

# Get Involved

## Boards and Commissions

Interested in serving on one of Charlotte's boards and commissions? Contact the Office of the City Clerk at 704-336-2247 for more information.

## City Council Meetings

Meetings are open to the public and citizens are encouraged to attend and participate. They are held each Monday in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center at 600 East Fourth Street.

<b>First Monday</b>	<b>Workshop</b>	<b>5 pm</b>
	<b>Citizens Forum</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>
<b>Second Monday</b>	<b>Business Meeting</b>	<b>7 pm</b>
<b>Third Monday</b>	<b>Zoning Meeting</b>	<b>6 pm</b>
<b>Fourth Monday</b>	<b>Citizens Forum</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>
	<b>Business Meeting</b>	<b>7 pm</b>

Agendas are available from the Office of the City Clerk located on the seventh floor of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center or on the City/County website at [www.charmeck.org](http://www.charmeck.org).

If you want to address the City Council, contact the City Clerk to sign up to speak at a meeting.


## The Government Channel

City Council meetings, documentaries, news and information programs are telecast 24-hours-a-day on The Government Channel – Cable 16. Check the Sunday TV Week in the Charlotte Observer, or the Web site at [www.charmeck.org](http://www.charmeck.org) for program information.

## www.charmeck.org

The official Web site of Charlotte-Mecklenburg government. Log on to get the current news and information about services you need.

## Email Subscription

Visitors to [www.charmeck.org](http://www.charmeck.org) can subscribe to updates and information on their favorite web pages. To participate in the service, subscribers must click the icon  **Notify Me** located on the web page. After providing an email address, the subscriber will begin to receive updated links to their information of choice. The online notification system also offers subscriptions to several electronic newsletters and content published by City and County agencies. To view a list of available subscriptions, visit <http://notifyme.charmeck.org>.

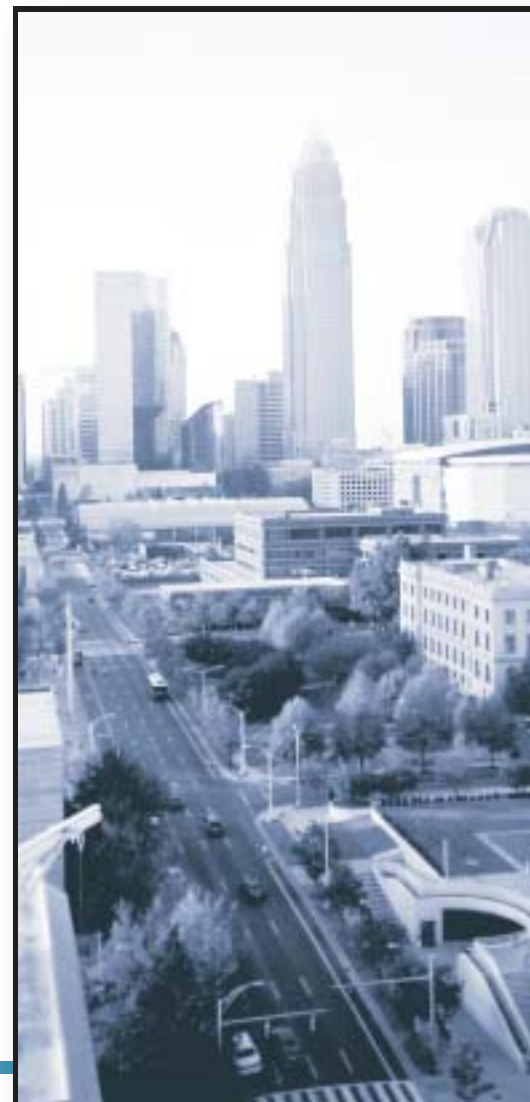
## CharMeck 311

The City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County's new 24/7 "one stop shop" for information provides callers with directory assistance to City and County offices, schedules for meetings, information about various services and more. For information 24/7, dial **311**.

