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WEEK IN REVIEW:

Mon (July 30)	Tues (July 31)	Wed (Aug 1)	Thurs (Aug 2)	Fri (Aug 3)

CALENDAR DETAILS:

August and September calendars are attached (see "2. Calendar.pdf").

INFORMATION:

Charlotte Bike Share System Opens on August 1, 2012
Staff Resource: Dan Gallagher, CDOT, 704-336-4984, dgallagher@charlottenc.gov

Over the last year, Charlotte Center City Partners (CCCP) has collaborated with City, County and private sponsors to advance the first bike share system in North Carolina. The bike share system was made possible through support from BlueCross BlueShield of North Carolina, Carolinas Healthcare System and Verizon Wireless.

Over the last several years, dozens of cities across the nation (such as Washington, D.C., Boston, Chicago, Denver, Minneapolis and San Antonio) have opened bike share systems. Charlotte's bike share system will consist of 20 stations and 200 bicycles and is named Charlotte B-cycle. The full system will officially open to users on August 1. The B-cycle stations are located throughout Uptown and at key origins and destinations outside the I-277 loop. A map of the station locations can be found at the link below:

http://charlotte.bcycle.com/Portals/16/Charlotte%20B-Cycle%20System%20Map%20copy.pdf

The Charlotte B-cycle system will be available to most users and an annual membership will cost less than 20 cents a day for unlimited 30-minute rides. Additional notes on availability and pricing include:

- Bike share memberships are available to anyone over the age of 18 with a valid credit card or debit card.
- Memberships can be purchased on an annual basis for $65; a 24-hour pass can be purchased for $8. This allows users unlimited rides of 30-minutes or less.
- Members incur no fees for the first 30 minutes of each ride after removing a bike from a station.
- If a user keeps a bike for more than 30 minutes, before checking it back in to one of the 20 stations, they will accrue an additional $4 charge. If they check the bicycle back into a station before their 30 minutes have expired (even for only a few seconds) their 30-minute clock starts over. This allows users to link multiple trips without accruing any additional charges.
- The pricing structure is designed to encourage turnover and keep the bikes in the system as much as possible and is similar to other systems across the nation.

Bike Share was originally referred to Council's Transportation and Planning Committee. Over the last year, staff briefed the Committee on bike share developments and worked with the Committee and full Council to implement a zoning text amendment that updated City codes to better support a bike share system. Council approval of the zoning text amendment and the subsequent launch of the Bike Share program concludes the referral of the item to the Transportation and Planning Committee. No additional Council actions are required

Additional information and Frequently Asked Questions about the Charlotte B-cycle system can be found at: http://charlotte.bcycle.com/

Rollout Carts Collected From Businesses

Staff Resource: Victoria O. Johnson, Solid Waste Services, 704-336-3410, vojohnson@charlottenc.gov

Solid Waste Services (SWS) is currently in the process of auditing its rollout cart inventory. During the audit, it was found that the majority of small businesses have City of Charlotte garbage and recycling containers that are designated for residential use. Most business owners are not aware that the City does not provide these containers to businesses and are, therefore, unauthorized containers.

As of June 22, 2012, SWS has reclaimed 375 rollouts from business locations. Although some unauthorized containers were collected from businesses without prior notice, staff has revised its collection process. Businesses will now receive letters advising them of the reclaiming efforts and will be allowed time to purchase a container for their curbside collection service.

Even though most containers that businesses have may be worn or old, the City of Charlotte still pays a monthly fee for every container that is in service. SWS initiated collecting all rollouts that are not designated for residential locations in an effort to reduce costs. If a City of Charlotte residential location has more than the two allotted garbage containers, they are also being collected and placed back in inventory. As for older containers that are too worn to utilize in their current inventory, these reclaimed containers are returned to the cart vendor to be recycled. This allows the vendor to utilize the resin material that still has value rather than using virgin materials. SWS receives a credit and this reduces maintenance fees and other costs associated with replacing/repairing containers. Rollouts that are in good condition are returned to the City's inventory to be used as needed.

Temporary Closure of a Portion of the LYNX Multi-Use Trail

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A portion of the City's multi-use trail, between Remount Road to just south of Tremont Avenue, that parallels the LYNX Blue Line will be closed for approximately four weeks beginning in early August to reconstruct the trail adjacent to the Southline Apartments, currently under construction. The developer of the Southline Apartment project, JLB Southline LLC (JLB), is required to upgrade and widen the trail, install pedestrian scale lighting, landscaping and

decorative fencing as envisioned in the City's Station Area Plan.

The duration of the temporary trail closure is weather-dependent. Signs will be posted to notify trail users in advance that the trail will be temporarily closed. The existing sidewalks along South Boulevard will be the primary pedestrian detour route. Dunavant Street and Hawkins Street will be the primary bicyclist detour route. Light rail operations should not be affected by this work.

Staff to Begin Distributing Monthly Policy Calendar
Staff Resource: Wilson Hooper, City Manager's Office, 704-336-8774, whooper@charlottenc.gov

Beginning this month, staff will provide a "Policy Calendar" to provide a preview of policy and major business topics tenatively slated for Council information briefings or requests for action over the next quarter. The calendar will also provide a list of pending topics that have been referred to a Council Committee. The calendar for August through October is attached **(see "3. PolicyCal.pdf").** Subsequent calendars will be included in the "Attachments" section of the Council-Manager Memo, and released on the last Friday of each month.

ATTACHMENTS:

City Council Follow-Up Report **(see "4. CouncilFollowUp.pdf")**

Contents include:
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June 7 Economic Development Committee Summary **(see "5. EDSummary.pdf")**

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