expenditure Change	Amount
User Fees	\$150,000	Children's Services Network	(\$50,000)
		Stop the Kıllıng	40,000
		Crime Stoppers	36,000
		City Manager's Salary	8,760
		Police Felony Investigator	38,656
		Police Investigative Technicians	134,018
TOTAL	\$150,000	TOTAL	\$207,434

Capital Investment Program

REVENUE CHANGE

8. Transfer Net Proceeds from the Auditorium/ Coliseum/Convention Center Authority to the City

\$1,800,000

This action requires an <u>additional transfer</u> of \$1,800,000 from the Authority for a total transfer of \$4 million

As of June 30, 1997, the Authority's net proceeds will be approximately \$6 2 million

The use of these funds is projected to be as follows

- 1 \$2 2 million transferred to the City to apply to the debt of the Charlotte Coliseum as requested by the City Manager
- 2 \$1 5 million to fund operating deficits of the four Authority facilities
- 3 \$1 million for capital improvements at the four facilities during FY98
- 4 \$1 million for designated operating reserves
- 5 \$500,000 budgeted for contingency

The \$2 2 million is included in the Manager's recommended budget, but is not programmed for any specific projects. It is suggested that this reserve be held for projects included in the framework for Council's continued capital discussions, such as the Westside Strategic Plan, the First Ward Master Plan, the CWAC Business Park, or the Trolley

With \$6 2 million available in net proceeds and \$2 2 million already committed to the City, Council is now considering requiring an additional transfer to the City of \$1 8 million of the Authority's remaining \$4 million in reserves

All net proceeds transferred from the Authority to the City will be placed in reserve in the capital budget until Council designates specific expenditure plans

EXPENDITURE CHANGES

9. Sidewalk Program

Non

\$200,000

This action <u>increases</u> the amount for new sidewalks in the Capital Budget for FY98 from \$2 million to \$2,200,000

\$451,437 was spent on sidewalk repairs last year (City forces and contractors) The proposed FY98 Operating Budget includes \$497,022 for a new sidewalk crew to address the backlog of sidewalk repair requests

10. Traffic Calming Devices

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\$200,000

This action increases the amount for the Neighborhood Traffic Pilot Program from \$250,000 to \$450,000

Since the 1970's, the City has had a Neighborhood Traffic Program to help alleviate speeding and discourage through traffic in neighborhoods. Common remedies have been lowered speed limits, turn restrictions and multi-way stops. Often these neighborhoods seek additional remedies.

The new Neighborhood Traffic Pilot
Program (approved by Council in February
1997) includes calming devices such as
speed humps and traffic circles Currently
120 streets are being considered for the pilot
program

On June 24, 1997, City Council's Transportation Committee will consider options for neighborhood financial participation

Sound Barriers

This action provides local funding to leverage state funding for sound barriers along I-485

Pay-As-You-Go and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

EXPENDITURE DECREASE

This change eliminates funding for the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Housing Partnership

The recommended budget includes a contribution of \$2,000,000 to the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Housing Partnership for development of affordable Elimination of the \$2,000,000 funding for the Partnership will make funds from the Pay-As-You-Go tax fund (\$1,000,000) and Community Development Block Grant (\$1,000,000) available for other uses

Attached is the Housing Partnership's goal achievements for fiscal years 1996 and 1997 (through April 30, 1997) Goals for fiscal year 1998 are under negotiation, but preliminary goals are as follows

- Acquire 20 lots or houses for the production of units at an average cost of \$5,000 per lot and \$18,000 per lot and house
- 2 Construct new or renovate 40 units of housing

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Housing Partnership

3 Sell or lease 30 houses, leveraging City funds at an average of 3 private dollars to 1 City dollar

Also attached is the Housing Partnership's assessment of the impact of the \$2 million reduction, the Partnership's description of their rehabilitation costs and the FY96 contract evaluation conducted by UNCC

Attachment 4

SUMMARY OF CHANGES TO OTHER FUNDS

Revenue Change	Amount	Expenditure Change	Amount
Additional transfer from the Coliseum Authority		Charlotte-Mecklenburg Housing Partnership	(\$2,000,000)
		Sidewalk Program	200,000
		Traffic Calming Devices	200,000
		Sound Barriers	100,000
TOTAL	\$1,800,000	TOTAL	(\$1,500,000)

TRANSIT FUND

EXPENDITURE DECREASE

13. EZ Rider Route

This action would eliminate the EZ Rider route that is not currently meeting the performance standard EZ Rider services are divided into four routes Jackson Park, Revolution Park, Tryon Hills/The Plaza and

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Central Avenue All of the routes are meeting the performance standard of 8 rides per hour with the exception of the Central Avenue route

Avenue route and recommends a reduction in the number of hours of service (from 12 30pm - 2 30pm and from 5 30pm to 8 30pm) The remaining seven hours of service should generate enough passengers to meet the performance standard. The recommended budget reflects this reduced level of service.

Current and recommended funding levels for EZ Rider service are as follows

Route	FY97 Budget	FY98 Recommended
Jackson Park	\$74,235	\$81,719
Revolution Park	\$74,235	\$81,719
Tryon Hılls/The Plaza	\$81,585	\$89,810
Central Avenue	\$81,585	\$57,500
Total	\$311,640	\$310,748

The EZ Rider contract is scheduled for award on Council's June 23 Business
Agenda This contract is based on an hourly rate of service and will reflect Council's decisions related to levels of service

OTHER INFORMATION

14. Cultural Diversity

During the May 20th budget retreat, Council discussed the increasing diversity of our community, particularly as it related to the budget request submitted by the Hispanic/Latino Resource Center Staff will develop a report for Council on how the City can

address these concerns Staff will work with the Mayor's International Cabinet, the Community Relations Committee and other community agencies to develop the report

15. City Within A City (CWAC) Business Park

The Manager's recommended budget includes \$200,000 for the CWAC Business Park Council requested additional information on how the \$200,000 would be used Staff will provide additional information on the business park in the May 30 Council communications packet