City of Charlotte

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center
600 East 4th Street
Charlotte, NC 28202

Meeting Agenda

Monday, November 23, 2026

Council Chamber

City Council Business Meeting

Mayor Robert Harrington
Mayor Pro Tem James Mitchell
Council Member Dimple Ajmera
Council Member Dante Anderson
Council Member JD Mazuera Arias
Council Member Ed Driggs
Council Member Malcolm Graham
Council Member Renee Johnson
Council Member LaWana Mayfield
Council Member Joi Mayo
Council Member Kimberly Owens
Council Member Victoria Watlington

4:00 P.M. CITY COUNCIL ACTION PREVIEW AND CONSENT AGENDA, CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG GOVERNMENT CENTER, REGULAR MEETING ROOM 267

This meeting will also be accessible via the Government Channel, the City's Facebook page, and the City's YouTube channel.

1. Mayor and Council Consent Item Questions and Answers

Staff Resource(s):
Sarah Hazel, City Manager's Office

Time: 5 minutes

Synopsis
Mayor and Council may ask questions about Consent agenda items.

2. Consent agenda items 24 through 41 may be considered in one motion except for those items removed by a Council member. Items are removed by notifying the City Clerk.

Time: 10 minutes

Consideration of Consent Items shall occur in the following order:

A. Items that have not been pulled,
B. Items with residents signed up to speak to the item, and
C. Items that have been pulled for a separate vote.

3. Action Preview Overview

Staff Resource(s):
Marcus Jones, City Manager

4. Action Preview Items

Upcoming Agreements between the City and MPTA

Council Resource(s):
Ed Driggs, Transportation, Planning, and Development Committee

Staff Resource(s):
Andrea Leslie-Fite, City Attorney
Catherine Clodfelter, Parker Poe (outside legal counsel)

Time: Presentation - 20 minutes; Discussion - 40 minutes

Explanation

- Receive an overview of draft agreements with the Metropolitan Public Transportation Authority related to the transition of CATS.

Legislative Agenda

Council Resource(s):
Malcolm Graham, Budget, Governance, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee

Staff Resource(s):
Jordan Paschal, Strategy and Budget
Sarah Hazel, City Manager's Office

Time: Presentation - 10 minutes; Discussion - 30 minutes

Explanation

- Receive an overview of the 2027 Federal and State Legislative Agendas as recommended by the Budget, Governance, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee.

Minimum Housing Code

Council Resource(s):
LaWana Mayfield, Housing Committee

Staff Resource(s):
Raquishela Stewart, Housing and Neighborhood Services
Kirkham Young, Housing and Neighborhood Services

Time: Presentation - 10 minutes; Discussion - 25 minutes

Explanation

- Receive an overview of proposed revisions to the city's Minimum Housing Code as recommended by the Housing Committee.

5. Closed Session (as necessary)

6:30 P.M. CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING, CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG GOVERNMENT CENTER, COUNCIL CHAMBER

Call to Order

Introductions

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

6. International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women

Action:
Council Member Anderson will read a proclamation recognizing November 25, 2026, as International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women.

PUBLIC FORUM

7. Public Forum

PUBLIC HEARING

8. Public Hearing and Decision on a Resolution to Close a Portion of Airport Drive

Action:

A. Conduct a public hearing to close a portion of Airport Drive, and

B. Adopt a resolution and close a portion of Airport Drive.

Staff Resource(s):
Debbie Smith, Transportation
Leslie Bing, Transportation

Explanation

- NC General Statute Section 160A-299 outlines the procedures for permanently closing streets and alleys.
- The Charlotte Department of Transportation (CDOT) received a petition signed by the adjacent property owners to abandon public right-of-way and requests this City Council action in accordance with the statute.
- The action removes land from public right-of-way and attaches it to the adjacent property. The land will be distributed proportionally between adjacent property owners in accordance with NC General Statute Section 160A-299.
- The attached resolution refers to exhibits and metes and bounds descriptions that are available in the City Clerk's Office.
- The right-of-way is located in Council District 3.

Petitioner
City of Charlotte - Aviation Department

Right-of-Way to be Abandoned
A portion of Airport Drive

Reason
Per the petition submitted by City of Charlotte - Aviation Department, the abandonment of the unopened right-of-way will facilitate future redevelopment of abutting parcels.

Notification
As part of the city's notification process, and in compliance with NC General Statute Section 160A-299, CDOT submitted this abandonment petition for review by the public and city departments.

Adjoining property owner(s)

None

Neighborhood/Business Association(s)

None

Private Utility Companies

No Objections

City Departments

- Review by city departments identified no apparent reason this closing would:
  - Be contrary to the public interest;

- Deprive any individual(s) owning property in the vicinity of reasonable means of ingress and egress to their property as outlined in the statutes; or
- Be contrary to the adopted policy to preserve existing rights-of-way for connectivity.

Attachment(s)
Map
Resolution

2026-004753A - Abandonment Map

2026-004753A Resolution to Close 11.23.2026

9. Public Hearing and Decision on a Resolution to Close a Portion of Berryhill Drive

Action:

A. Conduct a public hearing to close a portion of Berryhill Drive, and

B. Adopt a resolution and close a portion of Berryhill Drive.

Staff Resource(s):
Debbie Smith, Transportation
Leslie Bing, Transportation

Explanation

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Petitioner
City of Charlotte - Aviation Department

Right-of-Way to be Abandoned
A portion of Berryhill Drive

Reason
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Notification
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Adjoining property owner(s)
None

Neighborhood/Business Association(s)
None

Private Utility Companies
No objections

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Map
Resolution

2026-004756A - Abandonment Map

2026-004756A Resolution to Close 11.23.2026

10. Public Hearing and Decision on a Resolution to Close a Portion of Briar Court and Midwood Drive

Action:

A. Conduct a public hearing to close a portion of Briar Court and Midwood Drive, and

B. Adopt a resolution and close a portion of Briar Court and Midwood Drive.

Staff Resource(s):
Debbie Smith, Transportation
Leslie Bing, Transportation

Explanation

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Petitioner
City of Charlotte - Aviation Department

Right-of-Way to be Abandoned
A portion of Briar Court and Midwood Drive

Reason
Per the petition submitted by City of Charlotte - Aviation Department, the abandonment of the unopened right-of-way will facilitate future redevelopment of abutting parcels.

Notification
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Adjoining property owner(s)
None

Neighborhood/Business Association(s)
None

Private Utility Companies
No objections

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Map
Resolution

2026-004759A - Abandonment Map

2026-004759A Resolution to Close 11.23.2026

11. Public Hearing and Decision on a Resolution to Close a Portion of Dixie Road and New Dixie Road

Action:

A. Conduct a public hearing to close a portion of Dixie Road and New Dixie Road, and

B. Adopt a resolution and close a portion of Dixie Road and New Dixie Road.

Staff Resource(s):
Debbie Smith, Transportation
Leslie Bing, Transportation

Explanation

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Petitioner
City of Charlotte - Aviation Department

Right-of-Way to be Abandoned
A portion of Dixie Road and New Dixie Road

Reason
Per the petition submitted by City of Charlotte - Aviation Department, the abandonment of the unopened right-of-way will facilitate future redevelopment of abutting parcels.

Notification
As part of the city's notification process, and in compliance with NC General Statute Section 160A-299, CDOT submitted this abandonment petition for review by the public and city departments.

