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INFORMATION:

Budget Work Session - Monday, February 17 - 4:00 P.M.

Reminder that Council will meet next **Monday** in a scheduled budget work session at **4:00 P.M.**

The agenda for the work session was posted to the electronic agenda management system Thursday.

Regular Council Meeting Tuesday, February 18; Lunch Work Session at 11:30 - Lunch Will be Provided

Council will meet in regular work session at **11:30 A.M.** in the **Council Chamber**. Please note the agenda for the lunch work session is included with the regular meeting agenda and may be accessed via the BoardDocs electronic agenda system:

<https://go.boarddocs.com/nc/raleigh/Board.nsf/Public>

The **regular** Council meeting begins at **1:00 P.M.**

Please note there will be a **Closed Session** immediately following the afternoon session of the Council meeting.

Reminder: If there is an item you would like to pull from the consent agenda for discussion, please e-mail mayorstaff@raleighnc.gov by 11 A.M. the day of the meeting.

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Staff Resource: Sarah Heinsohn, Office of Special Events, 996-2200, sarah.heinsohn@raleighnc.gov.

Included with the *Update* materials is the special events digest for the upcoming week.

(Attachment)

Council Member Follow Up Items

Follow up from the January 21 Council Work Session

ReadyWake Alerts in City of Raleigh (Mayor Cowell)

Staff Resource: Ran Northam, Communications, 996-3007, ran.northam@raleighnc.gov

At the Work Session, staff provided an update on efforts made in the City to strengthen our Emergency Public Information and Crisis Communications. Council asked for data on how often the ReadyWake alert system is used in Raleigh. Messages fall into three categories, and these numbers reflect messages sent from August 2023 through January 2025.

ReadyWake Alerts – 22 alerts – subscription-based; sent to everyone who signs up to receive the messages, regardless of location.

Wireless Emergency Alerts – 11 messages – location-based and federally governed; sent only when there is a known risk to public safety and guidance can be given to reduce harm. The responding personnel determine the area for the message, and every cell phone within that border receives the message.

ReadyWake Events – 103 messages – subscription-based and specific to an event like First Night Raleigh, Dreamville, or the Christmas Parade; users must sign up for each event by texting a keyword to 888777.

These numbers include alerts that were fully within or crossed over into Raleigh city limits from a larger alert area. They do not include all Wake County alerts sent. Wireless Emergency Alerts sent by federal or state authorities, including Amber Alerts, Weather Alerts, and more, are not counted here.

Neither the City nor Wake County set a goal for how many alerts are sent per year. Both organization's interests are accurate, timely messages to people when incidents call for them, regardless of how often the tool is used.

(No attachment)

Follow up from the January 24 Council Retreat

Boards, Commissions, and Committees

Staff Resource: Tiesha Mosley, Community Engagement, 996-2707, tiesha.mosley@raleighnc.gov

During the retreat, Council requested additional information about the bylaws and workplans of the city's boards and commissions. Included with the *Update* materials is a list of the applicable boards and commissions with links to their bylaws and workplans. It also contains their mission, and whether they are a quasi-judicial or advisory body. Additionally, the Communications Department updated the individual webpages of boards and commissions to include links directly to this information. An example is included below.

Annual Work Plan and Bylaws



(Attachment)

Weekly Events Digest

Friday, February 14 – Thursday, February 20

City of Raleigh Office of Special Events
specialevents@raleighnc.gov | 919-996-2200 | raleighnc.gov/special-events-office

Permitted Special Events

[Run for the Roses 5K](#)

Walnut Creek Athletic Complex & Walnut Creek Trail

Sunday, February 16

Event Time: 2:00pm - 3:00pm

Associated Impacts: No roads will be closed for the event. A one-mile portion of Walnut Creek Trail extending south from Walnut Creek Athletic Complex will be used from 2:00pm until 3:00pm. Portions of the complex will also be used for the event.

