



# City of CHARLOTTE

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Lewis and City Council Members

FROM: Gregg Guetschow, City Manager

SUBJECT: City Manager Report

DATE: September 22, 2017

**Election 2017.** We have undertaken a couple of initiatives to better educate voters about the proposed Charter amendment concerning the creation of a revolving fund special account with the Owens-Brockway funds. First, a news release was sent to the County Journal and the Shopping Guide providing a brief overview of the proposal. The County Journal published the release in its September 23 edition. Second, I have created a section on the City's website devoted to this year's election. This section appears on the main menu on the home page. It includes the list of candidates for City office, the language of the two proposals on the ballot and links to additional information. In the case of the City's proposals those links direct to a more detailed description of the ballot proposal as well as to the actual language that would be added into the Charter. As a City official, I am prohibited from advocating for the proposal so I have tried to present this information in as factual and neutral a manner as possible. Leading up to the election I will be posting links to the information on the City's Facebook page to insure that voters are well educated before they head to the polls.

**Access Management Standards.** In the course of preparing for the Planning Commission work session to consider the Dairy Queen site plan, staff discovered what it thought was an error in a zoning ordinance amendment that might render the access management provisions of the ordinance unenforceable. We consulted with City Attorney Tom Hitch would concluded that this was the case. We will be working with Mr. Hitch to prepare an ordinance amendment to correct this error and will be submitting this to Council for first reading sometime this fall.

**MAP Meeting.** Bryan Myrkle, Airport Manager Todd Cotter and I, together with our airport consultant, attended our annual Michigan Airport Planning meeting this week with officials from the Department of Transportation. No issues of concern with the operation of the airport were identified. We are nearing the receipt of the final reimbursement for the hangar project. The next significant project will be the preparation of a new airport layout plan that will guide future development at the airport. As has been the case for many years now, we enjoy a positive, constructive relationship with these MDOT officials that has contributed to good operations at the airport.

**Presentation to Lansing Realtors.** This week I attended a meeting of the public policy committee of the Greater Lansing Association of Realtors. Area government leaders were invited to provide an overview of development in their respective jurisdictions. I was able to talk about the high level of activity we are seeing in all sectors of the local economy. It is my hope that my remarks augmented the positive press the Charlotte area has received over the past couple of years and that that translates into an interest on the part of realtors to promote the area to persons looking for locations for homes or businesses.

**CanDo! Meeting.** I wish to call to your attention the next general meeting of CanDo! to be held Wednesday, September 27 at 7:00 a.m. at the library. There will be a panel presentation by Charlotte High School students covering a range of topics related to education. I hope to see you there.