

MEMORANDUM

TO: Charlotte City Council

FROM: Thomas M. Hitch, City Attorney

RE: CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

DATE: June 29, 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. Elsewhere in the packet, the City Council will observe my memorandum as it relates to two of the Charter Amendments relating to Ward Elections, Even-Year Elections and the 4-Year Term for Mayor. We are rescinding all three of the Resolutions adopted at the May 16, 2022 meeting and I am submitting a revised Resolution relating to the 4-Year Term for Mayor. I will be at the City Council meeting on July 5, 2022 to discuss this matter with the Council.

2. Sign Ordinance. I have had the opportunity to review the changes to the Sign Ordinance and it meets with my approval.

3. Municipal Attorney Joining Our Firm. Mr. David Revore, a long-time municipal attorney, is joining our law firm to assist me and the firm in representation of all of my municipal clients, including Charlotte. He is City Attorney for both Marshall and Grand Ledge, and represents a number of Townships as well. He brings a wide array of experience including being special legal counsel for a number of communities to handle cases before the Tax Tribunal.

He is part of our plan to strengthen the capabilities of the firm so that it can continue to provide the full range of legal services to municipal clients and continue its historical knowledge of our clients that has resulted from over 50 years of practice in municipal law.

Over the next several weeks, I will be introducing David to my municipal clients and look forward to the energy and enthusiasm that I know he will bring to our firm. I will be glad to answer any questions that the Council may have regarding this addition to our firm.

4. 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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