## City Of Charlotte Department of Public Works

## Memo

To: City Council

From: Amy E. Gilson, P.E., Director of Public Works

**Date:** June 21, 2016

Re: ETNA Supply Invoices

At the city council meeting on June 13, 2016 council member Bahmer questioned the above mentioned invoices. Following is a detailed explanation of each of the

invoices.

\$1,250.25 Water lids/ Repair lids: This invoice includes several different accessories that DPW uses in the course of their work. The \$1,250.25 includes the 2-1/2" repair lids for water services, 5-1/4" valve box repair lids for use on watermain valves, sewer repair lids that replace broken or damaged existing lids on sewer cleanouts, and valve box extensions of varying lengths that are used to repair watermain valves (i.e. Henry and Lincoln Street intersection).

\$3,750.00 Smartpoint Transceivers: These are the two-way communicators that we have been installing in the water meter pits so that the meter reader does not have to open every meter pit to get a reading. The transceiver sends a signal that is captured by the usage reading gun when it is prompted by the meter reader who is in the vicinity of the meter pit. This is especially time saving in the winter months so that the meter reader does not have to clear the pit lid of snow and ice before he can read the meter. We have been adding these to the meter pits for the last several years and will continue to do so until they are all complete. Again, because we use the same water meters throughout the system, it is necessary to purchase these from the regional vendor so they work with our equipment.

Please let me know if you require additional information.

cc: Gregg Guetschow, City Manager