



ABOUT OUR CITY

CHARLOTTE, NC

SERVE THE PUBLIC

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, cost-effective manner, and to provide vision and leadership to the City organization.

MEET COMMUNITY NEEDS

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

HOUSING AND NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Provides comprehensive initiatives designed to foster economic development and improve quality-of-life issues in Charlotte's older, urban neighborhoods and business areas.

COMMUNITY SAFETY

Focuses on several initiatives to decrease crime through enforcement and prevention strategies that target specific crime categories or offenders as well as reduce the incidence of property crime and vehicle crashes.

TRANSPORTATION

Strives to provide a transportation network – including roads, mass transit, pedestrian and bicycle connections – that encourages people and businesses to live, work and locate to Charlotte.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Provides a customer-oriented approach to 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

Addresses City policies for air and water quality, land preservation and energy and resource conservation to protect our resources and better manage growth.

OUR CITY MANAGER

Curt Walton, City Manager, 704-336-5019. manager@ci.charlotte.nc.us

Walton was appointed in June 2007. Throughout his 22-year career with the City, he oversaw special projects like the Time Warner Cable Arena and development of CharMeck 311. As City Manager, Walton is focused on integrating communication, customer service and technology throughout the organization to better serve citizens and prepare the City for future growth. Walton earned bachelor's degrees in political science and psychology from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and a master's degree in urban administration from the University of North Carolina-Charlotte.



GET INVOLVED

VOLUNTEER ON 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.

ATTEND CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

First Monday	Workshop	5 p.m.
	Citizens Forum	7:30 p.m.
Second Monday	Business Meeting	7 p.m.
Third Monday	Zoning Meeting	6 p.m.
Fourth Monday	Citizens Forum	6:30 p.m.
	Business Meeting	7 p.m.

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 Web site at www.charmeck.org.

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


WATCH THE GOVERNMENT CHANNEL

City Council meetings, documentaries, news and informational programs are telecast 24-hours-a-day on The Government Channel, Cable 16. Many programs are also streamed or available on-demand at www.charmeck.org. For programming information check the *Sunday TV Week In the Charlotte Observer* or www.charmeck.org.

VISIT WWW.CHARMECK.ORG

The official web site of Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government, log on to get current news and information about services you need.

REGISTER FOR EMAIL SUBSCRIPTIONS

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

CALL CHARMECK 311

The City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County's customer service line operates 24/7, 365 days-a-year. Contact **CharMeck 311** for a variety of City/County services ranging from assistance with utility and tax bills to trash pickup, or to make non-emergency police reports. Some services are available online at: <http://311.charmeck.org>. The CharMeck 311 customer service line information is applicable to all Mecklenburg County communities.

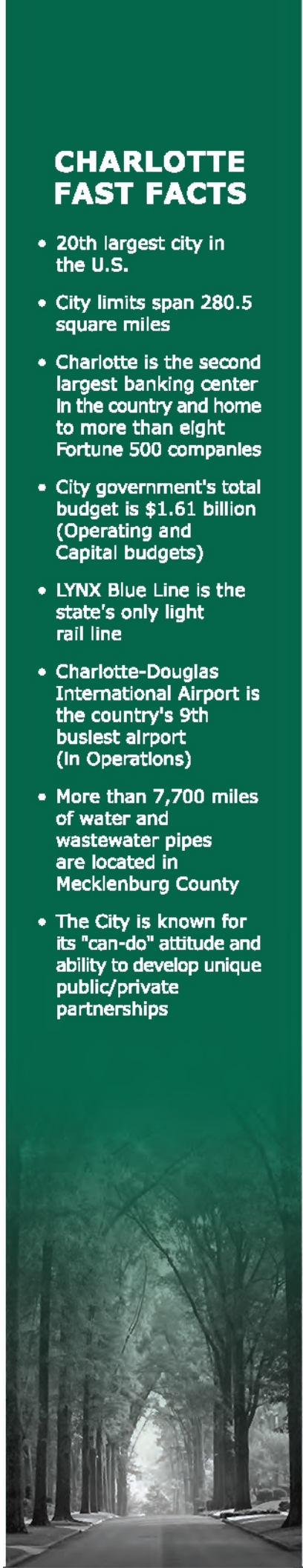
Other Frequently Called Numbers:

Airport Information Counter	704-359-4013
Bus Information	704-336-7433 (CATS Ticketing)
Job Vacancy Hotline	704-336-3968
Park & Ride	704-336-7433 (CATS Ticketing)
RideShare/Vanpool	704-336-7433 (CATS Ticketing)
School Information (County)	980-343-3000
Social Services (County)	704-336-3150
Voter Registration (County)	704-336-2113

For complete City/County directory assistance call 311; if outside Mecklenburg County, call 704-336-7600, or go to www.charmeck.org/Departments/CharMeck311.

CHARLOTTE FAST FACTS

- 20th largest city in the U.S.
- City limits span 280.5 square miles
- Charlotte is the second largest banking center in the country and home to more than eight Fortune 500 companies
- City government's total budget is \$1.61 billion (Operating and Capital budgets)
- LYNX Blue Line is the state's only light rail line
- Charlotte-Douglas International Airport is the country's 9th busiest airport (In Operations)
- More than 7,700 miles of water and wastewater pipes are located in Mecklenburg County
- The City is known for its "can-do" attitude and ability to develop unique public/private partnerships



MEET OUR CITY OFFICIALS 2007-2009



Patrick L. McCrory, Mayor, 704-336-2247. mayor@ci.charlotte.nc.us

McCrory, a Republican, is serving a record seventh term as **Charlotte's Mayor**. He was first elected to office as an At-Large City Council Representative in 1989, and was twice re-elected, and in 1993 served as Mayor Pro Tem. 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. McCrory received bachelor's degrees and an honorary doctorate from Catawba College.



