



Charlotte City Council
Intergovernmental Relations Committee
Summary Minutes
Sept. 21, 2020

COMMITTEE AGENDA TOPICS

- I. Call to Order
- II. Committee Referrals
- III. Overview of the Legislative Agenda Development Process
- IV. Aviation Issues
- V. Safe Communities Committee
- VI. Staff Requests
- VII. Mobility Issues
- VIII. Committee Discussion
- IX. Upcoming Opportunities

COMMITTEE INFORMATION

Committee Members Present: Tariq Bokhari (Co-Chair), Braxton Winston (Co-Chair), Larken Egleston, Matt Newton

Non-Committee Members: Victoria Watlington (Steele Creek Road)
Ed Driggs (Aviation Issues)
Ches McDowell, Kilpatrick Townsend
Nelson Freeman, Kilpatrick Townsend

Staff Resources: Dana Fenton, City Manager's Office
Tracy Dodson, City Manager's Office
Taiwo Jaiyeoba, City Manager's Office
Brent Cagle, Director, Department of Aviation
Federico Rios, Office of Equity, Mobility and Immigrant Integration
Sarah Hazel, City Manager's Office

Meeting Duration: 2:00 pm – 4:00 p.m.

DISCUSSION HIGHLIGHTS

Call to Order

Committee Co-Chairs provided opening remarks and framed discussion topics.

Committee Referrals

Committee discussed referrals for Nuisance Abatement, Subpoena Power for the Citizens Review Board and the Criminal Justice Advisory Group. Nuisance Abatement will be addressed at the October 14 committee meeting, Subpoena Power for the Citizens Review Board at the October 19 meeting and the Criminal Justice Advisory Group at the December 21 committee meeting.

Overview of Legislative Agenda Development Process

Dana Fenton presented a brief timeline of the legislative agenda development process through adoption of the legislative agendas by the City Council.

Aviation Issues

Brent Cagle presented legislative requests made by the Airport Recovery Task Force for COVID-19 Guidelines (Federal) and the North Carolina Airport Improvement Program (State) followed by the staff generated Fourth Parallel Runway (Federal) project.

Safe Communities Committee

CM Egleston presented Subpoena Power for the Citizens Review Board (State), which the Safe Communities Committee will probably be considering at an upcoming meeting. CM Egleston also informed the committee that the Safe Communities Committee may also recommend action be taken to amend the police recordings law to allow speedier release of body-worn camera recordings. The police recordings law is a state issue.

Staff Requests

Sustainability staff reviewed an amended Sustainability (Federal) position statement to replace what has been used previously for the federal legislative agenda. Office of Equity, Mobility and Immigrant Integration staff reviewed the Comprehensive Immigration Reform (Federal) position statement.

Mobility Issues

Dana Fenton outlined several mobility initiatives that are under way at the local, regional, state and national levels that appear to provide momentum for transportation related legislation in upcoming sessions of the US Congress and NC General Assembly. Taiwo Jaiyeoba reviewed the work of the Charlotte Moves Task Force and described three potential state legislative initiatives that may result from that group's work, which include new sources of revenue, dedication of sales tax revenues to debt service and state contributions to the transit network. CM Bokhari outlined his vision for how US 74 (State and Federal) can be upgraded to an interstate highway while also addressing the digital divide. CM Watlington addressed the delays that the State has encountered with the NC160/Steele Creek Road (State) project, which is due to a lack of state resources. Dana Fenton presented the position statement for the 2030 Transit Corridor System Plan (Federal) that has been used by the member jurisdictions of the Metropolitan Transit Commission to advocate for federal resources with our Congressional Delegation.

Upcoming Opportunities

None currently.

Upcoming Committee Meetings

The committee will next meet on Wednesday, October 14, 1:00 pm. Meeting adjourned at 3:55 pm.