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WEEK IN REVIEW:

Mon (May 23)	Tues (May 24)	Wed (May 25)	Thurs (May 26)	Fri (May 27)
5:00 PM Council Business Meeting, Room 267	Mayor and City Council to Raleigh	12:00 PM Budget Adjustments/ Straw Votes, Room 267	1:00 PM Economic Development & Global Competitiveness Committee, Room CH14	
6:30 PM Citizens’ Forum, Meeting Chamber		5:30 PM Metropolitan Transit Commission, Room 267		

CALENDAR DETAILS:

Monday, May 23

5:00 PM Council Business Meeting, Room 267

6:30 PM Citizens' Forum, Meeting Chamber

Tuesday, May 24

Mayor and City Council to Raleigh

Wednesday, May 25

12:00 PM Budget Adjustments/Straw Votes, Room 267

5:30 PM Metropolitan Transit Commission, Room 267

AGENDA: NC Corridor HOV/HOT lane BRT project; Coordinated human services public transportation plan

Thursday, May 26

1:00 PM Economic Development & Global Competitiveness Committee, Room CH-14

AGENDA: Charlotte Business INclusion policy amendments; Future meeting topics

May and June calendars are attached.



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AGENDA NOTES:

Dinner Briefing Topic – Economic Impact of HB2

Staff Resources: Ron Carlee, City Manager, 704-336-2241, rcarlee@charlottenc.gov

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Consistent with the request at the May 16 Zoning Meeting, materials will be distributed at the May 23 Dinner Briefing on the economic impacts of House Bill 2.

Agenda Items #36-39, 41-43 – Charlotte Water Community Investment Program Support Equipment and Services

Staff Resource: Barry Gullet, Charlotte Water, 704-336-4962, bgullet@charlottenc.gov

On the May 23 Business Meeting Agenda, there are seven Charlotte Water contracts for various equipment and services. The contracts support the ongoing work performed by Charlotte

Water to rehabilitate the more than 8,000 miles of water and wastewater pipe, maintain and operate more than a dozen treatment and field operations facilities, and respond to emergencies as quickly as possible to avoid service interruptions. A summary of each Request for Council Action is below.

Agenda Item #36 – Charlotte Water Construction Rental Tools and Equipment

Occasionally Charlotte Water field crews require specialty equipment and tools, such as excavators, backhoes, large trench boxes and bull dozers to respond to emergencies and maintain the existing water and sewer infrastructure. It is more cost effective to rent this equipment than to own and maintain on a long-term basis, as annual expenses are estimated at \$140,000.

Agenda Item #37 – Charlotte Water Installment Financing Agreement for Vehicles and Equipment

This action authorizes the City to enter into an installment financial agreement for up to \$4.6 million in June 2016 to finance vehicles and equipment, such as trucks, heavy equipment, and technology. The debt is secured by interest in the vehicles and equipment.

Agenda Item #38 – Charlotte Water Bypass Pumping Services

Charlotte Water uses multiple vendors to provide various types of bypass pumping required for maintenance and repair of water and wastewater infrastructure. This type of operation may be called upon to safely reroute up to 54 million gallons of sewage in a single day. The annual estimated expenditures for the three vendors total \$900,000.

Agenda Item #39 – McDowell Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant – Digester and Chemical Feed Reliability Improvements

This item encompasses two actions. First, it will provide for the required cleaning, inspection, and maintenance of one of the digesters at the McDowell wastewater treatment plant (WWTP). Digesters are large concrete tanks used during the wastewater treatment process and can only be taken off-line one at a time. Second, this item includes the replacement of two chemical feed tanks that store a byproduct “sugar water” of local soft drink manufacturers that the WWTP uses in the wastewater treatment process. The sugar water is provided to this WWTP free for the cost of delivery and by using it. Charlotte Water estimates savings of \$65,000 in operating costs, as this replaces the purchase and use of other chemicals.

Agenda Item #41 – Mallard Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant Centrifuge Maintenance

The Mallard Creek WWTP uses centrifuges to remove water from biosolids before their disposal. Centrifuges are very large machines that spin at high speeds and require preventative maintenance and periodic repair provided through this contract.

Agenda Item #42 – Construction Manager at Risk Services for Sugar Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant Reliability Improvements

This contract will provide for Construction Manager at Risk preconstruction services during design and preparation for construction of improvements to the Sugar Creek WWTP. Charlotte Water presented the Sugar Creek WWTP Reliability Improvements project and CMAR delivery method to the Charlotte Water Advisory Committee on October 15, 2015 and to the City Council Environment Committee on November 11, 2015.