[NATE Unite 2025 Conference & Expo](#)

Raleigh Convention Center & Cabarrus Street

Monday, February 17 - Wednesday, February 19

Event Time: 10:00am - 6:00pm on 2-17-25; 8:00am - 6:00pm on 2-18-25 & 2-19-25

Associated Road Closures: Cabarrus Street between S. McDowell Street and S. Salisbury Street will be closed from 9:30am until 6:30pm on 2-17-25, and 7:30am until 6:30pm on 2-18-25 and 2-19-25.

Other Upcoming Events

[Judy Collins](#)

Friday, February 14

Fletcher Opera Theater

[Valentine's Date Night](#)

Friday, February 14

The Chapel at Dix Park

[Winter Jam 2025](#)

Friday, February 14

Lenovo Center

[Beethoven Piano Concerto No. 4 – NC Symphony](#)

Friday, February 14 & Saturday, February 15

Meymandi Concert Hall

[Living In Color: Meet the Artists](#)

Saturday, February 15

The Chapel at Dix Park

[Black Artists Day](#)

Saturday, February 15

City of Raleigh Museum

[Digging Deeper: Stories in Local Archaeology](#)

Saturday, February 15

Mordecai Historic Park

[The Screwtape Letters](#)

Saturday, February 15

Memorial Auditorium

[Boston College vs. NC State](#)

Saturday, February 15
Lenovo Center

[Katt Williams](#)

Sunday, February 16
Lenovo Center

[Lunchbox Lecture with Wanda Cox-Bailey](#)

Thursday, February 20
City of Raleigh Museum

[WakeMed Career Event](#)

Thursday, February 20
Raleigh Convention Center

[Akeelah and the Bee](#)

Through Sunday, February 23
Raleigh Little Theatre

[Boléro – Carolina Ballet](#)

Through Sunday, February 23
Fletcher Opera Theater

Public Resources

[Event Feedback Form](#): Tell us what you think about Raleigh events! We welcome feedback and encourage you to provide comments or concerns about any events regulated by the Office of Special Events. We will use this helpful information in future planning.

[Road Closure and Road Race Map](#): A resource providing current information on street closures in Raleigh.

[Online Events Calendar](#): View all currently scheduled events that impact city streets, public plazas, and Dorothea Dix Park.

Council Member Follow Up

Board	Mission	Work Plan Link	Bylaws Link	Advisory/Quasi Judicial
Arts Commission	The Commission serves as the official advisory body and advocate for the arts to the City Council and is dedicated to the ongoing goal of connecting people to the arts and building a vital and ever-expanding creative community for residents and visitors.	FY2025 Work Plan	Bylaws	Advisory
Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Commission	The Commission is responsible for making recommendations on the implementation of relevant programs, policies, regulations, and funding priorities regarding cyclist, and pedestrian access and accommodation.	FY2024 Work Plan	Bylaws	Advisory
Board of Adjustment	The Board is a quasi-judicial body that conducts evidentiary hearings on requests for variances, special use permits, and appeals from administrative decisions regarding the City's zoning ordinances.	QJ No Work Plan Required	Rules of Procedures Bylaws (Service Commission)	Quasi-Judicial
Community Engagement Board	Nurture a City-wide approach to community engagement that promotes radical inclusion through trust, transparency, and mutual respect.	FY2024 Work Plan	Bylaws	Advisory
Design Review Commission (formerly: Appearance Commission)	The Commission provides guidance, advice, and recommendations regarding the visual quality and aesthetic characteristics of the City and hears requests for Design Alternates from the City's Unified Development Ordinance, acting as a quasi-judicial body.	QJ No Work Plan Required	Rules of Procedures	Quasi-Judicial
Environmental Advisory Board	The Environmental Advisory Board gives the City Council advice on matters related to environmental quality and promotes environmental protection standards and policies to the public.	FY2025 Work Plan	Bylaws	Advisory
Fair Housing Hearing Board	The Fair Housing Hearing Board works to improve public awareness of the City's Fair	FY2025 Work Plan	Bylaws	Advisory

