

MEMORANDUM

TO: Charlotte City Council

FROM: Thomas M. Hitch, City Attorney

RE: **CITY ATTORNEY REPORT**

DATE: February 6, 2020

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

1. **Maple Knoll Manufactured Home Community**. We have filed suit against Maple Knoll Manufactured Home Community in Eaton County District Court and have also filed a complaint with the appropriate manufactured housing authority. We will keep the Council advised as this matter proceeds.
2. **City of Charlotte v Brian Dunn**. Our office has had some discussion with Mr. Dunn regarding what lands were made available for him to farm. Based on our review, the interference was minimal and we will be advising Mr. Dunn that he needs to file an answer to proceed with this matter.
3. **Election Commission**. I was involved in the Election Commission meeting along with Ginger Terpstra and Randy Jewell. The City Charter requires that an Election Commission be comprised of the City Clerk, City Assessor and City Attorney.
4. **Deeds for Spartan Motors**. I reviewed and approved the deeds that had been prepared for the transfer of land from the City to Spartan Motors for its further development and investment in the City of Charlotte.
5. **MERS Resolutions**. I have reviewed the documentation from MERS as it relates to the funding plan for the unfunded liabilities to certain officials in the City of Charlotte. I approved the form of the resolutions.

6. **Notice Requirements for Public Notices.** The City Clerk received an inquiry from the *County Journal* requesting that, for purposes of streamlining their notice of publication procedure, that the City's address be omitted in one specific location. It continues to print the public notice itself, which includes the City's address and location of the public hearing, including the time and date. For that reason, I agreed that such a change would have no impact on the legal effect of such notices.

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