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# 5:00 P.M. DINNER BRIEFING CONFERENCE CENTER

## Mayor & Council Consent Item Questions

**Resource:** Curt Walton, City Manager

Time: 5 minutes

#### **Synopsis**

Mayor and Council may ask questions about Consent I and Consent II
agenda items. Staff will address as many questions as possible at the end
of the dinner meeting.

# 2. Housing Trust Fund Update

**Resources:** Bobby Drakeford, Chair – Housing Trust Fund Advisory

Board

Tylee Kessler, Vice Chair - Housing Trust Fund Advisory

Board

Stan Wilson, Neighborhood Development

Time: 20 minutes

#### **Synopsis**

- The Housing Trust Fund (HTF) Advisory Board is appearing at the request of City Council to:
  - Provide an update on HTF performance
  - Highlight the results of the 2007 Housing Market Study prepared by Robert Charles Lesser & Company
  - Discuss future funding needs
- In 2001 City Council established the HTF to provide financing for affordable housing. The HTF Advisory Board was established by Council to oversee operations and develop policies for the administration of the Housing Trust Fund. Responsibilities of the HTF Board include:
  - Recommend annual funding priorities
  - Develop and update HTF guidelines
  - Monitor the performance of the fund
  - Provide an annual report to City Council
- Since FY2002 the HTF has received \$57.3 million through voter approved housing bonds, land sale proceeds and program income. These funds have financed the development of 3,236 affordable housing units, of which 1,787 units (55%) serve households earning 30 percent or less than the area median income (AMI).
- To date, \$46.9 million (82%) of the \$57.3 million has been committed to developments and the remaining \$10.4 million has been issued to developers in a Request for Proposals (RFPs). As of February 2008, 12 developer proposals requesting \$10.7 million have been received through the FY2008 RFP. The proposals are being evaluated, scored and ranked by staff, with Council action anticipated in May 2008.
- The Housing Trust funds have contributed approximately \$47 million to development projects including the Emergency Winter Shelter, Center of

Hope, McCreesh Place Single Room Occupancy and the YWCA's Family Together and Women and Transition), with an overall leverage ratio of 1:5.

#### **Future Action**

The affordable housing proposals will be on the May 12, 2008 business agenda.

#### Attachment 1

Housing Trust Fund Advisory Board Housing Trust Fund Financial Status Report Housing Trust Fund Project Summary Report

#### 3. Division Wrecker Services

**Resources:** Major Tim Danchess, CMPD

Marcy Mars, BSS/Procurement Services Division

Time: 20 minutes

#### **Synopsis**

- The City contracts with wrecker services to meet the needs of CMPD, CDOT, and Neighborhood Development Code Enforcement (CED).
  - CMPD: collisions, disabled vehicles, driver arrests, evidence, seizures, recovered stolen vehicles
  - CDOT: illegally parked vehicles, special events
  - CED: junked, abandoned and hazardous vehicles
- Current contracts were awarded by Council in October 2001 for five years with two optional one-year extensions.
- The second one-year extension was partially renewed through May 2008 to accommodate the current procurement process.
- The City is currently divided into zones for the purpose of wrecker services; there are seven zones covered under five contracts.
- Staff proposes to have the wrecker service areas mirror the 13 police division configuration implemented by CMPD in January 2007. This change will reduce confusion and provide a number of benefits including enhanced service delivery and improved accountability.
- Thirteen new contracts will be awarded. Eligible wrecker services were allowed to bid on multiple zones. The staff recommendation is to award contracts to eight wrecker service companies to serve the 13 zones.
- The procurement process staff overview team was comprised of representatives from BSS/Procurement Services, CMPD, CDOT, and CED. One member from the Privatization and Competition Advisory Committee observed the procurement process.
- Ten proposals were received and were evaluated on criteria including:
  - Background and experience of the wrecker company, including references, background checks and prior contract performance
  - Operational qualifications such as equipment and personnel
  - Customer service philosophy
  - Facility, including lot size, storage capability, and security
  - Business processes
  - Financial viability
- The evaluation process included site visits, background investigations, service provider presentations and interviews.
- This change presents a number of challenges:

- Transitioning to new division system
- Starting new service providers
- Monitoring ongoing performance
- Managing customer service issues
- A comprehensive recommendation book will be provided to Council in mid-April.

#### **Future Action**

- The new division wrecker contracts will be on the April 28, 2008 business agenda.
- Contracts would be signed by May 17 and new service would begin on June 1, 2008.

# 4. First Ward Park and Parking Deck

**Resources:** Tom Flynn, Economic Development

Time: 10 minutes

#### **Synopsis**

- Levine Properties has requested a public/private partnership with the City and County to build an underground parking deck on the block bordered by Seventh Street, North Brevard Street, Ninth Street and the light rail line. Levine Properties proposes that a park be built on top of this underground parking deck.
- UNC Charlotte is planning for their urban campus at the corner of Ninth and Brevard, and has integrated the park into their site planning. UNC Charlotte is also interested in partnering to provide parking spaces to serve their urban campus.
- Preliminary conversations have focused on a multi-year participation using City and County incremental property taxes to assist in the cost of the underground parking deck and park on top.

#### **Future Action**

Staff requests referral to the Economic Development and Planning Committee for discussion and eventual recommendation to City Council.

# 5. Answers to Mayor & Council Consent Item Questions

**Resource:** Curt Walton, City Manager

Time: 10 minutes

#### **Synopsis**

Staff response to questions from the beginning of the dinner meeting.

# 6:30 P.M. Closed Session Conference Center

Action: Adopt a motion pursuant to NCGS143-318.11(a)(6) to go

into closed session to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment or conditions of initial employment of a

prospective Chief of Police.

# 7:00 P.M. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS MEETING CHAMBER

### **CONSENT**

6. Consent agenda items 17 through 30 may be considered in one motion except those items removed by a Council member. Items are removed by notifying the City Clerk before the meeting.

#### POLICY

# 7. City Manager's Report

Transit Quarterly Update

# 8. 2008 North Carolina Legislative Agenda

Action: Approve 2008 North Carolina Legislative Agenda.

**Staff Resource:** Boyd Cauble, City Manager's Office

#### **Explanation**

- On May 13<sup>th</sup>, the 2008 Legislative Session of the North Carolina General Assembly will begin. The "Short Session" is primarily dedicated to budget adjustments; legislation that passed either the House or Senate in the previous session; study committee reports; or "non-controversial" local bills.
- Statewide legislative issues staff will be following are:
  - Passage of Gang Legislation (HB274) in the Senate
  - Implementation of funding/legislation arising from recommendations from the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Transportation Committee
  - Regulatory issues
- The individual department requests staff will address include:
  - CATS Private security for buses
  - Economic Development Coverage Area for Small Business Program
  - Neighborhood Development Developer Affordable Housing Projects,
     Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT)
  - Police Salvage/Scrap Metal Yards
- The Legislative Agenda has been reviewed by the Council's Government Affairs Committee and by the City Council at their April 7 Workshop.

