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WEEK IN REVIEW:

Mon (Jan. 12)	Tues (Jan. 13)	Wed (Jan. 14)	Thurs (Jan. 15)	Fri (Jan. 16)
2:00 PM Retreat Planning Committee, 15 th Fl. Large Conf. Rm. 3:30 PM Transportation and Planning Committee, Room 280 5:00 PM Council Business Meeting, Room 267	10:00 AM Mayor’s State of the City Address, Meeting Chamber	12:00 PM Housing & Neighborhood Development Committee, Room 280 2:00 PM Environment Committee, Room 280	11:30 AM Budget Committee, Room CH-14 1:00 PM Economic Development and Global Competitiveness Committee, Room CH-14	

CALENDAR DETAILS:

Monday, January 12

- 2:00 PM Retreat Planning Committee, 15th Floor Large Conference Room
AGENDA: Proposed location; draft retreat agenda; tour discussion
- 3:30 PM Transportation & Planning Committee, Room 280
AGENDA: University City area plan; Walkability scan and Charlotte WALKS; 2015 committee meeting schedule and future topics
- 5:00 PM Council Business Meeting, Room 267

Tuesday, January 13

- 10:00 AM Mayor's State of the City Address, Meeting Chamber

Wednesday, January 14

- 12:00 PM Housing & Neighborhood Development Committee, Room 280
AGENDA: Quality of life update; Gentrification update; 2015 committee meeting schedule
- 2:00 PM Environment Committee, Room 280
AGENDA: Clean diesel for construction; Storm water stakeholder update; 2015 committee meeting schedule

Thursday, January 15

- 11:30 AM Budget Committee, Room CH-14
AGENDA: FY16 Proposed budget workshop topics; Review budget and financial condition indicators; Preliminary operating budget cost drivers; Plan for presenting utility rate options
- 1:00 PM Economic Development & Global Competitiveness Committee, Room CH-14
AGENDA: Amateur sports development at Bojangles Coliseum/Ovens Auditorium

January and February calendars are attached.



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AGENDA NOTES:

Agenda Item #4 – Fiscal Year 2014 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and External Audit

Staff Resource: Randy Harrington, Finance, 704-336-5013, rharrington@charlottenc.gov

The fiscal year 2014 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) is included in Council's mail packets for information and review. A formal presentation of these financial statements will be made during this Monday's City Council Meeting. The presentation will be made by CFO Randy Harrington, Robert Campbell and Teresa Smith from Finance, and the external auditor, Eddie Burke from Cherry Bekaert LLP. The report will also be available online at <http://charmeck.org/city/charlotte/Finance> following the presentation.

Agenda Item #16 – Civil Service Board Legislative Request

Staff Resources: Dana Fenton, City Manager's Office, 704-336-2009, dfenton@charlottenc.gov

The Intergovernmental Relations Committee met on January 5 and took action to recommend to Council that the City's legislative request to increase the size of the Civil Service Board be modified to authorize the City Council, in its discretion, to increase the size of the Board from nine to eleven members without having to go back to the General Assembly. Agenda Item #16 in the January 12 Council Business Agenda seeks full Council approval of the committee's recommendation.

Attached is alternative language that the City Council may want to consider that would also authorize the City Council, in its discretion to reduce the size of the Board from eleven to nine members. The alternative language is on line 15 and is double under-lined. This authority was suggested by the Civil Service Board at its January 6 meeting for the Council to consider if it was found that an increase in the size of the Board from nine to eleven was found not to be effective in the operations of the Board. Councilmember Driggs will speak to this issue at the Council meeting.



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PULLED Agenda Item #42 – Charlotte Water Uniforms

Staff Resource: Barry Gullet, Charlotte Water, 704-336-4931, bgullet@charlottenc.gov

On Thursday, Charlotte Water recently received notice from Aria Imageworks that the prices they submitted as part of this bid cannot be honored due to an unexpected increase by their manufacturer and a significant increase in freight charges. For this reason, this item is being pulled from the agenda. Charlotte Water will evaluate next steps and return to Council at a later date.

INFORMATION:

January 15 - Immigrant Integration Task Force Public Feedback Session

Staff Resource: Alexis Gordon, NBS, 704-336-5615, agordon@charlottenc.gov

On January 15, the Immigrant Integration Task Force will present draft recommendations for public feedback. This public feedback session will be held from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at Tate Hall on Central Piedmont Community College - Central Campus, 1206 Elizabeth Avenue. The Task Force invites the Mayor and City Council members to attend.