# Important Numbers

Police, Fire & Medical Emergencies	911
Airport Information	704-359-4013
Animal Control/Shelter	311
Bulky Item Collection	311
Bus Information	704-336-7433
Emergency Management	704-336-2412
Garbage & Yard Waste Collection	311
Jobs Hotline	704-336-3968
Park & Ride	704-336-7433
Police (Non-emergency)	311
Police Records/Reports	311
Recycling	311
RideShare/Vanpool	704-336-7433
School Information (County)	980-343-7450
Social Services (County)	704-336-3150
Street Closings	311
Voter Registration (County)	704-336-2133
Water/Sewer Bills	311
Zoning Permits	704-336-3569

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# About Your City

Charlotte, North Carolina

CITY GOVERNMENT

## Council-Manager City Government

Since 1929, Charlotte has operated under a Council-Manager form of government that divides responsibilities between elected officials and an appointed City Manager.

Citizens elect the Mayor and 11 Council members every two years. The Mayor and four Council members are elected at large by a citywide vote; seven Council members are elected from districts by voters who reside in each district. (See map inside)

The Mayor and City Council are the board of directors of this municipal corporation. As such, they set policy, approve the financing of all City operations and enact ordinances, resolutions and orders. Their responsibilities also include appointing the City Manager, City Attorney, City Clerk and members of various boards and commissions.

The City Manager, functioning as the chief operating officer, administers the policy and decisions made by City Council and oversees the day-to-day operations of City government. It is the City Manager's responsibility to ensure that all City services are delivered in an efficient and cost-effective manner, and to provide vision and leadership to the City organization.

## City Council Focus Areas

City Council annually identifies areas of focus for meeting community needs. Council's current Focus Areas include:

- **Housing & Neighborhood Development**  
An initiative designed to deal comprehensively with economic development and quality of life issues in Charlotte's older urban neighborhoods and business areas.
- **Community Safety**  
Focuses on initiatives to make Charlotte the safest large city in America.
- **Transportation**  
To provide a transportation network – including roads, public transit and pedestrian and bicycle connections – that encourages people and businesses to live, work and locate within Charlotte.
- **Economic Development**  
Ensure a customer-oriented local government that supports development of an educated and trained workforce, promotes partnerships to aid local economic growth, retains and attracts quality businesses and contributes to the economy.
- **Environment**  
Address City policies for air quality, water quality, land preservation and energy and resource conservation.

## Charlotte Fast Facts Fiscal Year 2006

- 280.5 Square Miles
- Twenty-sixth largest city in population in the country
- Charlotte Douglas International Airport:  
Twenty-first busiest airport in the country
- Second largest banking/financial center in the U.S.
- Tax rate of 42.0 cents per hundred dollar valuation
- City government's total budget is \$1.42 billion  
(Operating and Capital budgets)
- 6,257 City employees, which includes  
3,094 public safety employees



# 2005-2007 Charlotte City Council



**Patrick L. McCrory, Mayor, 704-336-2241. mayor@ci.charlotte.nc.us.**  
 McCrory was elected in 1995 and is serving an unprecedented sixth term as Charlotte's Mayor. He was first elected to office as an At Large City Council representative in 1989, and was re-elected in 1991 and 1993, serving as Mayor Pro Tem in 1993. A Republican, McCrory serves as a member of the President's Homeland Security Advisory Council, as a board member for the U.S. Conference of Mayors and chair of its Environment Committee. He also is founder and former chair of the North Carolina Metropolitan Coalition. McCrory received a bachelor's degree in political science/education and an honorary doctorate from Catawba College. He is employed by Duke Energy.



**Susan Burgess, Mayor Pro Tem/At Large, 704-333-2874. sburg346@aol.com.**  
 Burgess served on Council as Mayor Pro Tem from 1999-2001 and was re-elected to Council in 2003. She is Chair of the Housing & Neighborhood Development Committee and also serves on the Environment, Governmental Affairs and Transportation Committees. A Democrat, Burgess holds a degree in health science from Florida International University. She also received a master's degree in public health from the University of Alabama-Birmingham.



**Anthony Foxx, At Large, 704-376-1913. foxxcharlotte@aol.com.**  
 Foxx was first elected in 2005. He serves as Chair of Council's Environment Committee, Vice Chair of the Housing & Neighborhood Development Committee and as a member of the Budget and Community Safety Committees. A Democrat, Foxx earned a degree in history from Davidson College and a law degree from New York University School of Law. He is a practicing attorney at Hunton & Williams.



