



## Budget, Governance, and Intergovernmental Relations Council Committee Meeting Summary

Monday, August 7, 2023

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### COMMITTEE AGENDA TOPICS

- Agenda Overview
- I. Federal and State legislative Updates
  - II. Review of Attendance Policy for Boards and Commissions

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### COMMITTEE INFORMATION

**Committee Members:** Council Members Dimple Ajmera (Chair), Dante Anderson, Tariq Bokhari were present. Council members James Mitchell (Vice Chair) and Lawana Mayfield were absent.

**Staff Resource:** Ryan Bergman, Strategy and Budget Director  
Stephanie Kelly, City Clerk  
Dana Fenton, City Manager's office

**Meeting Duration:** 12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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### ATTACHMENTS

- I. Agenda
- II. Review of Attendance Policy Advisory Boards/Commissions
- III. Federal and State Legislative Updates

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### DISCUSSION HIGHLIGHTS

#### Local Boards and Commissions Attendance Policy

Mr. McSwain with the City Clerk's Office provided an update of the Boards and Commissions' attendance policy language based on the revisions approved by the committee in June. The recommendations include:

Up to three excused absences per calendar year for:

- Illness or medical related absences
- Funerals and/or bereavement
- Birth or adoption of a child for 90 days after birth or adoption
- Military service

Request for absences must be formally made in writing within one week of the absence.

Mr. McSwain also proposed two clarifying revisions.

- 1.) Allowance for excuse absences should not apply to boards that serve in quasi-judicial function or engage in final decision making as these boards are smaller and meet more infrequently and their functions are essential to the operations of the city.
- 2.) Subcommittees would be stricken from consideration for attendance requirements as these are more ad hoc and irregular.

**Vote:** Motion was made and passed unanimously by the members present to recommend to full council to adopt recommended changes to the Attendance Policy.

### **Federal and State Legislative Update**

Mr. Fenton provided update on the following:

- 2023 Sessions – City has made good progress with several of its federal and state objectives including:
  - Destination CLT
  - 2030 Transit Corridor System Plan
  - Sustainability and Resilience
    - Grant funding offered through the Inflation Reduction act of 2022
    - Securing grant funding from the Charging and Fueling (EV) Infrastructure program
  - Infrastructure
    - Secured FY2022 Safe Streets and Roads for All
    - Secured FY2022 Thriving Communities Program
    - Secured FY2022 Reconnecting Communities Planning Grant
    - Secured FY2022 RAISE
- US Congress Update – House and Senate are in recess until after Labor Day Holiday. Some key legislations to cover are FY2024 federal budget, reauthorization of the Federal Aviation Administration, and FY2024 National Defense Authorization Act.
- NC General Assembly Update – Return to work on Aug 14<sup>th</sup>. Speaker and Senate announced agreement on major tax policy and budget reserve issues. Speaker anticipates a budget vote in late August. State priorities include Mobility, Safe Charlotte, Affordable Housing, Infrastructure & Sustainability, and Governance.
- Next Steps
  - 2024 will be short sessions for both US Congress and NC General Assembly
  - Staff will present staff-proposed 2024 state and federal legislative issues to BGIR on January 2<sup>nd</sup>

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting is scheduled for September 5, 2023, at noon.