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WEEK IN REVIEW:

Mon (Feb 16)	Tues (Feb 17)	Wed (Feb 18)	Thurs (Feb 19)	Fri (Feb 20)	Sat (Feb 21)
3:30 PM Community Safety Committee Meeting, Room 280 5:00 PM Council Zoning Mtg., Room CH-14	Optional Council Trip to Raleigh		12:00 PM Economic Development & Global Competitiveness Committee, Room CH-14		9:30 AM District 3 Town Hall, West Svc Ctr., 4150 Wilkinson Blvd.

CALENDAR DETAILS:

Monday, February 16

- 3:30 PM Community Safety Committee, Room 280
AGENDA: Exclusionary zones; Digital dispatch services; Future agenda items
- 5:00 PM Council Zoning Meeting, Room CH-14

Tuesday, February 17 – Wednesday, February 18

Optional Council Trip to Raleigh

Thursday, February 19

- 12:00 PM Economic Development & Global Competitiveness Committee, Room CH-14
AGENDA: Amateur sports development at Bojangles/Ovens; Eastland Mall redevelopment; FY16 strategic Focus Area Plan discussion; April 2 meeting schedule

Saturday, February 21

- 9:30 AM District 3 Town Hall Meeting, West Service Center 4150 Wilkinson Blvd.

February and March calendars are attached.



2015 Council
CalendarA.pdf

INFORMATION:

Fallen Street Tree on 7th Street

Staff Resource: Don McSween, E&PM, 704-336-3459, dmcsween@charlottenc.gov

On Thursday, Feb. 12, a red maple street tree located on 7th Street near Ridgeway Avenue fell onto a car, injuring the driver and a passenger. Charlotte Fire and EMS responded to assist the passengers of the vehicle. Soon after, Landscape Management's emergency on-call crew responded to the scene, removing the tree from the car and road.

The toppled tree showed signs it had been weakened by heartwood rot. This tree had been inspected by a certified arborist in 2012 during a tree inventory of the Chantilly neighborhood area. It showed no outward signs of distress and was deemed to be in "fair" condition on the City's six-point scale (excellent, good, fair, poor, very poor, dead), with no call for action to be taken.

About 158,000 of the City's 180,000 street trees have had their condition inspected. City staff inspects over 10,000 trees a year. Staff is reviewing the inspection strategy and will determine whether changes to the inspection process are needed.

February 19 – Transit Tour for Congresswoman Adams

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

On Thursday, February 19 at 2 p.m., Mayor Clodfelter and CATS staff will be briefing Congresswoman Alma Adams on transit issues, including the need for federal funding for the LYNX Blue Line Extension and CityLYNX Gold Line Phase 1 and Phase 2 projects. The Congresswoman will also tour the two corridors.

February 13 State Legislative Update

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

Attached is the Week 2 State Legislative Report for the 2015 General Assembly.



2015 week 2
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Cross Charlotte Trail Public Workshop Results

Staff Resources: Joe Frey, E&PM, 704-336-5276, jfrey@charlottenc.gov

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On January 27, 2015 City and County staff partnered on a community workshop that focused on the Brandywine Road to Tyvola Road section of the Cross Charlotte Trail (XCLT). This segment will be one of the first segments of the Trail to be designed and implemented. Staff promoted the workshop via Facebook, Twitter, mailers, electronic flyers and yard signs. The community's interest, support and passion for this project was evident in the approximately 250 residents that attended and participated in the interactive meeting format. Attendees were asked to provide input on how they would use the trail, where would they want to travel along the trail, and what type of amenities should be considered in the trail design. Staff received significant input and feedback. City staff compiled the meeting results and also developed an exit interview video and time lapse video from the meeting, which are accessible electronically via the links in the blue text below. This project information can also be found on www.CharlotteFuture.com.

[Exit Interviews Video](#)

[Time Lapse Video](#)

[Meeting Results](#)

March

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
1	2	3	4	5 12:00pm ED & Global Competitiveness Committee Mtg., Room CH-14	6	7
8 2:00pm CM Fallon's Town Hall Mtg., The Palmer Bldg., 2601 E. 7th St.	9 2:00pm Budget Committee Meeting, Room 280 3:30pm Transportation & Planning Committee Mtg., Room 280 5:00pm Council Business Meeting, Room 267	10	11 12:00pm Housing & Neighborhood Dev. Committee Mtg., Room 280 2:00pm Environment Committee Mtg., Room 280	12	13	14
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1	8:00 – 9:30am Charlotte Chamber 1 st Quarterly Elected Officials Breakfast, UNCC Center City, Rm. 1104 <hr/> 2:00 pm Retreat Planning Committee Meeting, Large Conference Room <hr/> 3:00pm Intergovernmental Relations Committee Mtg., Room 280 <hr/> 5:00pm Council Workshop/Citizens' Forum, Room 267				12:00pm ED & Global Competitiveness Committee Mtg., Room CH-14 2:00pm Budget Committee Meeting, Room 280	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> NLC Congressional City Conference Washington, DC </div>
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**CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE
M E M O R A N D U M**

