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WEEK IN REVIEW:

Mon (Oct 26)	Tues (Oct 27)	Wed (Oct 28)	Thurs (Oct 29)	Fri (Oct 30)
12:00 PM Governance & Accountability Committee, Room 280 5:00 PM Business Meeting, Room 267 6:30 PM Citizens' Forum, Meeting Chamber		5:30 PM Metropolitan Transit Commission, Room 280		5:30 PM No Barriers Project Neighborhood Event, Anita Stroud Park

CALENDAR DETAILS:

Monday, October 26

- 12:00 PM Governance and Accountability Committee, Room 280
AGENDA: City Attorney 2016 dimensions; City Manager 2016 dimensions
- 5:00 PM Council Business Meeting, Room 267
- 6:30 PM Citizens' Forum, Meeting Chamber

Wednesday, October 28

- 5:30 PM Metropolitan Transit Commission, Room 267
AGENDA: TSAC update; CTAG update; TFWG update; CRTPO representative; legislative update; Coordinated human services plan

Friday, October 30

- 5:30 PM No Barriers Project Neighborhood Event, Anita Stroud Park

October and November calendars are attached.



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INFORMATION:

October 29 – Public Meeting to Receive Comments on Potential Revisions to Storm Water Services Fee Credits

Staff Resource: Darryl Hammock, E&PM, 704-336-2167, dhammock@charlottenc.gov

The City and Mecklenburg County are jointly considering a change to the way stormwater fee credits are calculated.

Public Meeting

Staff would like to hear public feedback on the proposed changes. A public meeting to explain the possible changes, answer questions, and accept comments from commercial property owners will be held on October 29 at 4:30 p.m. in room 267 of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center. The meeting is in response to a request from City Council during the FY16 budget process.

Staff will accept comments and answer questions during the meeting. Comments will also be accepted online now through November 19 at <http://stormwater.charmeck.org>. Invitations were sent through direct mail to approximately 250 commercial property owners who currently receive fee credits. There are approximately 25,000 commercial stormwater billing accounts in Mecklenburg County.

Staff will use a separate process to solicit feedback from property owners that receive a stormwater fee credit as a result of the property being adjacent to the county line, the Catawba River, or a residential property with a pond. If the potential changes are in fact proposed to elected officials for consideration, public hearings will be held in Spring 2016.

Potential Change

Under consideration is a recommendation to cap the maximum amount of credit at 71%. This is an acknowledgement that the current 100% credit disproportionately places the burden of funding the universal costs of the City-County program on fee payers who do not receive credits, rendering the program unable to fully and fairly recover all the program costs. Universal costs are the costs the City and County incur to replace old pipes, comply with the EPA surface water quality permits, and locally administer the National Flood Insurance Program. These costs, which account for 29% of the stormwater program's total cost, are in no way changed or reduced by the stormwater infrastructure created by fee credit applicants.

November 4 & 10 – Events at Bojangles Coliseum

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Two events will be held in the coming weeks to commemorate the reopening of Bojangles Coliseum.

Wednesday, November 4 – Ribbon Cutting and Press Conference

In partnership with the Charlotte Regional Visitor's Authority and the Charlotte Checkers, the City of Charlotte will host a ribbon cutting ceremony and press conference at 10:30 a.m. November 4 at the Bojangles Coliseum. Media Check-in will be at 10:30 a.m. with an opportunity to interview City Council and invited guests at 11 a.m. This event is an opportunity for media and elected officials to have a first look at the completed Phase 1 renovations. The Charlotte Checkers first home game of the season is November 7. The renovation includes new seating, a new scoreboard, upgrades to the club and concessions areas, as well as a new locker room.

Tuesday, November 10 – Public Skate and Open House Event at Bojangles Coliseum

In partnership with the Charlotte Regional Visitors Authority and the Charlotte Checkers, the City of Charlotte will be hosting a public skate open house at 7:00 p.m. on November 10 at Bojangles Coliseum. Visitors will be given an opportunity to tour the coliseum's public spaces and see upgrades to the facility. Food vendors will be on hand and concessions will be open to the public. This will also be a free opportunity for the general public to bring skate equipment. Skate rentals will be available for a charge.

Housing Instability in Charlotte-Mecklenburg Report

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On Monday, October 26, the UNC Charlotte Urban Institute, in partnership with the Housing Advisory Board of Charlotte-Mecklenburg, will release a report on housing instability and affordability in Charlotte-Mecklenburg. Housing instability is defined as a household facing multiple barriers, including high housing costs, poor housing quality, stagnant wage growth, and lack of access to transportation and affordable, quality child care.

The report is one in a series of reports, sponsored by Mecklenburg County, designed to better equip the community to make data-driven decisions on housing and homelessness funding and programs. In September, a separate report described the characteristics of the population who make up the Housing Choice Voucher waiting list. The findings in both reports collectively describe the state of housing instability in Charlotte-Mecklenburg, and underscore the urgency for the community to address housing instability and the lack of affordable and workforce housing in Charlotte-Mecklenburg.

Key findings from the Housing Instability report are:

- Since 2008, the median household income in Mecklenburg County decreased by 12%, while median gross rent increased by two percent.
- In 2013, 46% (74,243) of renter households in Mecklenburg County were cost burdened, defined as spending 30 percent or more of their gross income on housing costs.
- A person working full-time at minimum wage (\$7.25 per hour) would need to spend no more than \$377 on monthly rent to stay below the 30% threshold. In order to afford a two-bedroom unit at Fair Market Rent (\$831), a person must make \$15.98 per hour working full-time. A person working minimum wage must work approximately 88 hours per week to afford the two-bedroom unit.