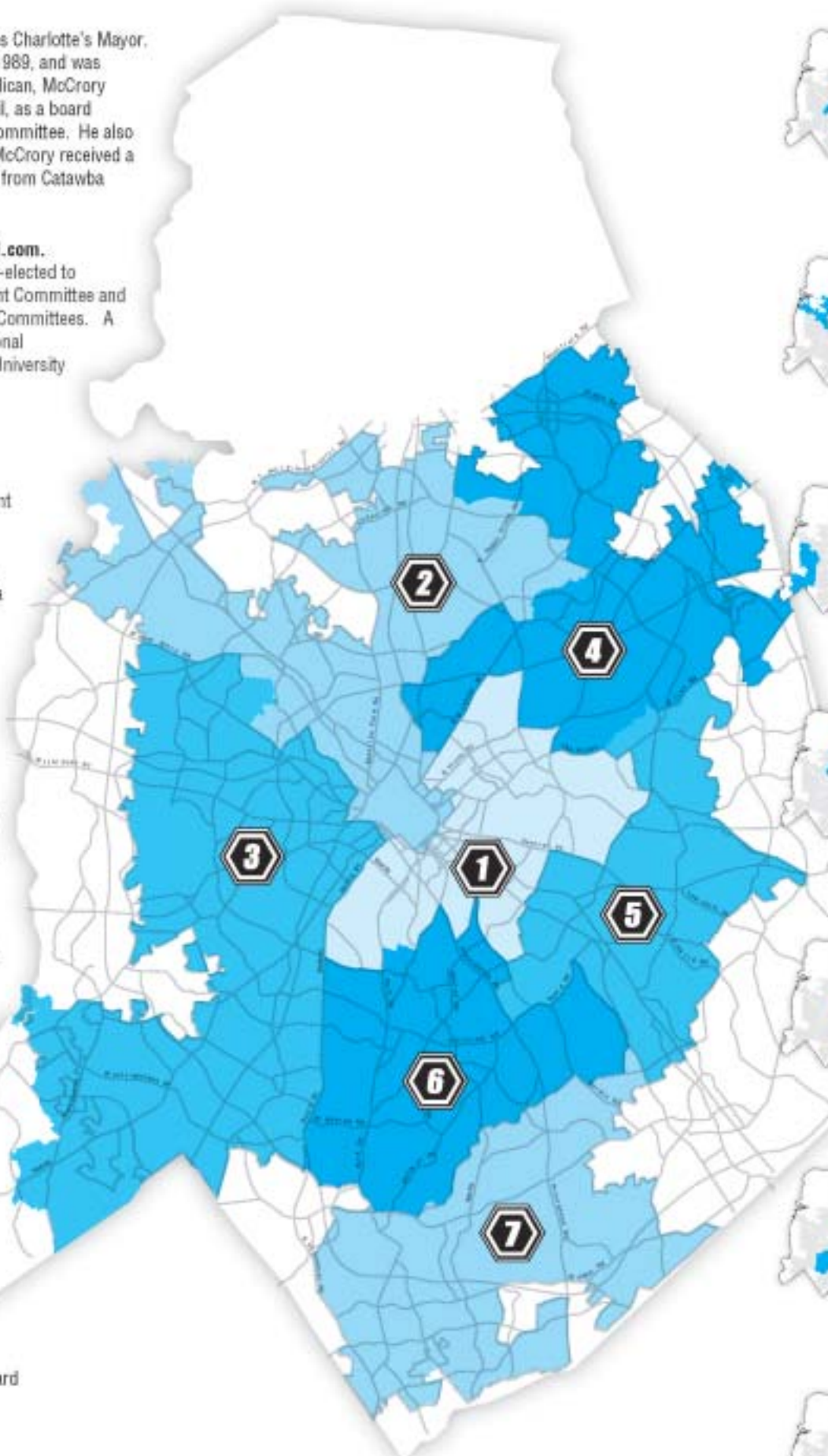
**John Lassiter, At Large, 704-542-1426. lassiter@bellsouth.net.**  
 Lassiter was first elected in 2003. He chairs Council's Economic Development & Planning Committee and serves on the Governmental Affairs and Restructuring Government Committees. Lassiter previously served in elected office for 11 years on the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School board. A Republican, Lassiter received a bachelor's degree from Wake Forest University, a master's in public administration from North Carolina State University and a law degree from Wake Forest University. He is president and CEO of Carolina Legal Staffing.



