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WEEK IN REVIEW:

Mon (Dec. 3)	Tues (Dec. 4)	Wed (Dec. 5)	Thurs (Dec. 6)	Fri (Dec. 7)
11:30 AM Council-Manager Relations Committee, Room 266 12:00 PM Transportation and Planning Committee, Room 280 1:30 PM Economic Development Committee, Room CH-14 3:00 PM Governmental Affairs Committee, Room 280	9:00 AM Small Business Opportunity Town Hall Meeting, Room 267			

CALENDAR DETAILS:

Monday, December 3

11:30 am Council-Manager Relations Committee, Room 266
AGENDA: Mayor and Council annual retreat

12:00 pm Transportation and Planning Committee, Room 280
AGENDA: MPO planning area boundary expansion update; I-277 loop study; Parking and housing issues near college and universities

1:30 pm Economic Development Committee, Room CH-14
AGENDA: Carolina Theatre; ReVenture update; 2013 ED committee schedule

3:00 pm Governmental Affairs Committee, Room 280
AGENDA: Federal legislative update; Proposed state & federal legislative agendas; Union dues check-off

Tuesday, December 4

9:00 am Small Business Opportunity Town Hall Meeting, Room 267

December and January calendars are attached (see "2. Calendar.pdf").

INFORMATION:

December 6 Streetcar Starter Project Open House and December 12 Groundbreaking
Staff Resource: Tonia Wimberly, E&PM, 704-353-1931, twimberly@charlottenc.gov

The final public Open House for the Streetcar Starter Project will take place Thursday, December 6, 2012 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in Room 267 of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center. The project team will be on hand to provide information on the Streetcar Starter Project prior to the start of construction. There will also be information on the construction team and the public art that will be incorporated into the corridor. Residents are invited to come anytime during the two hour Open House. There is no formal presentation.

On Wednesday, December 12, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. the project team will hold the official groundbreaking ceremony for the Streetcar Starter Project. The event is being coordinated with the Mayor's office, City staff, national and regional FTA staff and Secretary of Transportation LaHood's staff in Washington. The ceremony will take place in front of Presbyterian Hospital.

Briar Creek Relief Sewer Phase 3 Begins Public Notification
Staff Resource: Barry Shearin, CMUD, 704-391-5137, bshearin@charlottenc.gov

The City is designing the third phase of Briar Creek Relief Sewer (along Briar Creek from Country Club Drive to Eastbrook Road). Phase I of the project, Sugar Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant

near Tyvola and Park roads to Randolph Road at the Mint Museum, was completed in late summer of 2011. Phase II picks up at Randolph Road and follows Briar Creek to Country Club Drive. Construction for Phase II began in the spring and is expected to take 24 months to complete. Phase III is the final step to help prevent sewer overflows, provide increased sewer capacity for present and future needs, and protect the water quality in Briar Creek.

Customers in the vicinity of the project will receive updates via public meetings, letters, email alerts, and newsletters. Attached **(see "3. Newsletter.pdf")** is a newsletter and project map that is being mailed to customers along the project route.

Smart Growth America - Technical Assistance Workshop Application

Staff Resources: Dan Gallagher, CDOT, 704-336-4984, dgallagher@charlottenc.gov
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Each year, Smart Growth America (SGA) offers free technical assistance workshops to communities that are pursuing smart growth initiatives. SGA is a national organization that advocates for smart growth principles and provides technical assistance and research to communities. The City of Charlotte was recently notified that it is one of 22 cities selected to receive free assistance from Smart Growth America (SGA). SGA undertakes these workshops through funding from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Some of the other recipients for technical assistance this year include Boulder, Houston, Cincinnati, Fairfax and Virginia Beach. More details can be found at the link below:

http://www.smartgrowthamerica.org/2012/11/21/announcing-the-recipients-of-smart-growth-americas-2013-free-technical-assistance/

SGA will provide technical assistance to Charlotte in the form of a one-day or two-day workshop. The purpose of Charlotte's workshop will be to focus on ways in which smart growth can position Charlotte to attract new business, reduce tax burdens and create a stronger foundation for long-term fiscal and economic health and competitiveness. There will be no cost to the City other than staff time.

City Council will be asked to participate in portions of the one- to two-day workshop. The workshops are expected to take place in spring/summer of 2013.

Transfer of Surplus Property to Habitat for Humanity of Charlotte & Belmont Community Development Corporation

Staff Resource: Pamela J. Wideman, N&BS, 704-336-3488, pwideman@charlottenc.gov

Pursuant to Section 8.22(e) of the City Charter, the City Manager may approve the sale or transfer by the City of real property having a value of more than $10,000 when the property is being sold for the purpose of increasing the supply of affordable housing available to low- or moderate-income persons. By making transfers described here, the City Manager certifies that these properties will be used to increase the supply of affordable housing.

The following properties were approved through the mandatory referral process and have been transferred to Habitat for Humanity – Charlotte and the Belmont Community Development Corporation. They will be redeveloped or rehabilitated and sold to new owners as affordable housing, serving families earning 80% or below the area median income.

This transaction is consistent with the three basic goals of the City's housing policies: preserve the existing housing stock, expand the supply of affordable housing, and support family self-sufficiency initiatives.

Transfer of Surplus Property to Habitat for Humanity of Charlotte

Address	Parcel	Tax Value
3528 Jonquil Street	15705213	$ 9,000
2967 Morning Drive	14518337	$ 87,300
11626 Oak Street	02934210	$ 105,300
918 Wabash Avenue	05703112	$ 71,600
2619 Columbus Circle	06704138	$ 19,000
3821 Bardot Drive	03930206	$ 52,100
422 S. Bruns Avenue	07107324	$ 80,600
	Total Value	**$ 424,900**

Transfer of Surplus Property to Belmont Community Development Corporation

Address	Parcel	Tax Value
7509 Bradgate Road	16721304	$ 84,500
3016 Marney Avenue	15703520	$ 57,600
316 Parkwood Avenue	08107613	$ 72,000
	Total Value	**$214,100**

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