

City Council Meeting – December 2021 Follow-Up Items

December 6 Strategy Session

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ARPA What is the turnaround time for individuals to receive rental relief (ie from application to funds received)?(Ajmera)	<p>When the applicant meets all eligibility requirements and has submitted all of the required supporting documentation, rental assistance payments are made on approved applications as shown in the below table.</p> <table> <tr> <th>Applicant Priority</th><th>Timing of Payment once application is approved</th></tr> <tr> <td>Priority #1: Applicants that have been served an eviction notice <u>and</u> have a court date within 90 days</td><td>1-15 days</td></tr> <tr> <td>Priority #2: Applicants at 30% AMI or below <u>and</u> have been unemployed for 90 days or more</td><td>16-30 days</td></tr> <tr> <td>Priority #3: Applicants at 50% AMI or below <u>and</u> have been unemployed for 90 days or more</td><td>31-45 days</td></tr> <tr> <td>Priority #4: Applicants at 50% AMI or below <u>or</u> have been unemployed for 90 days or more</td><td>46-60 days</td></tr> </table>	Applicant Priority	Timing of Payment once application is approved	Priority #1: Applicants that have been served an eviction notice <u>and</u> have a court date within 90 days	1-15 days	Priority #2: Applicants at 30% AMI or below <u>and</u> have been unemployed for 90 days or more	16-30 days	Priority #3: Applicants at 50% AMI or below <u>and</u> have been unemployed for 90 days or more	31-45 days	Priority #4: Applicants at 50% AMI or below <u>or</u> have been unemployed for 90 days or more	46-60 days		
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What is the status of individuals in hotels? (Johnson)	<p>As of December 17, 2021, United Way has assisted 58 households from tent city. Most of these represent individuals; however, some couples-households are also being assisted. 44 of these households have received housing support (see details below). The remaining 14 households received supportive services but exited the program without rehousing due to a variety of factors including client death, relocation out of Charlotte, exit for violent behavior, or voluntary exit.</p> <p>Additionally, United Way has begun:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paying off client's rental and utility arrears in an attempt to remove barriers to housing. • Connecting residents to other wrap-around services such as dental care, mental health services, substance abuse services, employment and education training, life-skills training, etc. <p>Mecklenburg County is continuing to pay to house individuals in hotels through March 31, 2022.</p> <p>Housing Assistance provided to households includes:</p> <table> <tr> <th># of Households</th><th>Housing Status</th></tr> <tr> <td>21</td><td>Have moved into housing</td></tr> <tr> <td>1</td><td>Approved for housing and awaiting move-in pending inspection</td></tr> <tr> <td>14</td><td>Have identified a housing unit and are applying for housing</td></tr> <tr> <td>8</td><td>Are engaged in the housing search (many have significant housing barriers)</td></tr> <tr> <td>44</td><td>Total Households Assisted with Housing</td></tr> </table>	# of Households	Housing Status	21	Have moved into housing	1	Approved for housing and awaiting move-in pending inspection	14	Have identified a housing unit and are applying for housing	8	Are engaged in the housing search (many have significant housing barriers)	44	Total Households Assisted with Housing
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What can we do to support individuals who have a felony record? (Johnson)	<p>The Community Relations Department (CRC) continues to collaborate with the Reentry Housing Alliance (RHA) to help ensure people with criminal records are aware of their rights under the Fair Housing Act. Additionally, the Reentry Housing Alliance is currently in the process of developing a comprehensive list of transitional housing options for people with criminal records in our area.</p> <p>The CRC and the Reentry Housing Alliance are working together to educate our community about the impact of housing discrimination on individuals with criminal background records and their families.</p> <p>Examples of the CRC/RHA Collaborative Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing Rights & Responsibility Workshops with the MCSO for jail residents pending release • Landlord seminars to share the impact of providing second chances for our neighbors with records • Connecting rental applicants with landlords to establish relationships that lead to housing stability <p>RHA was founded in May 2018</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An association of reentry service organizations, non-profits, the faith community and citizens, RHA is focused on informing property owners on reentry obstacles. RHA also helps connect justice-involved citizens with housing. Additionally, RHA advocates for housing policy change benefiting people with records. • RHA's vision: A state-wide community where fair and equitable access to housing is guaranteed for all <p>CRC and RHA are also working together to determine if there is a business case to amend the Charlotte Fair Housing Ordinance to include criminal background as a protected class. To that end, CRC is tracking all calls where an individual(s) allege that they were denied housing because of a criminal record. CRC will also receive and investigate any such complaints based on the guidance below from HUD:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HUD has found that people of color are disproportionately affected by the use of criminal background checks in housing. • As a result, in 2016 HUD issued guidance stating that blanket bans on renting to people with criminal records are in violation of the Fair Housing Act. • Landlords <i>must</i> distinguish between arrests and convictions; arrests CANNOT be used to ban applicants. • If property owners do not approve an applicant due to a conviction, property owners must prove that the exclusion is justified, weighing factors such as the time (how long ago), nature, and severity of the crime. • Landlords CANNOT deny housing based on an arrest alone, as arrests without convictions do not justify the denial. • Prevents the use of blanket restrictions related to certain types of convictions. • Convictions should be considered on a case-by-case basis, considering mitigating factors, such as the person's age at the time a crime was committed, evidence of good behavior since the crime was committed, how long ago the conviction occurred, and the nature and severity of the crime committed.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If property owners do not approve an applicant due to a conviction, property owners <i>must</i> prove that the exclusion is justified, weighing factors such as the time (how long ago), nature, and severity of the crime. • The Fair Housing Act does not provide protections for individuals convicted of Trafficking and/or Manufacturing of Illegal Substances so a blanket ban on this is OKAY • Sex Offenders - Not the responsibility of the housing provider, this is on the individual to know where he/she can and cannot live. Therefore, housing providers MAY NOT have blanket bans on renting to sex offenders. 										
<p>State Transportation Improvement Projects update How many individuals are in the work group for NCDOT? (Ajmera)</p>	<p>Below is the list of representatives that comprise NCDOT's Work Group that has been tasked with reviewing information and making recommendations to the NC Board of Transportation (NCBOT). This group was established by Session Law 2013-410 (HB 92) which recommended the use of a Work Group to develop improvements to the prioritization process. They will report out on their recommendations to the NBDOT early in 2022.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Four representatives from MPOs throughout NC ▪ Four representatives from RPOs throughout NC ▪ NCDOT Division Engineers ▪ NCDOT Unit Heads (TPB, Pre-Con, Chief Engineer, Non-Highway, Strategic Planning, SPOT, Program Development, I.T.) ▪ Metro Mayors Coalition ▪ Association of County Commissioners ▪ Regional Council of Governments • Advisory: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Legislative staff ▪ Department of Commerce ▪ Governor's Office ▪ Federal Highway Administration ▪ NC Ports Authority 										
<p>Total amount of ED projects in bond cycles for public private partnerships? (Ajmera)</p>	<p>Estimated allocation of CIP dollars for public private partnerships, 2022 – 2028 are:</p> <table> <tr> <td>2022</td> <td>\$11,000,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2024</td> <td>\$26,000,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2026</td> <td>\$13,000,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2028</td> <td><u>\$26,000,000</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>\$76,000,000</td> </tr> </table>	2022	\$11,000,000	2024	\$26,000,000	2026	\$13,000,000	2028	<u>\$26,000,000</u>	Total	\$76,000,000
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December 13 Business Meeting

