

MEMORANDUM

TO: Charlotte City Council

FROM: Thomas M. Hitch, City Attorney

RE: **CITY ATTORNEY REPORT**

DATE: March 31, 2021

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

1. **Special Assessment District for Fire Department.** I have been working with the City Manager regarding the special assessment process. As this Council is well aware, at this upcoming meeting, it will be adopting a resolution to set a public hearing regarding the costs and the determination of necessity as it pertains to funding the Fire Department.

2. **The Fitch H. Beach Municipal Airport.** I have been conferring with the City Manager and Bryan Myrkle regarding several issues involving the airport. The first is the tree removal project which the City intends to proceed on this year. I have been in contact with attorney Alan Ackerman, who is representing The Meadows. I will be in conversations with both Mr. Ackerman and Bryan Myrkle, as well as the City Manager, as this project proceeds.

The other issue is a housekeeping matter with the Federal Government. The City has some grant money that can only be used for removing trees, but it is not enough money to materially assist the City in the aforementioned project. MDOT has asked the City to return the money, as to let it lapse, meant the money could never be used. MDOT desires to assist another airport where the money would make more of an impact.

3. **Contacts with the City Manager.** I continue to have contacts with the City Manager regarding various matters ongoing in the City. As it pertains to anything of issue of particular interest for Council, we will keep you apprised.

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