Created in November 2013, the Task Force is charged to:

- a. Review the recommendations of the 2007 Mayor's Immigration Study Commission in order to leverage previous research and conclusions;
- b. Research and recommend policies—including those from other new immigrant gateway cities—that facilitate access to city services for all residents of Charlotte, including its immigrant populations, while addressing gaps in civic engagement;
- c. Prepare a report with recommendations to the Charlotte City Council that promote awareness among the public of the availability of existing programs and services facilitating immigrant integration;
- d. Seek opportunities to better educate the overall Charlotte community on how embracing immigrant communities will help to enhance the City's vitality.

In 2014, the Task Force hosted a series of community listening sessions and conducted an Immigrant Integration survey among immigrant populations in Charlotte. Participants in the listening sessions and community survey as well as other members of the public will be asked to attend the public feedback session. Attendees will be invited to voice what they see as strengths or concerns in the current rendition of the recommendations. The Task Force will use this feedback to further craft actionable recommendations to present to City Council in February.

ATTACHMENTS:

December 1 Intergovernmental Relations Committee Summary



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January

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				1 New Year's Day	2	3
4	5 3:00pm Intergovernmental Relations Committee Mtg., Room 280 5:00pm Council Workshop/Citizens' Forum, Room 267	6	7	8 12:00pm Community Safety Committee Mtg., Room 280	9	10
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18	19 Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday	20 5:00pm Zoning Meeting, Room CH-14	21	22 12:00pm Transportation & Planning Committee Mtg., Room 280	23	24
			US Conference of Mayors Winter Meeting Washington, DC			
25	26 12:00pm Governance & Accountability Committee Mtg., Room 280 5:00pm Citizens' Forum/Council Business Meeting, Room 267	27	28 5:30pm MTC Meeting, Room 267	29	30	31
			City Council Retreat TBD			
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February

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1	2 3:00pm Intergovernmental Relations Committee Mtg., Room 280	3	4	5 12:00pm ED & Global Competitiveness Committee Mtg., Room CH-14	6	7
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**CITY OF CHARLOTTE
CIVIL SERVICE BOARD (LOCAL)**

AN ACT AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE CONCERNING
THE CIVIL SERVICE BOARD

SECTION 1. Section 4.61(a) of Article III of Chapter 4 of the Charter of the City of Charlotte, being S.L. 2006-124, as amended, reads as rewritten:

“Section 4.61. **Civil service board; membership, powers and duties.** (a) Establishment. There is hereby continued a Civil Service Board for the City of Charlotte, to consist of ~~seven~~ nine members; ~~four~~ six members to be appointed by the Council and three members to be appointed by the Mayor. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Council, in its discretion, may change the number of Board members from nine to eleven, in which case seven members shall be appointed by Council and four shall be appointed by the Mayor for the eleven-member Board. Similarly, the Council, in its discretion, may reduce the number of Board members from 11 to 9. Each member shall serve for a term of three years. In case of a vacancy on the Board, the Council or the Mayor, as the case may be, shall fill such vacancy for the unexpired term of said member. For the purposes of establishing a quorum of the Board, ~~any combination of Board members and alternates totaling three~~ five shall constitute a quorum for a nine-member Board and six shall constitute a quorum for an eleven-member Board. All Board members shall attend regular meetings for the purposes of meeting attendance policy and familiarity with Board business and procedures. Attendance at meetings and continued service on the Board shall be governed by the attendance policies established by the Council. Vacancies resulting from a member's failure to attend the required number of meetings or hearings shall be filled as provided herein.”

SECTION 2. Section 4.61(j) of Article III of Chapter 4 of the Charter of the City of Charlotte, being S.L. 2000-26, as amended, reads as rewritten:

“Section 4.61. **Civil service board; membership, powers and duties.** (j) Appeal hearings. Upon receipt of a citation for termination from either chief or upon receipt of notice of appeal for a suspension from any civil service covered police officer or firefighter, the Board shall hold a hearing not less than 15 days nor more than 30 days from the date the notice of appeal, or the citation, is received by the Board, and shall promptly notify the officer of the hearing date. Termination hearings shall be held with a panel of five ~~made up of any combination of~~ available members ~~or alternates~~, and suspension hearings shall be held with a panel of three ~~made up of any combination of~~ available members ~~or alternates~~. In the event an officer desires a hearing at a date other than that set by the Board within the period set forth above, such officer may file a written request for a change of hearing date setting forth the reasons for such request, and the Chair of the Board is empowered to approve or disapprove such request; provided that such request must be received by the Board at least seven days prior to the date set for the hearing. For good cause, the Chair of the Board may set a hearing date other than within the period set forth above, or may continue the hearing from time to time. In the conduct of its hearing, each member of the Board shall have the power to subpoena witnesses, administer oaths, and compel the production of evidence. If a person fails or refuses to obey a subpoena issued pursuant to this subsection, the Board may apply to the General Court of Justice, Superior Court Division, for an order requiring that its subpoena be obeyed, and the court shall have jurisdiction to issue these orders after notice to all parties. If any person, while under oath at a

