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INFORMATION:

September 22 – Clean Air Works! CEO Workshop
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The Regional Air Quality Board will sponsor, through their Clean Air Works! Initiative, a workshop featuring Kevin Green, Executive Director of Atlanta's Clean Air Campaign, with special guest Sheila Holman, the new Director of the North Carolina Division of Air Quality. This workshop has been designed especially for Clean Air Works' CEOs and community leaders. Council previously received an invitation offering the opportunity to secure attendance at this important event. The event will occur on Wednesday, September 22, 2010 from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the NASCAR Hall of Fame, Legends Room. Council may secure seats by contacting Tracy Swett at 704-336-3184 or tswett@charlottenc.gov.

Since its inception in 2006, Clean Air Works! has grown to include 116 companies and has engaged more than 100,000 employees in commuting alternatives that reduce ozone-forming emissions. Collectively, the efforts have resulted in more than 4.8 million vehicle miles of travel avoided.

Permit Extension Act of 2009 Extended by Session Law 2010-177
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In 2008, due to the economic downturn, the North Carolina General Assembly passed a law allowing for building and site development permits then in force to be valid for an extended period of time, up to three years, through December 31, 2010. During the 2010 session of the legislature, the General Assembly provided for an automatic extension of that time period for one additional year, through December 31, 2011, unless a unit of local government chooses to opt out of that automatic extension.

Given the continued slow economic recovery, City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County staff have evaluated the extension and believe it would be appropriate to incorporate the extension for projects in the City and the ETJ; therefore, staff believe the City should not opt out of the automatic extension. If Council members wish to evaluate the issue further, please let staff know. Otherwise, staff will assume Council is in agreement, and no official action is necessary at this time.

City and County staff will be notifying permitting customers of this extension within the next few weeks.

ATTACHMENT:

Council Follow-Up Report ***(see left side table of contents for attachment)***

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