



# 2020 Federal & State Legislative Agendas

City Council

February 24, 2020

- January 27: Committee approved the Agendas for presentation to Council
- February 3: Proposed Agendas were reviewed with Council at the Strategy Session
- Tonight: Agenda item on your business meeting agenda to adopt the Agendas

- US Congress convened on January 7
- Congressional committees are focused on budgetary and infrastructure issues
- White House recently released the President's federal FY 2021 budget recommendations
- White House and House of Representatives have released their long-term infrastructure funding initiatives

- Affordable Housing
  - Support federal funding for the Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnership and Low-Income Housing Tax Credit programs that support affordable housing initiatives
- Urban Area Security Initiative
  - Support efforts to retain regional eligibility in the Urban Area Security Initiative

- Comprehensive Immigration Reform
  - **H-1B Visas:** Support the continuation of the program and make changes that streamline processing times and allow spouses of Visa holders to work and volunteer
  - **Asylum Seekers:** Support a path to residency and citizenship for asylum seekers
  - **Temporary Protected Status:** Support a path to citizenship for those in Temporary Protected Status
  - **Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals:** Support continuation of the program and path to citizenship

- Transportation & Infrastructure
  - **Transit:** Continue working with Congress and the Administration to secure federal resources for the build-out of the 2030 Transit Corridor System Plan
  - **Airports, Highways and Passenger Rail:** Support increased federal funding for infrastructure that serves to connect rural and urban areas, including funding for the fourth parallel runway at Charlotte Douglas International Airport
  - **Modernized and Sustainable Infrastructure:** Support increased federal funding for infrastructure that accelerates our transformation toward a sustainable economy and promotes smart cities initiatives, e.g. alternative vehicle refueling stations, renewable energy, and autonomous vehicles and related 5G broadband technology

- NC General Assembly short session convenes on Tuesday, April 28 and will strive to adjourn in June
- General Assembly has traditionally limited the type of legislation that can be considered in the short session
  - Traditional limitations are in place for the 2020 short session
- Due to the limitations in legislation that can be considered, City has traditionally focused its short sessions on:
  - Finishing what was started in the long session
  - Playing defense
  - Relationship building

- Affordable Housing

- Clarify State law to expressly authorize local governments to provide financial assistance to low and moderate income persons for displacement assistance and gentrification mitigation

- Local Control

- Support legislation that strengthens the role of local governing bodies in enacting local solutions without limitations from the State



- Minimum Housing Standards
  - Support legislation strengthening North Carolina minimum housing standards including extending the authority to local governments to conduct testing for and enforcement of remediation of mold
- North Carolina Search and Rescue Teams
  - Transition occasional annual funding to sustained funding in support of North Carolina Search & Rescue Teams

- Adoption: Agenda item on tonight's business meeting agenda to adopt the proposed Agendas
- 2020 Federal Legislative Agenda: Congressional Briefings
  - Briefings will take place in Washington, D.C. on March 11
  - City's federal lobbyists will host a preview of the Congressional Briefings on Tuesday, March 10, 6:00 pm
- 2020 State Legislative Agenda: State Delegation Briefing
  - Briefing Mint Museum Uptown, Tuesday, April 14, 6:00 pm
- NC General Assembly convenes on April 28