47 hearing of the Board, willfully swears falsely, such person shall be guilty of a Class 1
48 misdemeanor. Both the officer and the police or fire department shall have the right to present
49 relevant evidence to the Board at its hearing. The officer must be furnished with a copy of the
50 charges which have been brought against an officer and which will be heard by the Board. The
51 officer shall be required to answer questions from members of the Board or the Board's counsel;
52 however, the officer may refuse to answer any question where the answer might incriminate the
53 officer with respect to any criminal violation of State or federal laws. The officer may be present
54 at all evidentiary portions of the hearing, may retain counsel to represent the officer at the
55 hearing, and may cross-examine those witnesses who testify against the officer. The officer will
56 be given the right to an open or closed hearing as he may elect. After the evidentiary portion of
57 the hearing is concluded, the Board will consider the evidence in closed session, and the Board
58 will make findings of facts which will be provided to the officer together with a statement of the
59 action taken by the Board on the basis of its findings of fact.”

60 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

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Charlotte City Council

Intergovernmental Relations Committee

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COMMITTEE AGENDA TOPICS

- I. **Subject:** **Federal Update – Holland & Knight**
- II. **Subject:** **Council Referred Federal Legislative Issues – Dana Fenton**
Choice Neighborhoods - Councilwoman Mayfield (attachment)
Veteran Homelessness – Councilwoman Mayfield (attachment)
- III. **Subject:** **Member Requested State Legislative Issue – Dana Fenton**
Digital Dispatching - Councilmember Greg Phipps (attachment)
- IV. **Subject:** **City Manager Referred State Legislative Issue – Dana Fenton**
Charlotte Firefighters’ Retirement System – Sandy Thiry
Position Statement Attached
- V. **Subject:** **Joint Council Delegation Briefing – Dana Fenton**
- VI. **Subject:** **Next Meeting**
Action: Monday, January 5 at 3 p.m. in Room 280

COMMITTEE INFORMATION

Present: Council Members Ed Driggs (Chair), Claire Fallon (Vice Chair), LaWana Mayfield and Kenny Smith

Other: Rich Gold – Holland & Knight, Pamela Wideman – Neighborhood & Business Services

Time: 3:00 p.m.



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DISCUSSION HIGHLIGHTS

Committee Discussion:

Committee Chair Councilman Ed Driggs called the meeting to order and asked those in attendance to introduce themselves. After the introductions were complete Councilman Driggs asked Rich Gold from Holland & Knight to begin giving the committee the Federal update.

I. Federal Update – Holland & Knight

Gold: We will start off on a relationship front just to let you know that Senator Elect Tillis was very nice and invited our Senior Senate Republican Lobbyists to come and meet with him tomorrow afternoon. He is just initiating transition there and I will keep you posted on that. We will obviously do everything we can to help the Senator Elect staff out and get the policy apparatus up and running and effective quickly. That's underway as of this week as they return from Thanksgiving recess. Really there are two major items of business over the next couple of weeks from Congress when they come back. Right now they are trying to finish up the appropriations process. They are talking about bringing an ominous appropriations measure with all twelve bills either this week or early next week. Whether that succeeds or not in much part will depend on how the House of Republicans Conference gets through discussion when they come back tomorrow and kind of deal with the issue of the President's Executive Order on Immigration and whether they are comfortable with the leadership approach to allow the appropriations measures to move forward and not have a showdown with the President through the appropriations process. We are cautiously optimistic that the House will be able to pass those appropriations bill which will be good for us if its funding things like Light Rail and potentially Street Car and things like that in FY15 and going down the path. We will keep you posted on that as things move forward this week. They are also going to be taking up a one year extension of existing tax credits that expired last December 31st. It's kind of odd to be reauthorizing credits 11-1/2 months after they have expired but that's what they are doing and they hope to get that done this week as well.

Driggs: On the Omnibus is it likely that the Republicans majorities in Congress will reach a general consensus. Then the question is whether the President vetoes it. How will their reaction to the immigration initiative play out?

Gold: It's been pretty muted so far. The Republican leadership has done a really good job trying to explain themselves. None of the measures the President undertook in the Executive work can really be controlled through the appropriations process. In other words you can't deny funding for them and keep them from happening.

Driggs: Thank you.

Gold: We have a group coming up tomorrow to do meetings as you are aware from the City,

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Dana (Fenton) and Carolyn (Flowers) included as well as others from the Commission to meet with FCA and our key contacts there as well as Secretary Foxx and others. We are preparing for an active day tomorrow.

Fenton: To piggy back on that, every couple of years, especially two years ago, we try to get up there to visit and introduce ourselves to the new staff and make sure they know us.

