

MEMORANDUM

TO: Charlotte City Council

FROM: Thomas M. Hitch, City Attorney

RE: **CITY ATTORNEY REPORT**

DATE: September 5, 2019

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The following is my report to the City Council on issues in which our office has been engaged since the last Council meeting:

1. **CARC - Ballfield Project.** After much delay, it appears that the ballfield is close to completion. I continue monitoring this with Amy Gilson but, at least at this point, it appears that much of the work is complete and the final review by the DNR, to sign off on the grant, will hopefully take place in the near future, once the grass is a little thicker in the ballfields. Once staff is satisfied that the project is complete, I will notify the bonding company that the contractor has fulfilled the contract and this matter will be closed.

2. **Ordinance Drafting.** I am working on two new ordinances, one relating to combining the TIFA boards into one board, pursuant to a recent amendment adopted by the Legislature, and another to provide an exception for loudspeakers at events that are authorized and approved by the City.

3. **Airport - Avigation Easement Project.** I am working with staff regarding the development of a plan to remove trees which have grown into the avigation easement that surrounds the airport. The tree height has impeded use of the airport, as the FAA has now prohibited instrument landings at the airport. I, along with staff, will keep the Council apprized.

4. **Easement - 109 Lawrence Street.** I have met with the surveyor and Bryan Myrkle and the surveyor is in the process of developing a new legal description for the easement. Once that occurs, the easement will be prepared for Mr. Jewett's

signature, giving the City access to Lawrence Street from the parking lot behind the buildings that front on Lawrence and Cochran.

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