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WEEK IN REVIEW:

Mon (Dec 27)	Tues (Dec 28)	Wed (Dec 29)	Thurs (Dec 30)	Friday (Dec 31)
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY				NEW YEARS EVE HOLIDAY

CALENDAR DETAILS:

December and January calendars are attached. ***(see attachment, left side table of contents)***

AGENDA NOTES:

January 3 Council Workshop and Citizens' Forum
Staff Resource: Julie Burch, City Manager's Office, 704-336-3187, jburch@charlottenc.gov

There is only one topic on the Monday, January 3 Council workshop, a briefing by Mecklenburg County Tax Assessor Garrett Alexander on the 2011 Property Tax Revaluation. The briefing is scheduled for 5:15 p.m., followed by the Citizens' Forum at 6:30 p.m. The City Clerk will advise citizens of the earlier time for the forum when they call and request to be placed on the speakers list.

INFORMATION:

FY11 Federal Appropriations Update
Staff Resource: Dana Fenton, City Manager's Office, 704-336-2009, dfenton@charlottenc.gov

Last week staff reported that the US Senate would be considering an Omnibus Appropriations bill to fund the operations of the Federal Government for the remainder of federal FY11. The bill contained three earmarks of interest to the City (Blue Line Extension, Gang of One and Briar Creek Relief Sewer Phase 3). Since reporting this information to Council, the Senate Majority Leader pulled the bill since it could not muster 60 votes to end debate. One of the reasons it could not muster 60 votes was due to pressure from opponents of earmarks to not support the bill, which reportedly contained over 6,000 earmarks worth $8 billion.

Instead the House and Senate will be considering a Continuing Resolution, without any earmarks to continue government operations through March 4, 2011. The incoming House and Senate will now have to address the issue of funding government operations, including federal support for local projects, for the remainder of FY11.

ATTACHMENTS:

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