#### **Next Step**

The approved Legislative Agenda will be presented to the Mecklenburg Delegation at a breakfast meeting on Monday, April 21 in Room 267 of the Charlotte Mecklenburg Government Center.

#### Attachment 2

Proposed 2008 North Carolina Legislative Agenda

#### 9. Summer Youth JobLink Center



Action: Approve the Economic Development and Planning Committee's recommendation to implement a pilot Summer Youth JobLink Center, in partnership with Goodwill Industries, at an estimated cost to the City of \$45,000.

Committee Chair: John Lassiter

Staff Resources: Brad Richardson, Economic Development

Dawn Hill, Economic Development

#### **Explanation**

- In January, the City Manager referred to the Economic Development and Planning Committee a review of the Mayor's Youth Employment Program. One of the issues identified was expanding the Program to give more youth access to summer jobs and resources to find summer jobs.
- This recommendation addresses that issue by creating a pilot Summer Youth JobLink Center (Center) in partnership with Goodwill Industries that will provide the following services:
  - Job placement and access to the community job listing
  - Job readiness assessment
  - Career fairs
  - Job developer to find summer jobs for youth
- The Center will be located at Goodwill's facility on Freedom Drive which has regular CATS bus service. The Youth JobLink Center will use the existing JobLink Connection facility and be open for youth three days per week from 3:00p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- This pilot Center success will be measured by the following outcome measures:
  - Number of youth placed in summer jobs
  - Number of youth receiving Job Readiness training
  - Number of host employer partnerships
  - Number of youth continuing employment into the school year
- The Center will not replace the Mayor's Youth Employment Program. The Mayor's Youth Employment Program will continue to focus on placing youth from Right Moves for Youth and Communities in Schools in summer jobs with a career focus. The Mayor's program currently has 190 summer job commitments toward a goal of 250.
- A complete description of the pilot Youth JobLink Center is attached.

#### **Committee Recommendation**

- In reviewing staff's recommendation, the Committee discussed the importance of marketing the Youth JobLink Center to all neighborhoods in the City. There are marketing funds included in the budget and the City and Goodwill will work with City partners, H.E.L.P. (Helping Empower Local People), churches and others to get the market the program.
- The Committee also requested that the City Manager consider adding funds to the FY2009 Recommended Budget so the pilot Youth JobLink Center can be expanded and replicated in other parts of the City if successful.
- On April 2, 2008 the Economic Development & Planning Committee unanimously voted to recommend approval of the implementation of a Pilot Summer Youth JobLink Center. Members present: Lassiter, Carter, Foxx, Kinsey and Mitchell.

#### **Funding**

Development and Revitalization Fund

#### Attachment 3

Proposal for Pilot Summer Youth Job Link Center

# 10. COPS 2007 Technology Grant



Action:

- A. Approve acceptance of the modified COPS 2007 Technology grant in the amount of \$2,884,170 from the U.S. Department of Justice,
- B. Adopt an ordinance totaling \$3,845,560 by appropriating federal funds in the amount of \$2,884,170 and the City matching funds of \$961,390 from police assets forfeiture funds in three equal increments over the three year life of the grant, and
- C. Authorize the City Manager to approve grant related contracts and purchases not to exceed \$3,845,560 over the three year life of the grant.

Staff Resource: Deputy Chief Ken Miller, CMPD

#### **Explanation**

- In September 2007 the City of Charlotte (CMPD) was awarded a grant from the COPS Office in the amount of \$7.4 million.
- Council received a dinner briefing on the grant at its November 26, 2007
   Council dinner briefing. Council expressed concerns regarding the matching funds and ongoing costs associated with the grant.
- CMPD has revised the grant to reduce the scope of the project, resulting in reductions in the amount of requested federal funds, matching funds and ongoing costs.
- The revised grant proposal has been reviewed and is recommended for approval by the City Manager and Budget and Evaluation.

#### **Project Focus**

- The grant will provide data sharing capabilities for CMPD and other police agencies throughout an 11 county region.
- Focus will be on link analysis to prevent, detect, and address criminal activity and criminal enterprises.
- Secondary focus will be on detection of criminal activity that is a possible indicator of terrorist activity.

#### **Project Funding**

- Total implementation costs for the project are \$3,845,560. Federal funds will cover \$2,884,170 of the costs.
- The City match will be \$961,390 appropriated from assets forfeiture funds in three equal installments over the three year life of the grant.

#### **Ongoing Costs**

 Upon conclusion of the grant, ongoing costs for personnel, software license fees and hardware refresh are anticipated to be \$424,373 per year.

- Personnel needs will be met by using an existing position allocation.
- CMPD will seek assistance from the agencies linked into the system to cover the ongoing costs; the ongoing costs will be allocated by the combined number of sworn officers in participating agencies, resulting in a rate per sworn officer currently projected at \$100.81.
- Using the above formula, CMPD's share of annual costs would be approximately \$165,127 assuming that all agencies in the region choose to participate. CMPD's share of the ongoing costs will be included in annual budget requests after the third year of the grant.

#### **Grant Related Contracts**

Implementation of the grant will require contracts with a number of vendors for hardware, software, data formatting, and technical administration of the grant; CMPD requests that the City Manager be allowed to approve those individual contracts and accompanying purchase.

#### **Funding**

\$2,884,170 from the U.S. Department of Justice; matching funds of \$961,390 from police assets forfeiture funds for a total project cost of \$3,845,560

#### Attachment 4

**Budget Ordinance** 

#### **BUSINESS**

# 11. Business Investment Grant for Tessera Technologies

Action: Approve the City share of a Business Investment Grant to Tessera Technologies for a total estimated amount of \$275,106 over five years. (Total City/County grant estimated at

Staff Resource: Brad Richardson, Economic Development

\$778,225).

#### **Policy**

Support the development of an economic environment that attracts new businesses, retains existing businesses and offers a diverse economic mix

#### **Explanation**

- Headquartered in San Jose, California, Tessera Technologies (Tessera) is an advanced manufacturer of photonic and optical parts used in a variety of industries.
- In 2006, Tessera purchased Charlotte-based Digital Optics, a company located in the University Research Park that produces micro-optics for miniature cameras found in mobile phones, computers, security cameras and other electronic devices.
- Tessera currently employs 102 workers in Charlotte, and is planning a \$30 million expansion, which would add 185 new jobs over the next five years.
- Tessera's expansion will occur at their existing facility located at 9815
   David Taylor Drive in the University Research Park.
- Tessera's expansion meets all of the following Council-approved requirements for a five-year Business Investment Grant:
  - A taxable investment of \$30 million
  - 185 new jobs with an average wage of \$73,000 (184% of the average for the Charlotte-Gastonia-Rock Hill M.S.A.)
  - There was competition for this project from San Jose (CA), Tel Aviv (Israel), Yokahama (Japan), as well as a potential site in South Carolina
- Additionally, the expansion is estimated to have a total direct economic impact of \$15.7 million per year on Charlotte's economy, and generate annual tax revenues of \$165,674 for the City.
- City Council indicated their intent to approve a Business Investment Grant to Tessera in a closed session on February 25, 2008.
- The Board of County Commissioners indicated their intent to approve a Business Investment Grant to Tessera in a closed session on March 5, 2008.
- On March 13, 2008, Tessera was awarded a Job Development Investment Grant (JDIG) from the State of North Carolina valued at approximately \$2.64 million over nine years.
- If approved, the following schedule is an estimate of the Investment Grant payments to Tessera. This estimate is the City and County share of the grant and represents 50% of net new property taxes paid by the company over five years.

