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Comment: Citizens of Charlotte,

The puzzling actions of four members of our City Council have raised a great concern for the future of our City. Our community has been ill served by their deceptive action. Their votes not to extend the employment contract of City Manager Greg Guetschow appear to have been made with the intention of not renewing his contract at all, or to jeopardize the conditions of fair and realistic contract negotiations.

Mr. Geutschow has been an avid supporter of the City of Charlotte during his tenure as City Manager. In my own experience working with Mr. Guetschow I have found him to be very knowledgeable, fair and honest. It is fairly common for the tasks and duties of a City Manager to meet with disagreement from the citizens of the community from time to time. That is the nature of the position when carrying out the directions put forth by the City Council.

Charlotte's airport is an example of how city assets have benefited through the leadership of Mr. Guetschow, and his department heads Amy Gilson, and Bryan Myrkle. Using mostly Federal Aviation Administration Funds they have turned Fitch H. Beach Municipal Airport into what Michigan Department of Transportation officials regard as one of most well-kept and managed airports, operated at much lower cost than other airports of its size.

Mr. Guetschow helped reduce the expense of the airport to become nearly self-sustaining, while at the same time building it to one of the leading municipal airports which draws pilots and aircraft from around the state. The hangers are fully rented with a waiting list of other aircraft owners and businesses wanting to move their aircraft to Charlotte. Pilots traversing the state stop here to buy gas and spend their money in the City of Charlotte.

As in many other facets of the city the airport is also on the verge of taking off with possible privately funded developments and further improvements.

Wouldn't you think we would want to keep a City Manager that has done that for our community? I would ask our City Council members to negotiate a fair and realistic contract for Mr. Guetschow

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