Agenda Item #43 – Sanitary Sewer Maintenance Training Program

Sanitary sewer lines must be cleaned in response to overflows and as part of preventative maintenance. This contract will develop a sanitary sewer collection system operating and maintenance training program that allows Charlotte Water Field Operations staff to receive additional training to operate recently updated sewer cleaning tools and equipment more efficiently and effectively. The estimated annual contract cost is \$100,000.

Agenda Item #40 – Granite Street Force Main Replacement

Staff Resource: Carl Wilson, Charlotte Water, 704-391-5169, cwilson@charlottenc.gov

The May 23 Council Business Agenda, distributed on May 18, notes that item #40 Granite Street Force Main Replacements would be included in today’s Council-Manager Memo due to timing of the Invitation to Bid. The attached agenda item provides for the replacement of the Granite Street Force Main, required as a result of a leak.

On March 28, Charlotte Water responded to a leak on the existing 24-inch diameter Steele Creek wastewater force main located on Granite Street in southwest Charlotte. Although the leak is temporarily controlled through the use of above-ground bypass piping, the force main pipe needs to be replaced. The Granite Street force main replacement will repair the existing wastewater pipe and then serve as parallel infrastructure to a new force main as planned for redundancy. Construction of a \$44 million project is already underway to replace the existing Steele Creek lift station and install a new parallel wastewater force main. However, work on that project is scheduled to be completed in 2018.

On May 12, 2016, Charlotte Water issued an Invitation to Bid for the Granite Street Force Main Replacement. On May 20, 2016, four bids were received from interested service providers. Sanders Utility Construction Co., Inc. was selected as the lowest responsive, responsible bidder. The total contract amount is \$1,017,799.20. The estimated contract duration is 120 calendar days.

The Agenda item, pictures, and map of the current project area are attached.



INFORMATION:

Speed Street 2016 Street Closures

Staff Resource: Joe Yanicak, CDOT, 704-336-5531 jyanicak@charlottenc.gov

The annual Speed Street festival will be held Thursday, May 26 through Saturday, May 28 in Uptown Charlotte. The concert stage will be located in the parking lot on the 500 block of South Tryon Street. The stage will host evening concerts and a variety of activities during the day. A map of the event site with a schedule of street closures is attached.

Unlike in past years, Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. from College Street to Caldwell Street is no longer included in the event footprint.

A brief schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, May 25	9:30 a.m.	Streets close for set-up
Thursday, May 26	Noon – 11:00 p.m.	Festival Open
Friday, May 27	Noon – 11:00 p.m.	Festival Open
Saturday, May 28	Noon – 11:00 p.m.	Festival Open
Sunday, May 29	6:00 a.m.	Streets re-open

During the festival, commuters should expect significantly heavier traffic and congestion during morning and evening rush hour. In an attempt to decrease congestion, CATS will re-route several busses away from College Street and increase the frequency of the LYNX Blue Line service.

Information regarding street closures and event details will be communicated to Uptown businesses and residents through the Street Use Notice (SUN) and through Center City Partner's website. Corporate Communications & Marketing will also issue a press release with City service impacts, including street closure information. Additionally, this information is available online at the following link:

<http://charmeck.org/city/charlotte/Transportation/ClosingsandEvents/Pages/Street-Use-and-Event-Notice.aspx>



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Tuckaseegee Road Water Main Repair

Staff Resource: Barry Gullet, Charlotte Water, 704-336-4962, bbullet@charlottenc.gov

Last week, crews installing fiber optic cable on Tuckaseegee Road hit and damaged a 54 inch water main, spilling an estimated 350,000 gallons of water. As of late Thursday, the pipe has been repaired, provisions have been made for getting the air out of the lines, and a disinfection plan is in place. The line should be placed back in service next week.

Because of how the pipe was originally constructed, this was a tricky repair. The repair clamp had to be modified, and the reinforcing steel in the concrete pipe had to be protected from moisture which could lead to future corrosion. Water staff and contractor worked together to perform the difficult repair.

The ability to have this water main out of service without disrupting water services is a good reflection on the resiliency of Charlotte's water transmission network. This line, with a capacity of about 60 million gallons a day, carries water from north Charlotte treatment plants to customers in the southern part of the service area. A parallel line to the west was installed several years ago to reinforce service to southwest Charlotte, and that interconnection enabled service to continue during this repair.