Year	City	County	Totals
1	\$64,883	\$118,659	\$183,542
2	\$60,187	\$110,071	\$170,258
3	\$54,904	\$100,409	\$155,313
4	\$50,208	\$91,821	\$142,029
5	\$44,924	\$82,159	\$127,084
Total	\$275,106	\$503,119	\$778,225

- The general terms and condition of this grant include:
  - A portion of the grant must be repaid if the company moves this investment from Charlotte within 5 years of the end of the grant term
  - Actual grant payments are based on the value of the investment as appraised by the Mecklenburg County Tax Office
  - All property taxes due from the company must be paid before a grant payment is made
- The Board of County Commissioners will consider approval of a Business Investment Grant on April 15, 2008.

#### Funding

Business Investment Grant Account; first payment is estimated to occur in FY2011

## 12. Business Investment Grant for SPEED Channel, Inc.

Action: Approve the City share of a Business Investment Grant to SPEED Channel Inc. for a total estimated amount of \$341,842 over 5 years. (Total City/County grant estimated at \$967,011).

Staff Resource: Brad Richardson, Economic Development

#### **Policy**

Support the development of an economic environment that attracts new businesses, retains existing businesses and offers a diverse economic mix.

#### **Explanation**

- Headquartered in Charlotte, SPEED Channel is a cable and satellite television network specializing in coverage of various forms of motorsports.
- SPEED Channel currently employs 79 workers in a leased facility located at 9711 Southern Pine Boulevard. The company plans to move its corporate headquarters and build new production facilities when its lease expires in January 2009.
- SPEED Channel will purchase the Verbatim Building located at 1200 West W.T. Harris Boulevard in the University Research Park.
- SPEED Channel's relocation and expansion meets all of the following Council-approved requirements for a five-year Business Investment Grant:
  - A taxable investment of \$34.9 million.
  - Creation of 34 new jobs and the retention of 79 existing jobs with an average wage of \$79,000 (199% of the average for the Charlotte-Gastonia-Rock Hill M.S.A.)

- There was competition for this project from a potential site in South Carolina
- Additionally, the expansion is estimated to have a total direct economic impact of \$12 million per year on Charlotte's economy, and generate additional annual tax revenues of \$146,000 for the City.
- City Council indicated their intent to approve a Business Investment Grant to SPEED Channel in a closed session on January 28, 2008.
- The Board of County Commissioners indicated their intent to approve a Business Investment Grant to SPEED Channel in a closed session on February 5, 2008.
- If approved, the following schedule is an estimate of the Investment Grant payments to SPEED Channel. This estimate is the City and County share of the grant and represents 50% of net new property taxes paid by the company over five years.

Year	City	County	Totals
1	\$76,102	\$139,177	\$215,279
2	\$72,419	\$132,442	\$204,862
3	\$68,276	\$124,865	\$193,142
4	\$64,594	\$118,131	\$182,724
5	\$60,451	\$110,554	\$171,004
Total	\$341,842	\$625,169	\$967,011

- The general terms and condition of this grant include:
  - A portion of the grant must be repaid if the company moves this investment from Charlotte within 5 years of the end of the grant term
  - Actual grant payments are based on the value of the investment as appraised by the Mecklenburg County Tax Office
  - All property taxes due from the company must be paid before a grant payment is made
- On March 12, 2008 SPEED Channel was awarded a One North Carolina Grant from the State of North Carolina valued at \$34,000, which requires a local match.
- The Board of County Commissioners will consider approval of a Business Investment Grant on April 15, 2008.

#### **Funding**

Business Investment Grant Account; first payment is estimated to occur in FY2011

# 13. Business Expansion Funding Corporation By-Laws Revision

Action: Approve revisions to By-Laws for Business Expansion Funding Corporation (BEFCOR) to:

- A. Change geographic eligibility for Corporation Members to be residents of North Carolina,
- B. Designate two Corporation Members to be appointed by Mayor, four by the City Council and three by the Board of County Commissioners; 18 to be appointed by the Board of Directors, and
- C. Corporation Members appointed by Mayor, Council and County Commissioners should represent government and community organizations responsible for economic development (categories are established by SBA regulations) and will be residents or have their place of business located in Charlotte-Mecklenburg.

Staff Resource: Brenda Freeze, City Clerk's Office

Richard Bargoil, Business Expansion Funding Corporation

#### **Explanation**

- In 2004 the SBA expanded the area of operations for all Community Development Corporations (CDC) from single and multi-county areas to statewide. BEFCOR's current By-Laws restrict the organization from appointing Members that reside outside Mecklenburg County.
- In order for BEFCOR to comply with federal Small Business Administration regulations that its corporate membership represents the expanded area of operations, BEFOR requests that City Council remove the Mecklenburg County restriction.
- In October 2007 BEFCOR's By-Laws were amended at its annual Membership meeting with those revisions specific to Article IV (Membership) approved subject to concurrence by the City Council as currently stipulated by the organization's By-Laws.
- Approval of the request will enable BEFCOR to:
  - Appoint Members from its expanded area of operations, satisfying SBA requirements and building partnerships with local, regional and statewide organizations outside Mecklenburg County, including economic development groups, chambers of commerce, business associations and businesses in the expanded area of operations
  - Effectively operate in a competitive environment where businesses and commercial lenders can elect to work with any of the nine CDCs operating in North Carolina
  - Continue a relationship with the City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg
     County to build effective local economic development partnerships and identify opportunities to support mutual objectives intended to promote job creation, retention, and business growth and development
  - Ensure that appointments representing the four stakeholder groups, particularly financial institutions and businesses, include balanced representation of Members from community, medium and large

commercial lenders, and that Members are representative of the CDC's area of operation by ethnicity and gender

- BEFCOR has been financially independent since 1992 with its operations supported from revenues earned by processing new loans and servicing an existing loan portfolio exceeding \$112 million. During the past two fiscal years BEFCOR approved 73 loans totaling \$36.2 million.
- Mayor and City Council will make their appointments to the BEFCOR in 2009 or beyond based upon current expiration dates.
- Consistent with by-law revisions concerning geographic eligibility for Corporation Members, the BEFCOR's Board of Directors will have three members who reside in or have their place of business in Charlotte-Mecklenburg.