Adjoining property owner(s)
None

Neighborhood/Business Association(s)
None

Private Utility Companies
No objections

City Departments

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Resolution

2026-004766A - Abandonment Map

2026-004766A Resolution to Close 11.23.2026

12. Public Hearing and Decision on a Resolution to Close a Portion of First Street and Bell Avenue

Action:

A. Conduct a public hearing to close a portion of First Street and Bell Avenue, and

B. Adopt a resolution and close a portion of First Street and Bell Avenue.

Staff Resource(s):
Debbie Smith, Transportation
Leslie Bing, Transportation

Explanation

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Petitioner
City of Charlotte - Aviation Department

Right-of-Way to be Abandoned
Portions of First Street and Bell Avenue

Reason
Per the petition submitted by City of Charlotte - Aviation Department, the abandonment of the unopened right-of-way will facilitate future redevelopment of abutting parcels.

Notification
As part of the city's notification process, and in compliance with NC General Statute Section 160A-299, CDOT submitted this abandonment petition for review by the public and city departments.

Adjoining property owner(s)
None

Neighborhood/Business Association(s)
None

Private Utility Companies
No objections

City Departments

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Attachment(s)
Map
Resolution

2026-004760A - Abandonment Map

2026-004760A Resolution to Close 11.23.2026

13. Public Hearing and Decision on a Resolution to Close a Portion of Freeman Drive, Trexler Avenue, and Cathey Drive

Action:

A. Conduct a public hearing to close a portion of Freeman Drive, Trexler Avenue, and Cathey Drive, and

B. Adopt a resolution and close a portion of Freeman Drive, Trexler Avenue, and Cathey Drive.

Staff Resource(s):
Debbie Smith, Transportation
Leslie Bing, Transportation

Explanation

- NC General Statute Section 160A-299 outlines the procedures for permanently closing streets and alleys.
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Petitioner
City of Charlotte - Aviation Department

Right-of-Way to be Abandoned
A portion of Freeman Drive, Trexler Avenue, and Cathey Drive

Reason
Per the petition submitted by City of Charlotte - Aviation Department, the abandonment of the unopened right-of-way will facilitate future redevelopment of abutting parcels.

Notification
As part of the city's notification process, and in compliance with NC General Statute Section 160A-299, CDOT submitted this abandonment petition for review by the public and city departments.

Adjoining property owner(s)
None

Neighborhood/Business Association(s)
None

Private Utility Companies
No objections

City Departments

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and egress to their property as outlined in the statutes; or
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Attachment(s)
Map
Resolution

2026-004767A - Abandonment Map

2026-004767A Resolution to Close 11.23.2026

14. Public Hearing and Decision on a Resolution to Close a Portion of Hill Crest Drive and Rail Road Avenue

Action:

A. Conduct a public hearing to close a portion of Hill Crest Drive and Rail Road Avenue, and

B. Adopt a resolution and close a portion of Hill Crest Drive and Rail Road Avenue.

Staff Resource(s):
Debbie Smith, Transportation
Leslie Bing, Transportation

Explanation

- NC General Statute Section 160A-299 outlines the procedures for permanently closing streets and alleys.
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Petitioner
City of Charlotte - Aviation Department

Right-of-Way to be Abandoned
A Portion of Hill Crest Drive and Rail Road Avenue

Reason
Per the petition submitted by City of Charlotte - Aviation Department, the abandonment of the unopened right-of-way will facilitate future redevelopment of abutting parcels.

Notification
As part of the city's notification process, and in compliance with NC General Statute Section 160A-299, CDOT submitted this abandonment petition for review by the public and city departments.

Adjoining property owner(s)
None

Neighborhood/Business Association(s)
None

Private Utility Companies
No objections

City Departments

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Attachment(s)
Map
Resolution

2026-004763A - Abandonment Map

2026-004763A Resolution to Close 11.23.2026

15. Public Hearing and Decision on a Resolution to Close a Portion of Yorkmont Road

Action:

A. Conduct a public hearing to close a portion of Yorkmont Road, and

B. Adopt a resolution and close a portion of Yorkmont Road.

Staff Resource(s):
Debbie Smith, Transportation
Leslie Bing, Transportation

Explanation

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Petitioner
City of Charlotte - Aviation Department

Right-of-Way to be Abandoned
A portion of Yorkmont Road

Reason
Per the petition submitted by City of Charlotte - Aviation Department, the abandonment of the unopened right-of-way will facilitate future redevelopment of abutting parcels.

Notification
As part of the city's notification process, and in compliance with NC General Statute Section 160A-299, CDOT submitted this abandonment petition for review by the public and city departments.

Adjoining property owner(s)
None

Neighborhood/Business Association(s)
None

Private Utility Companies
No objections

City Departments

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Attachment(s)
Map
Resolution

2026-004770A - Abandonment Map

2026-004770A Resolution to Close 11.23.2026

16. Public Hearing and Decision on the Harrison United Methodist Church Voluntary Annexation

Action:

A. Conduct a public hearing for the Harrison United Methodist Church voluntary annexation, and

B. Adopt an annexation ordinance with an effective date of November 23, 2026, to extend the corporate limits to include this property and assign it to the adjacent City Council District 7.

Staff Resource(s):

Monica Holmes, Planning, Design, and Development
Holly Cramer, Planning, Design, and Development
Emma Knauerhase, Planning, Design, and Development

Explanation

- Public hearings to obtain community input are required prior to City Council taking action on annexation requests.
- A petition has been received from the owners of this 18.79-acre property located along the west side of Lancaster Highway in southern Mecklenburg County.
- The property is owned by Harrison United Methodist Church.
- The property is currently developed with a religious institution and is zoned R-3 (Single Family Residential). This area is located outside of Charlotte's Extraterritorial Jurisdiction and maintains County Zoning that mirrors Charlotte's 2021 Legacy Zoning Ordinance.
- The petitioned area consists of one parcel: parcel identification number 223-591-65.
- The property shares boundaries with current city limits.
- The intent of the annexation is to extend municipal services to the site to facilitate the planned redevelopment of unused portions of the parcel with 78 multi-family attached units.
- In the evaluation of this annexation area, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Stormwater Services, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department, Charlotte Department of Transportation, and Charlotte Solid Waste Services noted that this annexation area would have minimal to no impacts to the departments' resources.
- In reviewing the area's current and future land use, the Charlotte Fire Department noted that the site is within the Effective Response Force travel time standards and provided advisory considerations.
- The potential revenue generated from this annexation area is projected to exceed the estimated cost of extending municipal services to the site.

Consistency with City Council Policies

- The annexation is consistent with city voluntary annexation policy approved by the City Council on March 24, 2003; more specifically this annexation:
  - Will not adversely affect the city's ability to undertake future annexations;
  - Will not have undue negative impact on city finances or services; and
  - Will not result in a situation where unincorporated areas will be encompassed by new city limits.

Attachment(s)

Map
Annexation Ordinance

Map - Harrison United Methodist Church Annexation

Ordinance - Harrison United Methodist Church Annexation

POLICY

17. City Manager's Report

18. City Code Revisions to Support the Metropolitan Public Transportation Authority

Action:
Adopt an ordinance approving amendments to Chapters 2, 14, 15, 19, and 22 of the Code of Ordinances to reflect the transition of the public transportation system from the City of Charlotte to the Metropolitan Public Transportation Authority.

