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WEEK IN REVIEW:

Mon (Dec 21)	Tues (Dec 22)	Wed (Dec 23)	Thurs (Dec 24)	Fri (Dec 25)
			CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY	

CALENDAR DETAILS:

Thursday December 24 – Friday, December 25

Christmas Holiday (City offices closed)

December and January calendars are **attached**.



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INFORMATION:

Council Packet Holiday Delivery Schedule

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City offices will be closed Thursday, December 24 and Friday, December 25 for the Christmas holiday. For this reason, staff will deliver the Council-Manager Memo and mail packets only once that week on Wednesday, December 23.

City offices will again be closed on Friday, January 1 with many employees taking vacation days on Thursday, December 31. For this reason, staff will again produce only one Council-Manager Memo and mail packet delivery that week, on Wednesday, December 30.

On both days, staff aims to deliver the packets earlier in the afternoon than normal.

The normal twice weekly delivery schedule will resume the week of January 4.

City Development Services and Mecklenburg County's LUESA to Relocate from Hal Marshall to Suttle Avenue

Staff Resource: Dave Weekly, E&PM, 704-336-4103, dweekly@charlottenc.gov

City development services currently located at the Hal Marshall building including Neighborhood and Business Services' Residential Zoning, Charlotte Water's Backflow, and Engineering & Property Management's Commercial Zoning will be relocating to the Suttle Avenue building on Friday, December 18, 2015. This move is in conjunction with the County's Land Use and Environmental Services Agency (LUESA) move to the same location which includes Air Quality, Code Enforcement, Water & Land Resources, GIS, Solid Waste and Support Services.

This move is in line with the County's "Bringing Mecklenburg County to You" government facilities master plan and includes a new customer permitting center designed to better serve customers with the building permitting process.

Limited service will be available to walk-in customers at the Hal Marshall location this afternoon, December 18. Services at the new Suttle Avenue location will be closed to walk-in customers on Dec. 21, 2015. However on-line, field inspection, and call-in services are planned to be available with little to no disruption. The new location will officially open for business at 8 a.m. Tuesday, December 22.

Other County services including Business Tax services, Community Support Services (including Veteran's Services and the Women's Commission), and Environmental Health Services will remain at Hal Marshall and be open to the public on a normal schedule.

NC House Select Committee on Strategic Transportation Planning and Long Term Funding Solutions

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Staff recently reported that the Speaker of the North Carolina House of Representatives has appointed 22 House members to serve on the newly formed House Select Committee on Strategic Transportation Planning and Long Term Funding Solutions. The Committee is chaired by Representative John Torbett of Gaston County, and the membership includes Representatives Bradford, Carney and Jeter of Mecklenburg County. According to the committee charge, the Committee has the authority to study any of the following: the I-77 managed lanes project; improvements to the I-95 corridor; port modernization including development of Radio Island, new freight rail access to the ports of Morehead and Wilmington, dredging, and economic development opportunities; technological advancements in infrastructure development and construction; and autonomous vehicles.

The Committee met for the first time on Tuesday, December 15, which was devoted mainly to organizational issues. The Committee formed four subcommittees to examine: Primary Roads; Secondary Roads; Public Transportation and Aviation; and Ports and Rail. Representatives Bradford, Carney and Jeter were appointed to serve on the Public Transportation and Aviation subcommittee for which Representative Jeter will serve as Subcommittee Chair. When the committee was established, the charge called for the committee to report its findings and recommendations prior to the convening of the upcoming short session; however, the Chairman spoke at the meeting as if the committee would continue on after the 2016 general elections and make recommendations to the 2017 General Assembly.

The next meeting of the Committee has been tentatively scheduled for Monday, January 4, at which time they may take up the I-77 managed lanes project. Please note that meeting dates for committees are not official until they have been scheduled on the General Assembly's website (www.ncga.state.nc.us), which hasn't been done as of this time. Staff will be attending the meetings of the committee and will report to Mayor and Council as appropriate.

US Department of Transportation's Beyond Traffic: The Smart City Challenge

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On December 7, 2015, the U.S. Department of Transportation issued a Notice of Funding Opportunity to cities to address the issues identified in the *Beyond Traffic 2045: Trends and Choices* report. The significance of this grant opportunity is the winning city will receive \$40 million from the U.S. DOT to implement its proposed solution. There is no second place award, however five semi-finalists will be selected after the initial grant proposal is submitted. These five cities will be provided \$100,000 from the DOT to develop their final proposal.

The City of Charlotte sent John Lewis, CATS CEO, and Darcy Everett, Sustainability Coordinator, to the grant workshop on December 15 in Washington, DC. Staff's assessment is that, despite the short timeframe, the requirement for a visionary proposal, and the "winner take all" nature of the grant, the City should still submit a proposal.

Based on this assessment, the City Manager's Office will lead the City's effort to rapidly develop an innovative proposal to transform how Charlotte moves people and things in the City. The deadline for submitting a proposal is February 4, 2016. The City Manager's Office will engage staff and several partners over the next six weeks to identify the opportunities for Charlotte. Staff will provide additional updates after the holidays.

December

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
		1 8:30am ReThink CLT-2 Town Hall Mtg., Room 267	2	3	4	5
6	7 5:30pm Council Gathering, CH-14 7:00pm Organizational Meeting (Swearing- In Ceremony and Reception), Meeting Chamber and Lobby	8 10:30am First Ward Park Dedication Ceremony, 301 E. 7 th St. 6:00pm Neighborhood Revitalization Listening Tour, 2415 Lester St.	9	10	11 10:00am Charlotte Transit Center 20th Anniversary Celebration, Charlotte Transit Center	12
13	14 12:00pm Agenda Review (optional), 15 th Floor Large Conf. Room 1:30pm Retreat Planning Committee Mtg, 15 th Floor LCR 4:00pm Combined Zoning & Business Meeting, Room CH-14 6:30pm Neighborhood Revitalization Listening Tour, 2000 Milton Rd.	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Christmas Holiday	25 Christmas Day	26
27	28	29	30	31		

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January

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>	
					1 New Year's Day	2	
3	4 3:00pm Retreat Planning Committee Mtg., Room 280 5:00pm Council Workshop/Citizens' Forum, Room 267	5	6	7 12:00pm ED&Global Competitiveness Committee Mtg., Room CH-14	8	9	
10	11 12:00pm Council Agenda Briefing (optional), 15 th Floor LCR 3:00pm Environment Committee Mtg., Room 280 5:00pm Council Business Mtg., Room 267	12	13	14 12:00pm Community Safety Committee Mtg., Room 280	15	16	
17	18 Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday	19 12:00pm Council Agenda Briefing (optional), 8 th Floor Conf. Room 5:00pm Zoning Meeting, Room CH-14 6:00pm Neighborhood Revitalization Listening Tour, East Meck High School – 6800 Monroe Rd.	20	21 12:00pm ED&Global Competitiveness Committee Mtg., Room CH-14	22	23	
24	25 12:00pm Council Agenda Briefing (optional), 15 th Floor LCR 5:00pm Citizens' Forum/Council Business Mtg., Room 267	26	27 City Council Retreat TBD			28	29
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