

City Council Policy/Business/Consent Agenda Q&A's
June 14, 2021

<u>Submitted By:</u>	<u>Agenda Item # and Questions</u>	<u>Answers/Considerations</u>
Consent Items		
<p>Please note that the following items are being removed from tonight's agenda: # 51 Charlotte Water Property Transactions - Little Hope Creek Sanitary Sewer Improvements, Parcel #70 has been settled. # 54 Brown Grier Road Improvement Project, Parcel #26 – Deferred to 06/28 Council agenda. # 55 Brown Grier Road Improvement Project, Parcel #31 – Deferred to 08/09 Council agenda.</p>		
<p>CM Phipps</p>	<p>46. Bond Issuance Approval for Union at Tryon</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please provide context on the change in storm water inspection routines (effective July 1, 2021) from the City to the County resulting in substantial fee increases in development costs. 2. How will substantial fee increases for storm water inspection routines so described affect housing affordability for this particular project and others on a go forward basis? 3. What, if any, NC legislative fixes are in the works or being contemplated to amend, repeal, mitigate, or limit the impact of such a change on storm water inspection routines on developer construction costs and housing affordability? 	<p>Charlotte Water has not reviewed and permitted private water systems (apartment complexes) since July 1, 2019.</p> <p>On August 1, 2010, North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality ("NCDEQ") transferred perceived authority to Charlotte Water to review and permit "non-regulated water systems." No changes were made to the North Carolina General Statutes or to the Charlotte City Code to reflect the new approach by NCDEQ. Charlotte Water thereafter performed the review and permitting of these "non-regulated water systems."</p> <p>Based on a subsequent review of the North Carolina Administrative Code the decision was made for Charlotte Water to discontinue reviewing and permitting any "non-regulated water system" on July 1, 2019. These inspections have since been performed by the county building standards division.</p> <p>Materials required by the State Building Code are different. The financial impact to specific projects could vary.</p> <p>There is currently legislation pending to address this issue. House Bill 489 has passed the House and is pending with the Senate that provides for a temporary change to allow for the use of PVC pipe that adheres to the C900 standard for water service lines. Furthermore, HB 489 directs the state Building Code Council to adopt a permanent change to the NC Plumbing Code consistent with the temporary change.</p>