Committee Chair:
Ed Driggs, Transportation, Planning, and Development Committee

Staff Resource(s):
Andrea Leslie-Fite, City Attorney
Lina James, City Attorney's Office
Brad Thomas, City Attorney's Office
Larita Yusuf, City Attorney's Office

Current Ordinances

- Chapters 2, 14, 15, 19, and 22 of the City Code include references to the City of Charlotte or the Charlotte Area Transit System (CATS) as a reflection of the public transportation system being owned and operated by the City of Charlotte since its inception.
- The city must amend these ordinances to reflect the Metropolitan Public Transportation Authority's (MPTA) control and operation of the public transportation system beginning January 1, 2027.

Proposed Changes

- These revisions to the City Code will authorize the MPTA to operate and maintain a safe and reliable public transportation system as contemplated in the Projects for Advancing Vehicle-Infrastructure Enhancements (PAVE) Act.
- The revisions are grouped into two categories:
  - Administrative Adjustments, which include updates to terms to reflect the transition of CATS to Transportation Authority, and
  - New Processes, which include establishing new processes to reflect the new Transportation Authority.
- Proposed revisions affect the following portions of City Code:
  - Chapter 2 (Administration), Sections 2-24 and 2-25 (Enforcement and Appeals);
  - Chapter 14 (Motor Vehicles and Traffic), Sections 14-36 and 14-63 (Administration and Enforcement), and Section 14-326 (Railroads);
  - Chapter 15 (Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions), Section 15-233 (Public Art Program), and Sections 15-270, 15-271, 15-273, 15-275, 15-276 (Public Transportation System);
  - Chapter 19 (Streets, Sidewalks, and Other Public Places), Section 19-362 (Shared Use Mobility Systems); and
  - Chapter 22 (Vehicles for Hire), Section 22-101 (Passenger Vehicles for Hire).
- Proposed revisions would become effective on January 1, 2027.
- Pursuant to Sec. 3.23 (b) of the City Charter, Council is authorized to adopt ordinances at one reading.

Background

- On July 1, 2025, the PAVE Act was enacted by the North Carolina General Assembly. The PAVE Act authorized Mecklenburg County to obtain an additional source of revenue to expand and improve roadway systems and public transportation for the Mecklenburg County region by assessing a one-percent local sales and use tax subject to voter approval.
- On November 4, 2025, Mecklenburg County voters approved the one-percent local sales tax referendum as outlined by the PAVE Act, and on December 2, 2025, the Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution to levy the one-percent local sales tax effective July 1,

2026.

- On June 22, 2026, City Council adopted the Primary Interlocal Agreement (PILA) to provide a plan and time frame for the transfer of employees and assets from the CATS department within the City of Charlotte to the MPTA, pursuant to the PAVE Act.
- Section 1.04(e) of the PILA provides that the MPTA shall be the sole governing and policy making body for the public transportation system.
- Chapters 2, 14, 15, 19, and 22 in the City of Charlotte Code of Ordinances regulate aspects of the public transportation system.
- The PAVE Act did not terminate the ordinances and resolutions of the City of Charlotte that regulate the local public transportation system and bus operations. These ordinances continue in full force and effect.
- An ordinance revising the Code of Ordinances is necessary to ensure that these ordinances reflect the establishment of the MPTA and are consistent with the transfer of the operations of the public transportation system to the MPTA.
- The Transportation, Planning and Development Committee discussed the ordinance revisions as part of the standing item on the CATS to MPTA Transition at the October 5, 2026, committee meeting.
- Staff provided a presentation to Council at the November 9, 2026, Business Meeting.

Attachment(s)

Ordinance

November 9 Action Preview Presentation

Ordinance - MPTA-Related Code Revisions

Ordinance - MPTA-Related Code Revisions (red-lined)

Presentation - MPTA Ordinance Revisions 11.09.2026

19. Motor Vehicles and Traffic Ordinance Amendments

Action:
Adopt an ordinance to amend the Motor Vehicles & Traffic Ordinance (Chapter 14, Articles I and VI of the City Code of Ordinances) as recommended by the Safety Committee.

Committee Chair:
Danté Anderson, Safety Committee

Staff Resource(s):
Jessica Battle, City Attorney's Office
Shawn Heath, City Manager's Office

Background

- On June 30, 2026, Former Mayor Vi Lyles issued a policy referral regarding current public safety concerns associated with electric assisted bicycles (e-bikes).
- NC House Bill 1094 will go into effect on December 1, 2026, and amends Chapter 20 of the North Carolina General Statutes (G.S.) as follows:
  - Amends the definition of "Electric Assisted Bicycle," and adds Class 1, 2, and 3 categorizations to e-bikes (NC G.S. Section 20-4.01(7a);
  - Authorizes the operation of an electric assisted bicycle on all roadways, bicycle lanes, and multiuse paths (NC G.S. Section 20-171.3);
  - Requires all persons under the age of 18 to wear helmets when operating or riding as a passenger on a Class 3 electric assisted bicycle (NC G.S. Section 20-171.3), and
  - Authorizes municipalities to regulate the use of e-bikes, as defined in NC G.S. Section 20-4.01, on any multiuse path or sidewalk within municipal limits (NC G.S. Section 160A-300.2).

Proposed Changes

- The Safety Committee's recommended revisions to the Motor Vehicles & Traffic Ordinance include:
  - Amendments to the City of Charlotte Ordinance Chapter 14, Article I to define Class 1, 2, and 3 e-bikes; and
  - Amendments to the City of Charlotte Ordinance Chapter 14, Article VI to:
    - Require helmets for persons under the age of 16 on Class 1 and 2 e-bikes;
    - Require lamps at night for all riders;
    - Codify a requirement that riders must yield to pedestrians on sidewalks; and
    - Establish penalties for injuries to personal and real property caused by electric-assisted bicycles.

Committee Discussion

- The Safety Committee discussed the e-bikes referral at the September 8, 2026, and October 5, 2026, Committee meetings.
- On September 8, 2026, the Safety Committee voted unanimously to recommend the proposed updated to the Motor Vehicles & Traffic Ordinance to full Council for consideration.
- Council received an overview of the Committee's recommendations at the October 25, 2026, Business Meeting.

Attachment(s)
Ordinance
Ordinance Revisions

Ordinance - Amend Chapter 14

Ordinance - Amend Chapter 14 (red-lined)

BUSINESS

20. Close Out of American Rescue Plan Funds

Action:

A. Approve the use of up to $3,274,748.20 from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund for government services to offset revenue lost as a result of the COVID-19 public health emergency, and

B. Adopt a budget ordinance appropriating $3,274,748.20 from the General Operating Fund to the American Rescue Plan Act Fund.

Staff Resource(s):
Shawn Heath, City Manager's Office

Explanation

- This action will enable the city to fully spend funds received from the federal government as a result of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA).
- The deadline to obligate the city's ARPA allocation was December 31, 2024, with a final deadline to expend the funds by December 31, 2026.
- By authorizing these actions, the city will satisfy the federal requirement that all $141.6 million allocated to the City of Charlotte is expended by December 31, 2026.
- Similar to the actions City Council took in November 2024, these actions will also facilitate up to $3,274,748.20 in one-time savings in the General Fund which will be transferred to the American Rescue Plan Act Fund to allow the city more time to expend the funds on governmental and community investments.
  - Up to $2.16 million will be returned to the following programs:
    - Three Sisters Market: $1.5 million
    - Affordable Housing Development Supplemental Request: $0.25 million
    - HIRE Charlotte programming: $0.21 million
    - Corridors of Opportunity programming: $0.2 million
  - Up to $1.12 million will be available for reallocation and redeployment by City Council.

