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Subject: Town Managers's Weekly Report (#17)

Mayor & Board of Aldermen:

Please accept the following as the Town Manager's Weekly Report for the Week-ended Friday, February 8, 2013.

- On Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> we will be opening the Bids for Phase I of the Water-line replacement project and will, in turn, bring the results of the bid opening to the Board Meeting Tuesday night with a request for a contract award to the low identified bidder. We have heard from at least 14 separate contractors who have so far expressed some level of interest in bidding. Representatives of 8 firms attended the voluntary pre-bid meeting which was conducted two weeks ago. With regard to Phase's II and III, we are now 90% complete with Design and will be fully complete by the end of this month. Thereafter we will submit for final approval from NCDENR and once those permits are in hand we will move forward with the total debt financing approval through the Local Government Commission. This all remains precisely on our established schedule.
- This week we were able to sell and dispose of the surplus pick-up formerly assigned to Anne Martin. We received sale proceeds of \$1500.00 from our on-line auction on "GovDeals".
- Our First Budget Work Session will be held on Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> beginning with Dinner at 5:00 p.m. and my hope is to get a packet of information out by Friday of Next week, or, at the latest, the following Tuesday. You now have the Audited financials for last Fiscal year and you will further have the unaudited financials for the first 7 months (through January) of this Fiscal Year. In addition, I will develop an agenda of important items/issues to consider and priorities to evaluate. We will also advertise the meeting as a "Special" regular meeting of the Board so that should there be any items requiring action at that time, you will have the ability to do so. One potential for action would be if we have all of the bids in hand for our next year of Health Care coverage, which, as you know is currently on an April 1 through March 30 year rather than in line with our Fiscal Year of July 1 through June 30. We are working to try (with this year's bids) to realign the time-periods to match.
- The Electric Crews were able to fully install all 20 of the 150<sup>th</sup> year Town Anniversary commemorative Banners surrounding the Town Square plaza and at the crossroads of Trade and Dallas-High Shoals earlier this week. A couple have experienced some flaws in workmanship/durability and are being returned to the manufacturer for proper replacement. The permanent display of the lighted flag in remembrance of 9/11 has been moved to a more appropriate location immediately in front of the Fire Station and Chief Lambert is arranging for a new etched stone marker to further enhance it as well.
- The CMAQ (Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality) Grant from the NCDOT which will pay for much of the cost of installing new sidewalk along part of Dallas High Shoals Highway has been moved up -- to be constructed in this next Fiscal Year (2013-2014). As such, we will need to budget the Local match portion, expected to total \$43-\$45,000, in this Budget that we will now begin working on. Much like this year's sidewalk work along Trade St., this project will be administered by NCDOT.
- Town Attorney Hunn has now successfully gotten BB&T to issue a "release" deed for the mortgage-encumbered sliver of property we are acquiring from New South Athletics that will form a portion of the site on which we will be building the new Electric substation. With this release we will now be able to "close" with New South knowing the property will be free and clear of encumbrances or claims. In the meantime, we continue to work through the Duke Energy bureaucracy in order to acquire the remaining property required for the substation site.
- Representatives of Charter Communications and the Town Electric Department jointly inventoried the pole attachments of Charter this week in order to agree on a baseline number for the expected new pole attachment

agreement we are negotiating. The final tally of attachments looks to be around 990, with an additional 20 or so power supply attachments, meaning that, once we finalize the draft terms we have tentatively worked through, we expect to generate approximately \$15,000/year in new revenues (just from the Charter agreement) as a result.

Thank You,

Jim Palenick  
Interim Town Manager