All these projects, and the planning and engineering that brought them about, were funded through the Charlotte Water CIP by customer rates.

Charlotte Water Ranks High in Customer Satisfaction

Staff Resource: Barry Gullet, Charlotte Water, 704-336-4962, bgullet@charlottenc.gov

On May 18, JD Power, a global market research company, announced the results of their inaugural Water Utility Residential Customer Satisfaction Survey to measure satisfaction among customers of the major water utilities in the US. Charlotte Water was ranked 5th in South (10th in the country) for customer satisfaction of the 84 water utilities surveyed, each delivering water to a population of at least 400,000 people and reported in four geographic regions: Midwest, Northeast, South and West. Overall satisfaction is measured by examining 33 attributes within six factors (listed in order of importance): delivery; price; billing and payment; conservation; communications; and customer service. Additional positive survey findings included price, e-Bill satisfaction, communication, infrastructure investment, and first call resolution. The survey found that one-fourth (25%) of customers are not aware of the cost of their monthly water utility service. The customer-reported average monthly cost by region is \$79—West; \$75—Northeast; \$63—South; and \$60—Midwest. Charlotte Water's current typical monthly cost is approximately \$58.

More information on the survey can be found at the following link:

<http://www.jdpower.com/press-releases/2016-water-utility-residential-customer-satisfaction-study>

Charlotte Re-Designated a Playful City, Encourages Participation in 'Play Everywhere' Challenge

Staff Resource: Steve Wood, NBS, 704-336-4161, swood@charlottenc.gov

Charlotte has been recognized again as a Playful City USA by KaBOOM!, a national non-profit dedicated to giving kids the childhood they deserve filled with balanced and active play. In its tenth year, this national recognition honors the work cities and towns undertake to make themselves more playable. Charlotte and Mecklenburg County provide a host of creative and affordable play options for area residents and visitors, including the newly-opened First Ward

Park, an extensive greenway system, US National Whitewater Center, and temporary parklets in Uptown.

The City is also supporting KaBOOM!'s Play Everywhere Challenge. The Challenge is giving away awards ranging from \$500 to \$50,000 for a total of \$1 million to implement creative play ideas. The challenge is open to nonprofits, neighborhood associations, governments, and individuals. Eligible participants can submit an application at playeverywhere.kaboom.org by May 31.

Ideal applications will describe projects that encourage families to play together, are easily accessible within their communities, and can be implemented within three months or less. The Neighborhood and Business Services department has already begun outreach encouraging eligible organizations and individuals to apply.

Update on Managed Security Services Contract with Mosaic451, LLC

Staff Resource: Jeff Stovall, Innovation and Technology, 704-336-2460, jstovall@charlottenc.gov

On November 23, 2015, the City Council approved a competitively-awarded contract to Mosaic451 for managed security services. Under the initial contract, Mosaic 451 is to monitor the City's cyber defense layer for attacks or malicious activity and protect City IT assets.

Due to an environment of increasing cyber threads, the scope of work under the contract is now being expanded to include 24 hours a day, year round Network Operations Center (NOC) services and engineering support to Charlotte's IT staff for network and systems operations. The services include real-time monitoring of servers, routers and switches as well as event log analysis and network infrastructure configuration backup.

The selection of Mosaic451 to provide the NOC services is a natural outgrowth and expansion of monitoring services already provided as a component of the City's managed security services; the City will benefit from significant synergies by working with Mosaic451. Using the provisions of the November 23 Council approval, the addition of new services will increase the estimated annual contract expenditures from \$570,000 to \$786,000 over the three-year initial term, and will be covered by the I&T operating budget.

2016 State Legislative Report #4

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

Attached is the Week 4 State Legislative Report. The House passed its version of the FY 2016-2017 Budget, which now heads to the Senate for its consideration. It has been reported that the Senate Appropriations Committee and its subcommittees will start vetting HB 1030 next week. The last major bill filing deadline lapsed on May 19.



