The Board of Commissioners of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, met in Informal Session in Conference Center Room 267 of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center located at 600 East Fourth Street, Charlotte, North Carolina at 5:00 p.m. and in Formal Session in the Meeting Chamber of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center at 6:21 p.m. on Wednesday, August 4, 2021.

ATTENDANCE

Present:  Chair George Dunlap and Commissioners
          Leigh Altman, Patricia “Pat” Cotham, Mark Jerrell,
          Vilma D. Leake, Elaine Powell,
          Susan Rodriguez-McDowell, and
          Ella B. Scarborough
          County Manager Dena R. Diorio
          County Attorney Tyrone C. Wade
          Clerk to the Board Kristine M. Smith

Absent:  Commissioner Laura Meier

Note: Commissioners Cotham and Scarborough attended remotely.

-INFORMAL SESSION-

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Dunlap, after which the matters below were addressed.

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Jerrell, and carried 4-2 with Commissioners Altman, Dunlap, Jerrell, and Leake voting yes, and Commissioners Powell, and Rodriguez-McDowell voting no, to allow Commissioners Cotham and Scarborough to participate remotely.

REMOVAL OF ITEMS FROM CONSENT
The Board identified item(s) to be removed from Consent and voted upon separately. The items identified were Items: 21-6999, 21-7005, 21-7011, 21-7013, 21-7014, 21-7015, 21-7016, 21-7018, and 21-7020.

STAFF BRIEFINGS-NONE

21-7000 CLOSED SESSION

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake seconded by Commissioner Powell and unanimously carried with Commissioners Altman, Cotham, Dunlap, Jerrell, Leake, Powell, Rodriguez-McDowell, and Scarborough voting yes, to go into Closed Session for the following purpose(s): Land Acquisitions and Consult with Attorney

The Board went into Closed Session at 5:12 p.m. and came back into Open Session at 6:21 p.m.

The Board then proceeded to the Meeting Chamber for the remainder of the meeting.

-FORMAL SESSION-

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dunlap called this portion of the meeting to order, which was followed by introductions, invocation by Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag; after which, the matters below were addressed.

21-7000 CLOSED SESSION- LAND ACQUISITION - CMS LAND ACQUISITION – EAST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RELIEF SITE

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Jerrell and unanimously carried with Commissioners Altman, Cotham, Dunlap, Jerrell, Leake, Powell, Rodriguez-McDowell, and Scarborough voting yes, to approve the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education acquiring Tax Parcels 133-143-03 (+/- 5.707 acres) and 133-161-03(+/- 12.40 acres) on Farm Pond Lane in the City of Charlotte from CE Office, LLC and Green Acres, Inc. respectively to serve as an elementary school relief site for Windsor Park Elementary, Winterfield Elementary, and Idlewild Elementary with a purchase price of not to exceed $1,850,000, without further action from the Board of County Commissioners.
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AWARDS/RECOGNITION

21-7004 PROCLAMATION – CHILD SUPPORT AWARENESS MONTH

Motion was made by Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Jerrell and unanimously carried with Commissioners Altman, Cotham, Dunlap, Jerrell, Leake, Powell, Rodriguez-McDowell, and Scarborough voting yes, to adopt a Proclamation declaring August 2021 as Child Support Awareness Month in Mecklenburg County.

Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell read the proclamation.

The Proclamation was received and addressed by Yulanda Griffin, Director, Department of Community Resources, and Donald Manns, Child Support Business Manager.
Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Jerrell and unanimously carried with Commissioners Altman, Cotham, Dunlap, Jerrell, Leake, Powell, Rodriguez-McDowell, and Scarborough voting yes, to adopt a joint proclamation designating August 26, 2021 as Women’s Equality Day in Charlotte/Mecklenburg County.

The Proclamation was read by Commissioner Leake.

PROCLAMATION
City of Charlotte/Mecklenburg County

WHEREAS, August 26, 2021 marks the 101st anniversary of women in the United States gaining the right to vote with the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution; and

WHEREAS, even after the ratification of the 19th amendment, African American women were still largely disenfranchised from voting until the passage of the 1965 Voting Rights Act; and

WHEREAS, the call for women’s right to vote was voiced at the first Women’s Rights Convention in 1848, and the solidification of this right into law was the result of decades of work by committed suffragists who fought for this right; and

WHEREAS, even before they gained the right to vote, America’s women were leaders of movements, academics, and reforms, including serving in Congress. Legions of brave women wrote and lectured for change. They let their feet speak when their voices alone were not enough, protesting and marching for their fundamental right to vote in the face of heckling, jail, and abuse. Their efforts led to enormous progress. Millions of women have since used the power of the ballot to help shape our country; and

WHEREAS, at a time when women were meant to be seen and not heard, the suffragists bravely censured and disgraced by speaking out on behalf of all women and organized for their rights. Remarkable women arose in each state and became part of history themselves when they successfully secured civil rights and political independence for American women; and

WHEREAS, to these committed and determined women, voting was not the end of the journey for equality, but the beginning of a new era in the advancement of our Union. These brave and tenacious women challenged our nation to live up to its founding principles, and their legacy inspires us to reach ever higher in our pursuit of liberty and equality for all; and

WHEREAS, the Mecklenburg County Women’s Advisory Board has identified the theme for the 2021 Women’s Equality Day Program and Event to be: Total Wellness-Mind, Body, and Spirit; and

WHEREAS, this year’s event will be a virtual panel discussion on Monday, August 23, 2021 beginning at 5:30PM, and the public is invited and encouraged to participate in this free celebration:

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, Vi Alexander Lyles, Mayor of Charlotte, and George Dunlap, Chairman of the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim August 26, 2021 as

“WOMEN’S EQUALITY DAY”
in Charlotte and Mecklenburg County and commend its observance to all citizens.

WITNESS OUR HANDS and the official Seals of the City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County.

