CHARLOTTE

City Council
Follow-Up Report

December 16, 2011

November 28 – City Council Business Meeting

Post-Construction Controls Ordinance (PCCO) Revision
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During the meeting, Council voted against staff's recommendation to remove natural area (tree) requirements from the Post Construction Controls Ordinance (PCCO). Staff's reason for making the recommendation was to recognize the revised Tree Ordinance (TO) as the definitive ordinance governing tree save and to eliminate a duplicative requirement from the PCCO. After the vote, Mayor Foxx asked staff to consider a different way of resolving the duplication while also ensuring that the greatest number of trees could be saved.

Staff's current practice is to review site plans for the compliance with both ordinances, and the TO generally proves to be most effective at protecting trees. While there are similarities between the two ordinances regarding trees, differences in calculation of tree save makes the analysis complex. For example, trees within planting strips may count toward the overall PCCO requirements, while the TO requires planting strip trees in addition to a tree save area on the site.

Staff will continue to evaluate solutions and will provide an update to Council in a future Council-Manager memorandum.