



City Of Raleigh

NORTH CAROLINA

DATE: August 29, 2014
MEMO TO: Mayor and Council Members
SUBJECT: Council Work Session

The City Council will meet in work session 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, September 2, 2014, in Conference Room 305, Raleigh Municipal Building, 222 West Hargett Street, Avery C. Upchurch Government Complex, Raleigh, North Carolina.

11:30 a.m. Lunch – Pick up in Room 302

Topic 1 City Code Updates – Urban Forestry and Tree Manual Revisions

Staff Resource: Zach Manor, Parks Recreation & Cultural Resources

The current operating document *Policies and Standards Governing Activities Which Impact City Trees* was created in 1991. At that time the protection of trees represented cutting edge thought and City leaders showed tremendous foresight in policy development. Things have changed over the last 24 years, and both the City Code and the policy document require an update to provide a current template for the rules and regulations that govern the urban forest.

Goals of the update include reformatting and rewording of documentation to improve clarity and ease of use. The changes will build consistency with the Unified Development Ordinance and Street Design Manual, while reflecting current arboricultural industry standards and strengthening the enforcement capability. The result will produce a “user’s manual” for internal and external customers including developers, contractors and citizens.

Topic 2 Urban Wood Utilization Pilot Project

Staff Resource: Sally Thigpen, Parks Recreation & Cultural Resources

The North Carolina Forest Service is the recipient of a grant through the Forest Service of the United States Department of Agriculture to support urban and community forestry programs. The grant will focus on how cities use wood obtained from removing trees in the urban forest.

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Cities selected for a pilot project include the Raleigh and the City of Richmond, Virginia. The project compliments past and recent efforts to support urban forestry and the growing interest in reducing wood waste and disposal problems. The grant was awarded in late 2013 and work is expected to continue through 2015.

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