



City of CHARLOTTE

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Lewis and City Council Members

FROM: Gregg Guetschow, City Manager

SUBJECT: City Manager's Report

DATE: May 20, 2016

Sale of Surplus Real Estate. I previously reported to Council that I had solicited expressions of interest from realtors for listing three properties the City owns but does not need. I had expected to have a name selected from among those interested during Monday's meeting. Only one realtor, Andy Bayes of Real Estate Warehouse, 324 S. Cochran, expressed an interest. I will plan to meet with Mr. Bayes to develop a listing agreement to present to Council at its June 13 meeting.

CARA Budget. There was discussion during the previous Council meeting regarding the projected deficit in the budget for the Recycling Center. The agreement with area units of government that established CARA provides a mechanism for allocating deficits among those units. It was projected that the City's share for FY 15-16 would be about \$2500 although this amount should be reduced by donations received through last Saturday's Trash Walk event. Appropriating this amount, when requested by CARA, will require a specific action on the part of the Council to amend the current budget.

As was noted, the proposed budget for the FY 16-17 shows a much larger deficit. I do not believe the CARA board has given sufficient thought to means of addressing this deficit beyond local subsidies. I cannot recommend to Council that we accept this until CARA has demonstrated that no other means of closing the gap is available and continuing to operate CARA at an operating deficit is in the public interest. Accordingly, I have directed the Finance Director to remove the CARA budget from the budget resolution that Council will be considering on Monday. (It is not clear to me that Council adoption of this budget is required although this has been done in years past.)

Masonic Temple Apartments. The Charlotte Chamber of Commerce and CanDo! are cooperating on a Business After Hours event to be held in the new Masonic Temple Apartments on Tuesday, May 24 at 5:30 p.m. You are welcome to attend.