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Charlotte City Council

Governmental Affairs Committee

Meeting Summary for September 12, 2011

COMMITTEE AGENDA TOPICS

I. **Subject:** **Federal Update**
Action: None.

II. **Subject:** **State Update**
Action: None.

V. **Subject:** **Hot Topics**
Action: None.

VI. **Subject:** **Next Meeting**
Action: Monday, October 3, at 4:00pm in Room 280

COMMITTEE INFORMATION

Present: Nancy Carter, Andy Dulin and Patrick Cannon
Absent: Warren Turner
Time: Noon – 2:30pm

ATTACHMENTS

1. Agenda Package
2. Handouts

DISCUSSION HIGHLIGHTS

Committee Discussion:

Council member Carter welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked those in attendance to introduce themselves.

I. Federal Update

Holland & Knight
Representatives of Holland & Knight were in attendance at the meeting; Rich Gold, Jeff Boothe and Lisa Tofil.

The representatives from Holland and Knight stated that the climate we are in now is very challenging and that some of the Appropriation Bills may have a significant impact on the City of Charlotte. Recommendations from Super Committee due November 23. In the FY12 funding priorities, we have a fair amount of funding under our belt in terms of $220 million in Total Directives Federal Appropriations. The Environment has changed and now focusing on authorized projects like Light Rail, as well as, grant funding opportunities for bigger programs and projects which are the new earmarks. Blue Line still in the budget as well as Broad Band Grant. There is very strong support for Blue Line from delegation. If Bill doesn't pass, Medicare and Defense funding will be hit the hardest. Transit funding is generous despite climate, but not enough, perhaps will see a gas tax increase included at the back end of bill. Possible 30-35% reduction in highway and transit spending. Transit Authorization Bill will expire on September 30th. No indication of on what House will do, however, we will not be able to make it thru next fiscal year at current spending level. The NLC should take the lead on spotlighting the City's needs.

II. Review Proposed 2012 State and Federal Legislative Calendar(Handout)

Tentative 2012 Legislative Calendar

GAC 2012 meeting dates resume first Monday of every month (any exceptions will be noted)

GAC meeting dates need to be approved by Committee

III. 2012 Emerging Federal Issues (Handout)

Blue Line Extension

-FY 2012 Grant Request – Need Delegations help

-Prior to Execution in late 2012 (September or October), proposed Federal Full Funding Grant Agreement will be reviewed by four Congressional Committees for up to 60 days: House Transportation & Infrastructure, Transportation subcommittee of House Appropriations, Senate Banking, Housing & Urban Affairs and Transportation Subcommittee of Senate Appropriations

EPA Stormwater Rulemaking

-Need to be brought to Delegation's attention

-Draft rules expected to be released December 2, 2011

-Rules expected to be finalized for November 2012 implementation, may have impact on Private Sector as well

-Goals: Post-constructions standards should not unintentionally direct development to "greenfield" sites and Post-construction standards should be "outcome" oriented

-Possibly refer to Environmental Committee

Surface Transportation Reauthorization

-The program expired in September 2009, 7th temporary extension expires September 30th. Federal gas tax also expires on September 30th.

-Transportation has made the City into the powerhouse we've become and more robust federal resources are needed. A sustainable and reliable funding from dedicated sources of revenue are needed such as from a gas tax

-Federal Government has resisted tolling current freeways or highways, but perhaps will reconsider to generate much needed income.

Grant Opportunities

-Job Training, Job Creation, Small Business, Community Oriented Policing Services and Gang Intervention. Should we ask for more funding?

-Give members of Council a greater ownership in this program

-Continued support of Delegation is needed.

-What would be appropriate to focus on in this program?

IV. Hot Topics - None

V. <u>Next Meeting</u>

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2012 State and Federal Legislative Calendar
Approved by Government Affairs Committee on September 12

August 19, 2011	KBU issues proposed for inclusion in 2012 Federal Legislative Agenda due to Intergovernmental Relations Manager
August 24, 2011	City Managers Leadership Team reviews 2012 federal legislative requests
September 12, 2011	12 Noon - Government Affairs Committee (GAC) considers proposed 2012 legislative calendar, receives briefing from Holland & Knight on 2012 Congress and reviews 2012 federal legislative issues
September 12, 2011	5:00 p.m. - Holland & Knight provides Federal Legislative Update to City Council at Dinner Briefing
September 28, 2011	City Managers Leadership Team reviews proposed 2012 Federal Legislative Agenda for GAC consideration
October 3, 2011	GAC Meeting: Recommend 2012 Federal Legislative Agenda for Council consideration
October 16-19, 2011	Rail-Volution 2011 Conference, Washington, D.C.
October 23-25, 2011	NCLM Annual Meeting, Raleigh
November 9-12, 2011	National League of Cities Congress of Cities, Phoenix, AZ
November 14, 2011	KBU issues proposed for inclusion in 2012 State Legislative Agenda due to Intergovernmental Relations Manager
November 14, 2011	12 Noon - GAC Meeting: Preview Dinner Briefing to Council
November 14, 2011	5:00 p.m. - Council briefing on GAC Recommended 2012 Federal Legislative Agenda
November 23, 2011	City Managers Leadership Team reviews 2012 State legislative requests
November 28, 2011	Council consideration of GAC recommended 2012 Federal Legislative Agenda
December 1-2, 2011	Metro Mayors Conference, Charlotte

January 2, 2012*	GAC Meeting: Review 2012 State Legislative Issues
January 4, 2012	US Congress convenes
January 18-20, 2012	US Conference of Mayors Winter Meeting, Washington, DC (may be timed with visits with Congressional Delegation to review the 2012 Federal Legislative Agenda)
January 25, 2012	City Managers Leadership Team reviews Proposed 2012 State Legislative Agenda for GAC consideration
February 6, 2012*	GAC Meeting: Review proposed 2012 State Legislative Agenda
February 2012**	Streetcar Summit, Washington, D.C.
February 22, 2012	City Managers Leadership Team reviews 2012 State Legislative Agenda for GAC consideration
March 5, 2012*	GAC Meeting: Recommend 2012 State Legislative Agenda for Council consideration
March 10-12, 2012	NLC Congressional City Conference, Washington, DC (includes visits with Congressional Delegation to review the 2012 Federal Legislative Agenda)
March 19, 2012	Council briefing on GAC recommended 2012 State Legislative Agenda
April 2, 2012*	4:00 p.m. - GAC Meeting
April 2, 2012	5:00 p.m. - Council consideration of 2012 State Legislative Agenda
April 2012**	State Legislative Delegation Breakfast
May 7, 2012*	GAC Meeting
May 9, 2012	2012 North Carolina General Assembly convenes
June 4, 2012*	GAC Meeting
June 2012**	2012 NCLM Town Hall Day, Raleigh

"*" GAC 2012 meeting dates assume first Monday of every month
"**" Date to be determined