



Charlotte City Council
**Intergovernmental
Relations Committee**
Meeting Summary for January 19, 2016

COMMITTEE AGENDA TOPICS

- I. **Subject:** Federal Update – Holland & Knight & Dana Fenton
- II. **Subject:** 2016 “Short” Session – Dana Fenton
- III. **Subject:** Legislative Calendar
- IV. **Subject:** Trending Topics
- VI. **Subject:** Next Meeting
Action: Monday, February 15 at 12:00 p.m. in Room 280

COMMITTEE INFORMATION

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

Other: Rich Gold & Shawna Watley – Holland & Knight, Ron Carlee – City Manager, Ron Kimble – Deputy City Manager, Dana Fenton – Intergovernmental Relations Manager

Time: 1:30 p.m.

ATTACHMENTS

- Federal Update
- 2016 “Short” Session
- 2016 Intergovernmental Relations Committee Meeting Schedule
- 2015-2016 Legislative Calendar

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DISCUSSION HIGHLIGHTS

Committee Discussion:

I. Federal Update – Holland & Knight & Dana Fenton

Gold: Being an election year, members are pining to be back home for district work periods so that they can do some campaigning. So the calendar this year reflects every month there is a week-long recess and for months where there are holidays there is an extra week of recess. We really haven't started doing much yet. The Senate is coming in and we will probably look at a vote for Syrian refugees this week and then may move on to an Energy Bill next week. The House is out and we don't know where they are starting just yet. In terms of the 10,000 foot level for this year because the Party conventions have been bumped up to July this year basically everyone is presuming that we will only be here in DC until late June. So it's a very short session of Congress in that sense with the caveat that of course we will leave a lot of work to be done in the late duck session after the election and principally there folks are already focusing on the fact that we have to ratify and pass implementing legislation for the Transpacific Partnership Treaty which is currently pending or will be pending soon before Congress. We will probably have to finish up our budget and appropriations measures because we never finish them on time. So it could be a busy November, December after the election but we will have a big gap between July and November with not much going on here. What that means though is that everything is going to be pushed way up front this year. That means both in Congress as well as in the Executive branch in terms of federal grant making. So Congress is going to get started really early. The President will propose his budget to the Hill on February 9th and of course that will be under the second year of the budget agreement that we just negotiated. So we will have an additional thirty billion dollars that that particular budget will allocate from the agreement that the President cut with Capitol Hill last year. So the appropriations process will start in earnest right after we get back from President's Day recess. We are expecting the House Appropriations Committee to start marking up bills as early as early April most likely. That is a month to six weeks earlier than we would normally see them with the goal that at least the House and Senate would move through Committee all of their appropriations measures before the parties leave for their conventions in July and they will set out to finish the process after the election in November. Why is that important for you all? Obviously we are going to have a number of things in the budget that we are going to care about in terms of transportation and other priorities that we are going to want to make sure that we are tracking and wanting to get done. We will be talking about those things when you come up for NLC and we will be talking to the Delegation about them as well as the Executive Branch. Another thing we will be watching and working with City staff on is additional funding outside of the main priorities that we can focus on. What questions can I answer?

Mitchell: Our meeting on the Hill will be March 9th during the NLC?

Gold: Shawna (Watley) will touch on that with you but any input you have in terms of how we

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have run things in previous years will be helpful

Watley: So typically we would meet either the Tuesday or Wednesday when it's ideal to meet with members. We just need to look at your schedules but that would be the goal to do it either the 8th or the 9th.

Mitchell: I think the 8th would work better. The NLC has a lot of Council members on the Hill on the 9th so I would prefer if we could make it the 8th.

Driggs: Is that it you guys?

Mitchell: Shawna and Rich I heard you plainly about the President wanting to get money appropriated so it might be some things from Public Safety or from Housing from our City Council Retreat that we would like to have you look at. Dana, what is the best vehicle to make sure that takes place?

Fenton: For all the Federal grants we receive notices that they are available for application. We get those notices out there to all departments and to their managers. I know departments especially in Public Safety are very aggressive.

Driggs: Is the Smart Starts money or Gold Line money now done or is that still subject to a vote?

Fenton: The Phase 2 of the Gold Line?

Driggs: Yes

Fenton: Seventy Five million dollars was appropriated and that was the amount we requested so it is through that process. There is another process with the Federal Transit administration that we have to go through to get the Small Starts grant agreement signed and hopefully that will be done in the next few months

Driggs: But that is more procedural than a decision

Fenton: There is in there a notification period that MTA has to notify the Congress that they are about to enter into the agreement with the City

Carlee: It is the actual substantive contracting part of how it is done. All of our paperwork is in and we are in communication with them. Based on conversation with them we are hoping and expecting late March will be our best scenario probably sometime in April just getting things through the FAA process

Smith: Do they release the seventy five million at one time or is it like a work order where we submit receipts and they send it in?