#### Attachment 5

Q & A March 17, 2008 Letter SBA Loan Program Overview

#### 14. Bechtler Arts Foundation Board of Directors

Action: A. Set parameters for Mayor and Council appointments to the Bechtler Arts Foundation Board of Directors, and

- B. Appoint two Board of Directors members as recommended by the Bechtler Arts Foundation, and
- C. Assign one appointee a one year term and assign one appointee a three year term.

Staff Resource: Brenda Freeze, City Clerk's Office

#### **Explanation**

- The Bechtler Museum is being built as one of Charlotte's Cultural Facilities in downtown.
- The Bechtler Arts Foundation has their by-laws as stated in the agreements, and the Board of Directors will consist of 21 members.
- The duties of the Directors would be oversight of the Bechtler Art Museum and its art collection. This includes but is not limited to oversight of the museum curatorial programming and exhibitions, preservation and protections of the collections, and budget and staff oversight.
- Member time commitments would be two to four hours per month.
- The City has been designated with three appointments in the Agreement. Based upon Council's policy of 1/3 Mayor and 2/3 Council, the Mayor would have one appointment and Council would have two appointments.
- The 18 remaining of the 21 appointments will then be made according to the Agreement with the Bechtler Arts Foundation as shown on Page 9 of the agreement (attached) and as shown below:
  - one by the Arts and Science Council
  - one by Wachovia Corporation
  - four by Andreas Bechtler
  - 12 by the nine Board of Directors Members above
- Since these are initial terms, the appointments need to be staggered with the Mayor's appointment being two years for the first full term and

- Council's appointments being one and three years for the first full terms. Subsequent appointments will be three years.
- Council will need to determine at the time of appointment who will serve the initial one and three year terms.
- The agreement with the Bechtler Arts Foundation states "before making its appointments, the City shall first seek recommendations from the existing Board of Directors". Since the Board is not complete at this time, the recommendations would be from the Foundation.
- The Foundation recommends Lucinda (Cindy) Gantt and Lynn Good, who have submitted applications.
- Mayor and Council appointments will be residents of Mecklenburg County.
- Council's attendance policy will apply only to Mayor and Council appointments.

#### Attachment 6

Page 9 of the Bechtler Arts Foundation Agreement Applications

#### 15. Nominations to Boards and Commissions

Action: Nominate citizens to serve as specified. Incumbents may be reappointed at this meeting.

#### A. BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- One appointment for an unexpired term beginning immediately and ending December 31, 2010.
  - Gregory Johnson resigned.

#### Attachment 7

**Applications** 

#### B. BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- One three-year appointment for an Arrowood Association representative beginning April 29, 2008 and ending April 28, 2011.
  - Jeanette McLennan Savage is eligible and would like to be reappointed.
- Two one-year appointments for Charlotte Chamber representatives beginning April 29, 2008 and ending April 28, 2011.
  - Eric Dudley is eligible and would like to be reappointed.
  - Leigh W. Rounds is not eligible to be reappointed.
- Two two-year appointments beginning April 29, 2008 and ending April 28, 2010.
  - Wanda B. Craig does not want to be reappointed.
  - Renata Henderson does not want to be reappointed.
- One one-year appointment for a representative for the Manufacturer's Council
  - Dale C. Stoller does not want to be reappointed.

#### Attachment 8

**Applications** 

#### C. CHARLOTTE REGIONAL VISITORS AUTHORITY

- Three appointments for three-year terms beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2011.
  - Viola A. Lyles is eligible and would like to be reappointed.
  - Caldwell R. Rose is eligible and would like to be reappointed.
  - William J. Spears is eligible and would like to be reappointed.
- One appointment for a three-year term for a Hotel/Convention representative beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2011.
  - John Reed is eligible and would like to be reappointed.

#### Attachment 9

**Applications** 

#### D. CHARLOTTE MECKLENBURG PUBLIC ACCESS CORPORATION

- Three appointments for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2011.
  - Anja Arnoldt is eligible and would like to be reappointed.
  - Kenneth A. Gjertsen is eligible and would like to be reappointed.
  - Jay Rao is eligible and would like to be reappointed.

#### Attachment 10

**Applications** 

#### E. CITIZENS' REVIEW BOARD

- One appointment for an unexpired three-year term beginning immediately and expiring July 31, 2009.
  - Vanessee Burns resigned.

#### Attachment 11

**Applications** 

#### F. CITIZENS' TRANSIT ADVISORY GROUP

- One appointment for an unexpired two-year term beginning immediately and expiring June 30, 2009.
  - Christopher S. Edwards resigned.

#### Attachment 12

**Applications** 

#### G. CIVIL SERVICE BOARD

- One appointment for a three-year term beginning May 16, 2008 and expiring May 15, 2011.
  - Mary Hopper is eligible and would like to be reappointed.

#### Attachment 13

**Applications** 

#### H. CMUD ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- One appointment for a three-year term beginning May 1, 2008 and expiring June 30, 2011.
  - Franklin W. Blythe is eligible and would like to be reappointed.

#### Attachment 14

**Applications** 

#### I. HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

- One appointment for a three-year term beginning May 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2011.
  - Jane Anne McDermott does not want to be reappointed.

#### Attachment 15

**Applications** 

#### J. HOUSING TRUST FUND ADVISORY BOARD

- One appointment for a three year term for a developer/construction representative beginning May 1, 2008 and ending April 30, 2011.
  - Robert Drakeford is eligible and would like to be reappointed.
- One appointment for a three-year term for a neighborhood representative beginning May 1, 2008 and ending April 30, 2011.
  - Rickey V. Hall is eligible and would like to be reappointed.
- One appointment for a three year term for a real estate representative beginning May 1, 2008 and ending April 30, 2011.
- Anthony Lindsey is eligible and would like to be reappointed.

#### Attachment 16

**Applications** 

#### K. KEEP CHARLOTTE BEAUTIFUL

- Four appointments for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2011.
  - Kevin Brown is eligible and would like to be reappointed.
  - Julie Diggs is eligible and would like to be reappointed.
  - William C. Scheppegrell is eligible and would like to be reappointed.
  - Thomas L. Uhlir is eligible and would like to be reappointed.
- One appointment for an unexpired three-year term beginning immediately and expiring June 30, 2010.
  - Myra Martin Clark resigned.

#### Attachment 17

**Applications** 

#### L. NEIGHBORHOOD MATCHING GRANTS FUND

- Six appointments for a two-year term beginning immediately and ending April 15, 2010.
  - Mary L. Boyd is eligible and would like to be reappointed.
  - Ralphine D. Caldwell is eligible and would like to be reappointed.
  - Jennie Crismore is eligible and would like to be reappointed.
  - David Frazier is eligible and would like to be reappointed.
  - Nevada W. Graham is eligible and would like to be reappointed.
  - Bernadette H. Johnson is eligible and would like to be reappointed.
- One appointment for a two-year term beginning immediately and ending April 15, 2010.
  - Alan M. Teitleman resigned.