Vi Alexander Lyles, Mayor
City of Charlotte

George Dunlap, Chairman
Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners
PUBLIC ART MOMENT – N/A

21-7023 PUBLIC APPEARANCE

The following persons appeared to speak during the Public Appearance portion of the agenda:

2. Arthur Griffin addressed CMS lowering academic standard with regard to high school football players.

APPOINTMENTS

21-7027 MECKLENBURG EMS AGENCY (MEDIC) BOARD APPOINTMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell, seconded by Commissioner Leake and unanimously carried with Commissioners Altman, Cotham, Dunlap, Jerrell, Leake, Powell, Rodriguez-McDowell, and Scarborough voting yes, to appoint Jason Schwebach, Vice President, Atrium Health, to the Mecklenburg EMS Agency (Medic) Board to fill the unexpired term of Katie Kaney expiring December 31, 2022, as an Atrium Health representative.

Note: In 1996, the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners along with County management staff worked with EMS management and leaders in both the medical and business communities to address the needs of the County’s EMS department. The Amended and Restated Joint Undertaking Agreement, approved by the Board of County Commissioners in November 2009, states the affairs of the Agency shall be governed by a seven-member Board of Commissioners which shall be appointed by the Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners as follows:

a. Three (3) persons shall be Charlotte-Mecklenburg Hospital Authority (CMHA) employees nominated by the CMHA Chief Executive Officer; and
b. Three (3) persons shall be Novant Health Southern Piedmont Region (Presbyterian) employees nominated by the Presbyterian Chief Executive Officer; and
c. One (1) person shall be a County employee nominated by the County Manager.

Each Agency Commissioner shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years or until such Commissioner’s successor is nominated and appointed. There is no limit to the number of successive terms in which a Commissioner may serve.
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21-7031 APPOINTMENTS - AIR QUALITY COMMISSION

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Powell and unanimously carried with Commissioners Altman, Cotham, Dunlap, Jerrell, Leake, Powell, Rodriguez-McDowell, and Scarborough voting yes, to reappoint Brian Magi as the Scientist Representative to the Air Quality Commission for a three-year term expiring August 31, 2024.

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell and unanimously carried with Commissioners Altman, Cotham, Dunlap, Jerrell, Leake, Powell, Rodriguez-McDowell, and Scarborough voting yes, to nominate and appoint Billy Powers to the Air Quality Commission for the Transportation category for a three-year term expiring August 31, 2024.

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Powell and unanimously carried with Commissioners Altman, Cotham, Dunlap, Jerrell, Leake, Powell, Rodriguez-McDowell, and Scarborough voting yes, to nominate and appoint Karl F. Welke, MD, MS. to the Air Quality Commission for the General Public category for a three-year term expiring August 31, 2024.

21-7032 APPOINTMENTS - BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Jerrell and unanimously carried with Commissioners Altman, Cotham, Dunlap, Jerrell, Leake, Powell, Rodriguez-McDowell, and Scarborough voting yes, to nominate and appoint Lekisha Hamilton to the Bicycle Advisory Committee to fill an unexpired term expiring March 31, 2024.

21-7034 APPOINTMENTS - CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG PLANNING COMMISSION

Motion was made by Commissioner Jerrell, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell and carried 7-1 with Commissioners Altman, Cotham, Dunlap, Jerrell, Powell, Rodriguez-McDowell, and Scarborough voting yes, and Commissioner Leake voting no, to reappoint Andrew Blumenthal and Douglas Welton to the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Commission for three-year terms expiring June 30, 2024.

21-7040 TOWN OF CORNELIUS PLANNING BOARD
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Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Jerrell and unanimously carried with Commissioners Altman, Cotham, Dunlap, Jerrell, Leake, Powell, Rodriguez-McDowell, and Scarborough voting yes, to reappoint Hardison McConnell to the Town of Cornelius Planning Board as an Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) representative as recommended by the Town of Cornelius Board of Commissioners for a three-year term expiring July 1, 2024.

Note: Statutory and Ordinance requirements require that appointments of this nature be approved by the Board of County Commissioners. The Town of Cornelius Board of Commissioners voted July 6, 2021 to request that Hardison McConnell be reappointed to the Town of Cornelius Planning Board as an ETJ representative for a three-year term.

21-7044  APPOINTMENTS - DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ADVISORY BOARD

Motion was made by Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Jerrell and carried 7-1 with Commissioners Altman, Cotham, Dunlap, Jerrell, Powell, Rodriguez-McDowell, and Scarborough voting yes, and Commissioner Leake voting no, to nominate and appoint Peggy O’Neal to the Domestic Violence Advisory Board for a three-year term expiring July 31, 2024.

21-7049  APPOINTMENTS - NURSING HOME COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Powell and unanimously carried with Commissioners Altman, Cotham, Dunlap, Jerrell, Leake, Powell, Rodriguez-McDowell, and Scarborough voting yes, to reappoint Frederick R. Benson to the Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee for a three-year term expiring June 30, 2024.

21-7052  APPOINTMENTS - PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Powell and unanimously carried with Commissioners Altman, Cotham, Dunlap, Jerrell, Leake, Powell, Rodriguez-McDowell, and Scarborough voting yes, to reappoint Megan Gregory (At-large representative) and Eugene Kiser (Central Region 3 representative) to the Park and Recreation Commission for three-year terms expiring June 30, 2024.

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Scarborough and unanimously carried with Commissioners Altman, Cotham, Dunlap, Jerrell, Leake, Powell, Rodriguez-McDowell, and Scarborough voting yes, to nominate and appoint George Berger to
the Park and Recreation Commission (North Region 2 representative) for a three-year term expiring June 30, 2024.

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Scarborough and unanimously carried with Commissioners Altman, Cotham, Dunlap, Jerrell, Leake, Powell, Rodriguez-McDowell, and Scarborough voting yes, to nominate and appoint Sarah Edwards to the Park and Recreation Commission (Central Region 2 representative) for a three-year term expiring June 30, 2024.

