

Intergovernmental Relations Committee

Monday, February 15, 2021 at 2:00 p.m., CMGC Room CH-14

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

Committee Members: Tariq Bokhari, Co-Chair
Braxton Winston, Co-Chair
Larken Egleston
Matt Newton
Gregg Phipps

Staff Resource: Dana Fenton, City Manager's Office

Agenda Item	Time
I. Call to Order & Introductions	2 minutes
II. State Legislative Update <i>Staff: Dana Fenton, City Manager's Office and Kilpatrick Townsend</i> Action: Staff will present an Information Item concerning the work of the NC General Assembly	20 minutes
III. Federal Legislative Update <i>Staff: Dana Fenton, City Manager's Office</i> Action: Staff will present an Information Item concerning the work of the US Congress	20 minutes
IV. Committee Discussion	5 minutes
V. Upcoming Opportunities <ul style="list-style-type: none">March 3, 2021, 5:00 pm, Virtual NCLM Town & State SocialMarch 7 – 10, 2021, Virtual NLC Congressional Cities Conference	2 minutes
VI. Next Committee Meeting is Monday, March 15	1 minute

UPCOMING COMMITTEE TOPICS

Items	Intergovernmental Relations Committee		City Council	
	Discussion / Information / Joint Meeting	Adoption / Recommendation	Strategy Session / Action Review / Other	Business Meeting
Congressional Briefings			Targeting March 8 – 10	
IRC Meeting	March 15			
IRC Meeting	April 19			
IRC Meeting	May 17			
IRC Meeting	June 21			



State Legislative Update

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BALANCE OF POWER

- NC House of Representatives
 - 69 Republicans
 - 51 Democrats
 - 3 Democrats need to join all Republicans to successfully override Governor's veto

- NC Senate
 - 28 Republicans
 - 22 Democrats
 - 2 Democrats need to join all Republicans to successfully override Governor's veto

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LEADERSHIP LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

- Budget
 - Issue area vs. full budget

- COVID Legislation
 - Policy based on Federal legislation
 - K-12 Education
 - Economic recovery

- Department of Transportation Stabilization
 - Gas Tax Alternatives
 - NC First Commission Report

- Redistricting



KEY HOUSE COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP

- Appropriations
- Commerce
- Finance
- Local Government
- Local Government – Land Use, Planning & Development
- Transportation
- Rules



KEY HOUSE COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP

- Appropriations
 - Senior Co-Chairs: Arp (Union), Lambeth (Forsyth) and Saine (Lincoln)
- General Government Appropriations
 - Co-Chairs: Cleveland (Onslow) and Riddell (Alamance)
- Justice and Public Safety Appropriations
 - Senior Chair: Boles (Moore)
- Transportation Appropriations
 - Senior Chair: B. Jones (Robeson)



KEY HOUSE COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP

- Commerce Committee
 - Chair: Sauls (Harnett)
- Finance Committee
 - Senior Co-Chairs: Bradford (Mecklenburg), Howard (Davie), Setzer (Catawba) and Szoka (Cumberland)
- Local Government Committee
 - Co-Chairs: Hanig (Hyde) and Watford (Davidson)



KEY HOUSE COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP

- Local Government – Land Use, Planning & Development
 - Chair: Brody (Union)

- Transportation Committee
 - Co-Chairs: Iler (Brunswick), B. Jones (Robeson) and Shepard (Onslow)

- Rules, Calendar and Operations Committee
 - Chair: D. Hall (Caldwell)



KEY SENATE COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP

- Appropriations
- Commerce and Insurance
- Finance
- State and Local Government
- Transportation
- Rules



KEY SENATE COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP

- Appropriations/Base Budget
 - Co-Chairs: Harrington (Gaston), Hise (McDowell) and B. Jackson (Sampson)

- Appropriations on Department of Transportation
 - Co-Chairs: McInnis (Scotland) and Sawyer (Iredell)

- Appropriations on General Government and Information Technology
 - Co-Chairs: Alexander (Cleveland), Ford (Rowan) and Steinburg (Hyde)

- Appropriations on Justice and Public Safety
 - Co-Chairs: Britt (Robeson) and Daniel (Caldwell)



KEY SENATE COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP

- Commerce and Insurance
 - Chairs: Edwards (Buncombe), Johnson (Union) and McInnis (Scotland)

- Finance Committee
 - Chairs: Daniel (Caldwell), Newton (Cabarrus) and Rabon (Brunswick)