Background

- On March 11, 2021, in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency, President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA).
- ARPA included the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF), which provided $130 billion in direct assistance for local governments to be used to mitigate the fiscal effects stemming from the COVID-19 public health emergency.
- The SLFRF provides direct payments to metropolitan cities and counties. Charlotte was one of the 990 cities across the nation that met the criteria.
- The U.S. Treasury Department released SLFRF funding to local governments in two equal installments. Charlotte received its first installment of approximately $71 million in May 2021 and the second installment in May 2022, for a total of $141.6 million.
- Funds from the SLFRF may only be used to cover costs incurred by December 31, 2024, for following purposes:
  - To respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality;
  - To respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to eligible city employees who are performing such essential work or by providing grants to eligible employers that have eligible workers who perform essential work;
  - For the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue in the

city's budget due to the COVID-19 public health emergency relative to revenues collected in Fiscal Year 2019; and
  - To make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.
- Of the $138.4 million expended as of November 2026, approximately $107.5 million (78 percent) was allocated by City Council to community-facing investments such as investments in affordable housing, non-profit support, workforce development, advancing digital inclusion, supporting the small business ecosystem, and property tax relief.

Fiscal Note
Funding: American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds

Attachment(s)
Budget Ordinance

Budget Ordinance - ARPA Close Out

21. North Carolina 911 Board Grant

Action:

A. Accept a grant in the amount of $1,927,216.91 from the North Carolina 911 Board for the purchase and installation of dispatch radio consoles, and

B. Adopt a budget ordinance appropriating $427,216.91 from the North Carolina 911 Board to the Emergency Telephone System Fund.

Staff Resource(s):
Estella D. Patterson, Police
Rafael Quintero, Innovation and Technology

Explanation

- The North Carolina 911 Board (911 Board) has awarded the city a $1,927,216.91 grant to fund the purchase and installation of 42 next-generation AXS dispatch radio consoles.
- The current MCC 7500 dispatch radio consoles are approaching the end of life.
- The new radio consoles radios are designed to improve performance, scalability, and dispatcher workflows.
- The Fiscal Year 2027 Adopted Budget anticipated $1,500,000 in grant funding. A budget ordinance is required to appropriate the additional $427,216.91 in grant funding.
- No matching contribution from the city is required.

Fiscal Note
Funding: NC 911 Board Grant

Attachment(s)
Budget Ordinance

Budget Ordinance - NC 911 Board Grant

APPOINTMENTS

22. Appointments to the Community Relations Committee

Action:
Appoint residents to serve as specified.

Staff Resource(s):
Stephanie Kelly, City Clerk's Office

Explanation

- One appointment for a partial term beginning upon appointment and ending June 30, 2028.
  - LeShanda Davis, nominated by Council Members Driggs and Graham.
  - Courtney Savoy, nominated by Council Members Ajmera and Johnson.
  - Michelle Thomas, nominated by Council Members Mayfield and Mayo.

Attachment(s)
Community Relations Committee Applications

MAYOR AND COUNCIL TOPICS

23. Mayor and Council Topics

CONSENT

24. Law Enforcement On-Duty Scheduling Software

Action:

A. Approve a contract with Orion Communications, LLC to provide, implement, and maintain law enforcement on-duty scheduling software for a term of four years,

B. Authorize the City Manager to renew the contract for up to two three-year terms with possible price adjustments and to amend the contract consistent with the purpose for which the contract was approved, and

C. Authorize the City Manager to purchase additional software licenses, services, hardware, maintenance, and support as required to maintain the system for as long as the city uses the system.

Staff Resource(s):
Chief Estella Patterson, Police
Kellie High-Foster, Police
Dondi Pogue, Police

Explanation

- The city requires law enforcement on-duty scheduling software for the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department (CMPD) to:
  - Schedule, manage, and track shifts;
  - Optimize staffing; and
  - Meet the operational requirements of the department.
- On April 22, 2026, the city issued a Request for Proposals (RFP); 13 responses were received.
- Orion Communications, LLC best meets the city's needs in terms of qualifications, experience, cost, and responsiveness to RFP requirements.
- At renewal, potential price adjustments may be considered based on legitimate and justified increases in the cost of doing business. The ability to consider price adjustments also allows the city to accept decreases, if warranted.
- First year expenditures are estimated to be $235,000. Ongoing annual expenditures are estimated to be $220,000.

Charlotte Business INClusion
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Small Business Participation
Orion Communications, LLC has elected to self-perform 100% of the work on this contract and has provided the required documentation to demonstrate that it can perform all scopes of work on this contract with their own forces.

Fiscal Note
Funding: Police Operating Budget

25. Single-Family Housing Rehabilitation Services

Action:

A. Approve a contract in an amount not to exceed $1,000,000 with Habitat for Humanity of the Greater Charlotte Region for single-family housing rehabilitation for a term of one year, and

B. Authorize the City Manager or his designee to modify, amend, and extend the contract for up to one, one-year term consistent with the purpose for which it was approved.

Staff Resource(s):
Raquishela Stewart, Housing and Neighborhood Services
Warren Wooten, Housing and Neighborhood Services

Explanation

- The need for housing rehabilitation services among low- and moderate- income (LMI) homeowners exceeds the city's ability to respond to every request. To expand available resources, the city issued a Single-family Housing Rehabilitation Request for Qualifications (RFQ) on June 4, 2026, for qualified service providers to deliver single-family housing rehabilitation services.
- In response to this RFQ, one proposal was received from Habitat for Humanity of the Greater Charlotte Region (Habitat), which met all RFQ requirements.
- Habitat has partnered with the city for more than seven years, completing an estimated 900 home repairs during that time.
- Through this contract, rehabilitation services will be provided for 20 homes owned by eligible LMI homeowners.
- Improvements will focus on extending the useful life of the homes and enhancing resident safety. Typical repairs include HVAC, plumbing, electrical and roofing systems, flooring and stair safety improvements, and accessibility enhancements such as ramps.
- This partnership increases the city's capacity to address critical housing rehabilitation needs and maximizes the impact of available funding and resources.

Background

- On September 9, 2024, City Council adopted the Affordable Housing Funding Policy (Policy) to guide 2024 housing bond investments; funding for this action is supported by the 2024 bond. The Policy included a targeted investment category for housing rehabilitation and anticipated the 2026 Single-family Housing Rehabilitation RFQ referenced above.
- On May 4, 2026, the Housing Committee discussed the 2024 housing bond closeout, including the pending rehabilitation RFQ.
- This action supports the 2024 Affordable Housing Funding Policy, Neighborhood Equity and Stabilization (NEST) Commission recommendations, and the city's Anti-Displacement Strategy.

Charlotte Business INClusion
The city negotiates contract participation after the proposal selection process. SBE goals will be negotiated for each task order.

Fiscal Note
Funding: Housing Trust Fund

26. Transportation Planning and Community Engagement Services

Action:

A. Approve contracts for on-call transportation planning and community engagement services for a term of three years with the following:

- **AECOM Technical Services of North Carolina, Inc.,**
- **Alta Planning + Design, Inc.,**
- **AtkinsRealis USA Inc.,**
- **Bolton & Menk, Inc.,**
- **Egis USA, Inc.,**
- **HDR Engineering, Inc. of the Carolinas,**
- **Kittelson & Associates, Inc.,**
- **The John R. McAdams Company, Inc.,**
- **Nelson\Nygaard Consulting Associates, Inc.,**
- **NP Strategy,**
- **Olsson, Inc.,**
- **Rummel, Klepper & Kahl, LLP,**
- **RS&H Architects-Engineers-Planners, Inc.,**
- **Toole Design Group, LLC,**
- **T.Y. Lin International,**
- **VHB Engineering NC, P.C., and**
- **WSP USA Inc.**

B. Authorize the City Manager to renew the contracts for up to one, two-year term with possible price adjustments and to amend the contracts consistent with the purpose for which the contracts were approved.