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Carlee: It is a funding commitment that has milestones and conditions. It is not just paid out.

Driggs: Well if there are no other questions, thank you Rich and Shawna and talk to you soon.

Fenton: I have a few slides about the Federal Update that I would like to share with the committee (Please see attached presentation for full detail). I want to review the 2015 and 2016 Legislative agenda as well as the National league of Cities. Good news is that the Federal Aviation Administration awarded the contract on Thursday to start construction on the Tower and looking at commission the tower in 2020.

Driggs: So we are no longer holding on to the ideas that we would be able to move it up?

Fenton: We tried

Driggs: Well the good news is that we are on the original schedule and we are moving ahead

Fenton: We got as firm a schedule as we could get

Smith: How does this position the fourth parallel runway? Do we need this fully operational before we can put the paperwork in order to then move down that path?

Carlee: The planning around fourth parallel can advance but this has to be done

JULIE EISELT ENTERS THE MEETING

Carlee: There was the question about appropriations about outfitting the tower. Do you have an update on that?

Fenton: We have been told by the FAA that they could do the construction. The outfitting of the tower we don't know if they actually have that money appropriated and that is something that we are going to have to watch.

Driggs: In terms of what we are actually asking them to do regarding the Airport Control Tower it sounds like we have them on track and all they need to do is not backslide. For the Applied Innovation Corridor, will we have any specific grants that we could talk to Congress about by the time we see them?

Fenton: We will be talking to different agencies, probably the Department of Congress and the Department of Labor to see what type of grants they may have available. That's something that we will do occasionally.

Kimble: I think it is incumbent on us as an organization of Council and staff to put a little bit more vision to what the Applied Innovation Corridor is, to talk about the partnerships that are potentially out there in the private, non-profit, university and government sectors- local and state

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government. We are meeting with all of you in the last few days to start talking about the North End Smart District. We need a new name for this because the Applied Innovative Corridor doesn't really describe it or show its geography like the North End Smart District might. So we will be talking to you and having you work with us to determine how that vision looks moving forward and that will be key to accessing federal resources.

II. 2016 'Short' Session – Dana Fenton

Fenton: I just wanted to bring you up to date about some things that are going on in Raleigh and what we will be looking at this coming year. In the last session there were six things in your legislative agenda and four of the initiatives became law. They were the Civil Service Board, Firefighters' Retirement System, Gang Nuisance Abatement Act and the Special Assessments / Infrastructure. The Stormwater Management Act was carried over. We didn't take any action on the Replacement Revenue / Privilege License Tax. The Short Session starts on April 25th at 7 pm. July 4th is a traditional date targeted for adjournment and that might actually happen given the scheduled conventions that will follow.

Driggs: I'd like to discuss member engagement. It is a particular priority of mine to try to get more of us in meetings with members of our delegation. So there is a schedule of dates for trips for our members of Council. I hope members in this committee particularly focus on participating and going to Raleigh and engaging with members of the delegation.

III. Legislative Calendar – Dana Fenton

Fenton: We have made a few changes to the calendar. This year we have added dates for the Mayor and Council to travel to Raleigh. This year we have tied those around all of your budget work sessions so that you will not miss one. Most days we have chosen are Wednesdays because it seems that is the day most people would make it up to Raleigh during the week. We have also changed the date of this meeting to the 3rd Monday as opposed to the 1st Monday.

Driggs: We will basically make it our business to ensure that on our Mayor & Council Raleigh dates that we will try to attend when we can.

IV. Trending Topics

The Intergovernmental Relations Committee meeting has been changed to the 3rd Monday of each month at noon.

Action: Next meeting will take place on Monday, February 15, 2016 at 12 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:33 p.m. ~ jcs

Intergovernmental Relations Committee

Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at 1:30 p.m.
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. Federal Update – Holland & Knight and Dana Fenton**
 - **Presentation attached**
- II. 2016 “Short” Session – Dana Fenton**
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- III. Legislative Calendar – Dana Fenton**
 - **Attached**
- IV. Trending Topics**

Next Meeting:

- February 15, 2016, 12:00 pm, Room 280

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



Federal Update

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Overview

- Final Report: 2015 Federal Legislative Agenda
- 2016 Federal Legislative Agenda
- National League of Cities



Final Report: 2015 Federal Legislative Agenda

- ✓ Airport Control Tower:
 - Design work is complete
 - Funding is allocated for construction
 - Federal Aviation Administration informed Airport that construction contract will be awarded in 2nd quarter of federal FY 2016
 - Commissioning in late 2019 / early 2020
- Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership
 - Led by Centralina Council of Governments
 - Region did not secure "Manufacturing Community" designation
 - Congress has not enabled the program



Final Report: 2015 Federal Legislative Agenda (cont.)