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May

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
1	<p>12:00pm Environment Committee Mtg., Room 280</p> <p>5:00pm Council Workshop/Citizens' Forum, Room 267</p> <p>7:00pm Budget Presentation, Meeting Chamber</p>	3	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Mayor and Council to Raleigh </div> <p>12:00pm Housing & Neighborhood Development Committee Mtg., Room 280</p>	5	<p>3:00pm City Manager Search Committee Mtg., HR Large Conf. Room</p>	7
8	<p>2:00pm Transportation & Planning Committee Mtg., Room 280</p> <p>5:00pm Council Business Mtg., Room 267</p> <p>5:30pm Budget Public Hearing, Meeting Chamber</p>	10	11	<p>12:00pm ED & Global Competitiveness Committee Mtg., Room CH-14</p>	13	<p>9:00am – 12:00pm District 3 Budget Workshop, Steele Creek AME Zion Church – 1500 Shopton Rd.</p>
15	<p>12:00pm Council Agenda Briefing (optional), Room 886</p> <p>12:00pm Intergovernmental Relations Committee Mtg., Room 280</p> <p>5:00pm Zoning Meeting, Room CH-14</p>	17	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Mayor and Council to Raleigh </div>	19	<p>12:00pm Community Safety Committee Mtg., Room 280</p>	21
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29	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Memorial Day </div>					

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June

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US Conference of Mayors Annual Meeting Indianapolis, IN

Granite Street Force Main Replacement

Action:

Award a contract in the amount of \$1,017,799.20 to the lowest responsive bidder Sanders Utility Construction Co., Inc. for the replacement of the Granite Street Force Main.

Staff Resource(s):

Carl Wilson, Charlotte Water

Explanation

- Charlotte Water experienced a leak on the existing 24-inch diameter Steele Creek Force Main located on Granite Street in Southwest Charlotte. This pipe conveys untreated wastewater from near Carowinds to the McAlpine Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant near Pineville.
- The leak is temporarily controlled through the use of above-ground bypass piping, but the force main needs to be replaced.
- The Granite Street force main replacement will repair the existing wastewater pipe and then serve as parallel infrastructure to a new force main as planned for redundancy. Construction of a \$44 million project is already underway to replace the existing Steele Creek lift station and install a new parallel wastewater force main. However, work on that project is scheduled to be completed in 2018.
- On May 12, 2016, Charlotte Water issued an Invitation to Bid for the Granite Street Force Main Replacement; four bids were received from interested service providers.
- Sanders Utility Construction Co., Inc. was selected as the lowest responsive, responsible bidder.
- The project is anticipated to be complete in 120 calendar days.

Charlotte Business INclusion

No subcontracting goal was established because there are no subcontracting opportunities (Part B: Section 2.3 of the Charlotte Business INclusion Policy). However, Sanders Utility Construction Co., Inc. committed 6.48% (\$66,000) of the total contract amount to the following certified firms:

- Jim Bob's Grading & Paving (SBE) (\$65,000) (paving)
- All Points Trucking, Inc. (SBE, WBE) (\$1,000) (hauling)

