



# City of CHARLOTTE

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Ridge and City Council Members

FROM: Gregg Guetschow, City Manager

SUBJECT: City Manager Report

DATE: May 8, 2020

**Budget Discussions.** Mayor Ridge and I have developed the following schedule for Council's reviewing with department heads the various parts of the budget:

Monday, May 11, 7:00 p.m.: Streets, Parks, DPW Admin, MVP, CARA  
Monday, May 18, 7:00 p.m. Fire, Police, Clerk, Finance, Manager, misc.  
Tuesday, May 26, 6:00 p.m. Utilities, including rates  
Tuesday, May 26, 7:00 p.m. Community Development, misc.

**Virtual Meetings.** Governor Whitmer has issued a new executive order extending the time during which the City may conduct meetings via teleconference through June 30. This is not mandatory, of course, but the need to continue meeting via teleconference will be determined by other restrictions or guidelines regulating the size of permitted gatherings.

**Police Union Request.** I have received a request from the union representing the City's police officers for additional leave time. This request is a response to the Council's action establishing the leave bank for SEIU members. Chief Brentar and I have conferred with our labor attorney on the matter and will await further contact from the union representatives, which they indicated would be forthcoming, before responding.

**Food Truck.** We received a request this week to permit a food truck to be located at Chuck's Chariots on Lawrence Avenue. Council members might recall that a similar request was received for a different location in town. Food trucks are not a permitted use under the City's zoning ordinance. Denial of these requests typically meets resistance and the owner of Chuck's Chariots might very well wish to pursue the matter further.

**Independent Bank Partnership.** Beginning this week, Independent Bank is processing City water bill payments when customers need to pay with cash. For cash-only customers, City Hall's being closed is an inconvenience that we wished to overcome. We think this is a good solution. If it works well, we expect to all make it available to those who pay property taxes with cash.

**Water Bill Issue.** Some of you are already aware that employee error led to our mailing last year's water bills to those who typically are billed in April. We have published notices in various media and fielded a number of phone calls, emails, Facebook post and the like. New bills have been printed and mailed.

**Council Policy Calendar.** Mayor Ridge asked that I provide Council a copy of the Council Policy Calendar. You might recall that this takes the form of a Google Sheets spreadsheet and can be accessed from your City email account. A printed version of the calendar will be found in the agenda packet. Please be aware, should you attempt to print it, it is set up for 11" by 17" paper.