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<p>Unified Development Ordinance</p> <p>How does UDO differentiate between roads and streets? (Winston)</p> <p>How far back does the UDO look to define neighborhood character? (Winston)</p> <p>Are there any changes to the tree preservation fund? (Ajmera)</p> <p>How are we aligning Center City plan with UDO? (Ajmera)</p> <p>Section 12 – How did we get to unlimited height by right? (Winston)</p> <p>Maximum height that can be achieved using a bonus is different than by right?</p> <p>For height bonus in table 16.1 as it relates to enhanced micromobility bonuses, are these transportation and micromobility as creative as we can get? Is there something more disruptive? No mention of charging stations</p> <p>Can we consider to provide stock plans for ADUs in UDO?</p> <p>Why are parking minimums/maximms necessary?</p>	<p>The UDO typically uses the term “streets” except when referencing Limited Access Roads. However, when “roads” is used, the definition is the same as streets. Staff will clarify this in the UDO.</p> <p>When the UDO references neighborhood character in the Neighborhood Character Overlay, the reference is to existing neighborhood character.</p> <p>The draft UDO has proposed language to clarify the intent and use of the tree preservation fund, which is the funding source for the tree canopy preservation program.</p> <p>Prior to adoption, the Center City Plan text was adjusted to align with the parking recommendations in the UDO.</p> <p>For Uptown, the 2040 Comprehensive Plan does not recommend a height limitation and the UDO utilizes the Comprehensive Plan as the basis for standards such as height.</p> <p>Yes, for districts with a height bonus allowance, there is a maximum height without the bonus and a maximum height with bonus provisions.</p> <p>The UDO includes requirements for EV charging stations for selected uses. Staff will identify additional enhanced micromobility bonus options for consideration.</p> <p>Stock plans for auxiliary dwelling units are something that can be considered. However, the staff recommendation is to have those plans outside of the UDO to provide increased flexibility to revise and add additional plans.</p> <p>The tiered parking approach in the UDO is designed to ensure parking standards relate to the development context in which a site is located. For more urban, multi-modal districts, there are typically no parking minimums. Parking maximums are included to limited excess parking that is not supportive of the multi-modal character of the district. For less intensely developed districts with fewer transportation options, there are parking minimums to ensure that parking is adequate to meet demands on-site without parking spilling onto other sites.</p>