Board	Mission	Work Plan Link	Bylaws Link	Advisory/Quasi Judicial
	Housing Ordinance, which prohibits discrimination in housing opportunities on the basis of race, color, religion, family status, disability, national origin or sex.			
Hispanic & Immigrant Affairs Board	The Board advises City Council on barriers that impact the Hispanic and immigrant community in social, economic, and vocational pursuits.	FY2025 Work Plan	Bylaws	Advisory
Historic Cemeteries Advisory Board	The Board advises the Raleigh City Council and the City of Raleigh Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Department on issues related to cemetery restoration and revitalization, funding and donorship, interpretation and heritage tourism of the city's three historic cemeteries: City Cemetery, Mt. Hope Cemetery and O'Rorke-Catholic Cemetery.	FY24-25 Work Plan	Bylaws	Advisory
Historic Resources & Museum Advisory Board	The board's mission is to promote, coordinate, and strengthen the advocacy and advancement of public programs within the Historic Resources and Museum Program and to further the cultural development of the City of Raleigh.	FY2024 Work Plan	Bylaws	Advisory
Human Relations Commission	The Commission works to promote human dignity, equal opportunity and harmony among Raleigh residents, and also promotes activities and programs for residents without regard to race, color, creed, gender, age, sexual orientation, or national origin.	FY2025 Work Plan	Bylaws	Advisory
Mayor's Committee for Persons with Disabilities	The Mayor's Committee for Persons with Disabilities helps people with disabilities to participate in the economic and social life of the community. To this end, the committee promotes employment of people with disabilities and communicates	FY2025 Work Plan	Bylaws	Advisory

Board	Mission	Work Plan Link	Bylaws Link	Advisory/Quasi Judicial
	their needs to local leaders and the public. The committee also sponsors activities benefiting people with disabilities and their families.			
Parks, Recreation & Greenway Board	The Board serves as the official citizen advisory board to the City Council on issues related to parks, greenway, and recreation policy matters.	FY2025 Work Plan	Procedure Practices	Advisory
Planning Commission	The Commission advises the Council on future growth and development issues that affect the City such as Comprehensive Plan items, text changes, and rezonings.	QJ No Work Plan Required	Rules of Procedure	Quasi Judicial
Police Advisory Board	The Police Advisory Board serves as a liaison between the Raleigh community and City Council. The board will help build trust and relationships between the Raleigh Police Department and the community.	FY2025 Work Plan	Bylaws	Advisory
Raleigh Transit Authority	The Authority is responsible for making recommendations on the implementation of relevant programs, policies and regulations regarding the transit system in Raleigh (GoRaleigh).	Draft in progress	RTA Handbook	Advisory
Stormwater Management Advisory Commission	The Commission's mission is to manage resources sufficiently to protect the public infrastructure, quality of life, environment, and property of the citizens of Raleigh through fair and equitable cost effective means.	FY2025 Work Plan	Rules of Procedure	Advisory
Substance Use Advisory Commission	The Substance Use Advisory Commission advocates for a healthy community by promoting best practices for the prevention, intervention, and treatment of alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use.	FY2025 Work Plan	Bylaws	Advisory

Statutory Groups

Board	Mission	Work Plan Link	Bylaws Link	Advisory/Quasi Judicial
Raleigh Historic Development Commission	The RHDC serves as the City Council's official historic preservation advisory body to identify, preserve, protect, and promote Raleigh's historic resources.	FY2025 Work Plan	Rules of Procedure	Advisory BUT, the Certificate of Appropriateness Committee (COA) under RHDC is Quasi-Judicial

Appointed by Arts Commission

Board	Mission	Work Plan Link	Bylaws Link	Advisory/Quasi Judicial
Public Art and Design Board	Established in 2009 as part of Raleigh's public art program, the mission of the Public Art and Design Board is to promote and facilitate the inclusion of art into Raleigh's public realm by establishing processes that create a connection between artists, partners, and communities to enhance the City's vitality.	FY2025 Work Plan	Bylaws	Advisory