Legislation Text

File #: 19-5502, **Version:** 1

Title:
Storm Water Program - FY19 Hazard Mitigation Floodplain Acquisitions

Summary
ACTION:
1. Accept the Offer of Sale of Real Estate from William Russell, owner of property located at 8018 Gilead Road, Huntersville, NC (tax parcel 015-091-15), for $120,000;

2. Accept the Offer of Sale of Real Estate from T. Michael McCleod, owner of property located at 1214 Mockingbird Lane, Charlotte, NC (tax parcel 171-091-57), for $342,000; and

3. Authorize the local police and fire departments to use the structures for training exercises

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Presentation: **No**

BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION:
Since late 1999, Mecklenburg County has used storm water fee revenue to acquire flood prone property. Buyouts reduce the risk to life and property during floods, while also enhancing the natural and beneficial functions of the floodplain. During large rain events portions of the floodplain will become inundated. This natural flooding lowers the overall creek levels, slows erosive water, filters pollutants, and can reduce damage if people and property are not located in harms way. Mecklenburg County uses the land as open space, for expanding greenways, constructing wetlands, etc.

Storm Water Services selected the referenced parcels based on prioritization and recommendations in the Flood Risk Assessment and Risk Reduction Plan (Plan) adopted by the Board on May 1, 2012. 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. This risk-based approach aids in identifying future flood mitigation acquisitions/projects.

The requested actions will consist of acquiring the properties and demolishing the existing buildings using Storm Water Services capital funds for the purchase. Consistent with past practices, the actual expenditure 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. Each purchase price is based upon a fair market value appraisal. The owners have voluntarily offered to sell.

Storm Water Services staff allows the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department, the Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office, 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.

PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND:
N/A

POLICY IMPACT:
N/A

FISCAL IMPACT:
$462,000 will come from Storm Water Services Capital Funds

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