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Powell and unanimously carried with Commissioners Altman, Cotham, Dunlap, Jerrell, Leake, Powell, Rodriguez-McDowell, and Scarborough voting yes, to nominate and appoint Sarah Kennard to the Park and Recreation Commission (Central Region 1 representative) for a three-year term expiring June 30, 2024.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

21-7022 PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED CRITERIA FOR REDISTRICTING PROCESS

Motion was made by Commissioner Altman, seconded by Commissioner Leake and unanimously carried with Commissioners Altman, Cotham, Dunlap, Jerrell, Leake, Powell, Rodriguez-McDowell, and Scarborough voting yes, to open a public hearing to receive public comment on proposed criteria for redistricting county commission districts in Mecklenburg County.

Note: Local governments are subject to the one/person one vote mandate and are therefore required to review district populations after every census to determine if the populations remain relatively equal. Local governments cannot redistrict until the Census Bureau reports on its block data. Typically, the data is received in March following the year of the census. Due to COVID-19, it is anticipated that the data will not be released until August 2021. Recent estimates show a statewide population increase of approximately one million new inhabitants and significant increases in Mecklenburg County. If it becomes necessary to redraw district lines, the identified criteria will be used as guidance in establishing district lines.

1. Equal population, as required by state and federal law;
2. Contiguity, as required by state law;
3. Compactness;
4. Recognizing communities of interest, to be defined by the Board following public input;
5. Keeping municipalities whole, to the extent possible;
6. Keeping precincts whole;
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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION ADOPTING GUIDING PRINCIPLES AND CRITERIA TO BE CONSIDERED WHEN REDRAWING BOARD OF COMMISSION DISTRICTS

WHEREAS, local governments are subject to the one person one vote mandate and are therefore required to review district populations after every census to determine if the district populations remain relatively equal, and

WHEREAS, NCGS § 153A-22 states, that if a county is divided into electoral districts for the purpose of nominating or electing persons to the board of commissioners, the board of commissioners may find as a fact whether there is substantial inequality of population among the districts, and if the board finds that there is substantial inequality of population among the districts, it may by resolution redefine the electoral districts; and

WHEREAS, local governments cannot redistrict until the Census Bureau reports on its block data. Typically, the data is received in March following the year of the census, however due to COVID-19 it is anticipated that the date will not be released until August 2021; and

WHEREAS, recent estimates show a statewide population increase of approximately one million new inhabitants and significant increases in Mecklenburg County suggesting redistricting is very likely: and

WHEREAS, to expedite the process and be in compliance with state mandated timelines the Board, at its July 7th meeting, approved the following ten criteria as guidelines to be used if it becomes necessary to redraw electoral district lines:
The proposed criteria are as follows:
1. Equal population, as required by state and federal law;
2. Contiguity, as required by state law;
3. Compactness;
4. Recognizing communities of interest, to be defined by the Board following public input;
5. Keeping municipalities whole, to the extent possible;
6. Keeping precincts whole;
7. Avoiding pairing incumbents;
8. No political considerations;
9. Preserving the core of existing districts;
10. Anti-core preservation (i.e., ignore current districts and begins from a clean slate)
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slate); and

WHEREAS, the County made the criteria accessible on the County website and gave notice of the August 4, 2021 public hearing by posting an advertisement in the Charlotte Observer.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners does hereby adopt the ten (10) identified criteria as guiding principles to be used in redrawing district lines for the Board of County Commissioners in electoral districts.

Resolution recorded in full in Ordinance Book _______, Document #_______.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS

21-7030 CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

The Board received the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Community Relations Committee Annual Report.

Willie Ratchford, Executive Director, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Community Relations Department and Vanessa Clark, Chair of the Community Relations Committee (CRC) presented the report.

Note: The Board’s Appointment Policy states all Committees must report at least annually to the Board of Commissioners on their activities. Reports can be submitted to the Clerk for distribution to the Board in writing or for formal presentation at a Regular Board Meeting.

The report addressed the following topics:

- Community Relations Committee Vision & Mission
- How the Work of CRC gets done
- Building Community Harmony
- Keeping the Community Informed
- Empowering and Creating Equitable Opportunities for All
- Bridging Differences in the Community
- Recognizing Outstanding Contributions to Improve Police-Community Relations
- Membership Enhancement & Growth
- Charlotte-Mecklenburg Community Relations Department
- Americans With Disabilities Act Program
- Dispute Settlement Program Trends
- Community Affairs Trends
- Fair Housing and Public Accommodation Trends
- Community Relations Training Trends
- Accountability and Awards Trends
- Inclusion & Accessibility Trends
- Volunteer Mediator Trends
- Staff Career Development Trends
- North Carolina Task Force for Racial Equity
- Additional 2021 Accomplishments

A copy of the presentation is on file with the Clerk to the Board.

COMMENTS

Commissioner Leake asked in comparison to the CRC’s report from 1989 to 2021, if there had been any improvements with race relations and if the County was experiencing the same racism as other communities. Executive Director Willie Ratchford said that Charlotte - Mecklenburg experienced the same racism other communities were experiencing across the country.

Commissioner Altman asked out of the 15 fair housing cases that were investigated, how many were in the ETJ. Executive Director Willie Ratchford said there was only one case under the County ordinance in the unincorporated area.

Chair Dunlap thanked the presenters.

MANAGER’S REPORT

County Manager Diorio announced Mr. David Boyd was selected as the new County Chief Financial Officer. She said he would start his new role on August 9th.

County Manager Diorio thanked Patricia Gibson for serving as Interim Chief Financial Officer.

21-6872 NAMING OF STREETS-NEW NORTHEAST COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER SITE

Steve Sweat, AIA, Sr. Project Manager, Asset and Facility Management Department and Kay Tembo, Community Relations Coordinator, Sr. Public Information Specialist, Public Information Department addressed the naming of the streets as it relates to new Northeast Community Resource Center site.
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Note: In August 2018 the County purchased +/- 18.89 acres near the intersection of North Tryon and Eastway Drive for a new Northeast Community Resource Center (CRC), a library Support Services Center, and a future branch library. The site included a planned new city street that would need to be constructed by the owner upon re-development of the site. To obtain City of Charlotte permits for site development, the County is also required to name the streets throughout the development.

A copy of the presentation is on file with the Clerk to the Board.