Susan Burgess, Mayor Pro Tem/At Large, 704-333-2874. sburg346@aol.com

Burgess, a Democrat, has served as **Mayor Pro Tem** from 1999 – 2001 and from 2003 – present. She is chair of Council's Housing & Neighborhood Development Committee, and a member of the Environment, Governmental Affairs, Transportation, and Planning Liaison Committees. Burgess is president of the North Carolina League of Municipalities and of Women in Municipal Government. She is an active member on the National League of Cities' Board of Directors. Burgess received a bachelor's degree from Florida International University and a master's degree from the University of Alabama–Birmingham. She is part owner of MD Scientific.



Anthony Foxx, At-Large, 704-336-3438. foxxcharlotte@aol.com

Foxx, a Democrat, is serving his second term as an **At-Large Council Member**. He chairs the Transportation Committee, and is a member of the Economic Development & Planning and Retreat Planning Committees. He also represents the City as a board member of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Development Corporation and is Council representative to the Mecklenburg-Union Metropolitan Planning Organization (MUMPO). Foxx is a graduate of Davidson College. He received a law degree from the New York University School of Law and is a practicing attorney at Hunton & Williams.



John Lassiter, At-Large, 704-542-1426. lassiter@bellsouth.net

Lassiter, a Republican, was first elected in 2003 and is currently serving his third term as an **At-Large Council Member**. He serves as chair of the Economic Development & Planning Committee, and is a member of the Housing & Neighborhood Development, Governmental Affairs, and Planning Liaison Committees. Lassiter represents the City on the Charlotte Center City Partners Board of Directors and the N.C. Blumenthal Performing Arts Center Board of Trustees. He received his bachelor's and law degrees from Wake Forest University and a master's in public administration from North Carolina State University. He is president and CEO of Carolina Legal Staffing.



Edwin B. Peacock III, At-Large, 704-347-1080 ext 13. edwin@edwinpeacock.com

Peacock, a Republican, represents Charlotte as an **At-Large Council Member**. He is currently serving his first term in office. Peacock chairs the Environment City Council Committee and serves on the Budget, Community Safety, and Restructuring Government Committees. He is a graduate of the University of Georgia where he received a degree in political science and a certificate in global studies. Peacock is vice president of the Pomfret Financial Company, Inc.

*Council Committee assignments at the time of printing 5/08.
For up-to-date information, visit charmeck.org and click **Council**.*



Patsy Kinsey, District 1, 704-376-5367. pkinsey@carolina.rr.com
Kinsey, a Democrat, is currently serving her third term as the **District 1** Representative. She is chair of the Governmental Affairs Committee and vice chair of the Community Safety Committee. Kinsey is also a member of the Restructuring Government, Economic Development & Planning and Planning Liaison committees. She is also Council representative to the Discovery Place Board and the N.C. Blumenthal Performing Arts Center Board of Trustees. She is a graduate of Charlotte Central High School and director of business development for Pease Associates, Inc.



James Mitchell, Jr., District 2, 704-398-9480. jamesDistrict2@aol.com
Mitchell, a Democrat, represents **District 2** and is serving his fifth term as a City Council Member. He chairs the Restructuring Government Committee, and is vice chair of the Economic Development & Planning and the Housing & Neighborhood Development Committees. Mitchell also represents the City on the Charlotte Regional Visitors Authority (CRVA). He is also president of the National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials. Mitchell earned a bachelor's degree from North Carolina Central University and is employed with the Cinda Corporation.



Warren Turner, District 3, 704-713-0452. district3_turner@yahoo.com
Turner, a Democrat, is serving his third term as the **District 3** Representative. He is chair of the Community Safety Committee and vice chair of the Transportation Committee. Turner is also a member of the Restructuring Government and Budget Committees. He received a bachelor's degree in political science from Fayetteville State University and is employed by the State of North Carolina.



Michael D. Barnes, District 4, 704-509-6141. barnesdistrict4@aol.com
Barnes, a Democrat, represents **District 4** and is currently serving his second term. Barnes is a member of the Housing & Neighborhood Development and Transportation Committees. He represents the City on the University City Partnership Board. Barnes is a graduate of University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and holds a law degree from the North Carolina Central University School of Law. He is a partner with the law firm of Fuller & Barnes, LLP.



Nancy G. Carter, District 5, 704-336-3431. n3157w@yahoo.com
Carter, a Democrat, is serving her fifth term as **District 5** Representative. She is vice chair of the Budget and Environment Committees and a member of the Transportation, Economic Development & Planning, and Retreat Planning Committees. She is the City's representative on the Arts & Science Council and is the Mayor's representative to Smart Start. She earned a bachelor's degree from Randolph-Mason Women's College and a master's degree from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and is a substitute school teacher.



Andy Dulin, District 6, 704-367-1266. andy@voteandydulin.com
Dulin, a Republican, is serving his second term as the **District 6** Representative. He is chair of the Budget Committee and a member of the Community Safety, Environment, and Governmental Affairs Committees. Dulin received a bachelor's degree from Appalachian State University and is a residential real estate broker with Cottingham-Chalk & Associates.



Warren Cooksey, District 7, 980-230-5495. warren@warrencooksey.com
Cooksey, a Republican, represents **District 7**. He is currently serving his first term in office. He serves as vice chair of the Restructuring Government Committee and is a member of the Budget, Environment, and Housing & Neighborhood Development Committees. Cooksey graduated from Davidson College and is employed with Wachovia Wealth Management Group.

MECKLENBURG COUNTY DISTRICT MAP

