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WEEK IN REVIEW:

Mon (June 7)	Tues (June 8)	Wed (June 9)	Thurs (June 10)	Friday (June 11)
11:00 AM Environment Committee, Room 270/271 1:30 PM Continuation of Budget Straw Votes, Room 267 4:00 PM Governmental Affairs Committee, Room 280 5:00 PM Council Workshop/Budget Adoption, Room 267 7:30 PM Citizens' Forum, Room 267	11:00 AM Housing and Neighborhood Development Committee, Room 280			US Conference of Mayors, Oklahoma City, OK

CALENDAR DETAILS:

Monday, June 7

11:00 am Environment Committee, Room 270/271
AGENDA: Proposed Revisions to Tree Ordinance

1:30 pm Continuation of Budget Straw Votes, Room 267
(Agenda materials were included in the Council Workshop packet)

4:00 pm Governmental Affairs Committee, Room 280
AGENDA: Update on Federal Legislative Issues (Appropriations Requests); Update on 2010 State Legislative Short Session; June 16 Town Hall Day Plans

5:00 pm Council Workshop/Budget Adoption, Room 267

7:30 pm Citizens' Forum, Room 267

Tuesday, June 8

11:00 am Housing and Neighborhood Development Committee, Room 280
AGENDA: Housing Locational Policy Review

Friday, June 11

US Conference of Mayors, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

June and July calendars are attached. ***(see left side table of contents)***

INFORMATION:

Implementation of Charlotte-Mecklenburg's Ten-Year Plan to End and Prevent Homelessness

Staff Resource: Stan Wilson, Neighborhood & Business Services, 704-336-3337, swilson@charlottenc.gov

On May 24, the City Council approved the Housing and Neighborhood Development Committee's recommendation to create a Community-Based Advisory Board to oversee the implementation of the Ten Year Plan to End and Prevent Homelessness. The 15-member board is to be appointed by the City Council and Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners.

Council has asked the existing Housing Trust Fund (HTF) board to name the new Community-Based Advisory Board. The HTF board will discuss potential names at its June 10, 2010 meeting.

INFORMATION (continued):

Nominations for Mayor and City Council appointments are scheduled for the June 14, 2010 meeting with board appointments scheduled for the June 28 meeting. The Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners will be making their board nominations on June 15, 2010 with board appointments scheduled for the July 6 meeting.

Attached is additional background information regarding the responsibilities for the Community-Based Advisory Board, as well as structure and member recommendations based on research conducted by the Lee Institute. ***(see left side table of contents)***

Charlotte's EPA Brownfield Grant Application

Staff Resources: David Wolfe, E&PM, 704- 336-3602, dwolfe@charlottenc.gov
Tom Warshauer, Neighborhood & Business Services, 704-336-4522, twarshauer@charlottenc.gov

Staff notified Council in April of Charlotte's selection by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for a $400,000 Brownfield Community-Wide Assessment Grant. This week staff will forward to EPA the grant application's package of required standard forms. The EPA will review this package and return it with the formal Cooperative Agreement for grant administration, which will be presented to Council for approval. Staff expects to receive the agreement by late summer.

Assessment grants provide funding for developing inventories of brownfield properties, prioritizing sites, conducting community involvement activities and conducting site assessments and cleanup planning. The brownfields program encourages redevelopment of contaminated sites such as abandoned gas stations, old textile mills and other industrial and commercial properties. Grant funds in Charlotte will support environmental assessment activities within the City's Business Corridor Revitalization geographical area.

Week Three State Legislative Report

Staff Resource: Dana Fenton, City Manager's Office, 704-336-2009, dfenton@charlottenc.gov

Attached is the Week Three State Legislative Report of issues being monitored at the North Carolina General Assembly. ***(see left side table of contents)***

June 7-14 – Section of South Kings Drive Detoured

Staff Resource: Barry Gullet, Utilities, 704-391-5070, bgullet@charlottenc.gov

South Kings Drive between Baxter Street and Pearl Park Way will close on Tuesday, June 8, 2010 at 7 pm and will re-open before Monday, June 14, 2010 by 6 am. This closure is necessary to relocate a water pipe.

Utilities staff contacted businesses and customers in advance of this road closure and temporary water interruption. Drivers will use Kenilworth Avenue between Charlottetowne Avenue and Pearl Park Way as the detour. Local media will be updated via www.cmutilities.com.

June 29 – Access to Capital for Small Businesses and Entrepreneurs Summit
Staff Resource: Tom Flynn, Neighborhood & Business Services, 704-432-1396, tflynn@charlottenc.gov

The City of Charlotte and the Charlotte Chamber are partnering to host an Access to Capital for Small Businesses and Entrepreneurs Summit at the Charlotte Convention Center on June 29, 2010 from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. The purpose of the summit is to provide small businesses and entrepreneurs the opportunity to learn how to prepare for and connect with financial institutions to access capital.

The summit includes panels of local entrepreneurs, small business owners, and capital providers who will discuss their businesses and how they have raised capital. In the afternoon, participants will have the opportunity for one-on-one meetings with representatives from national and state commercial banks, community banks, credit unions, venture capitalists and angel investors.
As part of its partnership, the City is offering a 50% discount on the $50.00 registration fee to City certified SBEs and businesses located in the Business Corridor geography. The City will also be taping portions of the conference to prepare a video that will be placed on its website and/or broadcast on the gov.channel 16.

For more details about the conference and to register to attend, please go to: www.charlottechamber.com/CapitalSummit.

STIMULUS INFORMATION:

June 10 – Retro-fit Ramp-Up Program Press Conference and Stakeholder Conversation
Staff Resource: Rob Phocas, City Manager's Office, 704-336-7558, rphocas@ci.charlotte.nc.us

On April 23, staff notified Council that The Southeast Energy Efficiency Alliance (SEEA), a non-profit organization that promotes energy efficiency throughout the Southeastern United States, won a U.S. Department Of Energy (DOE) Retrofit Ramp-Up award on behalf of several

STIMULUS INFORMATION (continued):

cities in the Southeast (*e.g.*, Atlanta, Miami, New Orleans, Charleston, and Charlottesville), including Charlotte. DOE awarded this consortium of cities $20 million dollars to be spent over three years, and the City expects to receive approximately $450,000 with the possibility of additional funding in future years.

On June 10, at the request of SEEA and DOE, the City will be hosting a press conference and stakeholder conversation on the Retrofit Ramp-up Award at the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center. The press conference will take place at 2:00 pm in the Council Chamber and will feature remarks by: Mayor Foxx; Gil Sperling, Senior Advisor to the Assistant Secretary,

U.S. DOE; and Ben Taube, Executive Director, Southeast Energy Efficiency Alliance. At 2:45 pm, in room 270, Mr. Sperling will convene a stakeholder meeting that will address moving the community to implement working models of energy efficiency retrofit programs on an accelerated schedule and in a collaborative fashion. Invitees to the stakeholder meeting will include the City's Energy Partners that have been working with staff on EECBG projects. These partners include Duke Energy, Piedmont Natural Gas, Sierra Club, Clean Air Coalition, Bank of America, Wachovia/Wells Fargo, Charlotte Chamber of Commerce, Charlotte Center City Partners, UNC-Charlotte, Central Piedmont Community College, and Mecklenburg County.

ATTACHMENTS:

Council Follow-Up Report ***(see left side table of contents)***

Contents include:
-May 24 City Council Dinner Briefing

- Agenda Item #2 – City Youth Programs Update

May 10 Transportation and Planning Committee Meeting Summary
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