

MEMORANDUM

TO: Charlotte City Council

FROM: Thomas M. Hitch, City Attorney

RE: **CITY ATTORNEY REPORT**

DATE: April 9, 2015

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

1. Rockafellow v City of Charlotte. The parties have agreed upon a mediator, which is hoped may lead to a resolution of this matter. The mediator is Peter Dunlap, a very well respected attorney and mediator in the Lansing area. Mediation is scheduled for June 9, 2015.

There is a motion hearing next week to extend discovery. On Tuesday, I will be attending a deposition with Tom Meagher relating to the social security disability claim filed by Mr. Rockafellow.

2. Charlotte Public Schools. The City Manager and I met with representatives of the Charlotte Public Schools to discuss the School's position, and the State of Michigan's position as it relates to the monies transferred pursuant to the Owens-Brockway contract due the Charlotte Public Schools. If there is a meeting between the Charlotte Public Schools and the Department of Treasury regarding this issue, both the City Manager and I will be in attendance. My expectation is that the Department of Treasury would be represented by one or two of the attorneys that I worked with in the Owens-Brockway litigation, and I believe it would be useful for the City Manager and my presence at such a meeting to assist the Charlotte Public Schools.

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