

**City Council Policy/Business/Consent Agenda Q&A's
March 13, 2023**

<u>Submitted By:</u>	<u>Agenda Item # and Questions</u>	<u>Answers/Considerations</u>
Policy Items		
CM Mayfield	<p>13. Amend City Council’s Resolution on Boards and Commissions</p> <p>Council discussed last Monday the appropriate Boards or Commissions related to Council committees should be prepared to present at a committee meeting not just send an annual report to the Clerk’s office. This is not noted in the language.</p>	<p>Feedback provided to Attorney’s Office and Clerk’s Office.</p>
Business Items		
CM Mayfield	<p>14. Polk Park Partnership Framework</p> <p>None of my discussions included the City paying for demolition. When was this cost agreed upon by the City and the petitioners? Is this a portion of the total cost or the full cost, and why is the City agreeing to use Tax Payer dollars to pay this?</p> <p>Also, what has been the cost for maintenance of this park over the last few years?</p>	<p>The city is proposing to use these remaining project funds for demolition in order to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • address imminent public safety concerns, • speed up the reactivation of the space, and • minimize the risk of damage to adjacent City assets. <p>The FY 2020 budget (approved in June 2019) included a project titled Transform Polk Park. This project included an allocation \$1.0 Million of capital funding. The allocation was originally intended to leverage private sector funds to create a renewed urban public space in the heart of Uptown . The \$350,000 commitment to a Public Private Partnership to renovate Polk Park is the balance of the remaining original FY2020 budget allocation.</p> <p>Over the past 5 years, city staff estimates it has spent \$80,000 to \$110,000 per year to inspect the park, pick up trash, repair pavers, maintain landscaping and clean the fountain pool. This does not include the estimated cost of restoring the fountain to working order (\$500,000+/-).</p>
CM Mayfield	<p>17. Bee City USA Initiative</p> <p>As a designated "Bee City" what changes are being considered in the UDO to support Charlotte’s bee environment when clear cutting has contributed to the mass migration and displacement of the bee’s?</p>	<p>In 2020 the Tree Canopy Action Plan’s (TCAP) stakeholder and public engagement processes brought forward numerous recommendations for tree canopy policy and ordinance concepts. Many of these recommendations informed and were adopted by City Council in the Charlotte Future 2040 Comprehensive Plan and Unified Development Ordinance (UDO).</p> <p>The UDO will support bees and other pollinators in a variety of ways:</p>

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		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Green area</u> - required green area for single family subdivision development increased from 10% to 15% of sites; current exemptions allowing some development projects to provide zero green area have all been removed; incentivizes connectivity of green areas, donation of existing green area, and use of open space to meet green area requirements; increased focus on quality; greater restriction of invasive plant species within green areas 2. <u>Heritage trees</u> – new regulation requires preservation and mitigation planting of native tree species 3. <u>Native tree species</u> - are greater emphasized in all tree planting requirements (75% of new plantings must be native) <p>These provisions will promote habitat for wildlife, including pollinators within the Charlotte area.</p> <p>Pollinators in general would not migrate out of Charlotte due to clear cutting, they would move to an adjacent habitat. Once the development is complete, pollinators may return.</p>
MPT	<p>19. Donation from CATS surplus</p> <p>How does one come to know about the availability of surplus items like this. What is the process that constituents must go through to gain access to items like this?</p>	<p>There is not a formalized process in place. From time-to-time non-profits will reach out to the city to inquire about specific items.</p> <p>If this item is not donated, it will be scheduled to go to surplus for auction.</p>
MPT	<p>20. Cherry Park Interlocal Agreement</p> <p>What improvements will be made to the park?</p>	<p>Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation is working to make improvements to Cherry Park, an existing 2-acre park located at 1509 Baxter Street in Charlotte. The park currently has a full-court basketball court, multi-purpose field, softball field, and playground.</p> <p>Through a \$250,000 developer contribution to the City of Charlotte (for the specific purpose of park investment and neighborhood traffic calming), the City of Charlotte Department of Transportation (CDOT) in partnership with the Mecklenburg County Department of Park and Recreation are collecting community input on potential improvements to the Cherry Neighborhood Park and to neighborhood traffic calming. Residents are</p>

