CHARLOTTE

City Council
Follow-Up Report

December 10, 2010

November 22, 2010 – City Council Meeting

Dinner Briefing – NASCAR Hall of Fame Update
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Attached is a response booklet related to questions and information requested by City Council from the Charlotte Regional Visitors Authority at the November 22 Dinner Briefing regarding the NASCAR Hall of Fame. ***(file: City Council Full Packet December 10 2010.pdf, left side table of contents)***

Citizens' Forum – Code Violations at 4120 Carlyle Drive
Staff Resource: Walter Abernethy, N&BS, 704-336-4213, wabernethy@charlottenc.gov

During the workshop, Ms. Patsy White, spoke regarding a code enforcement issue involving her home at 4120 Carlyle Drive. Ms. White claims that a City code enforcement officer came to her home in response to a nuisance report of dilapidated items on her back porch and in her yard. Ms. White invited the Mayor and Council to her home to prove that nothing was in ruin. The Mayor requested that code enforcement staff investigate the matter.

There is a long history of city code violations at 4120 Carlyle Drive. Emerald and Code Enforcement records indicate that code enforcement has been out to the property about thirteen (13) times since 2006. The violations generally include dilapidated property conditions, high weeds and grass, junk vehicle violations and parking on the lawn.

In this particular instance, responding to another citizen service request, Code Enforcement inspected the property on October 15, 2010. The inspector noted mattresses, broken glass, cardboard boxes and assorted debris in the backyard and around the back porch. The inspector issued a Notice of Violation requiring clean up of the area. The inspector also cited two vehicles under the "junk motor vehicle ordinance". Both vehicles appeared inoperable and the resident was unable to start either vehicle. Notes within the Code Inspector System indicated that the area supervisor has contacted Ms. White by phone four times to try and set up an appointment to review the vehicle violations. She has not returned phone calls.

The property owner failed to clean up the debris from the backyard area. On November 15, Code Enforcement hired a private contractor to clean up the backyard. Ms. White will be charged for the clean-up and assessed additional penalties for non-compliance. She will have

an opportunity to appeal this assessment. The vehicle violations were scheduled for reinspection on November 29. If the vehicles remain in violation, they will be subject to towing and impoundment.

December 6, 2010 – City Council Workshop

Mayor's Efficient and Effective Government Review Task Force Final Report
Staff Resource: Cheryl Brown, Human Resources, 704-336-5703, clbrown@charlottenc.gov

Following the Task Force report, Council Member Burgess asked if the local percentage to market for Police and Fire had fallen below 100%.

Attached is a spreadsheet containing the market rates for Police and Fire for FY08, 09, and 10. Market comparisons were not gathered for FY07 as it was an off-cycle year for salary data collection. To staff's knowledge, and supported by data for many years, the local percentage to market has never fallen below 100%. ***(file: Final Salary Sheet.pdf, left side table of contents)***

Questions concerning Proposed 2011 Federal Legislative Agenda
Staff Resource: Dana Fenton, City Manager's Office, 704.336.2009, dfenton@charlottenc.gov

At its December 6 Council Workshop, Council made two inquiries concerning the Proposed 2011 Federal Legislative Agenda requiring staff follow up. First, Council directed staff to collect information concerning federal grants currently being pursued by City KBUs. This information is

in the process of compilation and will be transmitted to Council in a future Council-Manager memo.

Second, Council inquired of the positions of House Speaker-designate, John Boehner (R-OH) and Senate Minority Leader, Mitch McConnell (R-KY) with respect to the Public Safety Employer-Employee Cooperation Act (the Act). The Act has been before Congress over the last several sessions. In its last vote on the measure, the House of Representatives passed the Act on July 17, 2007 by a vote of 314-97. The Senate did not take up the measure before the adjournment of that Congress in late 2008. Congressman Boehner was recorded as voting **Nay**.

In the current Congress, the Senate held a procedural vote on December 8, 2010 to bring the Act to a vote on the Senate floor. The procedural vote failed 55-43 as it required 60 votes to proceed to a final vote. Senator McConnell was recorded as voting **Nay**.