



City of  
**CHARLOTTE**

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Ridge and City Council Members

FROM: Gregg Guetschow, City Manager

SUBJECT: City Manager Report

DATE: February 7, 2020

**Spartan Motors.** Spartan Motors announced this week the sale of the emergency response vehicle portion of its business. As you know, a portion of that business takes place in Charlotte. Information we have received to date is that the purchaser, REV Group, will be keeping those operations locally. Staff will be reviewing information we have to determine whether actions such as the transfer of industrial facilities exemption certificates will be required. We hope to meet with representatives of both companies in the near future to get a better picture of the future.

**Maple Knoll Mobile Home Park.** The City Attorney has reported to you on the filing of a lawsuit in an effort to collect unpaid mobile home park fees. An attorney representing the former owner has indicated a willingness to pay all delinquent fees, penalties and interest. The City Attorney's office is currently working to prepare a settlement agreement. I have been contacted by the new management company for the park. They have indicated their intent to make the required payments.

**Redevelopment Ready Communities.** Community Development Director Bryan Myrkle, Lisa Barna of CharlotteRising, and I met with an MEDC representative this week to review progress on achieving Redevelopment Ready Community status, an objective we have been pursuing for several years. Ms. Barna will be devoting considerable time to this effort over the next couple of months. We also learned of grant funding available for an update of the City's master plan and the availability of a paid intern to assist with related projects.

**MME Winter Institute.** Council is aware that I attended the Michigan Municipal Executives Winter Institute last week. There were a number of relevant sessions addressing topics as diverse as issues-based collective bargaining, personnel recruitment, cybersecurity and lead level exceedance.