



# City of CHARLOTTE

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Lewis and City Council Members

FROM: Gregg Guetschow, City Manager

SUBJECT: City Manager's Report

DATE: April 7, 2017

**Radar Units.** During the previous meeting, Council Member Bahmer asked about the decrease in the number of radar units proposed for purchase as compared to the quantity listed in the budget. Chief Sherman indicates that after a closer review of the department's needs, she felt that three new units would be adequate. One current unit with fewer hours of use will continue in service.

**CARA Funding.** A meeting was held last week with prospective board members of a Friends of CARA nonprofit organization. It appears that such a group will be formed but it is not clear that member's interest is focused on erasing the operating deficit so much as it is in fostering a greater community interest in recycling. Operational funding for CARA this fiscal year, however, looks better than in the previous two years. Revenue from sales of recyclable materials is up. As of the end of February, we were close to breaking even. We will continue to monitor this situation as we consider other alternatives for the long-term financial viability of CARA.

**Budget.** We are working to finalize the proposed budget. We expect to post the document to the City's website Monday afternoon.