

Intergovernmental Relations Committee

Monday, September 21, 2020, 2:00 pm
CMGC Room 267

Revised Agenda

The public and the media can view the meeting on the [Government Channel](#) or [City's YouTube page](#).

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

Staff Resource: Dana Fenton, City Manager's Office

MEETING AGENDA		
No.	Agenda Item	Time
I.	Call to Order & Introductions	2 minutes
II.	Committee Referrals	15 minutes
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Nuisance Abatement (regulation and challenges)</u> – identify ordinances or laws that can be adjusted to streamline the nuisance abatement process• <u>Citizens Review Board and Subpoena Power</u> – Develop a legislative strategy to advance granting Subpoena Power for the CRB• <u>Criminal Justice Advisory Group participation (effectiveness review based on city participation: is it appropriately managed and resourced)</u> – Define the City's role in collaborating on the Criminal Justice Advisory Group as well as opportunities to collaborate with Mecklenburg County on reentry	
III.	Overview of the Legislative Agenda Development Process	5 minutes
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dana Fenton	
IV.	Aviation Issues	20 minutes
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• COVID-19 Guidelines (Federal)• Airport Improvement Program (State)• Fourth Parallel Runway (Federal)	
V.	Safe Communities Committee	10 minutes
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Subpoena Power for CRB (State)	

MEETING AGENDA

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VI.	Staff Requests <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sustainability (Federal)• Immigration Reform (Federal)	20 minutes
VII.	Mobility Issues <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Charlotte Moves (State)• US 74 Wilmington to Asheville (State and Federal)• Steele Creek Road (State)• 2030 Transit Corridor System Plan (Federal)	40 minutes
VIII.	Committee Discussion	5 minutes
IX.	Upcoming Opportunities	2 minutes
X.	Upcoming Committee Meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wednesday, October 14, 1:00 pm, Virtual• Monday, October 19, 2:00 pm, Virtual• Monday, November 16, 2:00 pm, Virtual• Monday, December 21, 2:00 pm, Virtual	1 minute

UPCOMING COMMITTEE TOPICS

Items	Intergovernmental Relations Committee		City Council	
	Discussion / Information / Joint Meeting	Adoption / Recommendation	Strategy Session / Action Review / Other	Business Meeting
State legislative agenda requests heard in committee	September 21 October 14			
Federal legislative agenda requests heard in committee	September 21 October 14			
Committee proposes state legislative agenda		October 19		
Committee proposes federal legislative agenda		October 19		
Strategy Session / Co-Chairs lead discussion of proposed agendas			November 2	
Action Review / Staff presents proposed agendas to Council			November 9	
Committee meets	November 16			
Council adopts state and federal legislative agendas				November 23
General Assembly Delegation Briefing			Targeting December 7 – 18	
Committee meets	December 21			
Congressional Briefings			Targeting March 7 – 10	

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

2020 COMMITTEE CALENDAR

APPROVED JANUARY 21, 2020

MODIFIED SEPTEMBER 18, 2020

Third Monday of each month at 2:00 pm

Meetings starting on September 21 will be held In-Person in Room 267 of the CMGC

(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 (canceled)

April 20 (canceled)

May 18 (canceled)

June 15 (canceled)

No meetings in July and August due to Council Summer Schedule

August 25 (joint meeting with Mecklenburg County Intergovernmental Relations Committee, meeting hosted by Mecklenburg County)

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Committee Referrals

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OVERVIEW

- Three topics have been referred to the IRC:
 - Nuisance abatement
 - Citizens Review Board and Subpoena Power
 - Criminal Justice Advisory Group Participation
- All three topics are rated “Blue = Proposed New”



NUISANCE ABATEMENT

- Policy Question:
 - Identify ordinances and laws that can be adjusted to streamline the nuisance abatement process
- Related to referral made to the Great Neighborhoods Committee:
 - What should the city's policy for addressing opportunities, challenges and consequences in conducting nuisance abatement for residents be with consideration of mitigating any resultant housing displacement?
- Great Neighborhoods Committee discussed on September 16 and reports out to City Council on October 5
- Recommendation: Discuss at November 16 meeting



CITIZENS REVIEW BOARD/SUBPOENA POWER

- Policy Question:
 - Develop a legislative strategy to advance granting subpoena power to the Citizens Review Board
- Chairman of the Safe Communities Committee is addressing Subpoena Power for the Citizens Review Board later in today's agenda
- Recommendation: Finalize strategy at October 19 meeting



CJAG PARTICIPATION

- Policy Question:
 - Define the City's role in collaborating on the Criminal justice Advisory Group (CJAG) as well as to opportunities to collaborate with Mecklenburg County on re-entry
- CJAG was chartered by Mecklenburg County Criminal Justice Services Department in 2005 as an informal forum where criminal justice system leaders engage in systemic planning and coordination
- Designee of City Manager and Chief of Police serve on CJAG
- Recommendation: Discuss at December 21 meeting



Legislative Requests (Agenda Items III – VII)

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III. OVERVIEW – AGENDA DEVELOPMENT

- Today is the first of two meetings where the Committee will hear legislative requests
- Second meeting to hear legislative requests will be on Wednesday, October 14
- Over the next two meetings, Committee will hear nearly 25 state and federal legislative requests from Councilmembers, Council committees and staff
- Committee will meet on October 19 to propose state and federal legislative agendas for the consideration of the City Council



III. OVERVIEW – AGENDA DEVELOPMENT

- November 3 Strategy Session
 - Co-Chairs discusses proposed legislative agenda with Council