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		<p>being asked to help prioritize needs for Cherry Park so benefit this funding can be maximized.</p> <p>Additional details can be found on-line at: https://publicinput.com/p4646</p> <p>The funding from the City will be combined with additional (planned) county capital funding for Cherry Park that will include expanding the playground, improving the basketball court and softball fields, adding a new picnic shelter and creating a walking loop.</p>
<p>CM Mayfield</p>	<p>21. Municipal Agreement for Relocation of Water Infrastructure, and</p> <p>22. Municipal Agreement for Relocation of Water and Sanitary Sewer Infrastructure</p> <p>The City has incurred over the years multiple costs for maintenance related to State Maintained roads. How many City-owned water lines does Charlotte currently have that are with-in the State’s right of way? <i>(As required by the NCDOT’s encroachment agreements, the city is financially responsible for the cost to relocate city-owned water lines within the state-maintained right-of-way.)</i></p>	<p>Charlotte Water owns and maintains over 9,000 miles of water and sewer pipe throughout the City of Charlotte, the Towns within Mecklenburg County, and Mecklenburg County. In many instances the pipes are underneath or adjacent to roadways, with those roadways being owned by the City of Charlotte, North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) and in some cases, the Towns. Charlotte Water has approximately 1,100 miles of pipe located along NCDOT roadways.</p> <p>In situations where we have a pipe underneath or adjacent to a roadway owned by NCDOT we are under an encroachment agreement to move the pipeline if a roadway improvement project requires the pipeline to be moved.</p> <p>Charlotte Water utilizes best practices to install our infrastructure to be least impacted by future roadway projects, including burying the pipes at a sufficient depth, locating the pipes in the right-of-way beside the roadway, or purchasing adjacent easements where feasible. The result is fewer situations where the pipelines need to be relocated to accommodate roadway improvement projects.</p>
<p>CM Mayfield</p>	<p>23. Resolution Supporting the Edward L. (Ned) Curran Designation of the Interstate 485/Weddington Road Interchange</p> <p>As the City has spent thousands of dollars renaming streets and facilities, why are we looking to support the re-naming of an Interstate to an individual that has a history that is sketchy at best with African American’s and the Toll-Lane has caused many issues?</p>	<p>Feedback noted.</p>

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	What is the City's policy for street renaming?	<p>Request for Street Name Change</p> <p>Citizens may request that the names of streets within the Charlotte City Limits be changed. A petition of 75% of the property owners on the street will be required for non-agency/departmental requests.</p> <p>The petition form will be sent to the citizen making the request as soon as the recommended name is reviewed to make sure it is not a duplication or a prohibited name.</p> <p>Guidelines for Street Names</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name plus two-letter type (Rd, St, Ln, etc) cannot exceed 21 letters • Name should include a roadway type • No directional prefixes or suffixes (N, S, E W) • No duplication. For example, Parsons Dr., when there is already a Parsons Rd., is not permissible, but Parsons Hill Rd would be acceptable. • Street names involving a full name of an individual are discouraged where the individual's last name only is an available name • A full continuous street name along the length of a street is encouraged. This discourages the Morehead-Queens-Providence situation. • Possibly offensive names are not permitted • No business names • No punctuation

Consent Items

Please note that **Item No. 43. Property Transactions - Beatties Ford Sidewalk Phase 1, Parcel # 5** has been deferred to April 10th.

MPT	<p>26. Metrolina Regional Household Travel Survey</p> <p>How does the metrolina development model relate/interact with our strategic mobility plan?</p>	<p>The Metrolina Regional Household Travel Survey will be a key component in the development of the Metrolina Regional Travel Demand Model (MRM). The MRM is used for regional air quality conformity analyses and highway and transit travel forecasts and will support the analysis of future roadway and transit projects. The Strategic Mobility Plan will specifically use the Metrolina Regional Household Travel Survey to capture current data on travel mode, allowing the city to track progress and target strategies and investments towards our 50/50 mode split goal.</p>
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