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WEEK IN REVIEW:

Mon (May 28)	Tues (May 29)	Wed (May 30)	Thurs (May 31)	Fri (June 1)
Memorial Day Holiday	11:45 AM Council-Manager Relations Committee, Room 280 12:00 PM Community Safety Committee, Room CH-14 2:30 PM Environment Committee, Room 280 4:00 PM Council Business Meeting, Room 267 6:30 PM Citizens' Forum, Meeting Chamber 7:15 PM Budget Public Hearing, Meeting Chamber	12:00 PM Budget Adjustments and Straw Votes, Room 267		

CALENDAR DETAILS:

Monday, May 28
MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY

Tuesday, May 29

11:45 am	Council-Manager Relations Committee, Room 280 **AGENDA:** City Council rules of procedure
12:00 am	Community Safety Committee, Room CH-14 **AGENDA:** PVH ordinance
2:30 pm	Environment Committee, Room 280 **AGENDA:** Mecklenburg County update on environment and sustainability initiatives; Community sustainability plan next steps
4:00 pm	Council Business Meeting, Room 267
6:30 pm	Citizens' Forum, Meeting Chamber
7:15 pm	Budget Public Hearing, Meeting Chamber

Wednesday, May 30

12:00 pm	Budget Adjustments and Straw Votes, Room 267

May and June calendars are attached (see "2. Calendar.pdf").

INFORMATION:

June 27 – Affordable Housing Strategy Session
Staff Resource: Pamela J. Wideman, N&BS, 704-336-3488, pwideman@charlottenc.gov

At the May 14, 2012 City Council meeting, Mayor Foxx and City Council requested that staff organize an affordable housing discussion. The following objectives were suggested for the discussion:

- Determine a balance between the need for affordable housing and the desire to disperse affordable housing through the community;
- Determine a funding model for the Housing Trust Fund dollars;
- Determine who the City is trying to serve and what are its goals;
- Determine how to utilize the community's institutional knowledge on affordable housing and homelessness to help guide Council direction.

The strategy session will be held on June 27, 2012 from 12-2 p.m. This meeting will replace the HAND Committee meeting originally scheduled for that day and time. An agenda and details will be sent in the next several weeks.

Water Quality Enhancement Projects Summary

Staff Resource: Jennifer Frost, E&PM, 704-432-0970, jfrost@charlottenc.gov

Storm Water Services staff is providing the attached document, titled "Water Quality Protection & Enhancement Projects" **(see "3. Water Quality.pdf),** as the first communication in a series designed to describe the current state of surface water quality in Charlotte. It also describes the City's Clean Water Act regulatory requirements and some of the actions taken by Storm Water Services to preserve and restore surface water quality in our community.

This first communication piece summarizes typical benefits of the water quality enhancement project program. The next edition will be distributed in late summer.

Aspen Environment Forum Scholar

Staff Resource: Rob Phocas, City Manager's Office, 704-336-7558, rphocas@charlottenc.gov

Rob Phocas, the City's Energy and Sustainability Manger, has been nominated and selected to be a part of the 2012 class of Aspen Environment Forum Scholars, which will be held from June 22-25, 2012 in Aspen, Colorado. Expenses will be paid by the Aspen Institute and grant funds.

The Aspen Institute and National Geographic have partnered to present the Aspen Environment Forum. This event gathers a broad spectrum of key thought leaders for rich and engaging dialogue on the challenges of reconciling Earth's finite resources with its ability to sustain expanding human needs. The Aspen Environment Forum Scholars Program is designed to bring diverse, accomplished leaders to the Forum who might not otherwise be able to attend. Forum Scholars are selected on the basis of their experience, achievements, and interest in energy and the environment, as well as their commitment and contributions to the field. Forum Scholars constitute domestic and international candidates from a wide range of backgrounds. Scholars will have the opportunity to explore complex and surprising ideas about energy, the environment, and the economy – focusing on what citizens, corporations, and countries can do. Forum Scholars are invited to partake of the Forum's extensive programming, including large plenary sessions, panel discussions, one-on-one interviews, multiple concurrent morning and afternoon sessions, unique daily seminars, luncheons, casual conversations, dinner events, and evening exchanges.

***City Source* Tells Stories of Citizen Service**

Staff Resource: Sherry Bauer, Corporate Communications & Marketing, 704-336-2459, sbauer@charlottenc.gov

City Source is the City of Charlotte's unique 30-minute program for citizens to learn about the City's services as well as how its employees serve the community. The program airs the first and third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. on Cable 16 (Time Warner Cable), AT&T U-verse and is streamed LIVE online at www.charlottenc.gov. The show runs periodically for two weeks.

In the June 7 – June 20 edition, viewers will learn about how Animal Care & Control teams up with others to provide decontamination measures on animals when necessary. Viewers will also learn about how CMPD helps the survivors of homicide victims through support groups, and how the Department maintains safety during large scale events. Viewers will also learn about how Charlotte Housing Authority is creating safe communities. Finally, the show will feature a local tornado survivor and share tips on emergency preparedness.

This information is also promoted in CMail, the City's electronic newsletter emailed to more than 1,100 subscribers and distributed by City departments whose services, programs and employees are featured in an upcoming episode. See **"4. CitySource.pdf"** for the flier.

ATTACHMENTS:

May 2 Community Safety Committee Summary **(see "5. CS Summary.pdf")**