Council-Manager Memo #71
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WEEK IN REVIEW:

Mon (Sept 26)	Tues (Sept 27)	Wed (Sept 28)	Thurs (Sept 29)	Friday (Sept 30)
3:45 PM Environment Committee, Room 280 5:00 PM Council Business Meeting, Room 267 6:30 PM Citizens' Forum, Meeting Chamber		5:30 PM Metropolitan Transit Commission, Room 267	3:30 PM Economic Development Committee, Room 280	

CALENDAR DETAILS:

Monday, September 26

3:45 pm Environment Committee, Room 280
AGENDA: Proposed revisions to Post Construction Controls ordinance

5:00 pm Council Business Meeting, Room 267

6:30 pm Citizens' Forum, Meeting Chamber

Wednesday, September 28

5:30 pm Metropolitan Transit Commission, Room 267
AGENDA: Federal legislative update; 2012 federal legislative agenda; Red Line Take Force policy recommendations; North Carolina DOI prioritization process; Urban Land Institute – Daniel Rose fellowship program

Thursday, September 29

3:30 pm Economic Development Committee, Room 280
AGENDA: Mobile food vendors; Business corridor revitalization strategy update; CRVA September barometer report

September and October calendars are attached (see "2. SeptOctCalendar.pdf").

AGENDA NOTES:

Citizens' Forum – Miracle House of Hope

Staff Resource: Harold Medlock, CMPD, 704-432-0379, hmedlock@cmpd.org

Several individuals from the Miracle House of Hope have signed up to speak during the Citizens' Forum at the September 26 Council meeting. Miracle House of Hope supporters previously spoke at the August 22 Council meeting. At the time, staff prepared information in response to their statements. That information was disseminated via City Council Follow-Up Report on September 9, and is **attached** for review (**see "3. MiracleHouseResponses.pdf")**

Agenda Item #41BB – Property Transactions

Staff Resource: Lee Davis, Airport, 704-359-4835, lmdavis@charlotteairport.com

A land acquisition RCA was inadvertently left out of the Council agenda. The item, **attached**, will be labeled #41BB (**see 4. #41BB.pdf)**. The acquisition is related to the Airport Master Plan implementation.

INFORMATION:

Corporate Performance Report for Fiscal Year 2011
Staff Resource: Katie McCoy, Budget and Evaluation, 704-336-5017, kdmccoy@charlottenc.gov

The Corporate Performance Report for Fiscal Year 2011 is **attached** below for information **(see "5. PerfReport2011.pdf").** Organized according to City Council's five Focus Area Plans, the report highlights accomplishments and challenges from the previous fiscal year. The City is committed to using strategic performance management to address community needs. Among public sector organizations, the City of Charlotte is widely recognized for its effective use of performance management.

Stage 2 Drought and Mandatory Water Restrictions Possible
Staff Resource: Barry Gullet, Utilities 704-336-4962, bgullet@charlottenc.gov

On September 8, the Catawba-Wateree Drought Management Group (CW-DMAG) triggered Stage 1 drought in the Low Inflow Protocol (LIP). The LIP is the regional drought management plan that major water users in the Catawba-Wateree Basin use to share responsibility and set priorities to conserve and protect the region's water supply.

When Stage 1 was announced, CW-DMAG indicated that Stage 2 drought, which includes mandatory water restrictions, was likely if lake levels and stream flows didn't improve.

This week CW-DMAG representatives discussed the sharp decline in lake levels coupled with low stream flows. These conditions signify that it is probable that Stage 2 will be triggered in early October unless significant rainfall occurs across the basin – and not just in Mecklenburg County – over the next several days.

The potential impact from the rain this week on lake levels will not be known until next week at the earliest.

Even though rainfall in Mecklenburg County has been 102 percent of the long term average this year, elsewhere in the basin it is only 82 percent. Due to this lack of rainfall, demand has exceeded inflow in some areas.

While there have been favorable conditions in the CMUD service area, the regional drought management and water use plan requires mandatory water restrictions, including the reduction of outdoor water usage to two days per week at Stage 2.

Plans are being put in place now to communicate these restrictions with customers and Charlotte residents. Demand from CMUD customers is already 10 percent lower this year when compared to historical averages.

In fact, the usage level is on par with 2003, demonstrating the community's commitment to water conservation and CMUD's ongoing, focused message. Communication on conditions will continue as the conditions change.

To learn more about the Catawba-Wateree Basin, local restrictions, and water saving tips, go to www.saveyourwater.org, a website provided by the Catawba-Wateree Water Management Group. For more information about the CW-DMAG and the LIP, visit www.duke-energy.com/lakes/cwdmag.asp.

South Boulevard Road Closure Rescheduled to Oct. 6-10

Staff Resource: Gary Stansbury, E&PM, 704-336-2667, gstansbury@charlottenc.gov

Due to inclement weather the South Boulevard closure at Briabend Drive slated for September 22-26 has been postponed. The new closure will be from 8 p.m. Thursday, October 6 until 6 a.m. Monday, October 10 to install storm drainage pipes and sanitary sewer lines at the intersection of Briabend Drive. This is part of the Conway/Briabend Storm Drainage Improvement Project, which is being coordinated with the adjacent Scaleybark Transit Development Streetscape Project to minimize traffic disruptions.

Local traffic will have access to businesses within the closure area. If adverse weather prohibits work from being performed during the closure period, citizens and businesses will be notified of any new closure dates.

This project will repair existing culverts, storm drainage and channel systems to reduce house and street flooding within the area bounded by Scaleybark Road, South Boulevard and Woodlawn Road.