COMMENTS

Commissioner Jerrell said he would like to see the video put on a site where the public could access it.

Chair Dunlap thanked the presenters.

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Jerrell and unanimously carried with Commissioners Altman, Cotham, Dunlap, Jerrell, Leake, Powell, Rodriguez-McDowell, and Scarborough voting yes, to receive three respective applications from the immediate surrounding community to name three streets at the site of the new Northeast Community Resource Center located near the intersection of North Tryon Street and Eastway Drive as follows: Stitt Road (public street), Zion-Torrance Road (private street), and George Evans Drive (public street); and to schedule a public hearing on September 8, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. to receive public comment on the proposed naming of three streets at the site of the new Northeast Community Resource Center.

21-7009  INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE – EASTLAND MALL REDEVELOPMENT

Peter Zeiler, Director, Office of Economic Development, Tim Sittema from Crosland and Todd DeLong, Economic Development Division Manager from the City of Charlotte gave a presentation which addressed a proposed interlocal agreement with the City of Charlotte regarding the Eastland Mall Redevelopment.

Note: Crosland Southeast, seeks to redevelop the former Eastland Mall site with mixed uses such as retail and residential, and the creation of public uses such as parks, greenspace and public parking. The project will provide 240,000 square feet of office use, 90,000 square feet of commercial use, 485 residential units (85 senior affordable units, 250 rental units, 150 for sale units), 5.5 acres of park/open space (including a 2.8-acre public park), and 22 acres for a Major
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League Soccer Academy. The total cost of the project is $105 Million, which includes $28 Million in developer/partner private equity. A tax increment grant (TIG) from the City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County is requested to support infrastructure improvements ($5.15M) and the construction of a public parking deck ($5.85M). The mechanism to finance this reimbursement will be the dedication of 45% of the new, incremental ad valorem taxes created by the project to be constructed by Crosland Southeast. This arrangement is pursuant to Article 20 of Chapter 160A of the North Carolina General Statutes. Under this Article, the City of Charlotte will enter into an infrastructure reimbursement agreement with Crosland Southeast for the entirety of the $11,000,000 net present project cost. The City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County will enter into an interlocal agreement whereby the County will remit to the City 45% of the County’s incremental ad valorem taxes for a period of no more than 20 years for an estimated net present County share of $7,032,021.

Public improvements subject to the Interlocal Agreement include:
- Public Park/Open Space (separate from TIG, project is also seeking $7,558,000 from County to fund new park construction)
- Small Business Opportunities such as preference for local minority owned businesses
- Housing Affordability
- Public Parking
- Community use of Tepper Sports fields

On June 15, 2021, the Economic Development Committee voted to recommend this project to the full Board of County Commissioners with the following contract inclusions (to be included during contract execution):
- A suitable agreement for the public use of the Tepper Sports fields
- A written agreement to maintain greenspace at the Tepper Sports fields in perpetuity
- Mechanisms in place for small business support

A copy of the presentation is on file with the Clerk to the Board.

COMMENTS

Commissioner Jerrell addressed how important this was to the future and how the project would activate surrounding areas. He said the County must make sure it gets the best deal possible. He stated the process must change. He said if a commitment is asked from the Board, it was important that the Board be in “lockstep” at the very beginning with the City, and not the “12th hour.” He stated it would not be fair to the community.

Commissioner Powell addressed the importance and urgency of this project. She said the process was deeply flawed. Further that the dollars must be used for priorities and the time to ask for improvements was now.
Commissioner Cotham expressed her concerns about the “last-minute” process. She said she didn’t want to derail all the work that had been done but process was important. Commissioner Cotham said she wanted the County Manager to negotiate the three things the committee was asking for.

Commissioner Altman addressed the importance of hearing from the public on this issue. She thanked those residents from District 4 for their input.

Commissioner Leake expressed her concern about the changes. She said these discussions should have taken place years ago. She said many recommendations that came through fell apart.

Rodriguez-McDowell advocated for is the 3 items recommended by the Economic Development Committee for contract inclusions. She wanted to make sure the items were included in the formal agreement. She said they were verbal promises and that they were not last-minute changes. She asked if there were other projects in the pipeline the Board should be looking at and working together at the beginning.

Chair Dunlap said the County always had a good working relationship with the City. He said there were different focuses between the City and the County. He said there was a miscommunication where people felt the committee didn’t support this project. He said they supported it but just looked at it with different lenses.

Commissioner Cotham asked if what they were being asked to vote on included the 3 things recommended by the Economic Development Committee. Chair Dunlap said the Board was not voting on that, only what was on the Request for Board Action.

It was noted that after adoption of the Resolution, the County Manager would negotiate the contract with the City of Charlotte.

Commissioner Jerrell asked if there was a timeline. The response was that the Economic Development Committee would like to move forward as soon as possible.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Jerrell, and carried 7-1 with Commissioners Altman, Dunlap, Jerrell, Leake, Powell, Rodriguez-McDowell, and Scarborough voting yes, and Commissioner Cotham voting no, to adopt a Resolution approving an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Charlotte for the reimbursement of public improvements to be constructed by a private developer in support of new economic development opportunities by committing 45% of the incremental ad valorem taxes created by
MECKLENBURG COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
CITY OF CHARLOTTE AND MECKLENBURG COUNTY FOR EASTLAND MALL REDEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, Crosland Southeast, (the “Developer”) is proposing to redevelop the former Eastland Mall site with mixed uses such as retail and residential, and the creation of public uses such as parks, greenspace and public parking; and

WHEREAS, significant infrastructure improvements are needed to support the project, and in order to make the project financially viable, the Developer has requested a public/private partnership to fund $11 million in public improvements which will be reimbursed by the City and County via a 20-year, 45% tax increment grant (TIG); and

WHEREAS, the City of Charlotte has or will enter into a Tax Increment Grant Infrastructure Reimbursement Agreement for the project; and

