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WEEK IN REVIEW:

Monday, June 26

2:00 p.m.

ED Committee Mtg., Room CH-14

Agenda: Overview of Upcoming Agenda Topics; Overview of Accelerator Grant

5:00 p.m.

Citizens' Forum/Council Business Mtg., Room 267

Wednesday, June 28

12:00 p.m.

HAND Committee Mtg., Room 280

Agenda: Targeted Rehabilitation Program; Comprehensive Housing Study Update

5:30 p.m.

MTC Meeting, Room 267

Agenda: Approval of the May 24 Summary; Report from the Chair of the Transit Service Advisory Committee (TSAC); Report from the Chair of the Citizens Transit Advisory Group (CTAG); Action Items; Chief Executive Officer's Report

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

CM Ajmera Town Hall Mtg., CMGC – Room CH-14

Thursday, June 29

5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

CM Mitchell Town Hall Mtg., CMGC – Room 267

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

CM Fallon Town Hall Mtg., University City Library
301 E. W.T. Harris Blvd.

Friday, June 30

7:30 – 9:00 a.m.

MPT Lyles Town Hall Mtg., Belmont Center
700 Parkwood Ave.

June and July calendars are attached



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UPDATES:

HNS Youth Career Fair

Staff Resource: Jason H. Parker, HNS, 704-336-4998, Jason.Parker2@charlottenc.gov

In response to the Community Letter's goal to increase access to good paying jobs, Housing & Neighborhood Services (HNS) piloted the first Youth Career Fair on Friday, May 19 in partnership with the Charlotte Premium Outlets, Charlotte Works, Goodwill Industries and the YMCA of Greater Charlotte.

The first event featured 11 companies hiring for 33 open positions. The event attracted 158 youth participants and resulted in 19 new employment opportunities as of June 9 - a placement rate of 57.5%. Candidates secured positions at stores such as The Beef Jerky Outlet, Brooks Brothers, Coach and Finish Line.

Throughout the next year, staff will be developing additional job fairs in neighborhoods including Ballantyne, South Park and University City.

MWSBE Certification Event at CLT Airport

Staff Resource: Brent Cagle, Charlotte Aviation, 704-359-4035, Brent.Cagle@cltairport.com

CLT Airport is partnering with Charlotte Business INclusion to host an MWSBE Certification Event on June 27 at the CLT Center.

This event is intended for firms who would potentially qualify for MWSBE status, located in the Charlotte Statistical Area, who are not currently certified but interested in doing business with the City. Topics will include:

- Charlotte Business INclusion Program background
- Certification Information
- Airport 101
- Upcoming Projects

Mayor and Council are welcome to attend and will be provided a place on the agenda to address the attendees, if desired. Please RSVP to Michele Torres - Michele.torres@cltairport.com by June 26.

Welcoming Neighborhoods Training

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

On June 14, Housing & Neighborhood Services (HNS) hosted two cultural intelligence trainings to help City staff and community members broaden cultural perspectives and learn tips for creating welcoming communities. Participants were guided through a series of trust-building exercises to demonstrate that ongoing dialogue can lead to meaningful relationships and a sense of community.

The training reflects a renewed emphasis on the City's neighborhoods and an increased emphasis on the community engagement role for the Office of International Relations as part of HNS' evolving efforts to make Charlotte more welcoming and inclusive. Forty Two City employees participated in a morning workshop at Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center, followed by a similar evening workshop at International House, which hosted 44 participants representing 26 neighborhoods and community organizations.

HNS staff is exploring opportunities to expand welcoming community training, including the [Neighborhood Exchange and Leadership Awards](#), which will be held on September 23 during the 2017 Welcoming Week. Tips for creating welcoming communities are available on the HNS website [here](#) or visit the international relations section of charlottenc.gov.

City of Charlotte Selected for City Accelerator on Procurement for Inclusive Economic Opportunity

Staff Resource: Randy Harrington, Management & Financial Services, 704-336-5013, rjharrington@charlottenc.gov

The Citi Foundation and Living Cities has selected the City of Charlotte and four other municipalities to participate in the City Accelerator: Procurement for Inclusive Economic Opportunity program. Over the next year, the City of Charlotte will work with teams from Chicago, Los Angeles, Memphis and Milwaukee to refine our approaches to procurement spending. The City will also pursue new strategies to increase the diversity of municipal vendors and contractors to increase spending with local minority-owned businesses.

As part of our selection, the City is eligible for a grant up to \$100,000 and will receive coaching, technical assistance and implementation resources. This assistance enables the City to increase spending with minority-owned businesses, large corporations and anchor institutions by strengthening the connection between purchasing organizations and local businesses.

Over a 12-month period, the City Accelerator organization will work closely with the City's staff cohort, which includes:

- Randy Harrington, chief financial officer and director, Management & Financial Services (MNFS)
- Nancy Rosado, Charlotte Business INCLUSION manager
- Kay Elmore, chief procurement officer
- Jerriane Jackson, entrepreneurship & small business specialist
- Hannah Cook, communications & marketing manager, MNFS
- Thomas Powers III, senior assistant city attorney