#### Attachment 18

**Applications** 

#### M. PAROLE ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE

- Two appointments for a three-year term beginning June 2, 2008 and ending June 1, 2010.
  - Sandra S. Donaghy is eligible and would like to be reappointed.
  - Randall Scott Miller is eligible and would like to be reappointed.

#### Attachment 19

**Applications** 

#### N. PLANNING COMMISSION

- One appointment for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2011.
  - Joel Randolph is eligible and would like to be reappointed.

#### Attachment 20

**Applications** 

#### O. PUBLIC ART COMMISSION

- One appointment for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2011.
  - Susan O. Tompkins is eligible and would like to be reappointed.

#### Attachment 21

**Applications** 

#### P. SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE

- Seven appointments for a two-year term beginning immediately and ending April 5, 2010.
  - Jason D. Boone is eligible and would like to be reappointed.
  - William H. Carstarphen is eligible and would like to be reappointed.
  - Matthew E. Cowell is eligible and would like to be reappointed.
  - Olma Echeverri is eligible and would like to be reappointed.
  - Steve Goldberg is eligible and would like to be reappointed.
  - Sue Gorman is eligible and would like to be reappointed.
  - Gail VanDerVeer is eligible and would like to be reappointed.
- One appointment for a two-year term beginning immediately and ending April 5, 2010.
  - Wylie Williams resigned.

#### Attachment 22

**Applications** 

#### Q. STORM WATER SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- One, two-year appointment for a developer, design professional beginning June 25, 2008 and ending June 24, 2010.
  - David Stewart does not want to be reappointed.

#### Attachment 23

Applications

# 16.

Mayor and Council Topics
Council members may share information and raise topics for discussion.

#### Introduction to CONSENT

The consent portion of the agenda is divided into two sections: Consent I and Consent II.

<u>Consent I</u> consists of routine items that have been approved in the budget, are low bid and comply with Small Business Opportunity Program Policy.

<u>Consent II</u> consists of routine items that have also been approved in the budget, but require additional explanation.

The City's <u>Small Business Opportunity</u> (SBO) Program's purpose is to enhance competition and opportunity in City contracting with small businesses in the Charlotte metropolitan statistical area. Participation of small business enterprises (SBE) is noted where applicable. Contracts recommended for award as of March 1, 2003 comply with the provisions of the SBO program policy for SBE outreach and utilization. Professional service contracts recommended for award as of August 1, 2003 comply with the provisions of the SBO program policy for SBE outreach and utilization.

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) is a federal program primarily used for Aviation and Transit.

#### **Contractors and Consultants**

All contractor and consultant selections follow the Council approved process unless described otherwise. For the procurement of professional services and/or engineering architectural and surveying services, the North Carolina General Statutes 143-64.31 requires that units of government "select firms qualified to provide such services on the basis of demonstrated competence and qualification...without regard to fee other than unit price information, and therefore to negotiate a contract for those services at a fair and reasonable fee with the best qualified firm."

#### **CONSENT I**

#### 17. Various Bids

A. FY2008 Contract C – Street Main Extensions CMU

**Staff Resource:** Doug Bean

#### **Action**

Award the low bid of \$1,430,785.50 by R.H. Price, Inc., Matthews, North Carolina for construction of sanitary sewer and water mains along existing roadways in Mecklenburg County.

#### **Small Business Opportunity**

Established SBE Goal: 5% Committed SBE Goal: 5.59%

R.H. Price, Inc. committed \$80,000 of the total contract amount to the following SBE firms: C & D Utility, Union Paving Contractors, Inc., On Time Construction, Inc., Capstone Civil Group, P.A.

#### B. FY2008 Contract D – Street Main Extensions CMU

Staff Resource: Doug Bean

#### Action

Award the low bid of \$1,267,599.30 by UW2 Contractors, Inc., Stanfield, North Carolina for construction of sanitary sewer and water mains along existing roadways in Mecklenburg County.

#### **Small Business Opportunity**

Established SBE Goal: 5% Committed SBE Goal: 5.13%

UW2 Contractors, Inc. committed \$65,000 of the total contract amount to the following SBE firms: Allegiance Staffing, C & D Utility, Union Paving Contractors, Inc.

#### C. Water and Sewer Service Installations

CMU

Staff Resource: Doug Bean

#### **Action**

Award the low bid of \$107,600 by State Utility Contractors, Inc., Monroe, NC for construction of sanitary sewer and water service installations along E. Bland Street.

#### **Small Business Opportunity**

Informal contracts are not subject to establishing SBE subcontracting goals and are considered exempt contracts (Appendix Section 231 of the SBO Policy). Two SBE firms submitted bids but they were not the lowest bidder.

#### D. Traffic Surveillance Equipment

CDOT

Staff Resource: Liz Babson

#### **Action**

Award a unit price contract to North American Video of Brick, New Jersey to provide Traffic Surveillance Equipment for a term of one-year and authorize the City Manager to renew the agreement for up to two additional one-year terms. The anticipated first year expenditure is \$91,440.

#### Small Business Opportunity

No SBE goals are established for purchases of goods and equipment due to limited opportunities for subcontracting (Appendix Section 18 of the SBO Policy).

### E. Optelecom Fiber Optic Equipment

CDOT

Staff Resource: Liz Babson

#### **Action**

Award a unit price contract to AES Systems of Springville, Utah to provide Optelecom Fiber Optic Equipment for a term of one-year and authorize the City Manager to renew the agreement for two additional one-year terms. The anticipated first year expenditure is \$190,248.62.

#### **Small Business Opportunity**

No SBE goals are established for purchases of goods and equipment due to limited opportunities for subcontracting (Appendix Section 18 of the SBO Policy).

# 18. Refund of Property Taxes

Action: Adopt a resolution authorizing the refund of property

taxes assessed through clerical or assessor error in the

amount of \$23,311.51.

**Staff Resource:** Rosemary Lawrence

Attachment 24

Resolution

List of property tax and business license refunds

#### CONSENT II

# 19. Independence Boulevard Phase II Study

Action: Authorize City Manager to negotiate and execute a professional

services contract with Glatting Jackson Kercher Anglin in an amount not to exceed \$400,000 to conduct the Independence

Boulevard Phase II Study.

**Staff Resource:** Tom Warshauer, Economic Development

Garet Johnson, Planning Norm Steinman, CDOT David McDonald, CATS

#### **Explanation**

- In April 2007 Glatting Jackson Kercher Anglin completed Phase I of the Independence Boulevard study. Key findings of the study were presented to City Council and the Economic Development and Planning Committee.
- In November 2007 Council approved the Economic Development and Planning Committee recommendation to negotiate a contract for the Independence Boulevard Phase II Study with Glatting Jackson Kercher Anglin. In making this recommendation, the following items were discussed:
  - Glatting Jackson Kercher Anglin is familiar with the corridor, including road and transportation plans, having worked on the Phase I study as well as previous CATS study along Independence
  - Using Glatting Jackson Kercher Anglin will allow Phase II to proceed in a timely and cost efficient manner with an estimated time savings of six months
- The study area extends along Independence from Briarcreek to Sardis Road. To the north, it will include the neighborhoods adjacent to Independence. To the south, it will include adjacent neighborhoods and Monroe Road.

