

City Council Annual Strategy Meeting Preview

BUDGET, GOVERNANCE & INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
JANUARY 5, 2026



2026 Annual Strategy Meeting Overview

◀ Logistics

- Meeting starts 9AM Monday January 26th and ends 5PM Tuesday January 27th
- Meeting will be held at The Restoration Hotel in Asheville
- Hotel rooms available for Council Members January 25th – January 28th
 - Council Members work directly with OCS Staff to coordinate hotel stays

◀ Guiding Principles

- Meeting agenda structured to ensure Council can engage in meaningful discussion regarding goals and priorities, and for Council dialogue and reflection in response to all presentation topics
- Meeting agenda informed by Council surveys, emphasizing key priorities such as public safety and mobility

◀ What to Expect Prior to Strategy Meeting

- City Manager's Office engagement with Committee Chairs
- Pre-read materials will be distributed to Council by the 3rd week of January

Monday, January 26, 2026

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Item	Presenter (s) / Discussion Leader(s)
Council Goals for this Term	Mayor and Council
Traits of High Performing Teams	Mayor and Council (with external facilitator)
Budget Level Set	City Manager
Perspectives on Charlotte	External Guests
Building a Safe City: Non-Law Enforcement	City Staff
Building a Safe City: Law Enforcement	Chief Patterson

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Item	Presenter (s) / Discussion Leader(s)
Authority Transition	City Staff / Outside Advisors
Budget Outlook and Strategy	City Staff
Implementing Generational Mobility Investments	External Guests
Mobility: Project Selection Considerations	City Staff
Mobility: Approaches to Maximize Workforce Development and Small Business Impact	City Staff
Mobility: Preserving Neighborhoods and Spaces through Policy and Investment	City Staff
Economic Development Update (closed session)	City Staff