- State and Local Government Committee
 - Chairs: Alexander (Cleveland), Ford (Rowan) and Steinburg (Hyde)



KEY SENATE COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP

- **Transportation Committee**
 - Chairs: Britt (Robeson), McInnis (Scotland) and Sawyer (Iredell)

- **Rules Committee**
 - Chair: Rabon (Brunswick)



BILL DEADLINES

- **Senate bill filing:**
 - Local bills Thursday, March 11
 - Public bills Tuesday, April 6

- **House bill filing:**
 - Local bills Thursday, March 25
 - Public bills (non-revenue) Tuesday, April 20
 - Public bills (revenue) Tuesday, April 27

- **Crossover Thursday, May 13**



Federal Legislative Update

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OVERVIEW

- 2020 Results
- 2021 City Priorities
- Administration Priorities
- Congressional City Conference



2020 RESULTS

- **Affordable Housing:**
 - Established permanent floor for the 4% low-income housing tax credit
 - Increased funding for Community Development Block Grant program by \$50 million
- **Urban Area Security Initiative:**
 - Required study of allocation formula
- **Emergency Relief:**
 - Direct aid to the City for aviation, housing and homeless, public transportation needs
 - Coronavirus Relief Funds directed to City for needs related to pandemic was utilized for various uses such as small business, housing, digital divide, front line worker needs



2021 CITY PRIORITIES

- **Transportation & Infrastructure**
 - Administration's infrastructure proposal expected to cover public transportation, aviation, highways, passenger rail, sustainability and digital divide
 - December 2020 emergency relief package included \$3.2 billion to help low-income families secure internet subscriptions
- **Comprehensive Immigration Reform**
 - Administration has drafted legislation
- **COVID-19 Guidelines for Airports**
 - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued mask-wearing order in Airports



ADMINISTRATION PRIORITIES

- Emergency relief
- Infrastructure
- Climate change
- Immigration
- Racial equity and social justice



EMERGENCY RELIEF

- \$1.9 trillion emergency relief measure
 - Vaccine distribution
 - Stimulus payments
 - Unemployment assistance
 - State and local government aid
 - Transportation
 - Internet access
- House and Senate committees are working on policies to include in the package
- House and Senate Leadership aiming to get bill onto the President's desk by early March



INFRASTRUCTURE

- With Democratic majorities, Leadership sees opportunity for spending on public transportation, aviation, highways, passenger rail, electric vehicles, broadband and potentially more
- Administration has proposed investing in infrastructure to “stimulate” the economy
 - Proposed spending \$2 trillion on infrastructure, including \$50 billion on road and bridge repairs in his first year in office
- Legislation could be filed within the month with passage projected several months down the road



CLIMATE CHANGE

- Rejoined Paris climate agreement, effective after 30 days
- Directed federal agencies to center the climate crisis in US foreign policy and national security considerations
- Created the White House Office of Domestic Climate Policy and the National Climate Task Force
- Directed all new federal infrastructure investments reduce climate pollution
- Committed to conserving 30% of land and water by 2030 and created the Civilian Climate Corps Initiative
- Established an Interagency Working Group on Coal & Power Plant Communities and Economic Revitalization, and a White House Environmental Justice Interagency Council and Advisory Council



IMMIGRATION

- Announced immigration legislation with path to citizenship for 11 million undocumented immigrants living in US
- Revoked Executive Order that increased immigration enforcement and withheld funds from “sanctuary” cities
- Issued memo directing DHS to take action to preserve Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program
- Ended travel and immigration ban from primarily Muslim countries
- Issued proclamation to halt construction on border wall
- Created task force to reunify families separated at the border during the Trump administration



IMMIGRATION (CONT.)

- Directed DHS to review the Migrant Protection Protocols Program to reform the US asylum system
- Directed federal agencies to review the public charge rule and other policies that set up barriers to the U.S. legal immigration system



RACIAL EQUITY & SOCIAL JUSTICE

- Directed HUD to reevaluate Trump-era housing regulations to promote fair housing
- Directed DOJ to not renew federal contracts with private prisons
- Reaffirmed Clinton-era policies mandating commitment to tribal sovereignty and consultation with leadership
- Denounced anti-Asian bias, discrimination, and xenophobia



CONGRESSIONAL CITY CONFERENCE

- March 7 – 10
- Scheduling virtual briefings for Mayor and Council to brief our Congressional Delegation