WHEREAS, under Article 20 of Chapter 160A of North Carolina General Statutes, as amended, cities and counties are authorized to jointly enter into interlocal cooperation undertakings with other local governments for the joint exercise of any power, function, public enterprise, right, privilege, or immunity of local governments in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the City of Charlotte (City) has the authority to construct and improve streets (G.S. 160A-296(a)(3)), the City and Mecklenburg County (County) have the authority to enter into infrastructure reimbursement agreements with developers and property owners (SL 2001-329; G.S. 153A-451), and the City has the authority to finance such infrastructure (G.S. 160A-20); and

WHEREAS, the City has or will enter into an Infrastructure Reimbursement Agreement with the Developer pursuant to which the City will acquire and finance certain Public Improvements for the project; and

WHEREAS, the County will participate in funding the infrastructure Public Improvements pursuant to an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Charlotte; and

WHEREAS, before execution of the Interlocal Agreement, the County Manager will negotiate: (1) A suitable agreement for the public use of and access to the proposed soccer fields to be constructed by Tepper Sports, (2) A suitable agreement to maintain the proposed soccer fields as greenspace or park space in perpetuity in the event that the City and Tepper Sports terminate the underlying ground lease, and (3) A suitable agreement to provide mechanisms and programs to small businesses in the buildings directly supported by the Interlocal Agreement; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby approve the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Charlotte and authorizes the County Manager to negotiate and execute any further ancillary documents as may be necessary.

Resolution recorded in full in Ordinance Book ______, Document # __________.
Commissioner Jerrell left the dais and was away until noted in the minutes.

21-7051   HOKE DEVELOPMENT AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT

LaShonda Hart, Program Manager, Affordable Housing Initiatives, addressed the Hoke Development Affordable Housing Project.

Ms. Hart addressed the proposal, the community collaborative partners, the development description and the goal of the Hoke affordable housing development.

A copy of the presentation is on file with the Clerk to the Board.

COMMENTS

Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell asked Ms. Hart to clarify what was being asked of the county. The response was there would be a 99-year deed restriction on the 8 units, but the County was being asked to subsidize 6 of the 8 units for a 10-year period. All 8 units would be affordable at 80% AMI. The subsidies would make the units more affordable at 50, 60, and 70% AMI. The Davidson Housing Coalition created a fund that would continue the subsidies beyond 10-years.

Commissioner Powell expressed her support of this effort.

Commissioner Leake asked for clarification regarding rent for the 6 units in the Town of Davidson. The response was the units could be $2,500 a month, but 6 units would be subsidized by the County; 2 at 50% AMI, 2 at 60% AMI, and 2 at 70% AMI. Each unit would be 2,000 square feet, with a 2-car garage, 3 bedrooms and 2 ½ baths.

Commissioner Leake asked where the group was from. The response was Davidson.

Chair Dunlap said the Town of Davidson was probably the first township that had some sort of affordable housing. He said this allowed people who work in the community to live in the community creating diversity in housing. He commended the Town of Davidson and hoped other towns followed.

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell, seconded by Commissioner Leake carried 7-0 with Commissioners Altman, Cotham, Dunlap, Leake, Powell, Rodriguez-McDowell, and Scarborough voting yes, to receive as information a presentation for a rental subsidy proposal for affordable housing, and adopt a resolution authorizing the County Manager to the negotiate terms and conditions, and execute an agreement with the Davidson Housing Coalition and under which
the County would allocate a total of $300,000 over a 10-year period to cover rental subsidies for six three bedroom units. Commissioner Jerrell was not present for the vote.

Commissioner Jerrell returned to the dais.

RESOLUTION OF THE MECKLENBURG COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE TERMS AND CONDITIONS, AND EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE DAVIDSON HOUSING COALITION UNDER WHICH THE COUNTY WOULD ALLOCATE FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF $300,000 OVER A 10 YEAR PERIOD FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING

WHEREAS, Davidson Housing Coalition is a local community-based non-profit 501(c)(3) organization founded in 1995 whose mission is to work with the larger community to preserve and create affordable housing options to prepare families and individuals for financial stability and homeownership, and

WHEREAS, Davidson Housing Coalition is working on the first inclusive housing development in Davidson, North Carolina that will combine market rate “for-sale” units with income restricted rental units interspersed throughout the project to be known as The Hoke Townhome Development, and

WHEREAS, this project is made possible by contributions from the market rate developer, Jacob Anderson with Alliance Group of North Carolina, LLC, a $400,000 grant from the Town of Davidson and a $400,000 grant from Davidson Community Foundation. The Davidson Board of County Commissioners approved this affordable housing project on April 27, 2021, and

WHEREAS, this partnership reflects new solutions and sources that have come forward to help address the affordability crisis. With these contributions combined, the rental units can provide an affordable rent level to between 50% and 80% of the area median household income, and

WHEREAS, The Hoke Development Project will be located at 347 Jetton Street, and is planned to consist of 81 units. The townhomes are planned to have approximately 2000 square feet, three bedrooms, two and a half baths and two car garages and include eight affordable housing units which will be dispersed throughout the project. Taylor Morrison is the builder and the first units of phase 1 are slated to be available Spring 2022, and

WHEREAS, Davidson Housing Coalition has asked Mecklenburg County to assist with rental subsidy funding for 10 years to assist families of four that earn incomes at 50%, 60% and 70% of the area median income. The total request is $300,000 for six townhomes, two (2) townhomes to be designated at each area median income level.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners adopts this Resolution authorizing the County Manager to negotiate terms and conditions, and execute an agreement with the Davidson Housing Coalition under which the County would allocate a total of $300,000 over a 10-year period to cover rental subsidies for six (6) three-bedroom units.

Resolution recorded in full in Ordinance Book _____, Document # _________.

21-7054 COVID-19 RESPONSE UPDATE

County Manager Diorio discussed the return-to-work requirements regarding wearing masks
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and vaccinations and modifying the telework date to October 1, 2021. County manager Diorio said the COVID-19 Task Force was winding down and putting forth their recommendations. She said later in August there would be four virtual townhall meetings, there would also be one held in Spanish. She said there would also be a questionnaire to get feedback from the community. She said the recommendations would be brought back to the Board at the next meeting.

