

Intergovernmental Relations Committee

Monday, June 20, 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

I. State Update – Dana Fenton

- Presentation attached

II. 2017-2018 Session Preview – Dana Fenton

- Presentation attached

III. Trending Topics

Next Meeting:

- Committee Meeting, September 19, 2016, 12:00 noon, Room 280

Attachment:

- Legislative Calendar

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



State Legislative Update

Intergovernmental Relations Committee

June 20, 2016

- Breaking legislation
- State Budget
- Specific legislation
- June 29 Mayor & Council Trip to Raleigh:
 - Mayor Roberts
 - Mayor Pro Tem Lyles
 - Councilmember Phipps
 - Councilmember Driggs

- Amend Environmental & Other Laws
 - ***HB 593 (McElraft) reported from Senate Agriculture, next Senate Finance***
 - Prohibits cities from charging fees for activities in City rights-of-way to utilities to recoup city's management expenses related to those activities
 - City charged fees approach \$1.1 million per year
- Land Use Regulatory Changes
 - ***HB 483 (Jordan) in Senate Judiciary I***
 - Incentivizes land use litigation
 - Undermines performance guarantee process
 - Taxpayers will face higher costs for litigation and repairing substandard infrastructure

- Performance Guarantees/Subdivision Streets
 - ***SB 778 passed House and sent to Senate for concurrence***
 - Shifts responsibility for designing/funding school ingress/egress to State/local rights-of-way to NCDOT
 - Questions as to whether sidewalks, left turn lanes, traffic signals would be funded
- Regulatory Reform Act of 2016
 - ***SB 303 (Barefoot) passed House and sent to Senate for concurrence***
 - Section 2.6: Statute of limitations / land-use violators
 - More difficult to enforce ongoing land use violations
 - If six year time period runs its course, then the violator faces no consequences for their actions

- 2016 Appropriations Act
 - ***HB 1030 (Dollar) is still in conference***
 - House calls for “clean repeal” of the light rail cap; Senate adds language limiting state participation in commuter rail, intercity rail, and light rail projects to 10% of project costs
 - Senate repeals key plank of 2015 sales tax redistribution compromise that contributed \$17.6 million annually from State coffers
 - Senate and House phase-in increase of personal income tax standard deduction from \$15,500 to \$17,500 but over different time frame; House – 4 yrs, Senate 2 – yrs

- Constitutional Amendment – Income Tax
 - ***Senate Finance reported SB 817 (Rucho)***
 - Lowers maximum income tax rate from 10% to 5.5%
 - November 8, 2016 general election
- House Bill 2
 - ***No action on any of these measures***
 - HB 946 (Jackson) / SB 784 (Van Duyn) repeals HB 2
 - HB 1078 (Sgro) and HB 1118 (W. Richardson) amend HB 2

- Economic Development Changes and Study
 - ***No action on HB 1029 (S. Martin) / SB 810 (Brown)***
 - Study of statewide economic development needs emphasizing rural needs
- Eliminate Use of Development Tiers
 - ***No action on HB 1082 (Davis) / SB 844 (Hise)***
 - Replacement of development tier system
- Prosperity & Economic Opportunity for All NC Act:
 - ***No action on HB 1090 (S. Martin) / SB 826 (Gunn)***
 - Focus on rural development

- Regulatory Reduction Act of 2016
 - ***HB 169 (Hager) passed Senate and sent back to House for concurrence***
 - Repeals recycling requirements for electronics and the fee that manufacturers pay for recycling activities
 - US EPA found that electronics can be safely disposed of in municipal solid waste landfills

- Terminate Agreement for Tolling of I-77
 - ***HB 954 (Jeter) passed House***
- Repeal Light Rail Funding Cap
 - HB 988 (Torbett) / SB 857 (McKissick)
 - ***HB 988 passed House***
 - ***HB 988 language budget proposals (HB 1030)***
- Distribution of Highway Use Tax and Fees
 - ***No action on SB 798 (Rabon)***
 - Redirects State General Fund revenues to State Highway Fund for port and airport improvements

- Body-Worn & Dashboard Cameras
 - ***HB 972 (Faircloth) reported from House Judiciary II; next stop is House Finance***
 - Provides discretion to the head law enforcement officer (i.e. Chief of Police) as to whether recordings are released
- Local Gov't Immigration Compliance
 - ***No action on SB 868 (Sanderson)***
 - Repeals 2015 law allowing law enforcement to use privately issued identity documents for identification purposes
 - Requires Powell Bill funds to be forfeited if city found in violation of State immigration laws



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2017-2018 Session Preview

Intergovernmental Relations Committee

June 20, 2016

- NC General Assembly and US Congress will convene their upcoming sessions in January 2017
 - US Congress meets for 115th Session
 - NC General Assembly meets for 2017 Regular Session
- City Council will be adopting 2017 – 2018 legislative agendas
- Review process for adoption of 2017 – 2018 legislative agendas and upcoming calendar

Issue Identification Process

- City Department process
 - Departments will be asked to identify legislative issues needing resolution in upcoming sessions
 - City Manager’s Office vets issues
 - Issues will be ready for review by Intergovernmental Relations Committee at its September 19 meeting
- Mayor and Council
 - Members can ask for issues to be considered for the Agendas by requesting these issues to be directed to the Committee during “Mayor & City Council Topics” portion of City Council meetings
 - Staff will work with members to prepare their issues to be reviewed by the Committee on September 19

- September 19 Committee Meeting
 - Issues presented to Committee
 - Committee members will have opportunity to ask questions, request further information, etc.
- October 17 Committee Meeting
 - Proposed 2017-2018 State & Federal Legislative Agendas will be presented
 - Seek Committee approval

- November 14 City Council Meeting
 - Committee Chair and Staff present 2017-2018 State & Federal Legislative Agendas
 - Presentation is normally made during “Dinner Briefing” portion of the City Council meeting
 - Provides opportunity for Mayor and Council to ask questions, request further information, etc.
- November 28 City Council Meeting
 - Adoption of the 2017-2018 State & Federal Legislative Agendas will be on the “Policy” portion of the City Council meeting

- State Delegation Briefing
 - Date TBD
 - Work through Delegation Co-Chairs to schedule
- Federal Delegation Briefing
 - March 11-17, 2017
 - National League of Cities Congressional City Conference
- Reporting
 - Weekly reports
 - Monthly Committee meetings

- Second Year of Sessions
 - US Congress typically has abbreviated session
 - NC General Assembly meets for its “short” session
 - Second year not conducive to new policy initiatives
- Amendments to Agendas (Fall 2017)
 - Focus upon needed changes in 2018
 - Any amendments will be presented to Committee for consideration, and then to Council
 - Staff strongly supports holding briefings with State & Federal elected officials in the second year



Legislative Calendar

Date	Event
September 19	Committee meets (Review legislative requests)
October 17	Committee meets (Approve proposed 2017-2018 Agendas)
October 22 – 25	NC League of Municipalities Annual Meeting, Raleigh
November 14	Brief Council on proposed 2017-2018 State & Federal Agendas
November 16 – 19	NLC City Summit, Pittsburgh, PA
November 21	Committee meets
November 28	Council approves 2017-2018 State & Federal Agendas
TBD	State Legislative Briefing with Mecklenburg Delegation
December 19	Committee meets
January 3, 2017	115 th US Congress convenes
January 11	NC General Assembly Organizational Session
January 17 – 19	US Conference of Mayors, Washington DC
February 1	NC General Assembly reconvenes for Regular Session
March 11 – 17	NLC Congressional City Conference, Washington, DC

City of Charlotte 2015-2016 Legislative Calendar

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