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INFORMATION:

2012 Final State Legislative Report

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The final North Carolina General Assembly report for 2012 is attached **(see "2. LegReport.pdf").** Following the report is a listing of legislation that may be of interest to City of Charlotte departments. The General Assembly adjourned its 2012 "short" session on Tuesday, July 3. The General Assembly could be called back into session in the event of any gubernatorial vetoes. As of the beginning of business on July 10, there were 59 bills pending on the Governor's desk. Staff will keep Mayor and Council apprised of any pending developments as appropriate.

Solid Waste Services Adds Four New CNG Trucks To Fleet

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Through the U.S. Department of Energy Clean Cities Grant, Solid Waste Services was awarded funds of $190,977.28 to cover the incremental cost between diesel and compressed natural gas (CNG) automated vehicles. SWS purchased four CNG vehicles from the FY12 Capital Replacement List. The vehicles will be incorporated into collection service on Thursday, July 12.

Using natural gas as fuel offers lower emissions than standard diesel trucks and is less expensive than diesel, offering fuel cost savings. The 31 cubic-yard side-loading automated vehicles will collect residential refuse throughout the city and be fueled daily at Piedmont Natural Gas.

The four new CNG trucks are part of SWS' commitment to the environment, and bring the total SWS CNG truck fleet to six (two CNG trucks were purchased through an awarded grant in 2009). The original two CNG vehicles provided a cost savings in maintenance and fuel of $83,000 after the first fiscal year; comparable cost savings are anticipated for the additional four vehicles as well as the additional environmental benefit.

Recycle It! Collection Calendar Update

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Due to a printing issue, the mailing of the FY13 Recycle It! collection calendars to City residents has been delayed until mid-July. The calendar provides the recycling collection schedule for each week through June 2013.

In addition to the calendar, residents will receive a color-coded postcard that reminds them of their recycling collection week (orange or green) and a decal to post on their recycling cart that depicts what can and cannot be recycled.

Collection days and recycling weeks remain the same for all residents.

ATTACHMENTS:

May 29 Council-Manager Relations Committee Summary **(see "3. CMR Summary.pdf")**