

City Council Policy/Business/Consent Agenda Q&A's
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<u>Submitted By:</u>	<u>Agenda Item # and Questions</u>	<u>Answers/Considerations</u>
Business Items		
CM Mayfield	9. CATS Bus Service Agreement with the City of Concord Why is Charlotte reimbursing half of the costs back to Concord?	This partnership allows for public transportation for Charlotte residents from the light rail stop at JW Clay Station to stops along the bus route. The service is provided by Concord Kannapolis Area Transit's Rider Transit and through this agreement CATS shares the cost.
MPT Winston	9. CATS Bus Service Agreement with the City of Concord Since this agreement potentially covers 7 years during a time period where we intend to invest in and approve our bus system through our mobility plan can this be considered an acknowledgement and acceptance of that investment in the system by the other parties to this agreement?	This is a continuation of a partnership that has been in place since 2018. The agreement is an example of the regional partnerships that CATS has developed and acknowledges Charlotte residents regional transit needs.
Consent Items		
Please note MPT would like to comment on item #19. 15-19632 Refund of Property Taxes Consent		
CM Mayfield	10. Governor's Highway Safety Program Grant for Traffic Safety - Driving While Impaired Task Force What would the new CMPD budget become for the creation of this Task Force? 1) Will this be a new department added regardless of whether or not the grant is awarded? 2) What other needs are there in CMPD in regards to hiring would be set aside by re-allocating almost \$1M to this Task Force? 3) In light of the long standing community complaints and the recent murder in Memphis does CMPD think they are sending the right message to OUR community having a task force/gang environment funded by tax dollars? 4) Will this Task Force be disassembled at the end of this grant?	To clarify this is an existing taskforce. The taskforce is part of the city's vision zero initiatives to reduce crash fatalities. The city has received grant funds to help offset the costs of the taskforce for the past ten years. If the city were not to receive this grant funding, the \$187,566 would be reviewed and prioritized as part of the annual budgeting process.
CM Mayfield	11. Governor's Highway Safety Program Grant for Traffic Safety - Law Enforcement Liaison What is the lifespan for these products? 2) how will they be funded in the future if the grant is not approved? 3) if the grant is Not awarded are these items still going to be purchased and if so from what budget line item?	The LIDAR units typically last approximately 5 years and change as technology advances. The last seat belt convincer was purchased in 2009 through this same grant, 100% funded. The Lidar equipment is typically purchased from the CMPD operating budget. The grant would fund the purchase of additional units. In the future if grant funding is not awarded, funds for units would be requested through the annual budgeting process as needed.

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CM Mayfield	12. Engineering Services for Transportation Projects Are approving for these 10 ONLY to allocate the below funds for All future Engineering Services for Transportation Projects?	No, these 10 firms are not intended to cover all future engineering services for Transportation Projects. These 10 firms were selected to provide tasks on projects which may include but is not limited to: Traffic Analysis, Pedestrian Safety Project Design. Structural Design, Feasibility Studies, Planning Studies, Geotechnical Assessment, Peer Reviews, Culvert design/flood studies/FEMA permitting, CATS rail/crossing services, or Cost Estimating. The \$1,440,000 is an estimated annual cost for the potential services that the consultants may perform.
CM Mayfield	13. Clarke Creek Pump Station and Forcemain Construction Will the company CES (site layout and benchmark staking) also be performing the Surveying for the Clarke Creek Pump Station and Forcemain if not who will be performing the Survey of the site? ie...survey and utility locate	The design-build team has two surveyors currently under contract, CES and RJ Harris. Both firms will provide survey, construction staking, and as-built survey services in different areas and phases of this project. Utility locating services, such as sub-surface verification of other utilities, should be minimal with the force main, as the proposed route is primarily cross-country with very little paralleling existing roads where other utilities would normally exist. However, if the need for this type of service arises, the design-build team will seek a CBI firm to perform this scope.
CM Mayfield	14. Water and Sanitary Sewer Service Installations Are there any Exemptions being utilized for the \$22M project? If so what are they as 5% seems very low?	No exemptions are being utilized on this project. The 5% goal was determined using the CBI Goal Setting formula and the CBI MWSBE Goal Setting Matrix. Also, the prime, Fuller & Co. Construction, LLC is a City of Charlotte certified SBE.
CM Mayfield	15. Environmental Response Services Are there ANY Prime SBE or MWBE's certified to complete this work?	Notice of RFP was sent to 13 MWSBE firms. Two firms submitted proposals and OCA, LLC, a City of Charlotte SBE was selected to perform asbestos and mold remediation services.
CM Mayfield	16. Professional Engineering Services for Toomey-Distribution Storm Drainage Improvement Project Will the additional funding requests be paid out of the \$580,000 being allocated today?	The \$580,000 in this Council action is only for the Toomey-Distribution project and will not fund other projects from this RFQ. Storm Water Services will bring forward additional contracts with other engineering consultants for different projects on future Council agendas.
MPT Winston	17. CATS Cooperative Purchasing Contract for Hybrid Electric Buses What is the hybrid fuel used to power these buses? Have we not purchased full electric buses in the past? If so, why aren't we purchasing full electric buses this time?	These are diesel hybrid buses. CATS is committed to transitioning all of our bus fleet to Battery Electric Buses (BEB's) and we are in process of placing an order for 15 new BEB's (above and beyond the 18 BEB's that CATS currently has in the fleet). In addition to the 15 BEB's CATS recommends purchasing 15 diesel hybrid buses this fiscal year. CATS is not purchasing all BEB's at this time because there is currently not adequate charging infrastructure in place to support more BEB's. However, the diesel hybrids do represent an improvement from the buses that they will replace, which are non-hybrid diesel vehicles.

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CM Mayfield	25. Property Transactions - University Research Park Sidewalk, Parcel # 4 Why is staff not clearing up the language prior to us approving this? This project will remove trees, what replacement trees will be planted to offset this removal?	<p>The Property Owner is aware of our process and understands this Council action is the next step. The main issue is the property owners do not want to sign a Right of Entry without an Easement being signed and/or they would like for this to be one document. The Property Owner cannot sign the Easement without a Lender Release. Acquiring a Lender Release takes several months. The city uses the Right of Entry to allow project to proceed while the Lender Release is obtained.</p> <p>There are various trees being removed in the area where the sidewalk is being placed. Landscape Management will be planting trees, during the planting season, in the planting strip after construction is completed. In addition to the proposed landscape island plan which includes trees, the owner was compensated for the trees on their property which could not be saved.</p>