



Charlotte City Council  
**Intergovernmental  
Relations Committee**  
Meeting Summary for April 18, 2016

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## COMMITTEE AGENDA TOPICS

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- I. **Subject:** **Federal Update – Holland & Knight - Dana Fenton**
- II. **Subject:** **Debrief April 18 Legislative Breakfast – Dana Fenton**
- III. **Subject:** **Trending Topics**
- IV. **Subject:** **Next Meeting**  
**Action:** Monday, May 16 at 12:00 p.m. in Room 280

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## COMMITTEE INFORMATION

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Present: Council Members Ed Driggs (Chair), Kenny Smith, Julie Eiselt, Claire Fallon & James Mitchell

Other: Rich Gold & Shawna Watley – Holland & Knight, Mayor Jennifer Roberts – City of Charlotte, Dana Fenton – Intergovernmental Relations Manager, Randy Harrington - CFO / Director of Management & Financial Services

Time: 12 p.m.

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## ATTACHMENTS

- State Legislative Update
- 2015-2016 Legislative Calendar

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## DISCUSSION HIGHLIGHTS

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### Committee Discussion:

#### I. Federal Update – Holland & Knight & Dana Fenton

Gold: We are in the midst of our April session. We have another couple of weeks before we are out for one week in the beginning of May. We are starting into appropriations season up here even though it doesn't look like the House & Senate are going to have a budget agreement. The other things going on right now is that we have the FAA Authorization bill on the Senate floor. That is the authorizing bill that ensures the funding programs for FAA and obviously the airport so we are watching that closely. That bill should turn out fine. The House version of that bill proposed to take the air traffic control system out of the government and out it in a non-profit. That bill did not have enough support to make it in the House so that idea looks like it is dead. Obviously we are coming up to the point where all we will be working on pretty much is appropriations bills most likely for a big chunk of May and June. The Senate will supposedly be taking the transits appropriations bill up which obviously will be critical funding for transit and other priorities that the City has in the next couple of weeks so we will let you know about that as we move forward. Shawna, do you want to update them on City specific stuff?

Watley: The only thing we have for today is that I had a brief conversation with Congresswoman Adams' chief of staff last week and they are on board with sending up a support letter for your Tiger Grant. They also offered to call if need be so they are on top of that. Lisa has been in touch with Senator Burr & Tillis' offices and Representatives Hudson and Pittenger's offices providing their letters of support for Tiger so we are on track and even if they come in a little bit after you submitted the application that's fine there is no problem there. We will continue to keep you posted and we feel very good about support for your project.

Driggs: If the budget process completely falls apart do you have to go to CR sequester? What happens?

Gold: It is really going to come down to the budget process will at the end of the day be completed after the presidential election regardless. It is really going to depend on who the next president is and how they want to handle it and they will communicate that to President Obama and he will likely follow their wishes so the most likely outcome will be that they do an ominous bill after the election because the new president whoever they are isn't likely to want to deal with last year's budget things on January 21<sup>st</sup> of 2017. They will want to start out on their agenda and that's typically the case. The fallback alternative will be a yearlong CR that keeps spending at the same levels as was the case in fiscal 2016. Congress has really been trying to avoid the yearlong CR's with some success the last few year so that really is less likely, maybe a ten or twenty percent chance.

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Driggs: OK Thank you.

## **II. April 18 Legislative Briefing – Dana Fenton**

Eiselt: In regards to our visits to Raleigh is this just for us to talk to our own delegates or for instance can I set up to meet with committee meetings on specific justice issues

Driggs: I would say if we have interests in Charlotte anything we can do to widen the conversation would be helpful

Mitchell: Mr.Chairman, excellent suggestion. It's a great idea to reach out to those who match our committees here. I thought we did a great job recognizing those who were retiring. I think we can go a step further by giving them a token of appreciation in December or maybe we can do it at a Council meeting to really thank those who served on the delegation.

Driggs: The other thing Dana is that I expect Senator Brawley will be presenting in greater detail about the funding that he talked about today but it sounded like good news for us. I just want to keep an eye on that

Fenton: I will continue doing that. I think we are all sitting here with eyes wide open but we will try to get the information in the next few days and again I think it is going to be released later this week. I have something else I want to bring to your attention. Representative Jeter is currently drafting a legislation for the short session. He wanted to check on two things regarding the City's vote on the I-77 Hot Lanes contract a few months ago. He is asking did you vote to support managed lanes on the I-77 project and what is the percentage of your municipalities weighted vote in the CRTPO? Those are questions that he has posed to Council member Lyles. She is getting the information that she had from before. Just so you know the City's weighted vote at CRTPO is forty six percent. Our share of the population is fifty eight percent so our voting is already geared to keep us from having complete control.

Driggs: The majority of the other votes went the same way we did. It was pretty conclusive. Does he have a proposal as to what he thinks the representation of Charlotte should be?

Fenton: No. In fact he didn't actually say he was going to legislation along these lines so he didn't have a proposal

Driggs: Ok well keep us posted on that. Can you please give us a copy of the response from CM Lyles? I would like to see that. Ok thank you. Motion to adjourn please.

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### **III. Trending / Upcoming Topics**

N/A

*Action:* Next meeting will take place on Monday, May 16, 2016 at 12 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:41 p.m. ~ jcs

# **Intergovernmental Relations Committee**

Monday, April 18, 2016 at 12:00 noon  
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center  
Room 280

Committee Members: Ed Driggs, Chair  
James Mitchell, Vice Chair  
Julie Eiselt  
Claire Fallon  
Kenny Smith

Staff Resource: Ron Kimble

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## **Attachment:**

- Legislative Calendar

Distribution: Mayor/City Council  
Ron Carlee  
City Manager's Executive Team  
Bob Hagemann  
Stephanie Kelly

## **City of Charlotte 2015-2016 Legislative Calendar**

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September 21, 2015	Intergovernmental Relations Committee
October 11-13, 2015	NC League of Municipalities Annual Meeting, Winston-Salem
October 19, 2015	Intergovernmental Relations Committee
November 4-8, 2015	National League of Cities Congress of Cities, Nashville
November 9, 2015	Brief Council on proposed 2016 Federal Legislative Agenda
November 12-13, 2015	Metro Mayors Coalition Meeting,
November 23, 2015	Council consideration of proposed 2016 Federal Legislative Agenda
January 3, 2016	US Congress convenes
January 19, 2016	Intergovernmental Relations Committee
January 20-22, 2016	US Conference of Mayors Winter Meeting, Washington, DC
February 15, 2016	Intergovernmental Relations Committee
March 2, 2016	NC Metropolitan Mayors Coalition Winter Meeting, Rocky Mount
March 5-9, 2016	National League of Cities Congressional City Conference, Washington, DC
March 21, 2016	Intergovernmental Relations Committee
March 28, 2016	Brief Council on changes to 2015-2016 State Legislative Agenda
April 11, 2016	Council consideration of amended 2015-2016 State Legislative Agenda
April 18, 2016	2016 Legislative Briefing with State Delegation
April 18, 2016	Intergovernmental Relations Committee
April 25, 2016	2016 “Short” Session Starts
April 26, 2016	Mayor & Council to Raleigh
May 4, 2016	Mayor & Council to Raleigh
May 16, 2016	Intergovernmental Relations Committee
May 18, 2016	Mayor & Council to Raleigh
June 1, 2016	Mayor & Council to Raleigh
June 8, 2016	NC League of Municipalities Town Hall Day, Raleigh
June 20, 2016	Intergovernmental Relations Committee
June 29, 2016	Mayor & Council to Raleigh