#### **Key Components of Phase II Study**

- An Adopted Parcel Specific Land Use Plan from Briar Creek to Conference Drive. Alternatives will be considered to respond to various land use and transportation scenarios.
- A Conceptual Plan from Conference Drive out to the City limits at Sardis Road North
- Identification and cost estimating for streets and infrastructure needed to implement the plan
- Recommended changes to transitional setback on Independence
- Involvement of stakeholders, neighborhoods and NCDOT in the creation of the plan. Public involvement will consist of both one-on-one and small focus group stakeholder interviews as well as three public meetings.
- Implementation plan for preferred alternative(s).
- Developer response actions to review and respond to any proposed projects presented prior to completion of the study
- Project kickoff is scheduled early April 2008 with completion of the study projected for summer 2009.

#### **Small Business Opportunity**

For services based contracts, the City may negotiate SBE goals during the proposal selection process (Part C: Section 2.2 of the SBO Policy). Glatting Jackson committed 8.50% (\$34,000) of the total contract amount to the following SBE firms: Mistri Hardaway Associates (\$24,000) and Collins and Baker Engineering (\$10,000).

#### **Funding**

Development and Revitalization Fund (DARF), Transportation, Economic Development and Planning Operating Budgets

# 20. General Obligation Refunding Bonds

Action: A. Approve a resolution stating facts concerning the proposed bond issue,

- B. Introduce and approve a bond order for up to \$170 million of General Obligation Refunding Bonds, and
- C. Direct the City Clerk to publish the adopted bond order.

Staff Resource: Greg Gaskins, Finance

#### **Explanation**

- On August 1, 1998 the City issued \$240.5 million in General Obligation Bonds. 93% for Water/Sewer, 6% General Debt and 1% Stormwater.
- These bonds are eligible for current refunding and market conditions are favorable for substantial savings.
- Currently \$161 million is outstanding.
- This action states facts related to the refunding, introduces and approves a bond order for the refunding, and directs the City Clerk to publish the bond order in the newspaper.
- Estimated net present value savings is between \$12 to \$20 million.
- This action authorizes up to \$170 million in refunding bonds.
- This is the initial step of a two-step process. Council will be asked to give final approval on April 28, 2008.
- The City will only issue these refunding bonds if market conditions generate sufficient savings. The current market is not conducive to generating sufficient savings; however, approval of this action will allow the City to move quickly to realize these savings once market conditions improve.
- Savings from the refunding will be used for Pay-As-You-Go Capital projects and debt service.

**Funding** Municipal Debt Service Fund, Water & Sewer Fund and Stormwater Fund

#### Attachment 25

Bond Order Resolution

# 21. Transit Homeland Security Grant

# Action: A. Adopt a budget ordinance appropriating \$977,518 in Homeland Security Grant funding for CATS' safety and security programs, and

B. Adopt a resolution authorizing the CATS Key Business Executive to execute funding agreements with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Transportation Administration, N.C. Department of Crime Control and Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management, Homeland Security Division.

**Staff Resources:** Dymphna Pereira, CATS

Jim Zingale, CATS

#### **Explanation**

- The Transit Capital and Operating Programs are funded through federal, state, and local funds. The City estimates federal and state grant participation levels and advances funding from the Transit Fund balance to cover estimated grant revenues and the local share. Upon award and/or execution of grants, funds advanced to the program for the federal and state shares revert to the Transit Fund Balance.
- In some instances, new grant opportunities become available outside of the annual budget process. These funds may be available for projects not included in the current budget.
- In May 2007 Council approved the execution of a 2007 Homeland Security basic grant in the amount of \$578,788. The grant included funding for perimeter fencing and access management at the South Tryon and Davidson Bus Facilities in addition to security training. This supplemental grant was awarded based on CATS original grant application when new monies became available to the DHS.
- The supplemental grant of \$977,518 is identified for the following additional projects in the FY2008 Capital Investment Plan (CIP):
  - Perimeter security cameras at the South Tryon and Davidson Bus Facilities in the amount of \$561,629
  - Bus Operations Division (BOD) Security Awareness training in the amount of \$415,889 for approximately 1,100 employees. Training will range from four hours to 32 hours per employee based on job responsibilities.
- No local match for any portion of the supplemental grant is required. The grant funds may be expended through August 2010. However DHS requires Council approval for execution of the grant at this time.
- Action A requests Council approval to receive and appropriate \$977,518 from DHS. One hundred percent (100%) of this appropriation is estimated to be from DHS.
- Action B requests the adoption of the resolution authorizing the execution of the funding agreements for the DHS Supplemental award.

#### **Funding**

Transit Fund Balance to be replaced with DHS funds upon grant execution

#### Attachment 26

Budget Ordinance Resolution

# 22. ABC Permit Application Process Resolution

Action: Adopt a resolution authorizing the Deputy Chief for

Investigations, the Commander of CMPD's Special

Investigations Bureau and the Commander of the Vice and Narcotics Division to make recommendations to the N.C. Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission on ABC permit

applications

Staff Resource: Capt. Mike Adams, CMPD

#### Explanation

- State law affords municipalities the opportunity to comment on ABC permit applications within their jurisdiction. City Council has assigned this authority to the Police Department.
- The relevant statute requires City Council to designate a person or position authorized to comment on behalf of the municipality.
- The resolution revises Council's designation from an individual to a position status to eliminate the need for Council action anytime a change in personnel occurs.
- The proposed resolution will authorize the following positions to comment on the City's behalf.
  - Deputy Chief for Investigations
  - Commander of CMPD's Special Investigations Bureau
  - Commander of the Vice and Narcotics Division
- ABC permit applications are handled by CMPD's ABC Unit. The positions designated to comment are the chain of command for that unit.

#### Attachment 27

Resolution

# 23. Fire Station Exhaust System Contract

Action: A. Approve the purchase and maintenance of an exhaust system(s) for new or renovated fire stations without competitive bidding as authorized by the sole source

exception of G.S. 143-129(e) (6), and

B. Approve a unit price contract with Air Cleaning Specialist for the purchase and installation of up to three exhaust system drops per new or renovated station in the estimated annual amount of \$145,000, and estimated annual maintenance at \$35,000 per year (\$180,000 total) for the term of five years.

Staff Resource: Rich Granger, Fire

#### **Sole Source Exception**

• G.S. 143-129(e) (6) provides that formal bidding requirements do not apply when:

- Performance or price competition are not available
- A needed product is available from only one source of supply
- Standardization or compatibility is the overriding consideration
- Sole Sourcing is necessary since the equipment must be interchangeable and compatible with all apparatus.
- The City Council must approve purchases made under the sole source exception.