Gibbie Harris, Public Health Director gave a COVID-19 Response update.

Director Harris noted that according to the CDC Southeast region 77% of COVID-19 viruses detected in our region were the Delta variant as of July 17, 2021.

Director Harris addressed the CDC guidance and the Governor’s Executive Order #224, cases reported, and daily percent of positive tests. She noted the distribution of cases by zip code. She said 52% of county residents have had at least one dose of vaccine and 48% were fully vaccinated.

Director Harris addressed the Covid Response Unit, the $25 cash card, which was increased to $100 and community outreach mini grants.

A copy of the presentation is on file with the Clerk to the Board.

Chair Dunlap asked if Director Harris had looked into partnering with other employers to implement testing/proof of vaccination policy similar to the County Manager’s policy. Director Harris said conversations were just beginning. She said there was a lot of work to be done in that area.

Chair Dunlap left the dais and was away until noted in the minutes. Vice Chair Powell chaired the meeting until his return.

Commissioner Altman said the positivity rate was increasing. She said she wanted the community to understand that at these rates, the winter statistics would be back to the same levels as last winter.

Commissioner Altman said she was grateful to CMS for their mask requirement and to the County Manager for putting forth the County employee policy verifying vaccination status and requiring weekly testing for unvaccinated employees.

Commissioner Altman said she supported the Chair’s suggestion to reach out to other employers.
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Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell said she was delighted to see the increase of vaccinations in the Hispanic population.

Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell asked if it were possible to have the numbers in the school system broken down by type of school. The response was it could be worked on. Director Harris said the school system would be continuing the dashboard that was in place last year.

Commissioner Leake asked what the County was doing in one community that they aren’t doing in another. Director Harris stated there was nothing different being done.

Commissioner Leake said the County must continue to look for ways to reach the black community. She suggested going to Lasalle Street and Beatties Ford Road areas on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, including the barber shops and the hair salons. She also mentioned Reid Park and West Blvd areas. She asked the Public Health Department to change the process to change lives within the black community.

Commissioner Jerrell commented on the issue of penetrating the black community. He asked if there was a huge disparity with other vaccines like this one. Director Harris said she was unable to answer at this time because the data doesn’t break down by race.

Commissioner Jerrell asked what had been the most effective strategy used so far in communities of color. Director Harris stated it was a combination of location, time of day, day of the week, one-on-one conversations, and sometimes multiple conversations. She stated that boots on the ground would help with that effort.

Director Harris said if anyone knew of groups that would be interested in assisting with boots on the ground to please send her way.

Director Harris was thanked for all her work.

DEPARTMENTAL DIRECTORS’ MONTHLY REPORTS – NONE

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21-7019 MECK PLAYBOOK- UPDATED GREENWAY MASTERPLAN

Lee Jones, Director, Park and Recreation and Bert Lynn, Division Director, Capital Planning, presented the Meck Playbook New Park and Recreation Greenway Master Plan including the process used to get to this point.
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Note: Over the past 18 months, Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation (MCPR) has been working with a consultant team led by Agency Landscape and Planning to develop the new park and recreation master plan known as Meck Playbook. Meck Playbook is a ten-year comprehensive framework that will guide the future of MCPR’s places, spaces and programs. On May 18, 2021, the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) received a presentation that included an overview of the process, proposed guiding principles with goals and highlights of priority recommendations. This presentation provided a brief recap and highlighted how the master plan would support capital investments and improve department services over the next 10 years.

A copy of the presentation is on file with the Clerk to the Board.

Chair Dunlap returned to the dais during the presentation.

COMMENTS

Commissioner Powell asked was the plan tailored to Mecklenburg County, by the guiding principles of Mecklenburg county. She said Covid greatly impacted the creation of this plan and that it felt like a template. She asked if the increased number of homeschoolers was considered. The response was yes.

Commissioner Powell said she was getting bombarded with questions about things that are missing. She said the plan was not as substantive as people requested.

Commissioner Powell requested a meeting with Park and Recreation staff in a few weeks to discuss her concerns. She said she was not comfortable voting at this time.

Director Jones asked Commissioner Powell to send her questions to them.

Commissioner Leake spoke about equity in the parks. She complimented the Park and Recreation staff.

Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell said she wanted to understand what the expectation of the document was, as far as endorsement and when change could occur.

Director Jones and Mr. Lynn discussed the Playbook further in depth with the Commissioners.

Chair Dunlap discussed the process. He said the Board determines the timeline based on what they were willing to pay for. He said until that time, anything imaginable could push back the timeline. He said something should be adopted knowing that it could change. He asked
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Commissioners to send questions to the County Manager and Director Jones and then meet with them. He said maybe answers were in the playbook. He said make sure not to change the work that had been done by so many people. He said not everyone would get the outcome they were looking for. He said one of the things Director Jones and Mr. Lynn could share was whether or not the Playbook addressed the items in the TPL study.

Commissioner Cotham said she was trusting of Director Jones and didn’t have any reservations. She asked how a delay would affect his staff. Director Jones said he would have the consultant a little longer but it was more important to get the endorsement of the Board to move it along. He also said the 10-year plan would be updated on a regular basis.

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell, seconded by Commissioner Altman and carried 7-1 with Commissioners Altman, Cotham, Dunlap, Jerrell, Powell, Rodriguez-McDowell, and Scarborough voting yes, and Commissioner Leake voting no, to table the Meck Playbook Updated Greenway Master Plan decision until the November 16, 2021 meeting for further questions and answers.

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21-7053  AD HOC COMMITTEE ON EQUITY INVESTMENTS

Chair Dunlap addressed the formation of a BOCC Ad Hoc Committee for the purpose of evaluating and making recommendations to the full Board for appropriating funding towards equity investments.

Note: Mecklenburg County’s FY2022 Budget includes $2 million for equity investments that align to the goals of the County’s Equity Action Plan. The Ad Hoc Committee is being created to evaluate and make recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners as to how to appropriate the $2 million for equity investments. The County’s Equity Action Plan was developed by applying a racial equity tool to the County’s policies, practices and procedures. The end result was a plan that captures the breadth of racial equity work happening across the organization, identifies key metrics to track progress, and articulates a vision of a community with thriving residents once racial equity has been achieved for all.