Staff Resource(s):
Debbie Smith, Transportation
Katie Witherspoon, Transportation

Explanation

- The Charlotte Department of Transportation (CDOT) operates and maintains Charlotte's multimodal network, which includes facilities and mode choices for those who drive, walk, bike, and take transit.
- These contracts will provide additional technical expertise and capacity to advance the goals and priorities of the Strategic Mobility Plan (SMP) as the city expands its ability to plan, prioritize, and deliver transportation improvements supported by the transportation sales tax.
- These services will support transportation planning and design, active transportation, transportation safety and Vision Zero initiatives, and community engagement, helping ensure transportation investments promote a safe and accessible transportation network.
- On August 3, 2026, the city issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ); thirty-nine responses were received.
- The companies selected best meet the city's needs in terms of qualifications and relevant experience, availability to provide services, understanding, methodology and approach, and Charlotte Business INClusion outreach documentation.
- At renewal, potential price adjustments may be considered based on legitimate and justified increases in the cost of doing business. The ability to consider price adjustments also allows the city to accept decreases, if warranted.
- Annual aggregate expenditures are estimated to be $5,000,000.

Charlotte Business INClusion
The city negotiates contract participation after the proposal selection process. Each Prime consultant has

committed to using the following certified Small Business Enterprise firm(s) on these contracts:

AECOM Technical Services of North Carolina, Inc.

- Vivid Earth
- Zaja PR

AtkinsRealis USA Inc.

- LD Consultants

Bolton & Menk, Inc.

- Vivid Earth
- Trailside
- Neighboring Concepts

Egis USA, Inc.

- Vivid Earth

The John R. McAdams Company, Inc.

- Trailside
- Yellow Duck

Kittelson & Associates, Inc.

- Zaja PR

RS&H Architects-Engineers-Planners, Inc.

- Vivid Earth

Toole Design Group, LLC

- Vivid Earth

T.Y. Lin International

- Neighboring Concepts
- Point-A-Studio

VHB Engineering NC, P.C.

- Vivid Earth
- Yellow Duck
- Center Line Locating

WSP USA Inc.

- Vivid Earth
- Key Environmental

Fiscal Note

Funding: General Capital Investment Plan

27. Auction Services for Surplus Vehicles and Equipment

Action:

A. Approve the purchase of turnkey auction services and related solutions from a cooperative contract,

B. Approve a contract with JJ Kane Associates, Inc. for turnkey auction services and related solutions for a term of four years under Sourcewell Master Agreement #111424,

C. Approve a contract with Royal Auction Group for turnkey auction services and related solutions for a term of one year under Goodbuy Contract #26-27 5H000, and

D. Authorize the City Manager to extend the term of the Sourcewell Master Agreement #111424 for three, one-year terms as long as the cooperative contract is in effect at prices and terms that are the same or more favorable than those offered under the cooperative contact.

Staff Resource(s):
Phil Reiger, General Services
David Wolfe, General Services
Cheryl Wright, Contracting and Procurement

Explanation

- These contracts will provide turnkey auction services for the sale of city vehicles and equipment removed from service. Services include coordinating transportation to an auction facility, off-site storage, asset preparation and photography, marketing, responding to prospective buyers, conducting auctions, and processing payments.
- These services will reduce the city's on-site storage needs and provide an efficient method for disposing of surplus fleet assets.
- NC General Statute Section 143-129(e)(3) allows local governments to purchase from formally organized cooperative purchasing contracts.
- A cooperative purchasing agreement results from the consolidation and competitive solicitation of multiple public agency requirements. By aggregating common needs all agencies are able to leverage economies of scale, such as volume discounts, improved terms and conditions, reduced administrative costs, and access to professional and technical expertise.
- Annual aggregate expenditures are estimated to be $250,000.

Charlotte Business INClusion
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Small Business Participation
Cooperative purchasing contracts leverage contracts established by other governmental agencies and do not involve the city conducting a bidding process and are thus exempt from CBI Program goals. Subcontracting opportunities are typically not feasible under cooperative purchasing arrangements.

Fiscal Note
Funding: Various Departments' Operating Budgets

28. Public Auction for Disposal of Surplus Equipment

Action:

A. Adopt a resolution declaring specific vehicles, equipment, and other miscellaneous items as surplus,

B. Authorize said items for sale by public electronic auction beginning December 7, 2026, and ending December 15, 2026, and

C. Authorize the City Manager to approve certain administrative and storage fees as may be required from time to time for auction events.

Staff Resource(s):
Phil Reiger, General Services
David Wolfe, General Services
Rex Dye, General Services

Explanation

- General Services provides asset recovery and disposal services to city departments, Mecklenburg County, and Emergency Management Services.
- Periodic auctions of surplus items are regularly conducted at the city's Asset Recovery and Disposal facility located at 5550 Wilkinson Boulevard in Council District 3.
- Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 160A-270(c), approval is requested for a public electronic auction to be held beginning December 7, 2026, and ending December 15, 2026, to dispose of city-owned property declared as surplus.
- The auction will be conducted online by Rogers Realty and Auction Company Inc
- The auction company will be compensated seven percent of the total gross sale price of rolling stock and miscellaneous items.
- Proceeds from the auction are distributed to the city's General Fund and Enterprise Funds and other agencies based on asset ownership.

Attachment(s)
Resolution
Property List
Delegation of Authority

Resolution - Public Auction for Disposal of Surplus Equipment

Property List

Delegation of Authority

29. Solid Waste Services Supplemental Laborer Staffing

Action:

A. Approve contracts for Solid Waste Services supplemental laborer staffing for a term of three years with the following:

- **A & Associates, Inc. DBA A & A Services,**
- **Career Match Solutions, LLC,**
- **Goodwill Industries of the Southern Piedmont, Inc. dba GoodWork Staffing, and**

B. Authorize the City Manager to renew the contracts for up to one, two-year term with possible price adjustments and to amend the contracts consistent with the purpose for which the contracts were approved.

Staff Resource(s):
Rodney Jamison, Solid Waste Services
Ellen Price, Solid Waste Services
Louie Moore, Solid Waste Services

Explanation

- The city requires qualified temporary staffing services to provide reliable, work-ready labor support for Solid Waste Services during routine operations, seasonal workload increases, special projects, and other temporary needs.
- On September 9, 2026, the city issued a Request for Proposals (RFP); 14 responses were received.
- The companies selected best meet the city's needs in terms of qualifications, experience, cost, and responsiveness to RFP requirements.
- These temporary staffing roles help maintain service continuity, give the city flexibility to respond efficiently to changing workload demands, and provide contracted laborers with valuable on-the-job experience.
- At renewal, potential price adjustments may be considered based on legitimate and justified increases in the cost of doing business. The ability to consider price adjustments also allows the city to accept decreases, if warranted.
- Annual aggregate expenditures are estimated to be $2,600,000.