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Can we require EV facilities for single-family homes (section 19.6)?	Staff will research requiring EV requirements for single-family housing and provide considerations to Council.																																																																														
Where in city policy does city council actually deal with CATS bus stop amenity/design standards?	Bus stop amenities are referenced in Policy 5.11 in the 2040 Comprehensive Plan. This policy specifically calls for improving neighborhood-serving mobility hubs by providing amenities. CATS maintains the design standards for bus stops.																																																																														
Would like to know more about stormwater and potential conflicts with general assembly legislation	The stormwater-related UDO articles are being crafted to comply with all current applicable legislation. Charlotte must comply with the Clean Water Act (CWA) by protecting surface waters from the harmful effects of land development through implementation of local ordinances. If the city does not meet the requirements, the CWA compels restorative actions that involve significant expense. Currently, the State-monitored surface waters in Charlotte do not meet CWA criteria and restorative actions are needed. Stormwater Control Measures (SCMs) that are built as a part of development projects limit the harmful effects of urban runoff. A December 2018 state legislative change prohibited municipalities from requiring SCMs on <u>redeveloping</u> property. Charlotte’s long-term restoration strategy relied upon both private and public investment to restore surface waters. The rule change shifted some restoration costs from the properties creating the impacts to stormwater fee payers. The draft stormwater articles in the UDO seek to adapt our development regulations to this legislative change.																																																																														
How are we capturing future growth patterns and development into what future growth will look like? (Newton)	The UDO implements the Comprehensive Plan which is designed to guide the future growth pattern for Charlotte.																																																																														
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In-Rem Can we look at how to use in-rem situations as an opportunity to buy property or build replacement housing? (Watlington)	The City does not seek to acquire property when in-rem demolitions occur. This allows the City to avoid creating a perception that the City is unduly using its authority to force owners to sell their property. While the current owner retains ownership, the City does place a lien on the property for the amount of the demolition.
Centene Street design What will comprise street design team for public infrastructure around Centene? (Winston)	<p>There is no required community engagement, but there is a community group that was formed during that the rezoning that can be utilized for future engagement if necessary.</p> <p>The committee included members of the UCP board and UNCC Urban Institute.</p>