Chair Dunlap will chair the Committee and Commissioners Jerrell, Rodriguez-McDowell and Meier are the other members.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Altman, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell and unanimously carried with Commissioners Altman, Cotham, Dunlap, Jerrell, Leake, Powell, Rodriguez-McDowell, and Scarborough voting yes, to approve the following item(s):

21-6871  MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT - LITTLE SUGAR CREEK

Authorize the County Manager to negotiate and execute a Memorandum of Agreement ("MOA") and any other documents between the County, the City of Charlotte ("City"), and Charlotte-Mecklenburg Hospital Authority ("Atrium Health") necessary for the replacement of a portion of the urban section of Little Sugar Creek Greenway, site improvements at Atrium Health's "Carolinas Medical Center" campus, and for the installation of a new 66-inch sewer interceptor, including approval of the following transactions:

1. Grant a Temporary Construction Easement ("TCE") to Atrium Health on County Tax Parcels 153-011-29, 153-034-03, 153-035-13, 153-021-26, and a portion of 125-213-07 for construction of a replacement trail for a portion of Little Sugar Creek Greenway and a new sewer line as part of the Upper Little Sugar Creek Interceptor Project (totaling +/- 3.96 acres for the trail and +/- 2.53 acres for the sewer line) from E. Morehead Street to East Boulevard near Atrium Health's Carolinas Medical Center campus; and

2. Amend existing and/or accept new Greenway Access and Maintenance Easements from Atrium Health associated with construction of the replacement trail, where necessary; and

3. Authorize the County Manager to execute a Right-of-Way Abandonment for Memorial Place at Atrium Health's 24-Hour Urgent Center located at the corner of E. Morehead Street and S. Kings Drive and accept ownership of +/- 4,621 SF of residual land resulting from the abandonment; and

4. Authorize the County Manager to execute a Right-of-Way Abandonment for Medical Center Drive located on Atrium Health's Carolinas Medical Center campus between S. Kings Drive and Blythe Boulevard and accept ownership +/- 2,864 SF of residual land resulting from the abandonment.

Note: the major business points of the MOA are as follows:

County Obligations
- County to grant all necessary temporary construction easements necessary for construction of the greenway trail and sewer line
- County to grant a permanent easement to the City of Charlotte for the sewer line
- County to assume full responsibility for maintenance of the greenway trail following completion
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- County to support and facilitate abandonment of rights-of-way at Memorial Place and Medical Center Drive and conveyance of right-of-way for the realigned Medical Center Drive

Atrium Health Obligations
- Atrium Health, at its expense, shall complete and secure all construction drawings, specifications and permits for the greenway project
- Atrium Health shall provide and manage all funds for bidding and construction administration for the greenway project
- Atrium Health to provide all funds for construction of the trail and associated amenities
- Atrium Health to provide greenway plans to County for review and approval

City Obligations
- City to complete and secure all construction drawings, specifications, and permits for the sewer line
- City and Atrium Health to fund construction of the sewer line through the interlocal agreement between the City and Atrium Health

- City shall provide sewer line plans to the County for its review and approval

21-7002  REVALUATION RESERVE FUND

Amend the 2021-2022 Annual Budget Ordinance and approve the FY2022 appropriation of $629,446 of fund balance held in the Revaluation Reserve Fund (RVAL) for transfer and appropriation to the General Fund (0001) for revaluation expenses within the County Assessor's Office.

Note: Funds have been approved for the Revaluation Reserve Fund to prepare for the next revaluation, now scheduled for 2023. This action provides for the expenditures by the Assessor in this fiscal year for enhancements for the appeal module and new sector maps to capture images of 325 and 279 sectors of imagery-neighborhoods. Funding will be requested as needed to continue preparation for the revaluation.

21-7003  STORM WATER PROGRAM - FY22 HAZARD MITIGATION FLOODPLAIN ACQUISITION

Accept the Offer of Sale of Real Estate from Jerome Leigh, owner of property located at 4743 Emory Lane, Charlotte, NC (tax parcel 163 083-09), for $382,000; and authorize use of the structure for training exercises by local emergency response agencies.
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Note: Since late 1999, Mecklenburg County has used storm water fee revenue to acquire flood prone property. Buyouts reduce the risk to life and property during floods, while also enhancing the natural and beneficial functions of the floodplain. During large rain events portions of the floodplain will become inundated. This natural flooding lowers the overall creek levels, slows erosive water, filters pollutants, and can reduce damage if people and property are not located in harm’s way. Mecklenburg County uses the land as open space, for expanding greenways, constructing wetlands, etc. The requested actions will consist of acquiring the property and demolishing the existing building using Storm Water Services capital funds for the purchase. Consistent with past practices, the actual expenditure could be reduced if the owners received any insurance payments for flood damage within the previous 36 months and did not spend those funds on repairs. Storm Water Services staff allows training opportunities for local police and fire personnel prior to demolition of flood prone buildings. In addition, Storm Water Services staff has established a process with Habitat for Humanity of Charlotte to maximize the responsible reuse of materials prior to structure demolition while protecting the health of the community.

21-7006  CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT - STEWART CREEK GREENWAY, CORONET WAY TO STATE STREET (NCDOT TIP EB-5781)

Award a construction contract to Eagle Wood, Inc. in the amount of $1,888,054.70 pending receipt of written concurrence by NCDOT for the construction of Stewart Creek Greenway from Coronet Way to State Street.

21-7007  TAX COLLECTOR'S ANNUAL SETTLEMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021

Receive and enter into the records of the Board, the Tax Collector's Settlement for Fiscal Year 2021.

Note: The Tax Collector's Settlement is submitted to the Board of County Commissioners in accordance with North Carolina General Statute 105-373(3).
Settlement Statement recorded in full in Ordinance Book ______, Document # _________.