- ✓ Surface Transportation Program
 - Congress passed long term, surface transportation program reauthorization bill
 - Expires September 30, 2020
 - \$300 billion over 5 years for highways, rail and transit
- ✓ 2030 Transit System Plan
 - Funding for LYNX Blue Line appropriated
 - Funding for CityLYNX Gold Line Phase 2 appropriated
 - TIGER grant for Charlotte Gateway Station



2016 Federal Legislative Agenda

- Airport Control Tower:
 - Continue working with Congress and the Administration to commission the new Tower
- Applied Innovation Corridor:
 - Explore partnerships with the private and not-for-profit sectors and colleges and universities in identifying and securing federal resources for the development of the Applied Innovation Corridor
- 2030 Transit System Plan:
 - Continue working with Congress and the Administration to secure federal resources for the build-out of the 2030 Transit Corridor System Plan



National League of Cities

- March 5 – 9, Washington, DC
- Schedule time with our US Senators for Mayor and Council to brief them on City's legislative priorities
- Since US House will be in recess, House Members will be in their districts
 - Schedule in-district meetings with Members
- More discussion on February 15



2016 "Short" Session

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Overview

- 2015-2016 State Legislative Agenda
- 2016 "Short" Session
- Emerging Issues (2016 and beyond)
- Member Engagement
- 2016 Focus



2015-2016 State Legislative Agenda

- Four initiatives enacted into law:
 - ✓ Civil Service Board (HB 70 – Bishop)
 - ✓ Firefighters’ Retirement System (HB 143 – Bishop)
 - ✓ Gang Nuisance Abatement (SB 60 – Bingham)
 - ✓ Special Assessments / Infrastructure (SB 284 – Hartsell)
- One initiative advanced from House to Senate:
 - ✓ Stormwater Management (HB 141 – Jeter)
- General Assembly did not take action:
 - Replacement Revenue / Privilege License Tax



2016 “Short” Session

- Convenes April 25th @ 7:00 pm
- Expected length of session:
 - July 4th is traditional date targeted for adjournment
 - National party conventions:
 - Republican: July 18 – 21
 - Democrat: July 25 – 28
- Legislators can consider limited set of bills:
 - “Carryover” bills from 2015 long session
 - Local bills with unanimous support of Delegation
 - Revenue and appropriation measures
 - Full list found in adjournment resolution (SR 721)



Emerging Issues (2016 and beyond)

- Transportation
 - Managed Lanes
 - Strategic Transportation Investments formula
 - State-aid for local streets (Powell Bill)
 - Light Rail Cap
- Economic Development
 - Recommendation to replace development tier system used for business incentive grants
- Sales Tax Redistribution
 - Second verse, same as the first



Member Engagement

- 2015 Long Session:
 - Mayor/Council trips to Raleigh
 - Excellent response from Delegation members
 - Hometown meetings:
 - Joint Delegation – Council meeting
 - Charlotte CoC Quarterly Elected Officials meetings
 - Councilmember Townhall & District meetings
- 2016 Short Session:
 - Enhance Mayor/Council trips to Raleigh
 - Targeted engagement (i.e. legislative leaders)
 - Call upon Council focus area committee chairs
 - Enhance the hometown meetings
 - Delegation member/Council member engagement



Member Engagement (cont.)

- Mayor & Council to Raleigh:
 - Wednesday, April 27
 - Wednesday, May 4
 - Wednesday, May 18
 - Wednesday, June 1
 - Wednesday, June 8 (NCLM Town Hall Day)
 - Wednesday, June 29
- Charlotte CoC Quarterly Elected Officials:
 - March
 - June
 - September
 - December



2016 Focus

- Continue implementing the 2015-2016 State Legislative Agenda
- Emerging Issues
- Member Engagement

		Calendar	
Date	Event		
February 15	Intergovernmental Relations Committee meets		
February 22	Brief Council / Needed Changes to 2015-2016 State Agenda		
March 14	Council Consideration / Needed Changes to 2015-2016 State Agenda		
March 21	Intergovernmental Relations Committee meets		
TBD	Joint Delegation – Council Meeting		
April 18	Intergovernmental Relations Committee meets		
April 25	2016 Short Session starts		
April 27	Mayor & Council to Raleigh		
May 4	Mayor & Council to Raleigh		
May 16	Intergovernmental Relations Committee meets		
May 18	Mayor & Council to Raleigh		
June 1	Mayor & Council to Raleigh		
June 8	NC League of Municipalities Town Hall Day		
June 20	Intergovernmental Relations Committee meets		
June 29	Mayor & Council to Raleigh		

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
February 22, 2016	Brief Council on proposed 2016 State Legislative Agenda
March 5-9, 2016	National League of Cities Congressional City Conference, Washington, DC
March 14, 2016	Council consideration of proposed 2016 State Legislative Agenda
March 21, 2016	Intergovernmental Relations Committee
TBD	Joint Meeting with State Delegation
April 18, 2016	Intergovernmental Relations Committee
April 25, 2016	2016 "Short" Session Starts
April 27, 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