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Good evening Mayor + Council (bcc):

The following updates are a combination of responses to questions asked at the April 4 Council meeting, via emails, status of outstanding/ongoing major projects and legislative items:

- **Burlington PD comparison with Greensboro PD** – See attached Greensboro Burlington comparison data.
- **City's plan for bereavement leave.** Our HR Department is reviewing bereavement leave as a potential employee benefit enhancement for consideration as part of the FY 23-24 budget, including appropriate leave earning schedules and organizational financial impact. The potential leave enhancement will be reviewed as part of the 23-24 budget review process.
- **City's 401k and employee benefits** – See attached deferred compensation sheet.
- **Tentative Work Session schedule topics** – See attached.
- **Chief Thompson's message on combating crime** – See attached.
- **Water and Sewer Expansion**
On Tuesday, March 21, 2023 the extension of water service to the Megasite along Liberty Road was complete. The second line along Hwy 62 is approximately 82%complete utility. With the completion of the first water line extension, the contractor for Toyota has the ability to connect to the line. Growth in this area is part

of our current study for the 421 corridor.

Another area of growth is the area moving toward Highway 61. This takes us close to an annexation line for Burlington. In an effort to assess support for development east and west of this line, we are working with Burlington to develop an approach. A meeting was held on Tuesday March 21, with representatives from Burlington's leadership team to discuss the current annexation boundary and the provision of water and sewer service in the vicinity of HWY 61. Burlington's utility plan calls for an extension of water service down HWY 61S in the future. Sewer service for the property located in the vicinity of 1412 NC HWY 61 S can be provided by Burlington as well, with the sewer ultimately being routed to the connection with Greensboro and included in the flow allocation granted to Burlington through the existing Interlocal agreement. Developers will be instructed to reach out to Burlington to discuss their development plans and timing for the provision of service. Due to topography and location of existing utilities, both departments will continue to work collaboratively on the best approach for sewer utility service between the two western fingers of Lake Mackintosh. Utility service south of 1496 NC HWY 61 S (south of both fingers) can be provided by Burlington and ultimately treated at their South WW plant. We will continue to work with Burlington to assess the area.

The City has had requests from both Sedalia and Pleasant Garden for water and sewer support. In our dialogue, it is understood that the requests are being driven by growth in both residential and economic development opportunities that are resulting effects of our region's economic boom. Before bringing these items to City Council, we are first assessing the requested service capacity, where these requests may be feasible, and where funding may come from to cover costs if allowed. These discussion include Guilford County and considerations for state support. We will provide a full report once these matters have been worked through.

The discussion with Pleasant Garden on the potential extension of utility services continued with a meeting by the Engineering Focus Group on Tuesday March 28. In the meeting Engineering Division staff presented feasibility studies (attached) that included preliminary cost estimates to provide water and sewer service to the towns central business district (CBD) and a potential ED site on Nesbit Road. The Engineering Division will refine the feasibility studies and cost estimates based on priority of service to the sites, feedback from Pleasant Garden staff, and other team members

As we continue to see additional annexation and economic development for Greensboro and our region, we are aware that waste water capacity will need to be expanded. To do this, we will need to strategically invest in additional infrastructure that could reside outside of our current boundaries. As such, the Piedmont Triad

Water Authority, of which we are part of, is establishing a committee to look at this matter and offer potential approaches to resolving this need. We will keep you updated as this exploration continues.

- **Field Operations Service Assessment**

A cross-departmental team with representatives from Field Operations, GDOT, Parks & Recreation, Water Resources, and the Sustainability Office completed their evaluation of the core functions and services housed within Field Operations. With the goal of looking at the department's current structure and how a restructuring/reassignment of resources can be leveraged to provide efficiency gains in the provision of services to the city and community, as well as build better capacity for current service demands and create additional career development opportunities. The team has prepared a primary recommendation along with two alternates for CMO's consideration. A meeting with CMO to review the recommended restructuring will occur the week of 4/10/23

- **Highlighted Development Project Status**

- Downtown Greenway Phase 4 is under final state review with bid opening on June 8, 2023.

- Top Golf Plans/Projects. Various projects, permits and plans have been approved to date.

- Reedy Fork Industrial. In progress and under reviews.