Gold: That's really it for the next few weeks leading into January. We're nothing if not nimble. We will figure out a great program for you all. There's some things that we will do up here and then other things with House members in the District. It will be good to educate the senior staff for the members and have some time with them as we did in the past which will be helpful.

Driggs: I just wanted to clarify; you said that the second item is an extension of the expired tax credits?

Gold: That is correct. The House just announced before we got on the phone that they will be taking the tax extenders package up at the end of this week.

Fallon: I have a sidebar question. Do you think the FCC will take up digital dispatching?

Gold: I really don't have an answer on that but I can do some research on that and get back to you if you like.

Fallon: Could you? I would appreciate it. Thank you.

Driggs: If the Omnibus Bill does come as expected and passes that means we are in good shape in terms of our Blue Line funding right?

Gold: That's correct. That's our current expectation now but obviously we will keep Dana posted. The next two weeks will be the intensive period there. OK well we look forward to seeing you folks tomorrow and then obviously we will see you guys in the next couple of months.

Driggs: Yes we look forward to that. Thank you Rich.

II. Council Referred Federal Legislative Issues – Dana Fenton

Choice Neighborhoods - Councilwoman Mayfield

Veteran Homelessness – Councilwoman Mayfield

Fenton: Let me just state that the Council did refer to committee for action this week. Secretary Castro announced funding available to help local communities across the country to redevelop severely distressed public and HUD assisted housing and transform surrounding neighborhoods. HUD is offering grants of up to \$30 million through its Choice neighborhoods Implementation

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Program to support locally driven solutions for transforming neighborhoods struggling to address poor quality housing, inadequate schools, poor health, high crime, and lack of capital. We will let the expert get up and talk about this.

Driggs: I am particularly interested in that issue whether this is incremental and how it ties into what we were doing already.

Wideman: I am Pamela Wideman with Neighborhood and Business Services. I will speak to the Choice Neighborhoods Program first. That is a new program. It used to be the Hope 6 program which was eliminated. We were very successful with the Hope 6 Project. We had a total of six developments in Charlotte. The one that most resembles the new Choice program is the Renaissance in Ms. Mayfield's district.

Driggs: So is this \$30 million per City or a total fund of \$30 million?

Wideman: A total fund of \$30 Million

Driggs: So we will be competing with all the other cities?

Wideman: Yes and just to put it into context for you, the Renaissance is a \$20 million Hope 6 grant. So you can see that's not a lot of money and it will be a highly competitive grant process. In talking to Fulton this morning because we understand the complexities of getting the partners together and doing the proper planning so that a successful application can be submitted we both agreed that we would be better suited to submit a winning proposal in 2016 for the Tartan Hill site.

Mayfield: Just a little more background. The reason I thought it would be a great opportunity after attending the meeting was because across the nation we were the most successful Hope 6 grant. I did not know that Ms. Wideman was looking at 2016 not 2015.

Driggs: In that case, we can put this item in the plans for next time since it is for 2016. We can focus on near term actual items to put in front of these guys at this time. Any other comments on that one?

Fenton: I have one more item. Secretary Castro also announced the fight against Veteran homelessness. Pam will resume and begin to fill you in on this.

Wideman: The good news on this is that we are working on this and we have been working on this since July. The Mayor signed on with a number of cities with the veterans challenge to end homelessness. We have identified 204 homeless veterans and we have already housed 55 of the 204.

Mayfield: We also did a ground breaking of a housing facility with a focus on veteran homelessness.

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Driggs: What is the recommendation in terms of the actual legislative action that we are requesting?

Fenton: Right now I am not sure whether there is any actual legislative or grant request that Neighborhood and Business Services was going to make to the Federal Government.

Wideman: We were not intending to make any grant requests to the Federal government but like I said we were partnering with agencies utilizing the resources we already have available.

Driggs: Thank you Ms. Mayfield for bringing all this to our attention and I am very supportive of these issues. So we will take that up as and when there is some action.

III. Member Requested State Legislative Issue – Dana Fenton Digital Dispatching - Councilmember Greg Phipps

Driggs: Our next agenda item, CM Phipps said that we should take up the subject of Digital Dispatching and I just want you to know that I spoke to him before this meeting to tell him that I don't think it's this committee's job to jump into that and I would like to hear from your committee and for full Council to decide on a position that we would take and then we will be happy to act and craft an agenda item but we need to be clear about as to where we want to go on that.

Fallon: Two weeks ago Dana and I were up in Raleigh and we listened to the hearing. Basically the position is, is the bill going to be written but we are not quite sure what committee yet. It's not going to be the Review & Revenue Committee. I don't see any point in us writing anything that the State is going to overrule. It's just a waste of time because at this point they are the ones that count, we don't. So we have to go along with anything they decide. The thing is they promised me that we will have input and we will be able to tell them if we are happy or unhappy with something. And once they know what committee is it going to, then we will be involved in it.