**Patrick Mumford, At Large, 704-358-1689. patmumford@bellsouth.net.**  
 Mumford was first elected in 2001. He chairs Council's Transportation Committee and co-chairs the Environment Committee. He also serves on the Budget and Housing & Neighborhood Development Committees. A Republican, Mumford received two degrees from Clemson University, one in architectural design and another in building science and management. He is senior vice president and manager of Environmental Affairs at Wachovia Corporation.



**Pamela Syfert, City Manager, 704-336-2241. manager@ci.charlotte.nc.us.** Syfert was appointed in September 1996. Her career with the City includes service as Deputy City Manager, Assistant City Manager and Budget and Evaluation Director. She is a Fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration. Syfert earned a bachelor's degree from Cornell College in Iowa and a master's degree from Michigan State University. She also has completed the Program for Senior Executives in State and Local Government at Harvard University and the Senior Executive Institute at the University of Virginia.



**Patsy Kinsey, District 1, 704-376-5367. pbk2@mindspring.com.**  
 Kinsey was elected to City Council in 2003. She currently serves as Chair of the Council's Governmental Affairs Committee and Vice Chair of the Community Safety Committee. She also serves on the Restructuring Government Committee. Kinsey also served in elected office from 1990-1994 as a Mecklenburg County Commissioner. A Democrat, Kinsey is a graduate of Charlotte Central High School and is director of business development for Pease Associates Inc.



**James E. Mitchell Jr., District 2, 704-398-9480. jamesdistrict2@aol.com.**  
 Mitchell was first elected in 1999. He is Chair of Council's Restructuring Government Committee and also serves on the Economic Development & Planning and Community Safety Committees. A Democrat, Mitchell earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from North Carolina Central University. He is the Director of Government Relations with America Product Distributors.



**Warren Turner, District 3, 704-713-0452. district3\_turner@yahoo.com.**  
 Turner was elected to Council in 2003. He currently serves as Chair of the Community Safety Committee and Vice Chair of the Transportation Committee. He also serves on the Restructuring Government and Budget Committees. A Democrat, Turner received a bachelor's degree in political science from Fayetteville State University. He is employed by the State of North Carolina.



**Michael D. Barnes, District 4, 704-509-6141. barnesdistrict4@aol.com.**  
 Barnes was first elected in 2005. He serves as Vice Chair of Council's Governmental Affairs Committee and as a member of the Housing & Neighborhood Development and Transportation Committees. A Democrat, Barnes received a bachelor's degree from UNC-Chapel Hill and a law degree from North Carolina Central University School of Law. He is an attorney with Barnes Law Office PLLC.



**Nancy G. Carter, District 5, 704-336-3431. 71170.3036@compuserve.com.**  
 Carter was first elected to office in 1999. She is Vice Chair of Council's Budget Committee and serves as a member of the Environment, Transportation and Economic Development & Planning Committees. A Democrat, Carter holds a bachelor's degree from Randolph-Macon Women's College and a master's degree from UNC Chapel Hill. She is a substitute school teacher.



**Andy Dulin, District 6, 704-442-0161. andy@voteandydulin.com.**  
 Dulin was first elected in 2005. He serves as Vice Chair of the Economic Development & Planning Committee and as a member of the Governmental Affairs and Community Safety Committees. A Republican, Dulin received a bachelor's degree in travel and tourism from Appalachian State University. He is a residential real estate broker with Cottingham-Chalk & Associates.



**Don Lochman, District 7, 704-846-7351. dwlochman@yahoo.com.**  
 Lochman was first elected in 1999. He is Chair of Council's Budget Committee, Vice Chair of the Restructuring Government Committee, and serves as a member of the Environment, Housing & Neighborhood Development and Economic Development & Planning Committees. A Republican, Lochman earned a bachelor's degree in history from Gettysburg College and a master's degree in business administration from Widener University. He is a retired CEO and former instructor in the MBA Program at Winthrop University.