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WEEK IN REVIEW:

Mon (Nov 22)	Tues (Nov 23)	Wed (Nov 24)	Thurs (Nov 25)	Friday (Nov 26)
3:45 PM Environment Committee, Room 280 5:00 PM Council Business Meeting, Room 267 6:30 PM Citizens' Forum, Meeting Chamber	3:00 PM Economic Development Committee, Room CH-14		THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY	

CALENDAR DETAILS:

Monday, November 22

3:45 pm Environment Committee, Room 280
AGENDA: FY2012 Focus Area Plan; Alternative energy strategy, 2011 meeting schedule

5:00 pm Council Business Meeting, Room 267

6:30 pm Citizens' Forum, Meeting Chamber

Tuesday, November 23

3:30 pm Economic Development Committee, Room CH-14
AGENDA: Review ULI Technical Advisory Panel Final Report for West Trade Street/Beatties Ford Road corridor; Discussion of 2011-2012 Focus Area Plan process; CRVA November barometer report (information only).

November and December calendars are attached. ***(see 'November_December_Calendar', left side table of contents)***

AGENDA NOTES:

Agenda Item #2 – NASCAR Hall of Fame Update

Staff Resource: Ron Kimble, City Manager's Office, 704-336-4169, rkimble@charlottenc.gov

The Charlotte Regional Visitors Authority has provided information about the other facilities that they manage. The information is in today's Council packet.

Agenda Item #11 – 2011 State Legislative Agenda

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

Attached is the RCA and attachments for Item #11 on Council's November 22, 2010 meeting agenda. Staff delayed sending this item in order to include the outcome of the November 17 Metropolitan Transit Commission's legislative agenda vote. The Commission did not take any action that impacts the City's 2011 State Legislative Agenda.

Council was briefed on the 2011 State Legislative Agenda at its November 8 meeting. As a result of the briefing, several changes were made to the proposal including removal of the "amendment of Quick Take Provision", expansion of "New Long Term Revenue Sources for Transit" to include sources of funding for roads, and shifting of three "Preservation of Authority" issues related to transit to the "Legislative Watch List". Charlotte Area Transit System is working with North Carolina Department of Transportation to advance the three issues at an administrative level; thus, simultaneously suggesting the possibility of legislative

action would not be appropriate at this time. ***(see 'Nov 22 RCA', left side table of contents)***

INFORMATION:

Construction Inspection Process for Storm Water Projects

Staff Resource: Matthew Gustis, E&PM, 704-336-6183, mgustis@charlottenc.gov

This item contains answers to Council questions regarding oversight of storm water projects. Charlotte-Mecklenburg Storm Water Services' administers construction-related services for City storm water improvement projects that address flood control and water quality. During construction, a City inspector is assigned to each project to examine the contractor's work. The City follows the duties and responsibilities stated in the North Carolina Department of Transportation's Standard Specifications for Roads and Structures (July 2006). Inspector responsibilities include review of completed work and materials furnished, approval of construction estimates for work completed, and identifying when the contractor is not meeting the plans and specifications of the construction documents. The inspector may not waive or alter contract requirements nor issue instructions contrary to the contract. The inspector has the authority to reject work or materials until issues can be settled by the project engineer. The presence of the engineer or inspector at the work site does not relieve the contractor's responsibility to conform to the contract.

Following the unplanned tree cutting along Edwards Branch, staff has reviewed the vegetation removal process and made changes to work more closely with the contractor prior to tree removal. Highlights of the changed process are described here: Following construction staking the project team (contractor, City inspector, City arborist and consultant, if applicable) will hold an on-site meeting to ensure the limits of disturbance and that trees proposed for protection are clearly identified. The team will walk the project area and agree on the trees to be protected and those to remove, discuss proposed construction activities, and identify any additional trees to protect that were not originally marked as such. The contractor will be given approval for tree removal, in writing, after appropriate tree protection has been installed and before any clearing or removal can begin.

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Storm Water Services is committed to preserving Charlotte's tree canopy. Storm Water Services strives to protect as many trees as practicable on its projects, taking into consideration proposed improvements, community input and recommendations from regulating agencies.

Grease Free Radio Advertisements

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At the request of Charlotte-Mecklenburg Utilities, Corporate Communications developed a radio campaign for Grease Free education to complement Utilities' efforts to inform the public about proper grease disposal. Beginning Monday, November 22, the 15 and 30-second advertisements will air more than 450 times throughout the next three weeks on six radio stations including: WOLS 106.1 FM, WGSP 1310 AM, WPZS 100.9 FM, WQNC 92.7 FM, WKQC 104.7 FM and WNKS 95.1 FM.

The holiday cooking season is a critical time to raise awareness and educate residents about proper disposal of cooking grease, oils and fats, which are the leading cause of sewer backups in Charlotte.

In addition to the radio campaign, the November Utilities bill insert features an educational Grease Free message and information is posted prominently on cmutilities.com.

2006, 2008 and 2010 Bond Projects

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During the Manager's Report on November 8, staff reviewed the implementation of the 2010 Bond projects approved by the voters on November 2. The presentation included a map of the 2010 projects. City Council asked to see a map that also included the 2006 and 2008 projects. That map is attached. ***(see 'by Type', left side table of contents)***

ATTACHMENTS:

October 19 Economic Development Committee Summary ***(see 'ED Summary 10_19_10', left side table of contents)***