



Legislation Text

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Title:

Storm Water Program - FY19 Hazard Mitigation Floodplain Acquisition

Summary

ACTION:

- 1. Accept the Offer of Sale of Real Estate from Jeremy J. & Sarah R. Bessette, owners of property located at 5635 Wedgewood Drive, Charlotte, NC (tax parcel 171-084-07), for \$405,000;**
- 2. Authorize the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police and Fire Departments to use the structure for training exercises; and**
- 3. Adopt a Resolution Approving Transfer of Reusable Building Materials to Habitat for Humanity of Charlotte, Inc. to allow for salvage of materials prior to demolition**

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Presentation: No

BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION:

Since late 1999, Mecklenburg County has used local storm water fee revenue to acquire property that will minimize the risk of potential loss of life and property damage from flooding while enhancing the natural and beneficial functions of the floodplain (creating open space, expanding greenways, constructing wetlands, etc.).

Selection of the referenced parcel was through application of the Flood Risk Assessment and Risk Reduction Plan (Plan), adopted by the Board on May 1, 2012. It is a locally developed approach that uses a risk-based method of identifying future flood mitigation projects. The Plan uses detailed local data and state-of-the-art floodplain mapping to perform property-specific risk assessments, identify mitigation projects and set project priorities.

The requested action will consist of acquiring the property and demolishing the existing

building using Storm Water Services capital funds for the purchase. Consistent with past practices, the actual price at closing could be reduced if the owners received any insurance payments for flood damage within the previous 36 months and did not spend those funds on repairs. The purchase price is based upon a current fair market value appraisal. The owner has voluntarily offered to sell.

Storm Water Services staff allows the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department and the City of Charlotte Fire Department training opportunities for police and fire personnel prior to demolition of flood prone buildings. In addition, Storm Water Services staff has established a process with Habitat for Humanity of Charlotte to maximize the responsible reuse of materials prior to structure demolition while protecting the health of the community. The attached resolution would apply to currently identified potential acquisitions.

PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND:

N/A

POLICY IMPACT:

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT:

\$405,000 for the acquisition will be funded by Storm Water Services Capital Funds. No County funding needed.