Charlotte Business INClusion
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Small Business Participation
Contract goals were not established for this contract because the scope of work or goods does not present viable subcontracting opportunities. The selected companies will be responsible for 100% of the work or goods, and there are no opportunities to include subcontractors. This assessment was confirmed by CBI and the respective department after reviewing the project's scope and potential for division into subcontracting opportunities.

Fiscal Note
Funding: Solid Waste Services Operating Budget

30. Legal Services for CATS Transition to MPTA

Action:

A. Approve a contract with Parker, Poe, Adams & Bernstein LLP for legal support services related to the transition of the Charlotte Area Transit System to the Metropolitan Public Transportation System for a term of three years, and

B. Authorize the City Manager to amend the contract consistent with the purpose for which the contract was approved.

Staff Resource(s):
Andrea Leslie-Fite, City Attorney
Shawn Heath, City Manager's Office
Hannah Bromberger, Strategy and Budget

Explanation

- This contract will provide outside legal services to support the city during the transition of the Charlotte Area Transit System (CATS) to the Metropolitan Public Transportation System (MPTA), pursuant to the Projects for Advancing Vehicle-Infrastructure Enhancements (PAVE) Act.
- Thus far, the city has utilized Parker, Poe, Adams & Bernstein LLP on an on-call basis as necessary to supplement city legal staff in:
  - Providing an overview of the transfer process under the PAVE Act to City Council during the 2026 Annual Strategy Meeting;
  - Drafting the Primary Interlocal Agreement (PILA) between the MPTA and the city dated June 22, 2026; and
  - Assessing next steps for facilitating the transition of CATS to the MPTA in accordance with the PAVE Act and the PILA.
- This contract will allow the city to continue utilizing Parker, Poe, Adams & Bernstein LLP throughout the transition of CATS to the MPTA.
- Continuity of these services will help to support a smooth transition and ensure that the city meets the requirements set forth in the PAVE Act and PILA.
- Waiver of a competitive solicitation process for services may be granted on a limited basis when deemed appropriate and in the city's best interest. A waiver has been approved for these services based on the need for continuity of service.
- At renewal, potential price adjustments may be considered based on legitimate and justified increases in the cost of doing business. The ability to consider price adjustments also allows the city to accept decreases, if warranted.
- Annual expenditures are estimated to be $300,000.

Background

- On July 1, 2025, the PAVE Act was enacted by the North Carolina General Assembly. The PAVE Act authorized Mecklenburg County to obtain an additional source of revenue to expand and improve roadway systems and public transportation for the Mecklenburg County region by assessing a one-percent local sales and use tax subject to voter approval.
- On November 4, 2025, Mecklenburg County voters approved the one-percent local sales tax referendum as outlined by the PAVE Act, and on December 2, 2025, the Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution to levy the one-percent local sales tax effective July 1, 2026.
- On June 22, 2026, City Council adopted the PILA to provide a plan and time frame for the transfer of employees and assets from the CATS department within the City of Charlotte to the MPTA, pursuant to the PAVE Act. July 1, 2026, represented the start of Phase One of the PILA.
- The city and the MPTA are anticipated to enter into Phase Two of the PILA on January 1, 2027. Additional Interlocal Agreements are anticipated during Phase Two to codify specific long-term relationships and services desired between the city and the MPTA.

Charlotte Business INClusion
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Small Business Participation
A waiver of solicitation was necessary for this contract in order to maintain continuity of service. Contracts with a waiver of solicitation do not involve a competitive bidding process and are exempt from the CBI program. Additionally, contracts for legal services on behalf of the city, its employees, or elected officials are exempt from all aspects of the CBI Program unless otherwise elected by the department.

Fiscal Note
Funding: General Capital Investment Plan

31. Federal Lobbying Services

Action:

A. Authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute a contract with Manatt Government Strategies, LLC for federal lobbying services for a term of two years, and

B. Authorize the City Manager to renew the contract for up to three, one-year terms with possible price adjustments and to amend the contract consistent with the purpose for which the contract was approved.

Staff Resource(s):
Sarah Hazel, City Manager's Office
Jordan Paschal, Strategy & Budget

Explanation

- The City is seeking firm(s) to effectively advocate the City's federal Legislative Agenda to the United States Congress and the Executive Branch.
- The Legislative Agenda typically addresses city services such as aviation, public safety, affordable housing, mobility, vision zero, planning and development, economic and workforce development, environment, stormwater, water and sewer service, local government finance and procurement, and other emerging Council priorities.
- On July 2, 2026, the city issued a Request for Proposals (RFP); nine responses were received.
- Manatt Government Strategies, LLC best meets the city's needs in terms of qualifications, experience, cost, and responsiveness to RFP requirements.
- The selected firm will provide bipartisan representation to supplement Mayor and Council's advocacy for the City's interests.
- At renewal, potential price adjustments may be considered based on legitimate and justified increases in the cost of doing business. The ability to consider price adjustments also allows the city to accept decreases, if warranted.
- Annual expenditures are estimated to be $200,000.

Charlotte Business INClusion
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Small Business Participation
Contract goals were not established for this contract because the scope of work or goods does not present viable subcontracting opportunities. The selected company will be responsible for 100% of the work or goods, and there are no opportunities to include subcontractors. This assessment was confirmed by CBI and the respective department after reviewing the project's scope and potential for division into subcontracting opportunities.

Fiscal Note
Funding: Various Operating Funds

32. State Lobbying Services

Action:

A. Authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute contracts for state lobbying services for a term of two years with the following:

- **Checkmate Government Relations LLC,**
- **Nelson Mullins Riley Scarborough LLP, and**

B. Authorize the City Manager to renew the contracts for up to three, one-year terms with possible price adjustments and to amend the contracts consistent with the purpose for which the contracts were approved.

Staff Resource(s):
Sarah Hazel, City Manager's Office
Jordan Paschal, Strategy & Budget

Explanation

- The City is seeking firm(s) to effectively advocate the City's state Legislative Agenda to the North Carolina General Assembly and the Executive Branch.
- The Legislative Agenda typically addresses city services such as aviation, public safety, affordable housing, mobility, vision zero, planning and development, economic and workforce development, environment, stormwater, water and sewer service, local government finance and procurement, and other emerging Council priorities.
- On July 2, 2026, the city issued a Request for Proposals (RFP); four responses were received.
- The companies selected best meet the city's needs in terms of qualifications, experience, cost, and responsiveness to RFP requirements.
- The selected firms will provide bipartisan representation to supplement Mayor and Council's advocacy for the City's interests.
- Utilizing two firms will allow the city to effectively advocate across the wide variety of issue areas that come with being a large city with various services and concerns.
- At renewal, potential price adjustments may be considered based on legitimate and justified increases in the cost of doing business. The ability to consider price adjustments also allows the city to accept decreases, if warranted.
- Annual aggregate expenditures are estimated to be $210,000.

Charlotte Business INClusion
Effective July 1, 2026, Session Law 2026-41 eliminated the authority of North Carolina local governments to use race-conscious and gender-conscious contracting requirements. In compliance with the new law, no MBE/WBE/MWBE/MSBE/WSBE/MWSBE goals or compliance requirements will be included in city contracts. SBE goals are not affected and shall continue to be used in compliance with the CBI program and applicable law.

Small Business Participation
Contract goals were not established for this contract because the scope of work or goods does not present viable subcontracting opportunities. The selected companies will be responsible for 100% of the work or goods, and there are no opportunities to include subcontractors. This assessment was confirmed by CBI and the respective department after reviewing the project's scope and potential for division into subcontracting opportunities.