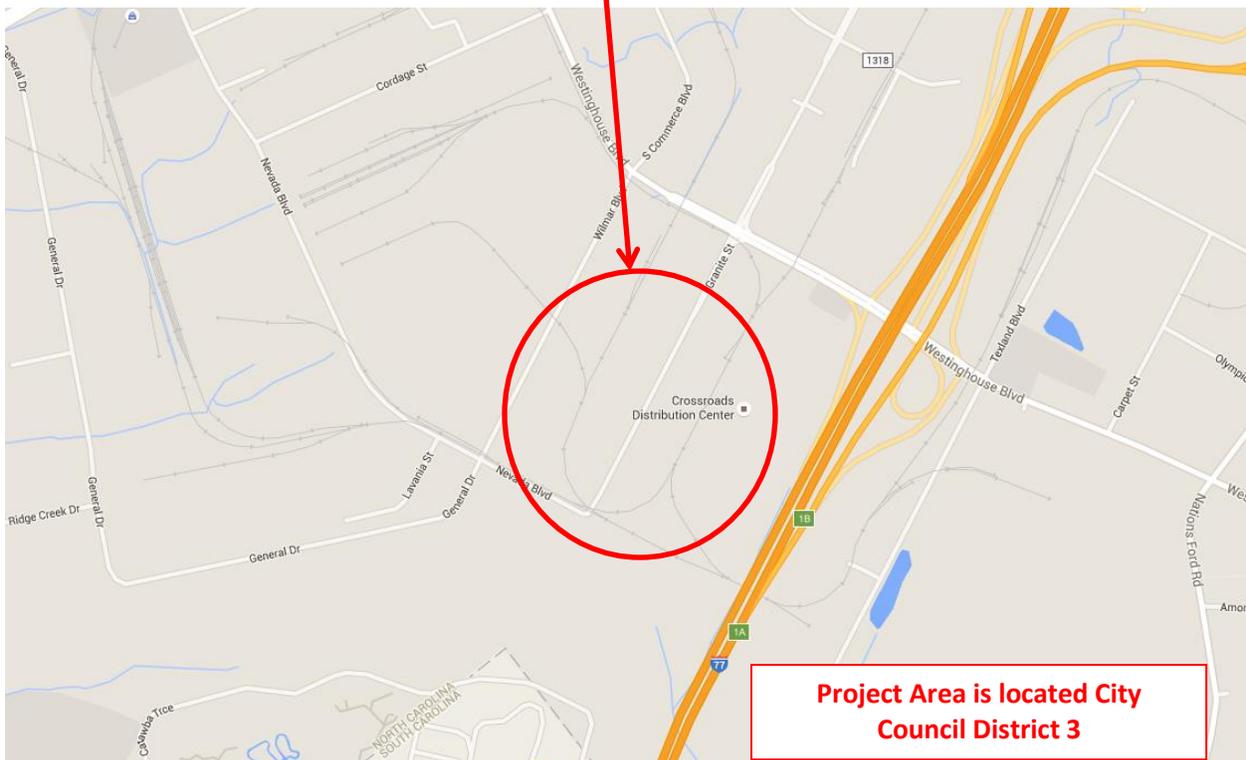
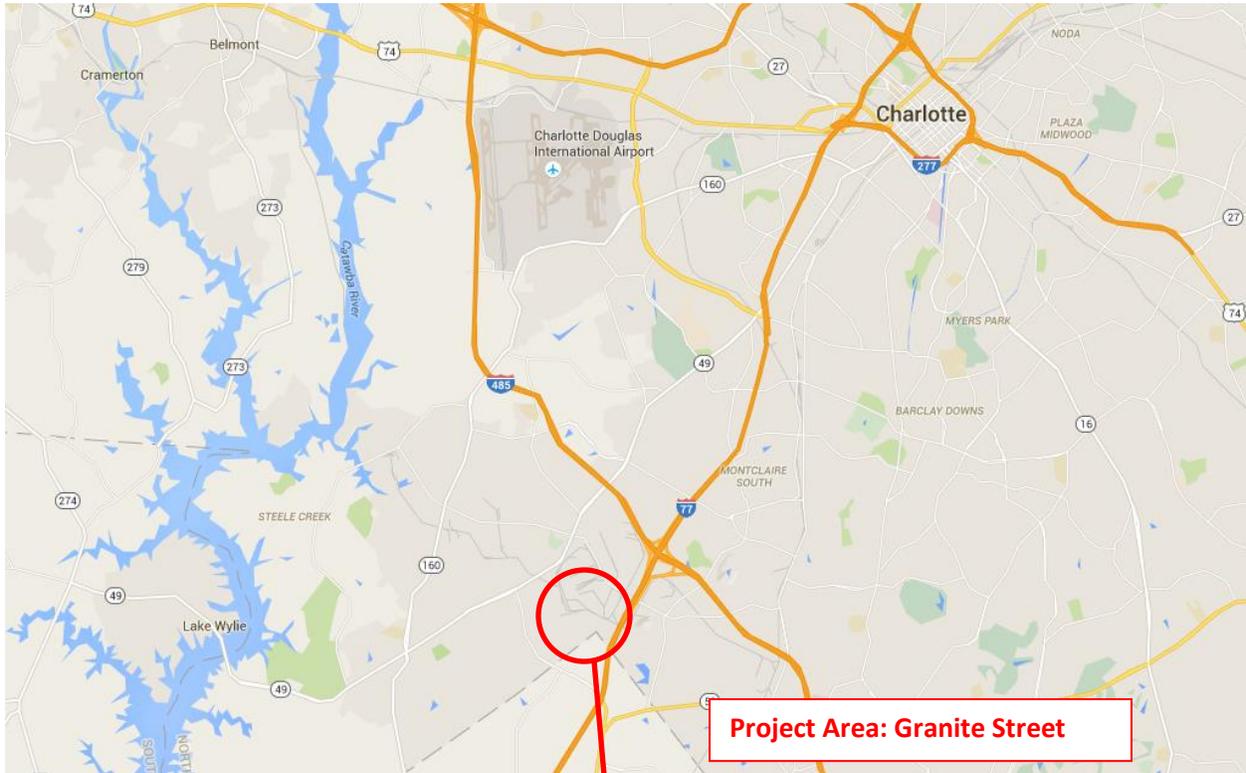
Fiscal Note