Driggs: Right. I think it would be good again if we had some process where your committee recommends to Council and we all coalesce around a position on this.

Fallon: I'm trying to get this sent to my committee but nothing gets sent to my committee.

Driggs: So who is looking at this right now?

Fallon: Dana and I and my committee is. This is a public safety and we have people who are involved who are very much pro so it is going to be a matter of negotiating. I think our committee with the exception of one realizes we are going to have to do something.

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Driggs: I would just ask that any representations on behalf of the City of Charlotte be supported by full Council.

Fallon: When we get something and we have a process and know what committee it is going to I think we will all sit down in committee first then we will bring it to the Council.

Driggs: Exactly. That's kind of what I explained to Council Member Phipps. Anything else on that one? (No response) Good.

IV. City Manager Referred State Legislative Issue – Dana Fenton

Fenton: We just found out very recently that there needs to be some changes made to the Charlotte Firefighters' Retirement System Act. There are some changes that are required to the Act in order to conform to the Internal Revenue Code. Our recommendation is to go ahead and add this to the state legislative agenda. The change is very slight. The impact if addressee / adopted: If the General Assembly makes the necessary changes to the System, then the System will maintain its status as a qualified pension plan under the Internal Revenue Code.

Do you have any questions about what is actually being requested?

Driggs: This was actually mentioned in our last Council meeting and has being referred to us by the City Manager correct?

Fenton: Correct. The City Manager referred it on November 21st and communicated it through the Council Manager Memo.

Driggs: This is basically to remedy a situation where we would not be in conformance with the Internal Revenue Code if we didn't take this action. Would that be right?

Fenton: My understanding is that these changes need to be made by the beginning of calendar year 2016. This is procedural there is no controversy or opposition regarding this matter.

Driggs: Alright then then there is no further discussion. Do we need to move the committee to include this into the agenda?

Fenton: I think it would be a good idea.

Driggs: So do I hear a motion to adopt these amendments?

Fallon: I will make a motion to adopt?

Mayfield: Second

Driggs: All in favor say Aye

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All: "Aye"

Driggs: Great that was unanimous. Thank you.

V. Joint Council Delegation Briefing – Dana Fenton

Fenton: Over the last several months we have done a lot of talking about how we can communicate and work with our State Legislative Delegation and we are going to have two opportunities coming up over the next two weeks. The Chamber of Commerce is holding its Quarterly Elected Officials Breakfast on Monday, December 8th at 8 a.m. in the UNCC Building in Center City. The second thing coming up is our Joint Council Delegation Meeting on December 15 at 8:30 a.m. in room 267. There will be breakfast there. I just wanted to share the draft agenda with you.

Driggs: Do we have other non-legislative agenda topics that we can anticipate? Do you want to attempt to have conversations about things that matter to us other than what may be on the legislative agenda?

Fenton: Absolutely. There is a chance for us to have some conversation like that afterwards and it's not just talk about the legislative agenda. I can prepare some questions that you all can ask them if you like.

Driggs: That would be great. Anything else? Trending topics anyone? I think we are adjourned. Thank you.

Action: Next meeting will take place on Monday, January 5, 2015 at 3 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:47 p.m. ~jcs

Intergovernmental Relations Committee

Monday, December 1, 2014 at 3:00 p.m.
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center
Room 280

Committee Members: Ed Driggs, Chair
Claire Fallon, Vice Chair
David Howard
LaWana Mayfield
Kenny Smith

Staff Resource: Ron Kimble

AGENDA

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V. Joint Council-Delegation Briefing – Dana Fenton

VI. Trending Topics

Next Meeting:

- Monday, January 5, 3:00 pm, Room 280

Attachment:

