



# City of CHARLOTTE

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Lewis and City Council Members

FROM: Gregg Guetschow, City Manager

SUBJECT: City Manager Report

DATE: July 7, 2017

**Lovett Street Bid Award.** Your agenda includes expedited action awarding a bid for the reconstruction of the 100 block of East Lovett Street. We are asking that Council address this in one meeting to permit starting construction more quickly. The contract has an end date of August 31 which was established in an effort to insure that the project was completed before Frontier Days. If we go through the usual two readings, we will not be able to achieve that date and should, in fact, rebid the project with a new end date.

**Lovett Street Bid Award, Part 2.** You will note that the memorandum from Rowe, Inc. on the bid award indicates that they had not yet been successful in obtaining information from the references that the low bidder had supplied. Rowe's recommendation is based on information it has obtained regarding the principals involved with this comparatively new company. We are still planning to follow up with efforts to obtain references from customers before Monday's meeting.

**Lovett Street Bid Award, Part 3.** The Major Street cost flow projection that formed the basis for Council's street program estimated a cost for Lovett Street of \$340,000. To the \$250,000 construction bid must be added engineering of \$58,000 for a total estimated cost for the project of \$308,000. This compares favorably to the amount included in the cost flow projection. It should further be recognized that some of these costs will be charged to the Utilities Fund. We are currently estimating that just over \$200,000 for this project would be charged to Major Street. Barring any major unforeseen costs associated with this project, this should alleviate some of the concern about a low projected fund balance in Major Street in 2019 and 2020. We will update this projection when the project is completed.

**Storm Damage.** Last night's storm caused significant tree damage throughout the City and in Oak and Bennett Parks. Some City operations have also been dealing with power outages. We have scheduled a curb-side brush collection to begin on July 17.

**Credit/Debit Card Payments.** The City began accepting credit and debit card payments for utility and tax bills paid at the General Office counter on July 1. Links to the online payment of these bills were added to the City's website on July 6.

**Shepherd-Mikesell Closure.** A problem with a County drain is causing damage at the intersection of Shepherd and Mikesell Streets and will require a complete closure of the intersection for repairs for perhaps a week. We expect this to be scheduled in the next couple of weeks. DPW Director Amy Gilson and I met with representatives of Spartan Motors to work with them to identify alternative routes for their deliveries and suppliers. Ms. Gilson has prepared a map to be distributed by the company. We will be working with the Charlotte Public Schools and others affected by the closure when we know the expected date of the closure.