Funding: 6262-70-72-7030-703060-000000-000-530500

Attachment

Map
Summary of Bids

Granite Street Force Main Replacement - Map









MAP KEY	
	EVACUATION SHELTER
	CLOSES 9:30AM WED 5/25
	CLOSES 9:30AM THURS 5/26 REOPENS 6 - 9:30AM FRI 5/27
	CLOSED DUE TO CONSTRUCTION
	2 LANES CLOSE 9:30AM THURSDAY 5/26
	LIGHTRAIL
	LIGHTRAIL STATION



**CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE
M E M O R A N D U M**

May 20, 2016

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

FROM: Dana Fenton, Intergovernmental Relations Manager

SUBJECT: 2016 State Legislative Report #4

Trending Topics

The House passed the 2016 Appropriations Act ([HB 1030](#) – Dollar) on a vote of 103-12. HB 1030 now goes to the Senate where it will go through the Senate's committee process. The Senate Appropriations Committee will start their review of HB 1030 next week.

The bill introduction deadline for local bills and changes to retirement systems closed on Thursday, May 19.

Administrative & Fiscal

2016 Appropriations Act ([HB 1030](#) – Dollar): House budget bill amends the previously adopted State General Fund budget for FY 2016-2017. General Fund spending increases 2.3% above previously appropriated levels for FY 2016-2017 to \$22.225 billion. HB 1030 incorporates HB 988 that repeal the light rail funding cap. Highlights of the bill include teacher pay increases of up to 5%, state employee pay increases of 2%, and increase in the standard deduction for income tax filers phased in over a four year period starting in the 2017 tax year.

Repeal House Bill 2 ([HB 946](#) – Jackson / [SB 784](#) – Van Duyn): Companion bills to, as the titles clearly state, repeal House Bill 2 enacted in the Second Extra Session. The bills include language stating that any “local ordinance, resolution, regulation, or policy enacted prior to March 23, 2016, is not abated or affected by S.L. 2016-3, and the local ordinance, resolution, regulation, or policy that would be valid but for the enactment of S.L. 2016-3 remains valid.” This language is intended to provide assurance that any local ordinances passed prior to the date of enactment of House Bill 2 are valid. HB 946 was referred to House Judiciary IV and, if favorable, Appropriations. SB 784 was referred to Senate Appropriations / Base Budget and, if favorable, Senate Ways & Means.

The Equality for All Act ([HB 1078](#) – Sgro): Modifies portions of House Bill 2 passed in the Second Extra Session relating to public accommodations and employment by adding sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, marital status, familial status, military or veteran status, or genetic information to list of protected classes. HB 1078 extends similar protections to housing, education, credit and insurance. HB 1078 increases staffing in the State’s Human Relations Commission to investigate complaints and authorizes additional appropriations for the Commission. HB 1078 referred to House Judiciary I.

Change the Local Option Sales Tax Adjustment Factor ([SB 846](#) – Brown): Legislation would replace the system of local option sales tax adjustment factors for the various counties, which range from a low of 0.81 for Columbus County to a high of 1.49 for Dare County, with one that uses the development tier system. Tier one counties, presumably the poorest counties, would have a 1.10 factor, tier two counties at 1.00, and tier three counties at 0.90. Mecklenburg County, which currently has a 0.89 factor, would be grouped with other tier three counties at 0.90. Another section of the bill would repeal the annual State contribution of \$17.6 million for distribution to the 79 counties that benefit from the expansion of the sales tax base enacted in the 2015 session. SB 846 referred to Senate Finance and, if favorable, to Appropriations / Base Budget.

Economic Development

Municipal Service Districts ([HB 1023](#) – Davis / [SB 803](#) – Wade): Companion legislation recommended by the Committee on Municipal Service Districts. HB 1023 was reported out of House Local Government and subsequently passed the House. SB 803 was reported out of Senate State and Local Government and will next be heard by Finance.

