LEGISLATIVE MEMORANDUM

TO: MAYOR & COUNCIL

FROM: BILLY PEPPERS, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: LCI MASTERPLAN IMPLEMENTATION

DATE: JULY 14, 2016

CC: SUSAN STANTON, CITY CLERK

As discussed at the July 7, 2016 City Council Work Session, I have prepared a proposal for the study of and implementation of items within the recently adopted Livable Centers Initiative Plan Update for the City of Canton including the areas of the historic downtown loop to the River Mill area. In addition, you will be receiving a copy of the final product as prepared by Tunnell-Spangler-Walsh.

The Masterplan outlines key action groups that the City can take to move forward with plan implementation. One option to move the plan forward by the Mayor and Council could be to establish a task master and working groups for each of these six areas. Possible recommendations are below each group in italics:

Those areas include:

- <u>Connections</u> (transportation improvements/changes, pedestrian and cycling improvements and sidewalk projects): Public Works, Engineering, City Council, Outside Consultants
- <u>Public Spaces & the Arts</u> (parks, activities/events, and public arts): Communications & Outreach Staff, Arts Center, Parks Advisory Committee, City Council
- <u>History & Appropriate Development</u> (historic preservation, design review, façade improvements): *Historic Preservation Commission, Cherokee County Historical Society, Planning & Zoning, City Council*
- <u>Economic Growth</u> (branding, signage and outreach): Communications & Outreach Staff, Economic Development, Downtown Businesses, City Council
- River Mill District (preservation, adaptive reuse, code revisions, development guidelines): Owners of the Textile Mill, Community Development, City Council
- <u>Downtown Area</u> (infill/site redevelopment, retail attraction, parking and signage): Economic Development, Community Development, Downtown Property Owners & Developers, City Council

I believe that one option for the Council to consider would be leaving together the LCI Committee that was initially formed and allowing them to oversee the items that need to be reviewed and planned in each of the areas and allow that group to bring action items back to Council.