



2018 Federal and State Legislative Agendas

City Council

February 12, 2018

- Tonight's presentation
 - 2017 results from and 2018 expectations for the US Congress and NC General Assembly
 - 2018 proposed legislative agendas
 - 2018 advocacy efforts
- Next step
 - Requesting action to approve the proposed legislative agendas on February 26

- 2017 was the first session of the 115th US Congress
 - First session was productive for the City
 - 3 out of 5 issues resolved fully or partially to the City's satisfaction (check mark) while a fourth should be resolved when the FY 2018 budget is enacted
- City's federal legislative agenda
 - ✓ Airport Control Tower
 - 2030 Transit System Plan (appropriation is pending)
 - North End Smart District
 - ✓ Doppler Weather Radar
 - ✓ Municipal Bonds

- Second session of the 115th US Congress convened on January 3
- 2018 Issues
 - FY 2018 and FY 2019 budgets
 - Debt ceiling
 - Immigration
 - Infrastructure initiative

- 2017 was the “Long” session
 - General Assembly met from January 11 to June 25
 - “Long” session was productive for the City
 - 10 out of 14 issues resolved fully or partially to the City’s satisfaction (check mark)
- City’s State Legislative Agenda
 - Citizens Review Board (HB 350 – R. Moore)
 - Police Recordings (HB 797 – Faircloth)
 - ✓ Strategic Transportation Investments
 - ✓ Sales Tax Redistribution
 - ✓ Firefighters’ Retirement System (HB 58 – Dulin)

- Metropolitan Transit Commission
 - ✓ Support continued efforts to complete the regional transportation vision

- Priority Issues
 - ✓ House Bill 2 Compromise (HB 142 – Stevens)
 - Sanctuary Cities (HB 113 – Cleveland, SB 145 – Sanderson)
 - Wireless Comm. Infrastructure Siting (HB 310 – Saine)
 - ✓ Local Government / Regulatory Fees (HB 436 – Stevens)
 - ✓ Revisions to Outdoor Advertising Laws (HB 581 – Lewis)
 - ✓ NC Permitting Act of 2017 (HB 794 – Stone)
 - ✓ Catawba Buffer Rules (HB 56 – McElraft)
 - ✓ Airport Improvements (SB 257, Sec. 34.19 – Brown)

- General Assembly has reconvened several times since adjournment
 - In session right now
 - Expected to adjourn this week
- 2018 “Short” session starts May 16
 - Primary issue will be to amend the 2017-2019 State biennial budget
 - Potentially Airport Capital Improvements funding
 - “Short” session bill introduction rules are much more restrictive than the long session



Bill Filing Requirements for 2018 "Short" Session

Local Bills:

- Can be introduced provided the bill is noncontroversial and supported by all members of a Delegation

Public Bills:

- State budget
- Constitutional amendments
- Study commission recommendations
- Appointments
- Retirement systems
- Litigation
- Election laws
- Impeachment
- Adjournment
- Any bill that is authorized for introduction by a joint resolution passed by at least 2/3 majority vote in both House and Senate

Note: bill filing requirements are set forth in section 3.2 of SJR 686

- Infrastructure Initiative
 - Support efforts to increase federal resources to improve aviation, highway, transit, freight rail, inter-city passenger rail, water and sewer, flood control, energy and housing infrastructure
- Affordable Housing
 - Support efforts to increase the supply of quality, affordable housing



Proposed 2018 Federal Legislative Agenda (cont.)

- Charlotte Douglas International Airport
 - Support efforts to commission the new airport control tower in 2020
- Doppler Weather Radar
 - Support efforts to secure a Doppler Weather Radar facility for the Charlotte region
- 2030 Transit System Plan
 - Support the continuation of programs that direct federal resources to public transportation



Proposed 2018 State Legislative Agenda

- Charlotte Douglas International Airport
 - Support funding for capital improvements at commercial service airports

- US Congress
 - March 11 – 14: NLC Congressional City Conference
 - March 12: Briefing for Mayor and Council from our federal lobbyists
 - March 13 and 14: Mayor and Council will brief the federal delegation on City's 2018 federal legislative priorities
- NC General Assembly
 - April TBD: Brief state delegation on City's 2018 State legislative priorities
 - May 16: Short session starts
 - May 23: Town Hall Day sponsored by the North Carolina League of Municipalities
 - June TBD: Mayor and Council to Raleigh