

MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and Board of Aldermen

From: Barry Webb, Interim Town Manager

Re: Weekly Report

Date: July 15, 2016

DAVIS STREET

In follow-up to the discussion at the Board meeting this past Tuesday about making the block of Davis Street between Main and Trade a one-way street, I contacted Gary Spangler at the NCDOT division office in Shelby to see what if any approvals would be needed from their office since the northern end of that block intersects with the signalized intersection of NC 279. I assumed that we would at least need to have their okay for “No Right Turn” or “No Left Turn” signage that would need to be posted on NC 279 and signage on southbound Dallas Stanley Highway indicating only right or left turns allowed at the intersection if this action were to be taken. I received a response from Gary indicating that another individual in his office would need to approve this and that he would forward my request on to that person. I have not received any further information yet, but I will let you know once I hear back from NCDOT with more specific directions.

PEAK SHAVING GENERATOR USE

I received some information this morning from Doug Huffman regarding the use of our peak shaving generator that I thought you would find interesting. Doug indicated that we are now in our third day of utilizing the generator this week and that we were able to catch the peak on Wednesday. We experienced a problem with a burned resister, but a replacement part has been located and will be installed in time to allow us to be back up and running at the peak time today.

PROJECT UPDATES

CMAQ Sidewalk Project

Following the action taken at the Board meeting this past Tuesday to approve a resolution endorsing the revised CMAQ application that combines the two previously submitted CMAQ sidewalk projects into one larger project, this request was reviewed by the MPO’s Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) on Wednesday. The TCC is the staff group that makes recommendations on transportation issues that are to be voted on by the board members of the Gaston-Cleveland-Lincoln MPO. (Martine is our representative to this group.) At this week’s TCC meeting, our latest CMAQ request was unanimously approved and will now be forwarded to the MPO board for its endorsement later this month. Following that, it will then be forwarded to NCDOT for final approval.

Gastonia Sewer Interconnect Project

A meeting between staff from the Town and the City of Gastonia to discuss this project is now scheduled for Tuesday, July 26th. At that meeting, we will be reviewing a revised draft agreement that has been changed from one that only addresses an emergency interconnect to one that would have Gastonia treat all of the

Town's wastewater. I anticipate that we will have details on the agreement and the project to report to you at your meeting scheduled for that same evening.

Trade Street Intersection Improvements Project

As reported at last Tuesday's Board meeting, Tarpon's plan calls for completing its concrete work at the Trade/Holland intersection this week, which is anticipated to include work on Saturday. From there, they are looking to complete their work at the Trade/Gaston intersection by the end of the following week. This could obviously be impacted by any rain/storm events that occur during this period. Following that, the remaining phase of the project involves the crosswalks and the bump-out on Trade Street at the point where the walkway from the new parking lot will join the Trade Street sidewalk.

OUT OF OFFICE

I wanted to let you know that I will be out of the office next Monday-Thursday (July 18-21) for a planned trip to the beach and will be back in the office next Friday (July 22). I will have my cell phone (704-616-7481) with me throughout this time should anyone need to reach me. Messages can also be sent to my personal email, which is bwebb8284@gmail.com. Since I will only be in on Friday next week, I do not anticipate sending out a weekly report that day.