- Greene Street

The preconstruction meeting for Greene Street was held on March 29, 2023 at 9:00 am. The contractor will begin their utility exploration work on Greene Street on April 3 to prepare for the utility installations. Waterline installation and storm installation work will begin on April 17th on Greene Street at the intersection of Bellemeade Street. The roadway improvement portion of the contract will commence after the installation of the utilities. Unfortunately we are still experiencing waterline supply issues due to material shortages. Yates has enough waterline to complete about half of the total length of the Greene Street streetscape project. We are working on other options now to have the remainder of the materials supplied earlier than the shipping date of September. I am also working on options of how to phase the streetscape work to keep the streetscape portion moving in the areas where waterline is available to be installed.

- Bellemeade Street

The large storm installation will be completed this week. They will then begin the

waterline installation on April 3, with an expected completion date of April 17. This work moves much faster than the storm due to several factors. Once the waterline is installed, his concrete subcontractors can begin the actual streetscape work portion of the project. They plan to concentrate on Bellemeade east, and get this portion completed, rather than going back to Eugene now. I do not yet have a timeframe for the completion of this work, but I have requested that information from the contractor.

- **Development Services**

Economic Development's office has reviewed two proposals from marketing firms for development and management of a new economic development website. Additionally, we are meeting with the city's marketing team to coordinate. We expect to have amended proposals for consideration next week.

- **Workforce**

- [Police Chief's 500 Job Initiative](#)

When: Apr. 22, 2023 | 12 – 4 pm

Where: Emerging Workforce Center (301 S. Greene St., Greensboro)

GuilfordWorks and NCWorks NextGen are hosting a hiring event with several employers as a part of the Police Chief's 500 Jobs initiative/program.

- Toyota Update

Hiring assessments began for Facility Maintenance Technician Supervisor positions on 3/29 at the NCWorks Career Center in Greensboro

The 4-5 supervisors hired for these positions will be trained in Japan

Approximately 20 facility maintenance technicians will be recruited beginning June 2023

- Boom Supersonic Update

A workforce discussion was held on 3/29 with Boom Supersonic at the NCWorks Career Center in Greensboro.

The Boom Supersonic Team will be providing GuilfordWorks job descriptions for proposed openings between 2023-2024

GuilfordWorks will set up meetings with educational institutions and will include Workforce Boards within our region, as needed

- **Community Connections Updates**

- **Parks and Recreation**

On December 21, 2021, City Council approved a contract for development of an aquatics master plan (**see attached**) and equity and inclusion assessment for all of

Parks and Recreation aquatic facilities. Consistent with Big Idea recommendations in for “bringing up the basics,” this planning process evaluated existing aquatic infrastructure, considered possibilities for aquatics expansion on other park property, outlines strategies to address future aquatics needs as identified through community engagement, and makes recommendations to meet needs as Greensboro continues to grow.

The attached memo provides a summary of the planning process and proposed recommendations. The draft plan, which can be viewed [here](#), will be released to the public for review and comment during the week of April 10th through April 24th. In late February, Parks and Recreation Commissioners reviewed the plan and offered feedback during small group meetings facilitated by staff. The Commission will consider supporting the plan at its June meeting, which will be held on June 14th beginning at 5 pm at the Greensboro Science Center. The plan will then be presented to City Council for consideration of approval in summer 2023.

Decisions regarding summer 2023 pool operations have not yet been finalized due to ongoing and planned construction at several locations. An update will be shared by mid-May once more specifics are known regarding the progress of necessary maintenance, renovations, and permitting.

- **Transportation**

The Collector and Thoroughfare Plan public review process has closed. Staff received more than 50 comments that are currently being reviewed. The final plan will reflect these public comments and be presented for review and approval by the MPO Transportation Advisory Committee in May. The Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on the plan at their June meeting with final review and approval by City Council in July. Other jurisdictions within the MPO boundary will be invited to consider adoption of the revised plan.

- **Intergovernmental Relations** – Please **see attached** comprehensive list of bills submitted and progress through the assembly.

It is likely that I missed an item or two. Please do not hesitate to reach out for clarification. This will also be posted on the city’s website. We are available to answer questions on specific items of interest.

Have a wonderful long weekend!

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