



City of CHARLOTTE

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Lewis and City Council Members

FROM: Gregg Guetschow, City Manager

SUBJECT: City Manager's Report

DATE: May 6, 2016

Surplus Property Sales. I have begun the process of selecting a realtor to assist the City in listing and selling the two residential parcels and one commercial parcel that we have discussed previously. I have sent invitations to real estate firms in Charlotte to submit expressions of interest by May 18. My plan is to select a realtor by drawing a name at random from all those who have shown an interest during the meeting on May 23.

Property Sale. We have negotiated a tentative agreement to sell another small parcel (22' x 175') of surplus City property to the owner of an adjacent parcel. I have asked City Attorney Tom Hitch to prepare the deed for this. I expect this to be ready to introduce to Council at the May 23 meeting.

Redevelopment Ready Communities. This week I attended MEDC training sessions for the Redevelopment Ready Communities program. This program encourages communities to adopt best practices related to community development, planning, redevelopment and the like. The goal is to have communities implement changes that provide a methodical approach for planning for and encouraging redevelopment. Bryan Myrkle had attended an earlier training. He and I will be working together to map out a process for moving Charlotte toward certification as a Redevelopment Ready Community. I expect that this process would take three to five years to achieve.

Chamber of Commerce Membership. At Mayor Lewis's request, I have asked Tom Hitch to revisit his 2003 opinion regarding the City's membership in the Chamber of Commerce.