- November 16 Action Review
 - Staff makes formal presentation of the agendas

- November 23 Council consideration
 - Council votes to adopt the agendas



IV. AVIATION

- Charlotte Douglas International Airport is a major economic generator for our region at approximately \$23 billion per year

- Onset of the pandemic necessitated the creation of the Airport Recovery Task Force, which made two legislative-related recommendations that were approved by the City Council on June 1

- COVID-19 Guidelines developed by the Federal Aviation Administration can be applied consistently at all Airports
 - Strong support from the major commercial service airports across the country for consistent guidelines



IV. AVIATION

- NC Airport Improvement Program is a state-funded program that allocates funding to commercial service airports in NC for capital improvements and debt service
 - CLT to receive \$29.2 million in FY 2021
- Dedication of proceeds to debt service helps maintain Airport's credit rating and reduces the cost basis of the signatory airlines rate structure
- Strong support for this program from our State Delegation and Leadership



IV. AVIATION

- Fourth Parallel Runway is to be located on the west side of Airport
 - Currently in Environmental Assessment
 - Will cost at ~ \$625 million
 - Seeking federal funding of at least \$300 million
- Strong support from regional business interests
- Strong support from the airline industry
- Strong support from our Congressional Delegation



V. SAFE COMMUNITIES

- Subpoena Power for the Citizens Review Board is poised to be recommended by the Safe Communities Committee to the City Council for the 2021 state legislative agenda
 - 2016 Letter to the Community
 - Requested as local legislation in 2017 and 2019
 - Chief Jennings supports this request
- City of Raleigh has expressed support for establishing a similar Board and securing subpoena power for the proposed Board
- Opposition from police organizations and General Assembly Leadership is still strong



VI. SUSTAINABILITY

- Sustainability is addressed in the Strategic Energy Action Plan adopted by City Council in December 2018
- City Commitment:
 - Reduce emissions of carbon to less than two-tons per person per year by 2050
 - Source 100% of energy use in municipal buildings and fleet from zero carbon sources by 2030.
- Transition to sustainable, resilient future will require more research and funding



VI. SUSTAINABILITY

- Proposed position statement reads:

Modernized and Sustainable Infrastructure: Support increased federal funding for research and infrastructure that accelerates our transformation to a sustainable economy and supports the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, including: walking and biking infrastructure, electric vehicles and electric vehicle charging stations, alternative fuel vehicle refueling stations, energy efficient buildings, and renewable energy and renewable energy infrastructure. Support equitable workforce development opportunities in the clean energy sector



VI. IMMIGRATION REFORM

- Immigration Reform is addressed in the Immigration Compact adopted by the Charlotte City Council in July 2019
- Compact stresses that immigration policy is a federal issue
- Major advocacy organizations are still split on how to reform the system
- Will probably not be addressed by Congress before end of the year



VI. IMMIGRATION REFORM

- Proposed position statement reads:

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



VII. MOBILITY ISSUES

- A number of mobility initiatives are underway
- City of Charlotte – Charlotte Moves
- Region – Centralina COG Connect Our Future
- NCDOT – NC First Commission
- General Assembly – House Select Committee on Strategic Transportation Planning and Long Term Funding Solutions
- US Congress – Comprehensive Infrastructure Initiative



VII. MOBILITY ISSUES

- Charlotte Moves Task Force was created by the City Council in February 2020 to address issues around mobility and transportation by bringing together:
 - 2030 Transit Plan
 - Charlotte Walks
 - Charlotte Bikes
 - Strategic Energy Action Plan
 - County Greenway Master Plan
 - 2040 Comprehensive Plan
 - Regional Transportation Plans
- Task Force will make recommendations in early December on what a Transformational Mobility Network “would cost and how to pay for it”



VII. MOBILITY ISSUES

- Charlotte Moves recently discussed a number of ideas to achieve the vision of a Network including those that require state legislative authority:
 - New sources of revenue
 - Dedication of sales tax revenues to debt service
 - State contributions to transit network
- Upcoming meetings of Charlotte Moves will focus upon the cost of a Transformational Mobility Network
- Task Force Chair Mayor Gantt will brief Council at an upcoming meeting
- Goal is to submit recommendations to voters in 2021



VII. MOBILITY ISSUES

- US 74 Wilmington to Asheville has been discussed as a candidate for conversion to an interstate highway
 - Length of ~ 335 miles
 - Portions of US 74 from Asheville to Tryon and around Rockingham, Laurinburg and Lumberton display interstate shield
 - Costs are probably in the multiple billions of dollars
- MPOs and RPOs located in corridor would need to request that the project be scored in the prioritization process
- Potential connection with bridging the digital divide



VII. MOBILITY ISSUES

- Steele Creek Road (NC-160) widening is one of a number of state-funded road projects in the State that NCDOT has been forced to reprogram due to severe fiscal issues
 - Project is 6.8 miles in length from NC-SC state line to I-485
 - Project costs have grown to \$164.8 million from previous estimate of \$62.6 million
 - Project completion delayed from 2027 until after 2032
- Impact fees, land transfers fees and out-of-state commuter taxes have all been raised as possible sources of funding to accelerate construction of reprogrammed projects, all of which have political feasibility issues



VII. MOBILITY ISSUES

- 2030 Transit Corridor System Plan position statement has been adopted by the Metropolitan Transit Commission for all member jurisdictions to use when advocating for the Plan with our Congressional Delegation

Transit: Continue working with the Congress and the Administration to secure federal resources for the build-out of the 2030 Transit Corridor System Plan

- Congressional Delegation has strongly supported local efforts to build-out the 2030 Plan through the federal Capital Investment Grant process