Fiscal Note
Funding: Various Operating Funds

33. INLIVIAN Housing Revenue Bond Issuance Approval for Union at Graham Apartments

Action:
Adopt a resolution granting INLIVIAN's request to issue new multi-family housing revenue bonds in an amount not to exceed $32,000,000 to finance the development of an affordable housing development known as Union at Graham Apartments.

Staff Resource(s):
Raquishela Stewart, Housing and Neighborhood Services
Warren Wooten, Housing and Neighborhood Services

Explanation

- This action will not obligate the city financially or impact the Capital Investment Plan and is requested to satisfy Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, which requires the issuance of housing bonds to be approved by the local governmental unit with jurisdiction over the area where the development is located.
- INLIVIAN is requesting that City Council adopt a resolution authorizing the issuance of new multi-family housing revenue bonds for the Union at Graham Apartments, a 198-unit new construction affordable housing development to be developed, owned, and operated by Union at Graham, LP, an Indiana limited partnership (Developer) or an affiliated or related entity.
- The development will be located on approximately 6.8 acres at 2701 Oneida Road (parcel identification numbers 045-191-11 and 045-191-12) in Council District 1 and will serve households earning up to 80 percent of the area median income.
- The INLIVIAN bonds in an amount not to exceed $32,000,000 will be used to finance land acquisition and construction of the development.
- This action further supports City Council's April 28, 2025, approval of $4,400,000 in Housing Trust Fund support for the development.

Background

- The Developer applied for four percent low-income housing tax credits and a housing bond allocation capacity from the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency (NCHFA) to help finance the land acquisition and construction of the Development, both of which received approval from the NCHFA.
- Tax credit and bond allocations are subject to federal income limits and set-aside rules and include deed restrictions.
- INLIVIAN, as a public housing authority, is duly authorized to issue housing bonds to finance developments that serve persons of low and moderate income, including developments in which it does not have an interest. The INLIVIAN Board of directors approved the issuance of the multi-family housing revenue bonds on September 16, 2025.

Attachment(s)
Map
Resolution

Map - Union at Graham Apartments

Resolution - Union at Graham Apartments INLIVIAN Housing Revenue Bond

34. Refund of Property Taxes

Action:
Adopt a resolution authorizing the refund of property taxes assessed through clerical or assessment error in the amount of $37,068.12.

Staff Resource(s):
Matthew Hastedt, Finance
Melissa Westfall, Finance

Explanation

- Mecklenburg County notified and provided the city the list of Property Tax refund due to clerical or assessment error.
- Property taxes are refunded when there is a clerical or assessment error and a taxpayer has paid more property taxes than the true assessed value. Appeals on assessed values are routed through Mecklenburg County's resident advisory Board of Equalization and Review (BER). The BER hears appeals from taxpayers and reviews current assessments made by the Tax Assessor to make a determination whether taxes should be refunded. The city budgets for appeals annually based on actual appeal amounts from prior years.

Attachment(s)
Resolution
Taxpayers and Refunds Requested

Resolution - Refund of Property Taxes 11.23.2026

List of Taxpayers 11.23.2026

35. Set a Public Hearing on The Canopy Voluntary Annexation

Action:
Adopt a resolution setting a public hearing for December 14, 2026, for The Canopy voluntary annexation petition.

Staff Resource(s):
Monica Holmes, Planning, Design, and Development
Holly Cramer, Planning, Design, and Development
Emma Knauerhase, Planning, Design, and Development

Explanation

- The city has received a petition for voluntary annexation of private property.
- Public hearings are required prior to City Council action on annexation requests.
- This property is located within Charlotte's extraterritorial jurisdiction.
- The area proposed for annexation shares a boundary with current city limits.
- Annexation of this area will allow for more orderly development review, extension of city services, capital investments, and future annexation processes.
- The 11.607-acre "The Canopy" site is located along the south side Sadler Road and west of the intersection of Hollow Branch Road and Sadler Road in western Mecklenburg County.
  - The property is owned by Crescent River District LLC.
  - The site is currently vacant.
  - The property is zoned MX-2 (Mixed Residential - 2).
    - Rezoning petition 2016-056 rezoned this site in November of 2016 as part of the larger River District project that entitled 1,378 acres with a mix of residential and commercial uses.
  - The petitioner has plans to develop 3,000 square feet of residential amenity buildings with a pool, tennis courts, and pickleball courts for the River District.
  - The property is located immediately adjacent to Council District 3.
  - The petitioned area consists of one parcel: parcel identification number 113-281-51.

Consistency with City Council Policies

- The annexation is consistent with city voluntary annexation policy approved by the City Council on March 24, 2003; more specifically this annexation:
  - Will not adversely affect the city's ability to undertake future annexations;
  - Will not have undue negative impact on city finances or services; and
  - Will not result in a situation where unincorporated areas will be encompassed by new city limits.

Attachment(s)
Map
Resolution
RZP-2016-056 Approved Site Plan

Map - The Canopy Annexation

Resolution - The Canopy Annexation

RZP-2016-056 Site Plan

36. Set a Public Hearing on the Harmon Voluntary Annexation

Action:
Adopt a resolution setting a public hearing for December 14, 2026, for the Harmon voluntary annexation petition.

Staff Resource(s):
Monica Holmes, Planning, Design, and Development
Holly Cramer, Planning, Design, and Development
Emma Knauerhase, Planning, Design, and Development

Explanation

- The city has received a petition for voluntary annexation of private property.
- Public hearings are required prior to City Council action on annexation requests.
- This property is located within Charlotte's extraterritorial jurisdiction.
- The area proposed for annexation shares boundaries with current city limits.
- Annexation of this area will allow for more orderly development review, extension of city services, capital investments, and future annexation processes.
- The 45.213-acre "Harmon" site is located east of Dixie River Road and south of West Boulevard in western Mecklenburg County.
  - The property is owned by Cresent River District LLC.
  - The site is currently vacant.
  - The property is zoned MUDD-O ANDO (Mixed Use Development District, Optional, Airport Noise Disclosure Overlay).
    - Rezoning petition 2016-056 rezoned this site in November of 2016 as part of the larger River District project that entitled 1,378 acres with a mix of residential and commercial uses.
  - The petitioner has plans to develop 158 multi-family attached units.
  - The property is located immediately adjacent to Council District 3.
  - The petitioned area consists of one parcel: parcel identification number 141-281-07.

Consistency with City Council Policies

- The annexation is consistent with city voluntary annexation policy approved by the City Council on March 24, 2003; more specifically this annexation:
  - Will not adversely affect the city's ability to undertake future annexations;
  - Will not have undue negative impact on city finances or services; and
  - Will not result in a situation where unincorporated areas will be encompassed by new city limits.

Attachment(s)
Map
Resolution
RZP-2016-056 Approved Site Plan

Map - Harmon Annexation

Resolution - Harmon Annexation

RZP-2016-056 Site Plan

37. Set a Public Hearing on the McColl Place Voluntary Annexation

Action:
Adopt a resolution setting a public hearing for December 14, 2026, for the McColl Place voluntary annexation petition.

