

City of CHARLOTTE

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Ridge and City Council Members

FROM: Gregg Guetschow, City Manager

SUBJECT: City Manager Report

DATE: June 19, 2020

Meeting Procedures. I overlooked the May 31 expiration date on the policy modifying agenda procedures. This agenda reflects a return to the traditional meeting format. Council might wish to consider employing the unanimous consent approach again, however, as we look to accommodate a different approach to citizen participation in our meetings. I plan to experiment on Monday with live streaming the audio of our meeting. If this works, I hope that we can have the public participate both in person and the audio stream and conference call. This would allow us to safely handle a larger group than the current Council room allows.

Budget Authorization. Your agenda includes a portion for addressing adding back into the budget expenditures that you have sequestered. The resolution I prepared takes a fill-in-the-blanks approach so it might look a little odd to you.

Re-Opening City Hall. We are planning to re-open City Hall to the public on July 6. We are making preparations to ensure that we can do so in as safe a manner as possible for citizens and employees alike. We will continue to encourage residents to take advantage of other ways of conducting City business through email, on-line payments and the like as these have worked well for us and them, we believe, for the last several months

Vacation. I will be on vacation the week of June 29 (although I'm not sure anyone will notice since I've been working from home since March 24). I will remain in town, however, and be available should the need arise.