

MEMORANDUM

TO: Charlotte City Council

FROM: Thomas M. Hitch, City Attorney

RE: CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

DATE: June 2, 2022

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

1. Charter Amendments. As required by MCL 117.21(2), I have submitted the resolutions to amend the City Charter to the Governor and the Attorney General for their review. I have worked for years with the Assistant Attorney General, George Elworth regarding these matters and I expect a response from him within the next three weeks.
2. Ordinance Drafting. I have been working with the City Manager regarding the proposed Home Occupation Zoning Amendment that would provide regulation for medical marihuana care givers. A draft of the ordinance will be presented to the Planning Commission at its next meeting.
3. Lease Agreement with Shyft Group. Shyft Group (formerly Spartan Automotive) has presented a proposed Letter of Intent to lease land at the Charlotte Airport for the storage of partially completed trucks. It appears that Shyft Group is afflicted with the supply issues plaguing the rest of the economy, and needs space to store their trucks.  
  
I have prepared a lease and it may be presented to you at Monday's meeting.
4. Sale of 332 N. Cochran. The City has received an Offer to Purchase 332 N. Cochran. Based upon my review, the Offer to Purchase looks fine and, upon due execution, would be enforceable by the parties against each party in a court of competent jurisdiction.
5. JRRS Investments. I met with Tim Davis, the appraiser retained by the City to evaluate, and hopefully acquire, without condemnation, easements necessary for the airport to reinstitute instrument rated take-off and landings at the airport. As the Council may be aware, the City is under an obligation to remove a number of trees along Lansing Road to comply with both State and Federal aeronautics requirements.

JRRS Investments owns the party store on the west side of Lansing Road and north of Packard Highway, It has retained Alan Ackerman, a very well-known condemnation lawyer,

to confer with Mr. Davis.

I am now in the loop and will be monitoring this matter. Unless negotiations are successful, which all of us hope they will be, I will be required to file a condemnation action against the owners of JRRS Investments.

6. Conversations with the City Manager. From time to time, I continue to have conversations with the City Manager regarding a variety of City matters.

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