Community Development

Memo

To: City Council

From: Bryan Myrkle, Community Development Director

Date: November 4, 2020

Re: Electric Vehicle Charging Station agreement

On your upcoming City Council agenda is a resolution authorizing the execution of the proposed agreement with Red E Charging, LLC for the installation of an electric vehicle charging station in City Parking Lot No. 7.

While I have provided City Council information on this proposal in the past, I want to include a few comments about the agreement itself.

- City Attorney Hitch has reviewed the agreement and did not identify any problems with it. He also said the terms were reasonable and the agreement binding once it is executed.
- The agreement is for a period of 10 years, during which time Red E Charging will maintain the equipment in good working order.
- There is an opportunity to end the agreement after 3 years if it is not working out for either party, i.e. the vendor decides it is not getting enough use to warrant its continued placement in Charlotte, or the City decides it is in the way or no longer desirable.
- There is a modest revenue stream to the City from the vendor for use of the two parking spaces.
- The agreement calls for signage and special paint marking to designate the site as an EV charging station, if necessary; however, because this use of space is new to the City of Charlotte, I have encouraged the vendor to install the signage and do the paint marking at the time of installation, rather than waiting to see if it is needed.

I would like to remind the Council that this installation is being made possible at no cost to the City due to a rebate from Consumers Energy, which has pre-authorized certain vendors for the program.

For your packet, I have included both the agreement itself, as well as a location map, so that you can be familiar with the proposed site.