

Intergovernmental Relations Committee

Monday, January 27, 2020 at 2:00 pm
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center
Room 280

Committee Members: Tariq Bokhari, Co-Chair
Braxton Winston, Co-Chair
Larken Egleston
James Mitchell
Matt Newton

Staff Resource: Dana Fenton

AGENDA				
No.	Item		Co-Chair	Time
I.	Call to Order & Introductions			2 minutes
II.	Process for Sorting Federal & State Legislative Requests			10 minutes
	Attachment: Process for Sorting 2020 Federal & State Legislative Requests			
III.	Propose 2020 Federal Legislative Agenda			15 minutes
	Action: Committee proposes 2020 Federal Legislative Agenda			
	Attachment: 2020 Federal & State Legislative Requests			
IV.	Propose 2020 State Legislative Agenda			15 minutes
	Action: Committee proposes 2020 State Legislative Agenda			
	Attachment: 2020 Federal & State Legislative Requests			
V.	Committee Discussion			5 minutes
VI.	Upcoming Opportunities			2 minutes
VII.	Next Committee Meeting			1 minute
	Monday, February 17, 2:00 pm, Room 280			

Items	Intergovernmental Relations Committee		City Council	
	Discussion / Information	Adoption / Recommendation	Strategy Session / Action Review / Other	Business Meeting
2020 State Legislative Agenda		January 27	February 3 February 10	February 24
2020 Federal Legislative Agenda		January 27	February 3 February 10	February 24
Brief Congressional Delegation	Wednesday, March 11, 2020			
Brief General Assembly Delegation	TBD			

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

2020 COMMITTEE CALENDAR

APPROVED JANUARY 21, 2020

Third Monday of each month at 2:00 pm

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center, Room 280

(unless otherwise noted)

Tuesday, January 21, 2:00 p.m., Room 271 (*Monday is Martin Luther King Jr. Day*)

Monday, January 27, 2:00 p.m., Room 280

February 17

March 16

April 20

May 18

June 15

No meetings in July and August due to Council Summer Schedule

September 21

October 19

November 16

December 21



Process for Sorting 2020 Federal & State Legislative Requests

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OVERVIEW

- Federal and State Legislative Requests presented to the Committee on January 21
 - Four Federal requests
 - Five State requests
 - Two requests made by CM Watlington were pulled from consideration at her request
- Requests are enumerated in the attachments
- Requests to be sorted into:
 - Proposed 2020 Federal or State Legislative Agendas
 - Parking Lot
 - No Position

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SORTING CATEGORIES

- Proposed Federal or State Legislative Agendas:
 - Optimal number of issues in each agenda is 3
 - City will actively monitor or advocate for these issues

- Parking Lot:
 - Timing and environment not opportune
 - City is not articulating a specific position

- No Position:
 - No present likelihood of success
 - Important stakeholders not unified
 - Substantial Council disagreement
 - May produce disadvantageous result for city




SORTING PROCESS

- Step 1: Informal Committee Discussion

- Step 2: Staff reports back comprehensive results of discussion

- Step 3: Committee votes on comprehensive results


- Step 4: Committee Co-Chairs speak to the Committee-Proposed 2020 Federal & State Legislative Agendas at City Council Strategy Session on February 3



FEDERAL REQUESTS

Issue (Requestor)	Agenda	Parking Lot	No Position
Affordable Housing (City Manager)			
Immigration Reform (CM Egleston)			
Transportation & Infrastructure (City Manager)			
Urban Area Security Initiative (City Manager)			

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STATE REQUESTS

Issue (Requestor)	Agenda	Parking Lot	No Position
Affordable Housing (City Manager)			
Local Control (CM Winston)			
Marijuana Legalization (CM Winston)			
Minimum Housing Standards (City Manager)			
NC Search & Rescue Teams (City Manager)			

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NEXT STEPS

- Monday, February 3: Co-Chairs will speak to the Committee-proposed State & Federal Legislative Agendas during Report Outs at the City Council Strategy Session
- Monday, February 10: Staff will present the Committee-proposed State & Federal Legislative Agendas at the City Council Action Review
- Monday, February 24: Committee-proposed State & Federal Legislative Agendas will be on the City Council Business Agenda for Adoption



2020 Federal & State Legislative Requests

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FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE REQUESTS

- Affordable Housing (City Manager)
- Immigration Reform (CM Egleston)
- Transportation & Infrastructure (City Manager)
- Urban Area Security Initiative (City Manager)



