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WEEK IN REVIEW:

Mon (Dec 13)	Tues (Dec 14)	Wed (Dec 15)	Thurs (Dec 16)	Fri (Dec 17)
7:45 AM Mecklenburg Delegation Breakfast, Room 267 2:00 PM Restructuring Government Committee, Room 280 3:30 PM Transportation and Planning Committee, Room 280 5:00 PM Council Business Meeting, Room 267	12:00 PM Community Safety Committee, Room CH-14	5:30 PM Metropolitan Transit Commission, Room 267	3:30 PM Economic Development Committee, Room CH-14	

CALENDAR DETAILS:

Monday, December 13, 2010

7:45 am Mecklenburg Delegation Breakfast, Room 280

2:00 pm Restructuring Government Committee, Room 280
AGENDA: Executive Compensation Policy; Water and Sewer Rate Study; 2011 meeting schedule

3:30 pm Transportation and Planning Committee, Room 280
AGENDA: Plaza-Central Plan amendment; USDG – ordinance implementation update; North Corridor briefing – Red Line commuter rail and I-77 HOT lanes; 2011 meeting schedule

5:00 pm Council Business Meeting, Room 267

Tuesday, December 14, 2010

12:00 pm Community Safety Committee, Room 280
AGENDA: Towing Ordinance; Noise Ordinance; FY2012 Focus Area Plan; 2011 meeting schedule

Wednesday, December 15, 2010

5:30 pm Metropolitan Transit Commission, Room 267
AGENDA: Selection of Vice Chair; Service policies; Customer survey results; BLE Affordable Alternative concept

Thursday, December 16, 2010

3:30 pm Economic Development Committee, Room CH-14
AGENDA: ReVenture; Approve 2011 meeting schedule; CRVA December barometer report (information only)

December and January calendars are attached. ***(file: Dec Jan 121010, left side table of contents)***

AGENDA NOTES:

Dinner Briefing Change – New Year's Eve Public Safety Plan

Staff Resource: Julie Burch, City Manager's Office, 704-336-3187, jburch@charlottenc.gov

The agenda for Monday evening's Dinner Briefing has been changed. The originally scheduled closed session has been removed. The presentation on the New Year's Eve Public Safety Plan will be presented in place of the closed session. An updated dinner briefing agenda, to be inserted into the agenda packet, is attached. ***(file: 20101210160344.pdf, left side table of contents)***

Agenda Item #9 – 2011 Federal Legislative Agenda
Staff Resource: Dana Fenton, City Manager's Office, 704-336-2009, dfenton@charlottenc.gov

Attached is the correct version of the proposed 2011 Federal Legislative Agenda to be acted upon by Council on Monday, December 13. Please replace the contents of tab 2 of the December 13 Council Agenda with the attached. The attachment is consistent with what was presented at the Council's December 6 Workshop. ***(file: attachment 2011 federal legislative agenda.pdf, left side table of contents)***

INFORMATION:

December 13 – Mecklenburg Delegation Breakfast
Staff Resource: Dana Fenton, City Manager's Office, 704-336-2009, dfenton@charlottenc.gov

City Council will be hosting the Mecklenburg Delegation to the North Carolina General Assembly on Monday, December 13 to review the City's 2011 State Legislative Agenda. The meeting will be held in Room 267 of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center at 8:00 a.m. (breakfast starts at 7:45 a.m.). Attached is the schedule for the breakfast and the PowerPoint presentation.

The schedule includes a block of time upfront for each member of the delegation to talk about their priority issues for the upcoming session. The Governmental Affairs Committee is placing this segment prior to staff's presentation of the agenda to try and bring more interaction earlier in the meeting. ***(file: Delegation Breakfast Briefing.pdf, left side table of contents)***

Kinkisharyo Demonstration Vehicle
Staff Resource: John Mrzygod, E&PM, 704-336-2245, jmrzygod@charlottenc.gov

On December 9, a Kinkisharyo demonstration streetcar vehicle was delivered to CATS' South Boulevard Light Rail Facility. Over the next few weeks, the vehicle will undergo safety inspections to make sure it can safely perform operational testing on the LYNX Blue Line during non-revenue hours. The vehicle will not be accessible to the public until the unveiling. The North American unveiling will occur January 20 and 21. More details about the event will be provided at a later date.

The streetcar work began in 2009 and included the evaluation of emerging vehicle technologies. On January 28, 2010, the City held a Technology Showcase where vehicle builders from all over the world displayed new and innovative propulsion advancements, some of which would eliminate the need for overhead wires on part of a streetcar route.

As a direct result of the showcase, Kinkisharyo met with City staff in early July to discuss the possibility of bringing their new LFX 300 hybrid streetcar from Japan to Charlotte as part of a North American unveiling and tour. Demonstrating this type of hybrid vehicle here in Charlotte will provide City staff and the public an opportunity to understand how cutting edge hybrid technology can affect visual aesthetics, impacts on utilities, clearance issues and savings in power usage.

The City is not currently looking to purchase this vehicle. However, this opportunity does allow staff to essentially "kick the tires" on this budding technology. As part of the partnership with Kinkisharyo, the City will be reimbursed for any expenses and staff time involved with the visit and vehicle testing.

Speed Hump Installation Delay

Staff Contact: Doreen Szymanski, CDOT, 704-336-7527, dszymanski@charlottenc.gov

The City's annual speed hump installation contract was not completed prior to cold weather. The contractor will resume installation in the spring when temperatures are sufficiently warm for asphalt work. All but 10 streets are complete. Those streets are listed below.

Cedarbank Drive	Newcastle Street
Andrill Terrace	Martin Street
Ravencroft Drive	Welling Avenue
Seymour Drive	Rocklake Drive
Morningside Road	Sloan Drive

CDOT staff has notified the affected neighborhoods.

ATTACHMENTS:

Council Follow-Up Report ***(file: Follow Up Report – December 10.pdf, left side table of contents)***

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