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

City of Charlotte 2014-2015 Legislative Calendar

August 25, 2014	2015 State and Federal legislative issues due from departments
September 21-24, 2014	Rail-Volution, Minneapolis, MN
September 22, 2014	Intergovernmental Relations Committee
October 6, 2014	Intergovernmental Relations Committee
October 12-14, 2014	NCLM Annual Meeting, Greensboro
October 23-24, 2014	Metro Mayors Coalition Meeting, Asheville
November 10, 2014	Intergovernmental Relations Committee
• 12 noon start	
November 18-22, 2014	NLC Congress of Cities, Austin, TX
November 24, 2014	Brief Council on proposed 2015 Agendas
December 1, 2014	Intergovernmental Relations Committee
December 8, 2014	Council consideration of proposed 2015 Agendas
December 11, 2014	NCLM Advocacy Goals Conference, Raleigh
December 15, 2014	Joint Council – Delegation Meeting
January 5, 2015	Intergovernmental Relations Committee
January 6, 2015	US Congress convenes
January 14, 2015	General Assembly Organizational Session
January 21-23, 2015	US Conference of Mayors Winter Meeting, Washington, DC
January 28, 2015	2015 Regular Session of General Assembly convenes
February 2, 2015	Intergovernmental Relations Committee
March 2, 2015	Intergovernmental Relations Committee
March 7-11, 2015	NLC Congressional City Conference, Washington, DC
March 11-12, 2015	2015 Community Streetcar Coalition Summit, Washington, DC
March 18, 2015	NCLM Town Hall Day
April 6, 2015	Intergovernmental Relations Committee
May 4, 2015	Intergovernmental Relations Committee
June 1, 2015	Intergovernmental Relations Committee
June 2015	US Conference of Mayors Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA

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HUD No. 14-145
Shantae Goodloe
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FOR RELEASE
Thursday
November 20, 2014

**HUD SECRETARY CASTRO OFFERS \$30 MILLION GRANTS
TO HELP TRANSFORM COMMUNITIES**

*Choice Neighborhoods grants to help local communities
revitalize distressed areas*

AUSTIN, TX - U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Secretary Julián Castro today announced funding available to help local communities across the country to redevelop severely distressed public and HUD-assisted housing and transform surrounding neighborhoods. This funding is subject to increase if there is an FY2015 appropriation. Part of the Obama Administration's effort to build Ladders of Opportunity to the middle class, HUD is offering grants of up to \$30 million through its ***Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Program*** to support locally driven solutions for transforming neighborhoods struggling to address poor quality housing, inadequate schools, poor health, high crime, and lack of capital. **Read HUD's funding notice.**

Speaking at the annual convention of the National League of Cities (NLC) in Austin, Texas, Castro said the grants will help create jobs, increase economic activity, improve affordable housing, reduce violence and expand educational opportunities. Grantees and their partners use the funds as a catalyst - stimulating approximately \$7.50 in public and private investment for every \$1 in the Choice Neighborhoods funding.

"These Choice Neighborhood grants will empower local communities to leverage public and private investment and achieve greater collective impact," Castro said. "We look forward to working with community leaders to breathe new life into struggling neighborhoods-and to transform them into places where residents can flourish and dreams can thrive."

Choice Neighborhoods is HUD's signature place-based initiative and its vision builds on the work that has been

done by the Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative, an interagency partnership between HUD, the Department of Education, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Justice, and Treasury, since 2009. Through a variety of interventions, the Ladders of Opportunity plan will help community partners rebuild neighborhoods, expand early learning opportunities, create pathways to jobs, and strengthen families. Choice Neighborhoods is focused on three core goals:

- **Housing:** Replace distressed public and assisted housing with high-quality mixed-income housing that is well-managed and responsive to the needs of the surrounding neighborhood.
- **People:** Improve educational outcomes and intergenerational mobility for youth with services and supports delivered directly to youth and their families.
- **Neighborhood:** Create the conditions necessary for public and private reinvestment in distressed neighborhoods to offer the kinds of amenities and assets, including safety, good schools, and commercial activity, that are important to families' choices about their community.

HUD's commitment to teamwork means local residents and leaders are leading the way in revitalizing their communities. To accomplish these core goals, communities must have in place a comprehensive neighborhood revitalization strategy, or Transformation Plan. This Transformation Plan is the guiding document for the revitalization of the public and/or assisted housing units, while simultaneously directing the transformation of the surrounding neighborhood and positive outcomes for families.

Choice Neighborhoods Implementation grants are available for public housing authorities, local governments, nonprofit organizations, tribal entities, and for profit developers that apply jointly with a public entity to extend neighborhood transformation efforts beyond public and/or assisted housing. The program helps communities transform neighborhoods by revitalizing severely distressed public and/or HUD-assisted multifamily housing and investing and leveraging investments in well-functioning services, high quality public schools and education programs, high quality

early learning programs and services, public assets, public transportation, and improved access to jobs.

Today, Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grantees can be found in cities such as Boston, Columbus, and San Antonio. In Boston, a local community economic development corporation successfully converted a vacant, blighted 36,000 square-foot factory into a food production hub that is expected to bring 50 businesses and 150 jobs to the local neighborhood in its first five years of operation. In Columbus, the City, Housing Authority, and The Ohio State University are now implementing a community driven Transformation Plan with the support of Choice Neighborhoods funds in over \$180 million in public and private sources. Finally, cities like San Antonio have leveraged Choice Neighborhoods efforts with federal funding to improve schools and public safety - an effort that has led to a Promise Zones designation.