2020 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

- Affordable Housing (City Manager)
 - Support federal funding for the Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnership and Low-Income Housing Tax Credit programs that support affordable housing initiatives
 - Continuation of the 2019 Federal Legislative Agenda position



2020 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

- Immigration Reform (CM Egleston)
 - Recommendations of the Immigrant Community Committee
 - **H-1B Visas:** Support the continuation of the program and make changes that streamline processing times and allow spouses of Visa holders to work and volunteer
 - **Asylum Seekers:** Support a path to residency and citizenship for asylum seekers
 - **Temporary Protected Status:** Support a path to citizenship for those in Temporary Protected Status
 - **Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals:** Support continuation of the program and path to citizenship
 - New proposed position for the 2020 Federal Legislative Agenda



2020 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

- **Transportation & Infrastructure (City Manager)**
 - **Transit:** Continue working with Congress and the Administration to secure federal resources for the build-out of the 2030 Transit Corridor System Plan
 - **Airports, Highways and Passenger Rail:** Support increased federal funding for infrastructure that serves to connect rural and urban areas, including funding for the fourth parallel runway at Charlotte Douglas International Airport
 - **Modernized and Sustainable Infrastructure:** Support increased federal funding for infrastructure that accelerates our transformation toward a sustainable economy and promotes smart cities initiatives, e.g. alternative vehicle refueling stations, renewable energy, and autonomous vehicles and related 5G broadband technology
 - Continuation of the 2019 Federal Legislative Agenda position



2020 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

- **Urban Area Security Initiative (City Manager)**
 - Support efforts to retain regional eligibility in the Urban Areas Security Initiative
 - UASI program enables high threat, high density urban areas to build and sustain capabilities to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to and recover from acts of terrorism
 - New position for the 2020 Federal Legislative Agenda



STATE LEGISLATIVE REQUESTS

- Affordable Housing (City Manager)
- Local Control (CM Winston)
- Marijuana Legalization (CM Winston)
- Minimum Housing Standards (City Manager)
- NC Search & Rescue Teams (City Manager)



2020 STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

- Affordable Housing (City Manager)
 - Clarify State law to expressly authorize providing financial assistance to low and moderate income persons for displacement assistance and gentrification mitigation
 - Continuation of the 2019 State Legislative Agenda position
 - City request was incorporated into the Municipal Omnibus Bill (HB 557 – Ross and Adcock) that passed the House and is in the Senate Rules Committee
 - HB 557 is eligible for consideration in 2020



2020 STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

- Local Control (CM Winston)
 - Support legislation that strengthens the role of local governing bodies in enacting local solutions without limitations from the State
 - New proposed position for the 2020 State Legislative Agenda
 - Considerations:
 - North Carolina is not a home rule state
 - Major local government organizations (i.e. NC League of Municipalities and NC County Commissioners Association) would need to be strongly supportive
 - Requires extensive analysis and evaluation before proceeding
 - Requires extensive relationship building with the General Assembly



2020 STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

- Marijuana Legalization (CM Winston)
 - Support legislation legalizing the use of marijuana
 - New proposed position for the 2020 State Legislative Agenda
 - Considerations:
 - Legislative initiatives allowing the use of marijuana for medicinal purposes (HB 401 – Alexander) and decriminalization of possession of less than four ounces for personal use (HB 766 – Autry) were not considered in 2019
 - House and Senate are debating whether smokable hemp should be allowed



2020 STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

- Minimum Housing Standards (City Manager)
 - Support legislation strengthening North Carolina minimum housing standards including extending the authority to local governments to conduct testing for and enforcement of remediation of mold
 - Continuation of the 2019 State Legislative Agenda position
 - Safety Updates for Rental Properties (HB 1012 – Beasley and Belk) was not considered in Committee
 - While HB 1012 is opposed by the shelter industry, sponsors are still trying to advance the legislation
 - Since an appropriation is in HB 1012, the bill is eligible for consideration in 2020



2020 STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

- NC Search and Rescue Teams (City Manager)
 - Transition occasional annual funding to sustained funding in support of North Carolina Search & Rescue Teams
 - Continuation of the 2019 State Legislative Agenda position
 - Recurring funding was agreed upon by the House and Senate in the 2019 Appropriations Act (HB 966 – Johnson) but HB 966 became and remains the epicenter of the budget standoff between the Governor and General Assembly
 - HB 966 is eligible for consideration in the short session