2017 State Legislative Report #19

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



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June

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4	5 12:00pm Environment Committee Mtg., Room 280 5:00pm Council Workshop/Citizens' Forum, Room 267	6	7 2:00pm ED Committee Mtg., Room CH-14	8	9	10 10:00am-12:00pm Mayor Roberts Town Hall Mtg., Pritchard Memorial Baptist Church – 1117 South Blvd.
11	12 2:00pm Transportation & Planning Committee Mtg., Room 280 5:00pm Council Business Mtg./Budget Adoption, Room 267	13	14	15 6:30pm – 8:30pm CM Kinsey Town Hall Mtg., International House – 1817 Central Ave., #215 6:30pm – 8:30pm Pineville-Matthews Road Sidewalk Projects Public Mtg., S. Charlotte Middle School - 8040 Strawberry Lane	16	17
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**US Conference of Mayors Annual Meeting
Miami Beach, FL
June 23 - 26**

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**CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE
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June 22, 2017

TO: Marcus Jones, City Manager
Randy Harrington, Chief Financial Officer

FROM: Dana Fenton, Intergovernmental Relations Manager

SUBJECT: Week 19 State Legislative Report

What You Need to Know

The Senate gave final approval to the conference report for the 2017-2019 State Budget (**Appropriations Act of 2017 – [SB 257 – Brown](#)**) on Wednesday, June 21. The House gave preliminary approval on Wednesday, June 21, and will have a final vote today, Thursday, June 22. Once the budget bill gets to the Governor, he will have ten days to sign the bill into law, veto the bill, or allow it to become law without his signature.

The Senate Pensions and Retirement and Aging Committee reported **Charlotte Firefighters Retirement System ([HB 58 – Dulin](#))** local legislation requested by the City. HB 58 enables the System to comply with the Voluntary Correction Program entered into with the Internal Revenue Service whereby the statutorily mandated method for computing a firefighter's final average salary is amended to reflect current practice. The bill has no fiscal impact upon the System and will next be heard by Senate Rules.

The Senate State and Local Government Committee reported the **Wireless Communication Siting ([HB 310 – Saine](#))** legislation. Today, the Senate Commerce and Insurance Committee will be considering HB 310. Afterwards it must be considered by the Senate Finance and Rules Committees before debate on the floor of the Senate. HB 310 mandates the processes that local governments must follow when regulating wireless communications infrastructure (commonly referred to as DAS or small cell technology) in city owned rights-of-ways.

The House Finance Committee reported out the **NC Permitting Efficiency Act of 2017 ([HB 794 – Stone](#))**. Even though the Committee approved further amendments that make the bill more workable for local governments, many local governments are concerned about the timeframe for and the costs to appropriately implement the legislation. HB 794 will next be debated on the floor of the House.

The **Revisions to Outdoor Advertising Laws** ([HB 581 – Lewis](#)) legislation that was ready to be debated on the floor of the House was re-referred back to the House Rules Committee. HB 581 preempts local authority to regulate the relocation of existing outdoor advertising structures and the transition of static signs to changeable message signs.

The compromise **Uniform System Development Fees for Water** ([SB 641 – Newton](#)) bill negotiated by the NC League of Municipalities and the NC Homebuilders Association was incorporated into **Local Government / Regulatory Fees** ([HB 436 – Stevens](#)) by the Senate State and Local Government Committee and will next be heard by Senate Finance Committee. The system development fee contained in HB 436 is intended to serve as a replacement source of revenue for the various fees charged by water and sewer systems around the State, which serve to defray the costs of construction precipitated by new development. Charlotte Water charges a capacity fee that would be replaced by the new system development fee.

The House Finance Committee will be taking up the House version of the **Economic Development Incentives Modifications** ([HB 795 – S. Martin](#)) legislation that makes changes to how Job Development Investment Grant and One NC funds are managed. While the titles are the same, HB 795 is not the same bill as [SB 660](#) (Brown). The key difference between the two measures is that HB 795 does not have the language that is in SB 660 that places Tier 3 counties at a competitive disadvantage when competing for State economic development funds. The Senate passed SB 660 earlier this session.

The Senate Finance Committee amended the provision in **Amend Environmental Laws** ([HB 56 – McElraft](#)) from one that enacts a property tax exclusion for portions of private property that are used as riparian buffers into a study to determine the value of those buffers that are privately owned. The Committee subsequently reported out HB 56.

Status of the State Legislative Agenda

Police Recordings: The House passed **Changes to Current Body-Worn Camera Law** ([HB 797 – Faircloth](#)) that amends last session's police recordings law (HB 972). New language that would have added members of city councils to the list of officials to whom the custodial law enforcement agency may disclose the recordings was amended out of the bill on the floor of the House. The outlook for the Senate adding back the language that was removed by the House appears remote at this time.

Sales Tax Redistribution: Senate passed **Change the Local Option Sales Tax Adjustment Factors** ([SB 126 – Brown](#)) that changes the adjustment factors applied to the half-cent local Article 40 sales tax levy with factors based on the county's economic tier designation. Tier 1 counties, which are the most economically distressed counties in the State, would be assigned a factor of 1.10. Tier 2 counties would receive no adjustments and Tier 3 counties would be assigned a factor of 0.90. The Mecklenburg County factor would increase from the current 0.89 to that of Tier 3 counties, 0.90. According to estimates prepared by the non-partisan General Assembly Fiscal Research Division on May 3, approximately \$2.3 million more in sales tax revenue would accrue to the City of Charlotte in the first full year of implementation.

Strategic Transportation Investments: In a vote that is considered a strong show of support for the data-driven Strategic Transportation Investments program, the Senate rejected **DOT/DMV Changes – Megaproject Funding ([HB 110 – Torbett](#))** on its second reading on June 1 by an overwhelming margin of one aye vote to 44 no votes. HB 110 would have created a new program to fund higher-cost transportation projects of over \$200 million but the absence of data-driven criteria to select projects in the bill was a major issue for the Senate.