



Budget, Governance, and Intergovernmental Relations Council Committee Meeting Summary

Monday, January 8, 2024

COMMITTEE AGENDA TOPICS

- Agenda Overview
- I. Introduction and Charge for Committee
- II. Overview of Council's Upcoming Annual Strategy Meeting
- III. Federal and State Legislative Agendas

COMMITTEE INFORMATION

Committee Members Present: Dimple Ajmera (Chair), Tariq Bokhari (Vice Chair), Tiawana Brown, Lawana Mayfield and James Mitchell were present.

Staff Resource: Marcus Jones, City Manager
Shawn Heath, City Manager Office
Dana Fenton, City Manager's Office

Meeting Duration: 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

ATTACHMENTS

- I. Agenda
- II. Council Committee Charge & Procedures
- III. Federal and State Legislative Agendas

DISCUSSION HIGHLIGHTS

Overview of Council's Upcoming Annual Strategy Meeting

Mr. Marcus Jones, City Manager, presented a framework of the upcoming Annual Strategy Meeting and topics for the Committee to review and provide feedback.

- Mr. Jones emphasized the importance of facilitating conversations among council members rather than staff talking to the presentations. The meeting, that will take place

in Winston-Salem, is scheduled from Sunday, January 21st, to Wednesday, January 24th, with the actual strategy discussions on Monday and Tuesday.

Proposed agenda:

- Day 1 (January 22, 2024)
 - Reflections on the previous year, looking ahead.
 - Working together as an effective council, and bringing in subject matter experts
 - Budget Outlook
 - Council Priority Setting
 - Setting Goals, Objectives, and Performance Measures
 - Priorities included Great Neighborhoods, Safe Communities, Economic development, Transportation and Planning.
 - Mr. Jones suggested learning from high performing cities and organizations, to put higher focus on top three to five performance measures per Priority to communicate targeted progress within each Strategic Priority.
- Day 2 (January 23, 2024)
 - Strategic Initiatives Check-in
 - Suggested for deeper dives.
 - Arts and Culture
 - Safety (SAFE Charlotte)
 - Workforce Development
 - Mobility (including subject matter expert) – Standalone Deep-dive Session.
 - Closed Session
- Day 3 (January 24, 2024) – Half-day
 - Wrap-up and next steps
 - Closed Session: Mid-year Performance Conference

Based on input from the Committee chair and members, Mr. Jones reassured that 2023 accomplishments and infrastructure considerations will be covered under various priority discussions, such as Mobility, SEAP, and 2040 Plan. Additionally, relevant intergovernmental, State and Federal legislative agenda will also be covered within respective strategic initiatives.

Mr. Jones mentioned that Council Committee will be provided with pre-read material that summarizes project / program information, to facilitate more fruitful discussions.

For the timeline of developing specific performance measures, Mr. Jones explained that with discussions at the Strategy Meeting and Council Committee's feedback, a realistic timeframe is to develop specific performance measures during the first quarter of 2024.

Introduction and Charge for Committee

Chair Ajmera provided the overview of Council Committee Charge and Procedures.

Committee Charge

- Budget, Governance, and Intergovernmental Relations – *“Reviews and recommends policies to fund community priorities, optimize use of public resources, and collaborate with other government partners.”*
- Assigned Boards and Commissions
 - Bechtler Arts Foundation Board
 - Charlotte Equitable Development Commission
 - Firemen’s Relief Board of Trustees
 - Charlotte Mecklenburg Public Access Corporation
 - Mint Museum Board of Trustees
 - Privatization/Competition Advisory Committee

Committee Process

- Typical Process: Referral Item -> Committee Work -> Council Action Review -> Council Action
- Referrals are made by Mayor, City Manager, or majority of the Council.

Committee Referrals: Standing/Recurring Items

- Annual Budget Development
- Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR)
- Audit Reports and Updates
- City Council Annual Strategy Session agenda planning
- Federal and State Legislative Agenda
- Hospitality Fund Review
- Review Boards & Commissions Annual Reports and Recommendations

2023 Committee Accomplishment Highlights

- Recommended updates to the City Council Rules of Procedures to allow for virtual participation at Committee meetings (adopted by Council in May 2023)
- Recommended revisions for the Attendance Policy for Boards and Commissions to allow for excused absences (adopted by Council in July 2023)
- Recommended Process Enhancements to the Evaluation process for appointed staff including mid-year performance conference (adopted by Council in May 2023)
- Charlotte’s 2023 Federal and State Legislative Agenda (adopted by Council in February 2023)
- FY 2024 Budget Development process schedule and workshop topics review

Federal and State Legislative Agendas

Mr. Fenton, City Manager's Office, provided the overview.

2024 Legislative Agendas

- Communicates the Mayor and City Council's 2024 Federal and State legislative goals.
- Goals are based upon City Council strategic priorities.
- Be ready to work with majority party, Delegations, and others.
- Congressional briefing starts on March 11, City Council to have agenda at least two weeks prior to that date to allow preparation time for the briefing
- State Delegation Briefing to take place in early April, to prepare for General Assembly session on April 24

2024 Legislative Sessions

- Presidential election year
- US Congress convenes on January 8 and 9
- General Assembly convenes Short Session on April 24, finish around July 4

2024 US Congress Issues

- New policy proposals unlikely to be considered during Presidential election years.
- House and Senate leadership have profound differences in funding for federal programs.
- House majority supports reductions for transportation, aviation, public safety, environmental, Housing programs, amongst others.

2024 NC General Assembly Issues

- New policy proposals unlikely to be considered during short sessions.
- 2023 carryover legislation eligible for 2024

2024 Staff-Proposed Legislative Issues

- Infrastructure - Mobility
- Economic Development – Aviation, Upward Mobility, Digital Inclusion, Immigration (federal only)
- Community – Public Safety, Environment, Housing

Legislative Calendar

Some key dates:

- February 5 – Committee recommends 2024 state and federal legislative priorities to City Council
- February 26 – Charlotte City Council adopts 2024 state and federal legislative priorities.
- April 24 – 2024 NC General Assembly short session convenes.

Ms. Mayfield requested Mr. Fenton to share a summary of 2023 carryover legislations in

details.

Chair Ajmera asked Mr. Fenton and the law-based team to share how to continue to pursue restoration of the \$6-8 million of infrastructure funding Charlotte lost in previous year.

Ms. Anderson requested to include language around Workforce Readiness in the Digital Inclusion section.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.