



City of CHARLOTTE

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Lewis and City Council Members

FROM: Gregg Guetschow, City Manager

SUBJECT: City Manager's Report

DATE: June 10, 2016

Sale of Surplus Real Estate. I will be meeting this afternoon with the realtor who expressed an interest in assisting the City in the sale of three parcels of real estate. This timing will not permit me to have something before Council at its Monday meeting. I would expect to have a resolution to you on this topic during the meeting of June 27.

Related to this matter, I have been contacted by a concern interested in purchasing the former Bank of America drive-through location on S. Bostwick Street. I will be following up on this next week to determine if this is a serious interest. If I conclude that it is, we will not want to include this in our listing agreement with the realtor.

Budget. The agenda packet includes a revised budget resolution reflecting amendments made during the previous Council meeting. While we have adjusted the revenues in the Motor Vehicle Pool fund to reflect a 3% reduction in rates, we have not made reductions in the expenditure side in the various operating budgets. That reduction will be spread across dozens of accounts and would have necessitated considerable work to make very small dollar reductions in most of them.

You will find a memorandum in the agenda packet from Utilities Superintendent Matt Griffith regarding capital projects in the utility fund. The DPW Director and I will be meeting Monday to discuss the implications of capital funding reductions in years 2017-18 and beyond and will provide that information during Monday's meeting.

Finally, a revised utility rate resolution is included for your consideration. It reflects a reduction in water rates and an increase in sewer rates resulting in no overall change to the rates.

Community Development. A considerable amount of work continues to flow through the Community Development Office these days. We are finalizing plans for the reconstruction of the parking lot in the 100 Block of S. Washington Street. Bryan Myrkle and I have met twice in the past two weeks with members of the

State team associated with Project Rising Tide to discuss local initiatives. Charlotte Rising has also been active and Bryan participated as a presenter in a well-attended community meeting on June 2. In addition to these efforts, we continue to work with developers on several projects in the downtown.

Streets. Milling and resurfacing work has been largely completed. As I am sure you have noticed, work is well underway on the North Sheldon project and will continue through August.

Also related to the subject of streets, Amy Gilson and I met with Mayor Lewis to discuss preparations for your special meeting scheduled for June 20 on this topic. It is our expectation that at least two and possibly three special meetings will be required to develop a new multi-year plan for street improvements.

Vacation. I will be taking a volunteer vacation the week of June 20. This is the week each year that I serve as an advisor to the Michigan American Legion Auxiliary Girls State program on the campus of Michigan State. While staff will be able to contact me when I am gone, I will have more limited ability during this week to respond in as timely a manner as is typically the case during my absences. I encourage you to contact Bryan Myrkle if there is an urgent matter that needs attention.