



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Burch and City Council Members

FROM: Gregg Guetschow, City Manager

SUBJECT: City Manager's Report

DATE: May 22, 2015

Public Hearings:

Hazard and Nuisance Assessments. Each year at this time, Council holds a public hearing to receive comments about unpaid invoices for costs associated with mowing tall grass and weeds, cleaning debris and clearing sidewalks. When Council approves the assessment roll, these costs become a lien on the property and will be collected with the summer taxes.

Budget and Utility Rates. A public hearing is also scheduled for the 2015-16 proposed budget. Following the hearing, Council will have the opportunity to discuss the two resolutions that are to be enacted and make amendments to them. I recommend that Council delay final action on these resolutions until the June 8 meeting to insure that all parties have had an opportunity to be heard.

Budgets. You will recall that my original budget proposal omitted budgets from the DDA and CARA. Both were facing fiscal challenges. The DDA is proposing for the first time to levy the 2-mill assessment against DDA properties authorized by state statute to offset declining revenues resulting from taxable value decreases. CARA is proposing to balance its budget by seeking contributions from recycling center users.