Economic Development Changes and Study ([HB 1029](#) – S. Martin / [SB 810](#) – Brown): Companion legislation recommended by the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Economic Development and Global Engagement. The legislation calls for creation of the North Carolina Workgroup on Economic Development for Distressed Communities. The Workgroup is to consist of 11 members and is to reexamine North Carolina's strategy for assisting economically distressed communities to identify new programs to supplement the comprehensive State strategy of addressing chronic distress and targeting State aid to those communities. The Workgroup shall examine economic development programs utilized by other states or economic development entities as well as academic and critical analyses of potential programs and shall make recommendations on how to implement those strategies that have been successfully employed or are anticipated to amplify North Carolina's ability to compete in the acquisition of new industries and job opportunities. The Workgroup shall also create a measurement plan with goals, objectives, time frames, and action steps that will assess progress toward the overall goal of reducing or eliminating economic distress within North Carolina. HB 1029 was referred to House Commerce and Job Development. SB 810 was referred to Senate Commerce.

Eliminate Use of Development Tiers ([HB 1082](#) – Davis / [SB 844](#) – Hise): Companion legislation recommended by the Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee ends the use of the current development tier system and replaces it with an economic distress index that uses unemployment, median household income, average wage, and high school graduation data. HB 1082 referred to House Rules. SB 844 referred to Senate Commerce, if favorable to Finance, and if favorable, to Senate Appropriations / Base Budget.

Prosperity & Economic Opportunity for All NC Act ([SB 826](#) – Gunn): Legislation to enact a number of new economic development programs and tax incentives to benefit primarily rural areas. SB 826 referred to Senate Commerce, if favorable, Appropriations / Base Budget, and, if favorable, Finance.

Infrastructure

Terminate Agreement for Tolling of I-77 ([HB 950](#) – Cotham / [HB 954](#) – Jeter): Two different bills with the same title were introduced to terminate the I-77 HOT lanes contract. The primary difference between the introduced versions of the bills has to do with the payment of damages to the concessionaire. Section 2 of HB 950 intends for the State to pay any damages and reads as follows: “Payment of Damages. – If damages or other monetary penalties are determined to be owed by the State from the cancellation of the Comprehensive Agreement in accordance with Section 1 of this act, the Department of Transportation shall pay these amounts from unobligated funds available to the Department.” While HB 954 does not include similar language, Representative Jeter sought to assure Councilmembers Driggs and Phipps that it was not his intent to have the State charge “Charlotte” for the costs of cancellation. HB 950 was referred to House Rules, if favorable, Transportation, and, if favorable, Appropriations. HB 954 was referred to House Transportation and, if favorable, Appropriations.

Repeal Light Rail Funding Cap ([HB 988](#) – Torbett / [SB 857](#) – McKissick): Legislation recommended by the House Select Committee on Strategic Transportation Planning and Long-Term Funding to repeal the \$500,000 cap on State contributions to new light rail construction projects. HB 988 was reported out of House Transportation on Tuesday, May 10, and will next be heard in House Appropriations.

Distribution of Highway Use Tax and Fees ([SB 798](#) – Rabon): Redirects highway taxes collected on short-term lease and rental of automobiles from the State General Fund to the State Highway Fund, and earmarks proceeds to be used for prioritized capital improvements to Port Authority and public airports. SB 798 was referred to Senate Transportation and, if favorable, Finance.

Public Safety

Body-Worn & Dashboard Cameras / No Public Records ([HB 972](#) – Faircloth): Legislation recommended by the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety to establish statewide standards for the release of body-worn and dashboard camera video and audio. HB 972 was referred to House Judiciary II.

Local Government Immigration Compliance ([SB 868](#) – Sanderson): SB 868 follows up on SL 2015-294 (HB 318) by adding “incentives” for local governments to comply with State immigration laws. If a municipality or county or its law enforcement agency is found to be an “affected local government”, which is one that is found to be not in compliance with a State law related to immigration, then that affected local government could lose eligibility for receiving funds from the Public School Building Capital Fund and Powell Bill programs. Powell Bill funding provides approximately \$20 million per year to the City of Charlotte for maintenance of local roads and streets. SB 868 creates a cause of action for any person who resides within the jurisdiction of a city, county, or law enforcement agency that the person believes is not in compliance with a State law related to immigration to bring an action for declaratory and injunctive relief, which must be filed in the Superior Court of Wake County. SB 868 referred to Senate Judiciary II, if favorable, to Finance, and if favorable, to Appropriations / Base Budget.