

# City of Charlotte Government

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# THE CITY

- ★ Municipality = city, town, village
- ★ In Mecklenburg County
  - One city - Charlotte
  - Six towns - Cornelius, Davidson, Huntersville, Matthews, Mint Hill and Pineville
- ★ No legal difference between a city, town or village – is preference of the residents

# COUNCIL-MANAGER

- ★ Charlotte is one of the largest US cities with this form of government
  - Manager reports to city council
  - City Council votes on Manager's recommendations
- ★ Responsibilities divided
  - **Elected** Officials + **Appointed** City Manager
- ★ Provides skilled professional administration for city government

# CITY SERVICES

## ★ Community Health and Safety

- Police\*, Fire/Emergency Services, Animal Control\*
- Water/Sewer\*, Garbage, Yard Waste, Recycling

## ★ Transportation

- Bus, Train (Rapid Transit), Airport

## ★ Infrastructure

- Build/maintain **city** streets, street lights, sidewalks

## ★ Planning and Development

- Land Use, Zoning, Housing, Neighborhood Development
- Economic Development/Jobs

*\* Consolidated Service with County*

# WHO RUNS THE CITY?

## The Mayor and City Council



- **Elected**
- 12 Total Members
- Establishes priorities on community needs, sets policy, establishes the budget, levies taxes, creates ordinances

*and*

## Charlotte City Manager



*Interim Manager*

**Ron Kimble**

- **Hired** by City Council
- Responsible for daily operations of the city

# CITY MANAGER

## ★ Responsibility

- Carries out the City Council's policy decisions
- Provides vision and leadership
- Oversees daily operations of City government

## ★ Key administrative officer of the City

- Assisted by a leadership team made up of Deputy and Assistant City Managers and members of the Manager's staff

# MAYOR

- ★ Elected every 2 years
- ★ Presides at City Council meetings
  - Votes in the event of a tie
  - Has veto authority
- ★ With City Council, is responsible for establishing the general policies for City
- ★ Chief spokesperson for the City
  - Represents city at ceremonies and events
  - Local, state, national, international



**Mayor**

Jennifer Roberts

(D)

# CHARLOTTE CITY COUNCIL

## ★ Elected every 2 years

- 4 members by citywide vote (at-large)
- 7 members from voters in districts

## ★ Key roles

- Establish general policies for City (with mayor)
- Appoint positions
  - City Manager, City Attorney, City Clerk
  - Boards and Commissions members
- Review annual budget, set tax rate, oversight for City operations, authorize contracts.
- Enact ordinances, orders (laws at local level)
  - Graffiti, noise, curfew



# CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS



## At-Large

Vi Lyles  
(D) Mayor Pro-Tem



Julie Eiselt (D)



Claire Fallon (D)



James Mitchell (D)



## District 1

Patsy Kinsey  
(D)



## District 2

Al Austin  
(D)



## District 3

LaWana Mayfield  
(D)



## District 4

Gregory Phipps  
(D)



## District 5

John Autry  
(D)



## District 6

Kenny Smith  
(R)



## District 7

Ed Driggs  
(R)

# CITY BUDGET

- ★ FY2016 = \$2.119 billion
- ★ Sources of funds= Taxes, fees, other
  - Property tax=47.87 cents/\$100 of property
- ★ Where each dollar goes
  - 25 cents - Public transportation (CATS, light rail, etc.)
  - 21 cents - Airport
  - 17 cents – Public Safety (Police, fire, etc.)
  - 14 cents – Water and sewer
  - 11 cents - Public works
  - 4 cents – Housing, Economic Development
  - 4 cents - City operations
  - 4 cents – Storm water

*NOT CMS!*

*Source: Mecklenburg County  
FY15-16 Tax Brochure*

# GET INVOLVED

- ★ Contact officials, follow issues
  - Social media: search Twitter hashtag #cltcc
- ★ Join Charlotte-Mecklenburg Youth Council
  - GenerationNation [www.generationnation.org](http://www.generationnation.org)
- ★ City Council Meetings
  - Monday evenings at the Government Center
  - Who can attend? Anyone!
  - Sign up to speak or watch the meeting online  
<http://charmec.org/city/charlotte/CityCouncil/Pages/default.aspx>