February 13, 2015

TO: Ron Carlee, City Manager
Ron Kimble, Deputy City Manager

FROM: Dana Fenton, Intergovernmental Relations Manager

SUBJECT: **Week 2 State Legislative Report**

Trending Topics:

Internal Revenue Code Update / Motor Fuels Tax Changes ([SB 20 – Rabon, Rucho and Tillman](#) / [HB 40 – Howard, Brawley, Setzer and Lewis](#)): SB 20 and HB 40 are identical measures that stabilize State transportation revenues by establishing a minimum gas tax rate of 35 cents per gallon, thereby preventing the NC Department of Transportation from reducing current year expenditures by approximately \$400 million. Even with the minimum tax rate set at 35 cents per gallon, the Department will have to reduce current year expenditures by \$33 million. Senate passed SB 20 and sent it to the House, where it could be considered as early as next week.

State General Fund: It was announced this week that State General Fund revenues are projected to be \$271 million below forecast for the current fiscal year, which will precipitate actions to close the gap. The Administration is expected to recommend actions in the coming weeks to close the gap when it proposes the next biennial budget.

Other issues being monitored by the City include:

Zoning/Design and Aesthetic Controls ([HB 36 – Dollar, Brawley, Jordan and Glazier](#) / [SB 25 – Gunn, Apodaca and Tarte](#)): HB 36 and SB 25 are similar to legislation from last session that passed the House but was not voted on by the Senate ([2013 HB 150](#)). HB 36/SB 25 would specify when local governments could apply design and aesthetic controls to structures subject to regulation under the NC Residential Code for One- and Two-Family Dwellings. The bills also specify six exemptions from the legislation for structures located in local historic districts, or historic districts on the National Register of Historic Places, local, State or national historic landmarks, and requirements to meet life safety codes, manufactured housing regulations, and conditions of participation in the national flood insurance program. Referred to Local Government.

Justice for Rural Citizens Act ([HB 51 – Pittman, Speciale and Ford](#)): HB 51 is similar to legislation from previous sessions, which were not acted upon, that would have ended the use of extraterritorial jurisdictional powers by towns and cities. Referred to Local Government.

Land Application of Biosolids ([HB 61 – Pittman, Ford and Speciale](#)): HB 61 would authorize county governing bodies that operate incinerators to require that biosolids be incinerated prior to land application, and if they do not operate incinerators to require an alternate method for treating biosolids prior to land application. Referred to Local Government.

Eminent Domain ([HB 3 – McGrady](#) / [SB 74 – B. Jackson](#)): HB 3 and SB 74 are identical constitutional amendments limiting the exercise of eminent domain to public uses. The proposed constitutional amendment is considered to be reflective of current law. If both the House and Senate pass the bill and the Governor signs it, then the proposed constitutional amendment would go before the voters on May 3, 2016. In the 2011 and 2013 Regular Sessions, identical versions of the constitutional amendment were passed by the House but not taken up by the Senate. HB 3 passed the House and has been sent to the Senate. Both bills referred to Senate Rules.

Revenue Laws Technical Changes ([HB 41 – Howard, Brawley, Lewis and Setzer](#) / [SB 19 – Rabon, Rucho and Tillman](#)): HB 41 and SB 19 is legislation proposed by the Revenue Laws Committee that includes various technical changes to the revenue laws

Omnibus Economic Development Improvements ([HB 89 – Hamilton, R. Moore and Hanes](#)): House Democrats introduced HB 89 that establishes a Job Catalyst Fund, extends the sunset dates of the renewable energy property tax credit, Job Development Investment Grant program, and passenger air carrier fuel tax cap, reinstates the mill rehabilitation, historic rehabilitation, low income housing, North Carolina ports, qualified business investments, interactive digital media, and film production tax credits, and authorizes the use of crowdfunding.

City Requested Legislation:

Charlotte Firefighters' Retirement System ([HB 70 – Bishop, Bradford](#)): HB 70 amends the City's firefighters' retirement system legislation in accordance with the direction provided by the Internal Revenue Service. Referred to House Retirement and Pensions Committee.

Civil Service Board: Rep. Bishop will be sponsoring the City's Civil Service Board legislative request.

Stormwater Management: Rep. Jeter and Rep. Moore will be co-sponsoring the City's Stormwater Management bill.

Street Gang Nuisance Abatement: NC Metropolitan Police Chiefs Association is working with potential sponsors of City supported legislation to provide authority for the Courts to extend temporary injunctions for good cause shown against gang activity.

Metropolitan Transit Commission:

Special Assessments: Sen. Hartsell of Cabarrus County will be sponsoring legislation requested by the Metropolitan Transit Commission to repeal the sunset date of the Special Assessments for Critical Infrastructure Needs Act. In addition to the MTC, the Towns of Apex and Mooresville are considering using the legislation for projects in their communities.