Applicants must submit a completed electronic application through **www.grants.gov** by February 9, 2015. More information can be found at **www.hud.gov/cn**.

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HUD AND NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES PARTNER TO CONTINUE FIGHT AGAINST VETERAN HOMELESSNESS

WASHINGTON - The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and National League of Cities (NLC) today announced a new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to help fight against veteran homelessness in cities across the country. To date, more than 255 cities, counties and states are pledging to end veteran homelessness in their communities by 2015 using the power of federal, state, local, and non-profit resources.

Speaking at the annual convention of the National League of Cities in Austin, Texas, Secretary Castro announced the new partnership and signed the official MOU with NLC Executive Director, Clarence Anthony.

"Today's partnership sends a loud message that ending homelessness is not a dream," said HUD Secretary Julián Castro. "It's a goal within reach for veterans, for youth, for families and for individuals. It's up to us to make it a reality. Working together we can get it done and give every family a home of dignity."

"We are excited to partner with the Department of Housing and Urban Development on this critical issue facing our veterans," said Clarence Anthony, Executive Director of the National League of Cities. He continued, "Since the beginning of the Mayors Challenge, NLC has worked closely with HUD to engage city leaders. This partnership will expand our efforts to bring a deeper understanding of the resources available to local leaders and assist in creating action plans that will go a long way towards eliminating veteran homelessness."

The MOU calls for HUD and NLC to jointly develop and execute regional forums to raise the awareness and understanding of the benefits of joining the Mayors Challenge to End Veteran Homelessness. Today's

announcement is also the latest step in the Mayors Challenge to End Veteran Homelessness announced by First Lady Michelle Obama in June 2014.

The MOU will make available HUD's resources to:

- Prioritize the most vulnerable veterans, especially those experiencing chronic homelessness, for permanent supportive housing opportunities;
- Coordinate outreach efforts to identify and engage every veteran experiencing homelessness and focus outreach efforts on achieving housing outcomes;
- Target rapid rehousing interventions, including those made possible through the Department of Veterans Affairs' Supportive Services for Veteran Families program, toward veterans who need shorter-term rental subsidies and services in order to be reintegrated back into our communities;
- Leverage housing and services resources that can help veterans who are ineligible for some of the VA's programs get into stable housing;
- Increase early detection and access to preventive services so at-risk veterans remain stably housed; and
- Closely monitor progress toward the goal, including the success of programs achieving permanent housing outcomes.

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The National League of Cities (NLC) is dedicated to helping city leaders build better communities. NLC is a resource and advocate for 19,000 cities, towns and villages, representing more than 218 million Americans.

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NC likely to join legislative push on Uber, Lyft

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RALEIGH, N.C. North Carolina has become an attractive market for smartphone-based car services such as Uber and Lyft, which are drawn to the state's mid-sized cities that have college students and young professionals but lack extensive mass transit. It's also one of many states where little regulation exists outside of traditional cab and limo services.

Uber currently offers rides in 10 cities in North Carolina, ranging from Wilmington and Asheville to the larger Raleigh and Charlotte. The company says that's more than any other state but California. Six of those cities have populations greater than 200,000, and all are home to universities.

The companies' expansion has legislators in North Carolina and elsewhere scrambling to study their business models ahead of sessions in 2015 when they could address insurance, car inspections or criminal background checks. Throw in concerns from traditional taxi companies and insurance lobbyists, and Uber and Lyft's public policy staffs should stay busy.

At a meeting this week of North Carolina's Revenue Laws Study Committee, co-chairwoman Rep. Julia C. Howard said she anticipated someone would introduce a bill, but she wasn't aware of a specific proposal yet.

"We're getting into some tall weeds here," Howard said, referring to the nuances involved after a colleague asked about pricing differences between Uber, Lyft and taxis.

Lyft and Uber use a smartphone app to link customers with drivers selling rides in typically noncommercial cars or SUVs, allowing people with little or no professional driving experience to make money. Uber also works with licensed limo drivers in some markets. Both services make drivers undergo criminal and traffic background checks, and drivers are rated by customers. Uber and Lyft say they also provide commercial auto insurance in North Carolina that kicks in when rides are ordered.

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At least 20 legislatures are likely to take up legislation on such services in 2015 after several passed laws this year, said transportation analyst Douglas Shinkle of the National Conference of State Legislatures.

"This is definitely the most fast-moving, from kind of zero to 60, policy issue ... that I've worked on since I've worked at NCSL," said Shinkle, who's been with the organization since 2005.

At the North Carolina meeting, Uber and Lyft touted their insurance coverage and background checks — two key areas considered by legislatures in 2014. While several of those bills failed, Colorado passed a law to regulate the companies, and California lawmakers set insurance standards.

