



City of CHARLOTTE

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Lewis and City Council Members

FROM: Gregg Guetschow, City Manager

SUBJECT: City Manager's Report

DATE: December 11, 2015

Dashboard. Each year, as a condition of receiving a portion of its state revenue sharing, the City is required to publish on its website a performance dashboard. A copy of the most recent dashboard will be found elsewhere in the agenda packet. This document is intended to provide key metrics to enable citizens to quickly assess how well their city government is doing. When we first designed this dashboard a few years ago, we chose to focus on several indicators that would give a good overview of city operations and also address some areas that might constitute early warning signs. We were particularly interested in using indicators for which objective measures were readily available. As you will see, the dashboard shows a generally positive picture for these indicators. The one exception is in the area of legacy costs for pension and retiree health insurance. This has been expected and will continue to be a challenge in part due to changes in assumptions underlying actuarial valuations. While we have taken steps to reverse the financial trend observed, it will take quite a few years before those actions begin to pay off.

Camp Frances. The Camp Frances Educational and Recreational Center is a municipal nonprofit corporation the City established a few years ago as a successor to a private nonprofit that had been in existence for a long time. I have had a number of recent contacts with the new chairperson of the board, Brenda Bly, and am pleased to see a high level of interest from her and others in making the organization a more dynamic entity in the community. Recent efforts have included planning for the establishment of a Friends of Camp Frances group and redesigning the organization's website. To that end, I have begun working with Ms. Bly to create a campfrances.org domain and establish the foundations for the website. This website and associated social media will then be used to enhance fund-raising and friend-raising efforts.

Council Meeting Invocations. Mayor Lewis has asked me to invite area pastors to provide the invocations that open City Council meetings. I have reached out to about a dozen at this point and have had a good response. Because I do not have email addresses for all of the pastors in the community, I am certain that some have not yet been contacted. If you have an email address for a pastor or

associate pastor that you know, I would appreciate your providing this to me so that all have an opportunity to provide an invocation at a future meeting.

Holiday Closings and Agenda. City offices will be closed on December 24 and 25. The date and time for closing the receipt of items for the City Council's December 28 meeting will be Wednesday, December 23 at 12:00 noon.