#### **Explanation**

- This contract is for the purchase of exhaust extraction systems and related parts that are required in fire stations. This extraction equipment connects to fire apparatus while they are in the station.
- Exposure to diesel exhaust can cause serious health problems in humans, including cancer, cardiac illnesses, and respiratory problems. Standard 1500-9.1.6 by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) states that fire departments shall prevent exposure to firefighters and contamination of living and sleeping areas to exhaust systems.
- Air Cleaning Specialist is the only certified PlymoVent Systems and parts dealer in North and South Carolina.
- All of the exhaust removal systems in the City's fire stations are manufactured by PlymoVent.
- Compatibility is essential since fire apparatus move from station to station as call load requires. Therefore, connections on all apparatus must be interchangeable to connect to existing hardware at each location.
- The Charlotte Fire Department (CFD) has 39 engine companies, 14 ladder companies and two rescue companies, as well as hazmat and brush units that are equipped with the PlymoVent connections.
- On average, the City builds one new station and renovates one station per year.
- Each system comes with a two year warranty. After this time period, maintenance costs will include servicing each drop four times per year at the unit price of \$340 per year, per drop for five years. Maintenance costs include servicing existing drops, which is consistent with current CFD system maintenance practices.

#### **Small Business Opportunity**

Contracts entered into without a competitive bidding/proposal process are exempt (Appendix Section 23.2 of the SBO Policy).

#### **Funding**

Facilities Capital Investment Plan

## 24. Urban Search and Rescue Equipment

#### Action:

- A. Approve the purchase of equipment to complete the Urban Search & Rescue (USAR) Base of Operations without competitive bidding as authorized by the sole source exception of G.S. 143-129(e) (6), and
- B. Approve the contract with Western Shelter Systems for the purchase of equipment for the USAR Base of Operations in an amount not to exceed \$125,000.

Staff Resource: Jeff Dulin, Fire

### **Sole Source Exception**

- G.S. 143-129(e) (6) provides that formal bidding requirements do not apply when:
  - Performance or price competition are not available
  - A needed product is available from only one source of supply
  - Standardization or compatibility is the overriding consideration
- Western Shelter Systems is the sole provider and manufacturer of the Western Shelter Systems GateKeeper along with any parts and related products.
- Western Shelter Systems is the standard products for Base of Operations equipment in all 32-FEMA Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) Teams and 55-FEMA Disaster Medical Assistance Teams (DMAT) throughout the U.S.
- The City Council must approve purchases made under the sole source exception.

#### **Explanation**

- The State of North Carolina, Division of Emergency Management has provided the Charlotte USAR Task Force with tents to shelter the task force members and assorted items such as showers, Heating and Ventilation (HVAC) Units and a water distribution, collection and purification system.
- To complete the USAR Base of Operations, staff will purchase additional showers, water heaters, portable water distribution system, gray water collection system, water purification system, heaters, and HVAC units.
- With this equipment, a 70-80 member Task Force will be able to be sheltered at the scene of a disaster without impacting local jurisdictions resources.

#### **Small Business Opportunity**

Contracts entered into without a competitive bidding/proposal process are exempt (Appendix Section 23.2 of the SBO Policy).

#### Funding

2006 State Homeland Security Grant

# 25. Providence Road Construction Municipal Agreement

Action:

Adopt a resolution to authorize the Key Business Executive for Transportation to execute a Municipal Agreement with the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) for the design and modification of two existing traffic signals and the design and installation of a new traffic signal related to the Providence Road construction project. The agreement provides for the City to be reimbursed up to \$431,438 for work performed on this project.

**Staff Resource:** Charles Abel, Transportation

#### **Explanation**

- NCDOT plans to make street improvements on Providence Road from I-485 to the Union County Line.
- NCDOT authorized the design and modification of two existing traffic signals to include metal strain poles at the intersections of Providence Road at Ardrey Kell Road and Providence Road at Providence Country Club Drive.
- NCDOT also authorized the design and installation of a new traffic signal to include metal strain poles at the intersection of Providence Road and Bellicourt Drive.
- A Municipal Agreement between the City and NCDOT is needed in order for the City to be reimbursed for the work it has done.
- The format and cost sharing philosophy is consistent with past Municipal Agreements.

#### **Funding**

Transportation Capital Investment Plan

#### Attachment 28

Resolution

# 26. Private Developer Funds Appropriation

Action: Adopt a budget ordinance appropriating \$194,100 in Private

**Developer Funds for Traffic Signal Improvements.** 

**Staff Resource:** Liz Babson, Transportation

#### **Explanation**

- The budget ordinance estimates and appropriates \$194,100 in private developer funding for traffic signals and work associated with developer projects. The funding is restricted to the projects listed below.
- The following developers are fully funding traffic signal installations/improvements to mitigate traffic impacts around their respective development projects:
  - Arrowood Village Investors, LLC contributed \$29,000 for the modification of the traffic signal at the intersection of Arrowood Road and Sandy Porter Road
  - Wal-mart contributed \$165,100 to fully fund the installation of a traffic

- signal at the intersection of Wal-mart Drive and N. Tryon Street
- The above signals meet the same criteria as other traffic signals approved by the City.
- Payments made by the developer are in response to estimates of work prepared by CDOT and supplied to the developer.
- CDOT will be installing and operating these new signals as part of the existing signal systems in the area.

#### Attachment 29

**Budget Ordinance** 

# 27. Public Safety Radio Network Rebanding Agreement

Action:

- A. Authorize the City Manager to negotiate and sign a contract with Sprint/Nextel under which Nextel agrees to pay certain costs incurred by the City in the Rebanding of the Public Safety Radio Network, and
- B. Authorize the City Manager to negotiate and sign a contract with Motorola Inc. to provide rebanding services at no cost to the City.

**Staff Resource:** Dennis Baucom, Business Support Services

#### **Explanation**

- In 2004 the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) issued orders seeking to minimize harmful interference to public safety communications systems.
- One of the Orders requires the Charlotte/Mecklenburg Public Safety Radio System and certain other licensees of 800 MHz channels used in public safety to relinquish their existing channels to Sprint/Nextel Communications, Inc. ("Sprint/Nextel") and relocate their systems to other licensed channels. This process has become known as "rebanding."
- The Order also requires Sprint/Nextel Communications to relinquish some of its existing channels to the affected licensees, and to pay relocation expenses to enable the affected licensees to relocate their systems onto the replacement channels. In addition, the Order required Sprint/Nextel to reconfigure the affected licensees systems so that there is no loss of functionality due to rebanding.
- In collaboration with the FCC appointed Rebanding Transition Administrator and Motorola Inc., the City reached agreement with Sprint/Nextel for the rebanding of the Charlotte/Mecklenburg Public Safety Radio System on March 4, 2008.
- Neither contract will require any payments by the City to either Motorola Inc. or Sprint/Nextel.
- Key points of this agreement are:
  - The City will enter into a contract with Motorola to perform the rebanding services (which is the contract referenced in Action B and will be in the amount of approximately \$4.8 million)
  - Sprint/Nextel will pay Motorola for performing its contract with the City, and will reimburse the City for all internal costs (e.g. staff time, out of service time for equipment, project management cost, etc.) associated with rebanding effort (which is the contract referenced in Action A and will be in the amount of approximately \$5.3 million)

- The contract with Motorola allows Motorola to perform the rebanding services on the City equipment and the contract with Sprint/Nextel provides the funding for the rebanding work by Motorola and the City.
- The contract with Sprint Nextel provides for reimbursement of City expenses of up to \$434,789.

