

MEMORANDUM

TO: Charlotte City Council

FROM: Thomas M. Hitch, City Attorney

RE: CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

DATE: January 12, 2023

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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. Bruch v Charlotte, Small Claims Tax Appeal. Mr. Bruch has reached out to me and indicated that he will be filing a Motion to Adjourn so that he can retain an attorney. I have conferred with the City Assessor and we have no objection, as in my experience, it is much easier to deal with an attorney knowledgeable in tax matters than it is with someone who is not.

The hearing is scheduled for next Tuesday and I have advised Mr. Bruch that it is his obligation, if he wants an adjournment, to make the request. I do not know whether the Tax Tribunal will grant such a request at this late date but will keep the Council apprised.

2. Fire Department Memorandum of Understanding. I am reviewing a proposed Memorandum of Understanding with the five neighboring fire departments regarding a grant application to obtain additional equipment for fire protection. In addition, I am reviewing suggested changes as it relates to my original Memorandum of Understanding relating to the purchase of two fire trucks utilizing grant money the City received from the State of Michigan.

3. 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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