Mayor and City Council members will receive a copy of the report via email on Monday, October 26, 2015.

Solid Waste Services Residential Recycling Collection 60-Day Performance Update

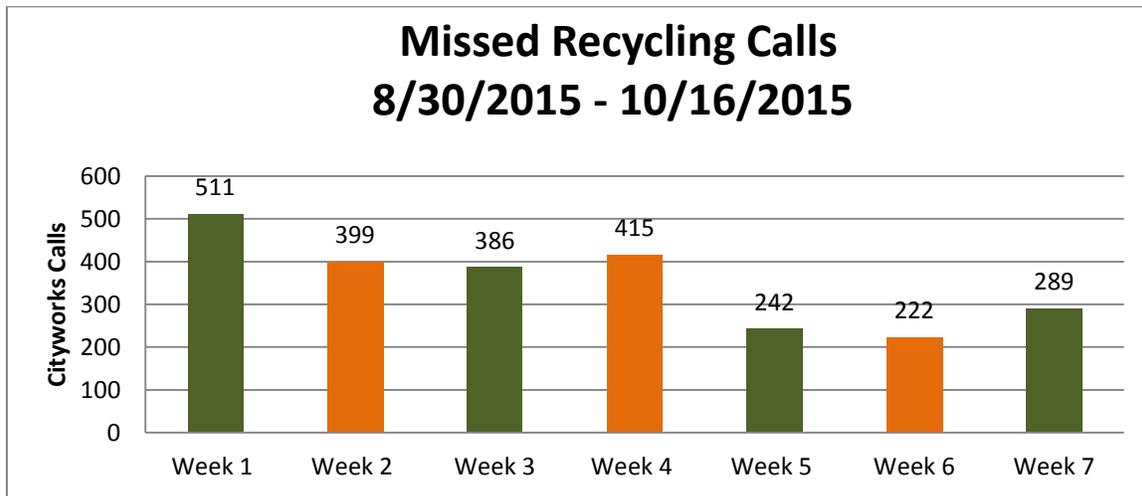
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The City's residential recycling collection contractor, Waste Management, completed seven weeks of curbside collection services to the residents of Charlotte as of October 17. Solid Waste Services has noted a number of operational concerns that were communicated to Waste Management staff on Thursday, October 16. Waste Management is creating an action plan to remedy uncured missed recycling, follow-up with citizens, reporting inconsistencies, and cure periods violations.

Residents are advised to keep their recycling carts at the curb until collection is provided. Staff also encourage all residents to contact Charmeck 311 to report any recycling complaints. City

Code Enforcement staff will continue to delay citations for recycling carts left curbside.

Solid Waste Services has noted a general downward trend in missed recycling complaints over the seven week period as indicated by the graph below. Waste Management has made some improvements in performance however it continues to operate on a delay in remedying recycling complaints. SWS staff plans to provide feedback on Waste Management's action plan and to continue to closely monitor performance.



Charlotte Water Receives the 2015 AMWA Sustainable Water Utility Management Award

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On October 12, 2015, Charlotte Water was honored with the Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies (AMWA) Sustainable Water Utility Management Award. This award recognizes water utilities committed to innovation and undertaking successful work in economic, social and environmental areas. The Sustainability Award is the third and highest step in AMWA's awards program, following the Gold Award for Exceptional Utility Performance and the Platinum Award for Utility Excellence, which Charlotte Water has received in years past.

As an early industry leader in managed competition, Charlotte Water transitioned into continuous improvement through benchmarking, re-engineering, and embracing quality programs. The utility holds corporate International Organization for Standardization environmental and quality certifications, participates in the Partnership for Safe Water utility management program, and has strong, active stakeholder partnerships. AAA ratings by the three major bond rating agencies underscore the utility's financial strength. Revenue stability and predictability, fairness to customers, and full cost recovery are the focus of a 10-year financial planning horizon, and recent increases in the fixed portion of rates improve sustainability.

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4	5 5:00pm Council Workshop/Citizens' Forum, Room 267	6	7	8 12:00pm Community Safety Committee Mtg., Room 280	9	10
11	12 NCLM Conference Winston-Salem, NC		14	15 12:00pm ED & Global Competitiveness Committee Mtg., Room CH-14	16	17
18	19 3:00pm Intergovernmental Relations Committee Mtg., Room 280 5:00pm Zoning Meeting, Room CH-14	20	21 2:00pm Housing & Neighborhood Dev. Committee Mtg., Room 280	22	23	24
25	26 12:00pm Governance & Accountability Committee Mtg., Room 280 5:00pm Citizens' Forum/Council Business Meeting, Room 267	27	28 5:30pm MTC Meeting, Room 267	29	30 5:30pm No Barriers Project Neighborhood Event (KCC), Anita Stroud Park	31

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NLC Congress of Cities and Exposition Nashville, TN						
8	9 2:00pm City Manager's Update Meeting, Room CH-14 3:00pm Transportation Committee Mtg., Room 280 5:00pm Council Business Meeting, Room 267	10 11:30am – 1:30pm New Council Zoning Orientation, 8 th Floor Conf. Rm.	11 12:00pm Housing & Neighborhood Dev. Committee Mtg., Room 280 2:00pm Environment Committee Mtg., Room 280	12	13	14
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