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INFORMATION:

Staff Response to Affordable Charlotte Cabinet

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At last Monday's Council Meeting, Council member David Howard asked staff to resend a report originally sent earlier in the year. This report, which is attached below, contains staff's response to concerns raised by the Affordable Charlotte Cabinet at a Council Meeting in March. It was originally sent in the August 18 Council-Manager Memo.

The report, created by staff in Engineering and Property Management, Planning, and CDOT, gives information on the origin and benefits of the Post Construction Controls Ordinance, the Urban Street Design Guidelines, and the Tree Ordinance. It also addresses questions regarding the cost analysis that was conducted to examine the cumulative impact of the three programs.

(see 'affordable charlotte response…', left side table of contents)

Fiscal Year 2010 Corporate Performance Report

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Each year the Budget and Evaluation Office prepares a report that communicates the results of performance measures across the organization. Staff has taken a new approach this year in an effort to make the information more meaningful. The report is condensed into four pages, highlighting key measures organized by the City Council's Focus Areas. A variety of key measures are included, as well as charts illustrating five years of trend data, and the allocation of FY10 total budget revenues and expenditures. The full Strategic Operating Plans for each of the Key Business Units are available in the Budget and Evaluation Office and on the Budget and Evaluation website: www.charmeck.org/city/charlotte/budget.

(see 'FY10 Year End Report', left side table of contents)

Envision: Charlotte

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On September 23, 2010, Charlotte Center City Partners joined Duke Energy, and partners Cisco, the City of Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, the Charlotte Regional Partnership, the State of North Carolina, the Environmental Defense Fund, UNC Charlotte, Bank of America and Wells Fargo to announce a city building energy efficiency initiative: *Envision: Charlotte*.

A primary focus of *Envision: Charlotte* is to reduce energy usage in commercial buildings within Charlotte's 1.94 square-mile I-277 inner-belt loop. Utilizing innovative energy technologies from Duke Energy called Smart Energy Now, the program seeks to partner with the owners of approximately 60 commercial buildings who control more than 15 million square feet within

the inner-loop. The goal is to reduce energy use by up to 20 percent and avoid approximately 220,000 metric tons of greenhouse gases by 2016. As a partner, the City of Charlotte is currently in discussion with this group to involve the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center and Old City Hall. Commercial building owners can participate in the initiative at no cost.

The program consists of two main components: (1) deploying smart grid technology (*e.g.*, meters and routers) to the approximately 60 commercial office buildings in center city Charlotte; and (2) partnering with community and government organizations to establish a 20% energy efficiency goal for businesses within center city, providing detailed building energy usage information to building owners/facility managers, and displaying energy consumption information visibly to building occupants in the lobby of every building. In addition, Duke Energy will partner with several Charlotte based organizations to engage and train building owners on using the new technology to achieve energy and cost savings.

In the coming weeks, City staff will work with this group to explore the extent of the City's participation.

ATTACHMENTS:

August 19 and September 9 Economic Development Committee Meeting Summaries

(see 'ED Summary 8-19-10' and 'ED Summary 9-9-10', left side table of contents)