



City of CHARLOTTE

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Lewis and City Council Members

FROM: Gregg Guetschow, City Manager

SUBJECT: City Manager Report

DATE: July 21, 2017

Lovett Street Project. The reconstruction of Lovett Street began on Monday. In the course of removing sidewalk, several old coal chutes were discovered leading to the basements of abutting buildings. These had not been properly abandoned prior to previous sidewalk installations, a situation we wish to rectify. DPW Director Amy Gilson is awaiting an estimate from the contractor for the cost of remedying this situation.

Downtown Subarea Plan. Community Development Director Bryan Myrkle and I, together with representatives of the Downtown Development Authority, CharlotteRising and the Chamber of Commerce, participated in a planning exercise Wednesday. The exercise was facilitated by staff from Beckett & Raeder, the firm hired through the state's Rising Tide program. The purpose of this effort is to identify improvements in the downtown necessary to achieve goals established through that program.

Edmond Senior Apartments. You might have seen news reports indicating that the Edmond Senior Apartments project to be developed on the former IGA property has received approval for the tax credits for which they applied. With the exception of administrative review of the final site plan, all local actions necessary for this project to move forward have been taken. We do not have a firm timeline from the developers. My expectation is that demolition will commence sometime after January 1.

Shepherd/Mikesell Project. I previously reported about the need to repair County drain infrastructure affecting this intersection. Bids were opened by the Drain Commissioner yesterday. An award for the project is expected today. We do not yet know the date for construction to start but expect it to be soon.

Vacation. I will be on vacation the week of July 31. I expect to be available via phone and will be checking my email throughout the week.