Staff Resource(s):
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Explanation

- The city has received a petition for voluntary annexation of private property.
- Public hearings are required prior to City Council action on annexation requests.
- This property is located within Charlotte's extraterritorial jurisdiction.
- The area proposed for annexation shares boundaries with current city limits.
- Annexation of this area will allow for more orderly development review, extension of city services, capital investments, and future annexation processes.
- The 27.64-acre "McColl Place" site is located southwest of Beatties Ford Road and north of Kidd Lane in northwest Mecklenburg County.
  - The property is owned by DRP Greenbough 52 LLC and Lennar Carolinas LLC.
  - The site is currently vacant.
  - The property is zoned N1-A(CD) (Neighborhood 1-A, Conditional). The N1-A district allows for single-family, duplex, triplex, and quadraplexes in some situations, as well as a limited number of other uses.
    - Rezoning Petition RZP-2024-046 rezoned the site in October of 2024 from R-8MF(CD) to N1-A(CD). The site's entitlements under the approved conditional plan allow for development of a residential community with up to 160 units.
  - The petitioner has plans to develop 153 units in a mix of duplexes and triplexes.
  - The property is located immediately adjacent to Council District 2.
  - The petitioned area consists of two parcels: parcel identification numbers 037-092-04 and 037-092-05.

Consistency with City Council Policies

- The annexation is consistent with city voluntary annexation policy approved by the City Council on March 24, 2003; more specifically this annexation:
  - Will not adversely affect the city's ability to undertake future annexations;
  - Will not have undue negative impact on city finances or services; and
  - Will not result in a situation where unincorporated areas will be encompassed by new city limits

Attachment(s)
Map
Resolution
RZP-2024-046 Approved Site Plan

Map - McColl Place Annexation

Resolution - McColl Place Annexation

RZP-2024-046 Site Plan

CONSENT - PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS

38. In Rem Remedy: 4336 La Brea Drive

Action: **Adopt an ordinance authorizing the use of In Rem Remedy to demolish and remove structures at 4336 La Brea Drive.**

Property Address: 4336 La Brea Drive

Parcel Identification Number: 037-125-03

Council District: 2

Public Purpose:

- Eliminate a blighting influence
- Remedy substandard, dilapidated or dangerous housing
- Support public safety initiatives
- Uphold the Minimum Housing Code

Council Priorities: Great Neighborhoods and Safe Communities

Attachment(s)
In Rem Packet

In Rem Packet - 4336 La Brea Dr

39. In Rem Remedy: 5009 Sylvan Drive

Action: **Adopt an ordinance authorizing the use of In Rem Remedy to demolish and remove structures at 5009 Sylvan Drive.**

Property Address: 5009 Sylvan Drive

Parcel Identification Number: 043-021-07

Council District: 2

Public Purpose:

- Eliminate a blighting influence
- Remedy substandard, dilapidated or dangerous housing
- Support public safety initiatives
- Uphold the Minimum Housing Code

Council Priorities: Great Neighborhoods and Safe Communities

Attachment(s)
In Rem Packet

In Rem Packet - 5009 Sylvan Dr

40. In Rem Remedy: 2108 Whittington Street

Action: **Adopt an ordinance authorizing the use of In Rem Remedy to demolish and remove structures at 2108 Whittington Street.**

Property Address: 2108 Whittington Street

Parcel Identification Number: 077-052-02

Council District: 1

Public Purpose:

- Eliminate a blighting influence
- Remedy substandard, dilapidated or dangerous housing
- Support public safety initiatives
- Uphold the Minimum Housing Code

Council Priorities: Great Neighborhoods and Safe Communities

Attachment(s)
In Rem Packet

In Rem Packet - 2108 Whittington St

41. Property Transaction - 6623 Sardis Road Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon, Parcel # 1

Action: **Approve the following condemnation: 6623 Sardis Road Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon - Vision Zero Pedestrian Safety, Parcel # 1**

Project: 6623 Sardis Road Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon - Vision Zero Pedestrian Safety

Owner(s): Bentley Oaks Association, Inc.

Property Address: Bentley Oaks Lane at Sardis Road

Total Parcel Area: 51,009 sq. ft. (1.171 ac.)

Property to be acquired by Easements: 47 sq. ft. (0.001 ac.) in permanent utility easement

Structures/Improvements to be impacted: None

Landscaping to be impacted: Several large shrubs

Zoned: R-20MF

Use: Residential Multi-family

Parcel Identification Number(s): 187-151-07

Appraised Value: $900

Property Owner's Concerns: The city is unable to reach an agreement with the property owner.

City's Response to Property Owner's Concerns: The city continues to negotiate with the property owner.

Recommendation: The recommendation is to proceed to condemnation during which time negotiations can continue, mediation is available, and if necessary, just compensation can be determined by the court.

Council District: 6

Attachment(s): Map

Map - - 6623 Sardis Rd PHB, Parcel #1

Adjournment

REFERENCES

42. Reference - Property Acquisitions and Condemnations

- The city has negotiated in good faith to acquire the properties set forth below.
- For acquisitions, the property owner and staff have agreed on a price based on appraisals and/or estimates.
- In the case of condemnations, the value was established by an independent, certified appraisal followed by a third-party appraisal review.
- Real Estate staff diligently attempts to contact all property owners by:
  - Sending introductory letters via regular and certified mail,
  - Making several site visits,
  - Leaving door hangers and business cards,
  - Seeking information from neighbors,
  - Searching the internet,
  - Obtaining title abstracts, and
  - Leaving voice messages.
- For most condemnation cases, the city and the property owner(s) have been unable to reach a settlement. In some cases, condemnation is necessary to ensure a clear title to the property.
- If the City Council approves the resolutions, the City Attorney's office will initiate condemnation proceedings. As part of the condemnation process, real estate staff and the City Attorney's Office will continue to negotiate, including court-mandated mediation, in an attempt to resolve the matter. Most condemnation cases are settled by the parties prior to going to court.
- If a settlement cannot be reached, the case will proceed to a trial before a judge or jury to determine "just compensation."
- Full text of each resolution is on file with the City Clerk's Office.
- The definition of easement is a right created by grant, reservation, agreement, prescription, or necessary implication, which one has in the land of another, it is either for the benefit of land, such as right to cross A to get to B, or "in gross," such as public utility easement.
- The term "fee simple" is a synonym for ownership and is an estate under which the owner is entitled to unrestricted powers to dispose of the property, and which can be left by will or inherited.

43. Reference - Property Transaction Process

Property Transaction Process Following City Council Approval for Condemnation

The following overview is intended to provide further explanation for the process of property transactions that are approved by City Council for condemnation.

Approximately six weeks of preparatory work is required before the condemnation lawsuit is filed. During this time, the City continues to negotiate with the property owner in an effort to reach a mutual settlement.

- If a settlement is reached, the condemnation process is stopped, and the property transaction proceeds to a real estate closing.
- If a settlement cannot be reached, the condemnation lawsuit is filed. Even after filing, negotiations continue between the property owner and the City's legal representative. Filing of the condemnation documents allows:
  - The City to gain access and title to the subject property so the capital project can proceed on schedule.
  - The City to deposit the appraised value of the property in an escrow account with the Clerk of Court. These funds may be withdrawn by the property owner immediately upon filing, and at any time thereafter, with the understanding that additional funds transfer may be required at the time of final settlement or at the conclusion of litigation.
- If a condemnation lawsuit is filed, the final trial may not occur for 18 to 24 months; however, a vast majority of the cases settle prior to final trial. The City's condemnation attorney remains actively engaged with the property owner to continue negotiations throughout litigation.
  - North Carolina law requires that all condemnation cases go through formal non-binding mediation, at which an independent certified mediator attempts to facilitate a successful settlement. For the minority of cases that do not settle, the property owner has the right to a trial by judge or jury in order to determine the amount of compensation the property owner will receive.