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**WEEK IN REVIEW:**

Mon (Sept 14)	Tues (Sept 15)	Wed (Sept 16)	Thurs (Sept 17)	Fri (Sept 18)
3:00 PM Transportation & Planning Committee, Room 280			12:00 PM Economic Development & Global Competitiveness Committee, Ovens Auditorium	

## CALENDAR DETAILS:

### **Monday, September 14**

3:00 PM Transportation and Planning Committee, Room 280  
**AGENDA:** High occupancy toll lanes

### **Thursday, September 17**

12:00 PM Economic Development & Global Competitiveness Committee,  
Ovens Auditorium 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Hospitality Room  
**AGENDA:** Charlotte Works consortium agreement; High growth entrepreneur  
strategy update; Bojangles' Coliseum tour; Future topics and schedule

**September and October calendars are attached.**



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## INFORMATION:

### **Update on Water Pipe Repair at Birkdale Village**

*Staff Resources: Jennifer Frost, Charlotte Water 704-336-4793, [jfrost@charlottenc.gov](mailto:jfrost@charlottenc.gov)*

At 3:00 p.m. Thursday, September 10 Charlotte Water was notified by Huntersville Fire Department of an emergency water main break at Birkdale Village. When Charlotte Water crews arrived at 3:20 p.m., staff discovered that a contractor had accidentally drilled into a 12-inch water main causing very low-to-no water pressure in the area. The broken pipe was isolated by Charlotte Water crews and four buildings were without water between 3:00 p.m. and 2:00 a.m. Bottled water was delivered for residential units occupying space above the retail stores in Birkdale Village. Some businesses outside the four buildings also experienced low water pressure and closed for the night.

Repair work was temporarily delayed by severe storms and the removal of a tree that impeded the pipe replacement. Once new pipe was installed, hydrants were flushed to test and maintain water quality for customers.

Charlotte Water verified that the water main had been previously located and marked with spray paint and flagging for the contractor. Public and private utilities are required to locate their assets for construction projects and other digging activities through the NC811 program. City Council approved, as part of the FY2016 budget, additional technician positions to meet rising locating workload demands. Charlotte Water has also contracted a vendor to help to meet demand which is increasing due to state regulation changes and fiber optic installations.

Several media outlets reported the event on social media and the evening news Thursday. Some of the news coverage showed video of a man holding his nose and going under water. This person is not an employee of Charlotte Water or the City of Charlotte.

## **Planning for Cemetery Operations**

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City staff is studying various aspects of Charlotte's municipal cemetery operations. The seven cemeteries owned by the City are significant public assets, invested by the community with sentimental, historic, and cultural value. Cemetery operations include approximately 500 interments per year, and maintenance of 200 acres of cemetery property. Long-term stewardship of the properties, and planning for the future of the municipal cemetery service, are important policy questions. Changes in the cemetery industry, such as the expansion of cremation options and recognition of cemeteries as historical sites, are issues for exploration and dialogue.

Staff is partnering with the capstone class of the Public Policy Master's program at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte to conduct a business analysis of the city's cemetery operations. The analysis will include a review of current operations and benchmarking against other municipal cemeteries, particularly in the Southeast. In December, the graduate students will present to staff their recommendations about municipal cemetery operations. The students' work will help staff formulate key questions for Council and the community to consider. Topics of discussion might include burial options, fees and funding, staffing, expansion of property uses, and cemetery restoration.

Additional staff-initiated work includes the geocoding of grave locations, digitizing of burial records, cemetery website improvements, analysis of Elmwood cemetery for designation as an arboretum, and discussions regarding the preparation of additional forested land for use at Evergreen cemetery.

## **Recycling Update – New Contractor**

*Staff Resource: Victoria O. Johnson, Solid Waste Services, 704-336-2218, [vojohnson@charlottenc.gov](mailto:vojohnson@charlottenc.gov)*

On Monday, August 31, 2015, a new vendor, Waste Management, began servicing recycling collection throughout the city. Since Waste Management is new to the area, they have faced challenges in completing routes on the normal collection day. Solid Waste Services has and will continue to assist as needed until these service issues are resolved in a satisfactory manner. During this 90-day transition, agreed upon jointly between the City and Waste Management, Solid Waste staff are confident that Waste Management's crews will continue to improve in their collection methods and strategies to meet their contractually obligated performance standards and residents' expectations.

## **2015 State Legislative Update**

*Staff Resource: Dana Fenton, City Manager's Office, 704-336-2009, [dfenton@charlottenc.gov](mailto:dfenton@charlottenc.gov)*

Conferees representing the House and Senate continue to negotiate the state's 2015-2017 biennial budget. It has been reported that a number of major issues have largely been resolved including funding for teaching assistants, driver's education, statewide bond proposal, and film production grants. The continuing resolution that keeps state government operating until a new biennial budget is enacted expires next Friday, September 18. In order to pass a budget before the continuing resolution expires, conferees would need to wrap up negotiations today so that the House and Senate can approve a budget conference report and the Governor sign the budget into law by next Friday. If a two-year budget is not enacted by September 18, then a fourth continuing resolution will have to be enacted. In addition to the budget, conferees are working on a number of other measures most notably the Local Government Regulatory Reform Act of 2015 (HB 44), 2016 Presidential Primary (HB 373), Medicaid Reform (HB 372), and the NC Competes Act (HB 117). HB 117 includes the sales tax redistribution and economic development proposals. Staff will keep Council apprised of any breaking developments on these and other issues.

# September

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		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <b>Labor Day</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> <b>12:00pm</b> Housing & Neighborhood Dev. Committee Mtg., Room 280  <b>2:00pm</b> Environment Committee Mtg., Room 280	<b>10</b> <b>12:00pm</b> Community Safety Committee Mtg., Room 280	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <b>3:00pm</b> Transportation & Planning Committee Mtg., Room 280	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <b>12:00pm</b> ED & Global Competitiveness Committee Mtg., Ovens Auditorium, Hospitality Room, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> <b>3:00pm</b> Intergovernmental Relations Committee Mtg., Room 280  <b>5:00pm</b> Zoning Meeting, Room CH-14	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <b>12:00pm</b> Housing & Neighborhood Dev. Committee Mtg., Room 280  <b>5:30pm</b> MTC Meeting, Room 267	<b>24</b> <b>12:00pm</b> Transportation & Planning Committee Mtg., Room 280	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <b>12:00pm</b> Governance & Accountability Committee Mtg., Room 280  <b>2:00pm</b> Budget Committee Mtg., Room 280  <b>5:00pm</b> Citizens' Forum/Council Business Meeting, Room 267	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>			
<b>ICMA Conference Seattle, WA</b>						
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# October

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<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <b>5:00pm</b> Council Workshop/Citizens' Forum, Room 267	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <b>12:00pm</b> Community Safety Committee Mtg., Room 280	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
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