



## MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Burch and City Council Members

FROM: Gregg Guetschow, City Manager

SUBJECT: City Manager's Report

DATE: December 5, 2014

**Downtown Revitalization.** The downtown revitalization strategy that Community Development Director Bryan Myrkle presented during the previous Council meeting is being well received. Favorable comments have followed the publication of newspaper articles and a presentation made by Bryan to the Charlotte Rotary Club on Tuesday. The strategy has already moved into the implementation stage with the first meeting having been held to recruit an anchor business to the downtown.

**Owens-Brockway Site.** It appears that the sale of this property will occur in the near future. Bryan Myrkle has had conversations with the prospective owner who is working out final details with Owens-Illinois. There will be new business activities occurring at this location but it is premature to discuss what those might be.

**AT&T Franchise.** Following a review by the City Attorney, paperwork was returned in response to AT&T's request for a cable television franchise. There is a state statute that regulates these franchises and essentially insures that any additional franchise in a community follows the same terms as the incumbent provider. The AT&T representative to whom I spoke indicated that the company would begin marketing in the community within the next few months.

**Camp Frances Science Programs.** The agenda includes payment of claims related to the science exploration programs that were held at Camp Frances this fall. As you will see, Yvonne Ridge incurred expenses for which

she is being reimbursed and the other payment is to Yvonne's daughter Shalyne Harris. We were happy to work with Shalyne on this pilot project because of her experience in designing outdoor education sessions. The programs were very well received and additional programs will be offered in the spring. We are still waiting to hear whether our grant application submitted to cover these costs will be approved.