



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Burch and City Council Members

FROM: Gregg Guetschow, City Manager

SUBJECT: City Manager's Report

DATE: September 4, 2014

Zoning Ordinance Amendments. The Planning Commission has made recommendations regarding two of the three zoning ordinance amendments that have been referred to it. The Commission recommended approval of the changes to the Zoning Board of Appeals and to height limits for accessory structures. The third matter referred to the Commission addresses mixed-use overlay districts and has been referred to a subcommittee for further study.

Airport. Bryan Myrkle, Airport Manager Todd Cotter and I attended the annual airport planning meeting with MDOT-Aero this week. This is the first such meeting with which we have been assisted by the newly selected airport consultants Prein and Newhof. We were pleased with their performance during the meeting. We have minor projects in process addressing upgrades to the fueling system and runway crack sealing. We expect to receive the first reimbursement from entitlement funds for our investment in the new T-hangars next spring. We have worked to develop and sustain positive relationships with the Aero staff with whom we interact and I believe this was in evidence again during the meeting.

Street Project. Amy Gilson has learned that the City has received grant funding for the reconstruction of North Sheldon Street between Lawrence Avenue and Foote Street. A portion of Sheldon north of Foote was improved through a grant-funded project a few years ago. Matching funds are required for this project and will come from reserves in the Major Street Fund.

Schedule. I will on vacation the week of September 15. If you have any matters that need attention during my absence, please feel free to contact Bryan Myrkle. I am uncertain of my plans during that week but expect to be available via cell phone.