#### **Funding**

Sprint/Nextel and Motorola

# 28. Vehicle Equipment Installation and Removal Services

Action:

- A. Approve a two year contract for an estimated annual amount not to exceed \$200,000 with Wireless Communications, Inc. for City Vehicle Equipment Installation and Removal Services and
- B. Authorize the City Manager to approve up to three one-year extension options at the same annual contract amount.

**Staff Resource:** Dennis Baucom, Business Support Services

#### **Explanation**

- The City uses a private contractor to install and remove radio and data communications equipment, emergency response equipment, video recorder system equipment, speed measurement devices and various accessories mounted in City owned/operated public safety and public works vehicles.
- The services consist of removing the equipment from vehicles being decommissioned; cleaning and testing equipment for proper operation; and installing the old or new equipment in sedans, trucks, vans, station wagons, fire engines, ladder/foam/tanker trucks and other specialized vehicles.

#### **Selection Process**

- A Request for Proposal was issued on February 11, 2008 for Vehicle Equipment Installation and Removal Services.
- The City received one proposal on March 6, 2008.
- The Evaluation Team was comprised of representatives from BSS/Procurement Services, BSS/Network Technology Services, BSS/Equipment Management and Police.
- The evaluation criteria included background and experience of the company, including references; operational qualifications including personnel; customer service philosophy and business processes.
- The Evaluation Team completed a comprehensive evaluation and recommends Wireless Communications, Inc. to provide the needed services.

#### **Small Business Opportunity**

Pursuant to Section 5 of the SBO Program, no SBO utilization goal was set for this contract because subcontracting is not anticipated.

#### **Funding**

**Business Support Services Operating Budget** 

## 29. Property Transactions

Action: Approve the following property transaction(s) (A-E) and adopt the condemnation resolution(s) (F).

NOTE: Condemnation Resolutions are on file in the City Clerk's Office.

#### **Acquisitions**

A. Project: Conway/ Briabend Storm Drainage Capital

Improvement Project, Parcel # 2
Owner(s): Angela M. Halsey

Property Address: 4215 Firwood Lane

Property to be acquired: 12,545 sq. ft. (.288 ac.) in Fee

Simple (Total Acquisition)
Improvements: None
Landscaping: None
Purchase Price: \$216,500

Remarks: Compensation was established by two independent,

certified appraisals and an appraisal review.

Zoned: R-4

Use: Single Family Residential

**Tax Code:** 149-115-03

**Total Parcel Tax Value:** \$115,100

B. Project: Conway/ Briabend Storm Drainage Capital

Improvement Project, Parcel # 3

Owner(s): Michael Robert Chambers And Wife, Christy

Kealoha Basa

Property Address: 4221 Firwood Lane

Property to be acquired: 11,805 sq. ft. (.271 ac.) in Fee

Simple (Total Acquisition)
Improvements: None
Landscaping: None
Purchase Price: \$216,500

**Remarks:** Compensation was established by two independent,

certified appraisals and an appraisal review.

Zoned: R-4

Use: Single Family Residential

**Tax Code**: 149-115-04

Total Parcel Tax Value: \$113,500

C. Project: I-277 Caldwell Interchange, Parcel # 37

Owner(s): African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church

**Property Address:** 401 East Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard **Property to be acquired:** 2,560.25 sq. ft. (.059 ac.) in Fee Simple, plus 1,886.67 sq. ft. (.043 ac.) in Sidewalk and Utility Easement, plus 7,339.53 sq. ft. (.168 ac.) in Temporary

Construction Easement Improvements: None Landscaping: None Purchase Price: \$656,050

Remarks: Compensation was established by an independent,

certified appraisal and appraisal review.

Zoned: UMUD Use: Commercial Tax Code: 125-064-02

Total Parcel Tax Value: \$3,170,900

D. Project: Reedy Creek Basin - Mecklenburg County, Parcel # 1

Owner(s): Jerry L. Caton And Wife, Dina C. Caton

Property Address: 8632 Reedy Creek Road

**Property to be acquired:** 104,703 sq. ft. (2.404 ac.) in Sanitary Sewer Easement, plus 31,468 sq. ft. (.722 ac.) in

**Temporary Construction Easement** 

Improvements: None Landscaping: None Purchase Price: \$25,000

Remarks: Compensation was established by independent,

certified appraisals related to this property.

Zoned: R-3

Use: Single Family Residential - Rural Acreage

Tax Code: 111-051-06

Total Parcel Tax Value: \$386,500

E. Project: Southwest Water Transmission Main Phase B, Parcel #

1

Owner(s): J&D Green Partnership, LP, VRC Services, Inc. And

William H. Reule And Wife, Faye P. Reule **Property Address:** Shopton Road

Property to be acquired: 1,430 sq. ft. (.033 ac.) in Utility

Easement, plus 731 sq. ft. (.017 ac.) in Temporary

Construction Easement Improvements: None Landscaping: None Purchase Price: \$10,000

Remarks: Compensation was established by an independent,

certified appraisal and appraisal review.

Zoned: B-1 Use: Commercial Tax Code: 141-101-24

Total Parcel Tax Value: \$460,200

#### **Condemnations**

F. Project: Albemarle/Harris Interchange (a/k/a Lawyers Road

Extension), Parcel # 23

Owner(s): 55 Spring Street, LLC And Regency Cedars, LLC

And Any Other Parties Of Interest

**Property Address:** 7139 Winding Cedar Trail

Property to be acquired: Total Combined Area of 730 sq. ft.

(.017 ac.) of Storm Drainage Easement

Improvements: None Landscaping: None Purchase Price: \$400

**Remarks:** Compensation was established by two independent, certified appraisals and an appraisal review. City staff has yet to reach a negotiated settlement with the property owner.

Zoned: R-17MF Use: Multi Family

**Tax Code:** 103-261-09

Total Parcel Tax Value: \$14,761,200

# 30. Meeting Minutes

Action: Approve the titles, motions and votes reflected in the Clerk's record as the minutes of:

- February 25, 2008

- March 3, 2008

- March 5, 2008 Budget Retreat

- March 17, 2008