"We're seeing all over the country that cities and states are taking interest in companies like Uber because what we're seeing is that consumers are flocking to these new technologies," Rachel Holt, Uber's Regional General Manager for the East Coast, told North Carolina lawmakers. "We're very supportive of reasonable, commonsense regulations."

However, Uber and Lyft have faced several lawsuits in the past year across the U.S., claiming the companies operate in violation of state and local laws governing taxis.

Michael Solomon, president of the Taxi Taxi cab service in the Raleigh area, said Uber and Lyft drivers should obtain commercial license plates and have more extensive commercial insurance, just as traditional cab services are required to do.

"Any person who collects a passenger for a fee, no matter how it's collected, should be held to the same standard," he said.

The Property Casualty Insurers Association of America told North Carolina lawmakers that Uber and Lyft should offer more coverage for drivers any time they are logged into the app and available to drive. While the companies offer commercial coverage when drivers are on their way to pick up a customer or have them in the vehicle, PCI attorney Oyango Snell said there's a significant gap during the period when drivers are waiting to line up a fare.

During that period, Uber and Lyft drivers in the state rely on a combination of their personal policies and contingent liability coverage provided by the companies.

A North Carolina-based scholar on entrepreneurship said regulation for Uber and Lyft must strike a balance "between the 'Wild West' and the very strict rules that apply to old economy players."

"I don't think the answer lies in applying the same framework to this new player," said Arvind Malhotra, a professor at the Kenan-Flagler Business School at the University of North Carolina. "New rules and regulations have to be crafted to make it a level playing field."

The on-demand, GPS-based car services aren't just appealing to riders — the flexibility is also drawing drivers who never worked in the industry. Jeremy Collins, 31, began driving his 2011 Honda Accord for Uber in July, a few weeks after it launched in Durham. He planned to drive part-time to earn extra money while his wife completes a graduate nursing program at Duke, but he ended up quitting his job as a waiter. He says he never drives more than 35 hours a week, but can make \$1,300 in that time.

He lives in an apartment building near campus that's home to a lot of graduate students, so he can sit on his balcony with a coffee and wait for the app to match him with riders. He typically ferries

students and others in the Duke community, and he's worked out a rhythm where he says he rarely works a late night.

"I'm able to keep us afloat with our Uber pay," he said. "I don't have a boss, and I work when I want. ... It's worked out really well for us."



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2015-2016 State Legislative Agenda

Category:	Public Safety
Issue:	Charlotte Firefighters' Retirement System (Local)
Position:	Request technical amendments to Sections 12 and 13.1 of and add a new section 23.1 to the Charlotte Firefighters' Retirement System Act
Staff Resources:	Sandy Thiry, Charlotte Firefighters' Retirement System, 704.336.4431 Thomas Powers, City Attorney's Office, 704.336.5877

Background and History: The Charlotte Firefighters' Retirement System was established in 1947 pursuant to Chapter 926 of the 1947 Session Laws of North Carolina. The System is a defined benefit pension system for which the City is the plan sponsor. The System is governed by an eleven member Board of Trustees that includes: (i) three members of the Retirement System who are selected by the members of the retirement system; (ii) one retiree of the System selected by the retirees of the System; (iii) four residents of the County who are appointed by the Resident Judge of the Superior Court of Mecklenburg County; (iv) the City Manager; (v) the City Finance Director; and (vi) the City Treasurer. The General Assembly has amended the Act periodically in order to maintain compliance with federal or State laws, Internal Revenue Service regulations, and court decisions.

Current Need/Problem (including potential allies or detractors): The Internal Revenue Service recently notified the System that several amendments to the Act were required to maintain conformance with the Internal Revenue Code. The amendments are as follows:

- Amend Section 12 to establish a framework for reimbursement of contributions or a deferred benefit for any firefighter who is unable to return to employment with the Charlotte Fire Department on account of death or disability while performing qualified military service on or after January 2007;
- Amend Section 13.1(b)(1) to delete a specific Internal Revenue Code reference;
- Add Section 13.1(b)(5) to authorize a non-spouse beneficiary to rollover his/her benefit to an Individual Retirement Account if the distribution occurs after December 31, 2009;
- Add Section 13.1(b)(6) to authorize a participant or beneficiary to rollover his/her benefit to a Roth Individual Retirement Account if the distribution occurs after December 31, 2007; and
- Add Section 23.1 to authorize a firefighter to receive a distribution for retiree health insurance premiums, which will only be valid between January 1, 2007, and December 31, 2012.

The Board of Trustees approved the amendments on October 23, 2014.

Impact if Addressed/Adopted: If the General Assembly makes the necessary changes to the System, then the System will maintain its status as a qualified pension plan under the Internal Revenue Code.