21-7008 ORDER OF COLLECTION - 2021 AD VALOREM TAXES
Authorize the Tax Collector to collect 2021 ad valorem taxes.

Note: Requirement of North Carolina General Statute (NCGS) 105-321(b) which states: "Before delivering the tax receipts to the tax collector in any year, the board of county commissioners or municipal governing body shall adopt and enter in its minutes, an order directing the tax collector to collect the taxes charged in the tax records and receipts. A copy of this order shall be delivered to the tax collector at the time the receipts are delivered to him, but failure to do so, shall not affect the tax collector's rights and duties to employ the means of collecting taxes provided in this subchapter. The order of collection shall have the force and effect of a judgment and execution against the taxpayers' real and personal property."

ORDER OF COLLECTION

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF MECKLENBURG
TO THE TAX COLLECTOR OF THE COUNTY OF MECKLENBURG
GENERAL STATUTE 105-321(b)

You are hereby authorized, empowered, and commanded to collect the taxes set forth in the tax records, filed in the Office of the Tax Assessor and in the tax receipts herewith delivered to you, in the amounts and from the taxpayers likewise therein set forth. Such taxes are hereby declared to be a first lien upon all real property of the respective taxpayers in the County of Mecklenburg, and this order shall be a full and sufficient authority to direct, require and enable you to levy on and sell any real or personal property of such taxpayers, for and on account thereof, in accordance with law.

Order recorded in full in Ordinance Book ______, Document # __________.

21-7010 TAX REFUNDS

Approve refunds in the amount of $7,491.87 as statutorily required to be paid as requested by the County Assessor.

Note: This Board action was necessary to approve tax refunds resulting from clerical errors, audits and other amendments, including revaluation appeals. There is no accrued interest associated with the $7,491.87 Meck refunds.

A list of the refund recipients is on file with the Clerk to the Board.

21-7025 MINUTES
Approve minutes of Regular meeting held July 7, 2021.

THIS CONCLUDED ITEMS APPROVED BY CONSENT

21-7024 PULLED CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioners may remove agenda items from the Consent Agenda for a separate vote to bring public awareness or make comments. The following items were pulled and voted upon separately:

21-6999 BUDGET AMENDMENT - SPECIAL ADOPTION PROMOTION FUNDS (DSS)

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake seconded by Commissioner Altman, and unanimously carried with Commissioners Altman, Cotham, Dunlap, Jerrell, Leake, Powell, Rodriguez-McDowell, and Scarborough voting yes, to recognize, receive and appropriate an increase in Adoption Promotion funding in the amount of $248,659 to the General Grants Fund (G001) within the Department of Social Services for the duration of the funding period.

Note: The North Carolina Division of Social Services has provided additional funding in the amount of $248,659 for the Adoption Promotion Fund to Mecklenburg County Youth and Family Services Division of the Department of Social Services. No local match is required as a condition for receipt of these funds. The purpose of the funds is to enhance and expand adoption services, to secure permanent homes for hard to place children, and to promote public/private partnerships. Allowable uses for these funds include Adoption Services, Adoption Recruitment, Assessment and Training of Adoptive Parents and Post Adoption Case Management. The funds cannot be used to supplement the salaries of current county employees.

21-7005 DSS ENERGY PROGRAMS OUTREACH PLAN

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Altman and unanimously carried with Commissioners Altman, Cotham, Dunlap, Jerrell, Leake, Powell, Rodriguez-McDowell, and Scarborough voting yes, to approve the DSS Energy Programs Outreach Plan for FY22.

Note: Annually, the Department of Social Services (DSS) submits for Board approval the Energy Business Plan required by the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services. The...
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The plan specifies the services that are provided with this grant such as: Crisis Intervention Program (CIP) and the Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP). These funds are received by the state, uploaded into NCFAST state system, and included in the FY22 approved budget.

A copy of the Plan is on file with the Clerk to the Board.

21-7011 BUDGET AMENDMENT - DSS (REVENUE INCREASE)

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell and unanimously carried with Commissioners Altman, Cotham, Dunlap, Jerrell, Leake, Powell, Rodriguez-McDowell, and Scarborough voting yes, to recognize, receive, and appropriate an increase in federal revenue of $305,232 from the Consolidated Appropriations Act and distributed from Centralina Council of Governments to the General Grant Fund (G001) within the Mecklenburg County Department of Social Services.

Note: Mecklenburg County DSS has been allocated COVID funds in the amount of $305,232 from the Consolidated Appropriations Act to support meal service programs and congregate nutrition programs for the Senior Citizens Nutrition Program. Senior Nutrition provides meals and delivery to seniors and has been provided this allocation. These funds will support this effort and must be obligated by September 30, 2022. Matching funds are not required.

21-7013 BUDGET AMENDMENT - HEALTH DEPARTMENT (REVENUE INCREASE)

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Jerrell and unanimously carried with Commissioners Altman, Cotham, Dunlap, Jerrell, Leake, Powell, Rodriguez-McDowell, and Scarborough voting yes, to: 1) Amend the 2021-2022 Annual Budget Ordinance to recognize, receive, and appropriate an increase of $1,776,062 in Federal revenue for Coronavirus Disease 2019 from the NC Department of Health and Human Services (NC DHHS), Division of Public Health (DPH) in the General Fund (0001) within Public Health; 2) Amend the 2021-2022 Annual Budget Ordinance to recognize, receive, and appropriate an increase of $102,491 in Federal revenue from the NC Department of Health and Human Services (NC DHHS), Division of Public Health (DPH) in the General Fund (0001) within Public Health for the WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counselor program; 3) Amend the 2021-2022 Annual Budget Ordinance to recognize, receive, and appropriate an increase of $10,175 in State revenue from Smart Start in the General Fund (0001) within Public Health for the Child Care Health Consultants program; and
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4.) Amend the 2021-2022 Annual Budget Ordinance to recognize, receive, and appropriate an increase of $2,237,476 in Federal revenue for funding the CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Program from the NC Department of Health and Human Services (NC DHHS), Division of Public Health (DPH) in the General Fund (0001) within Public Health.

**21-7014 NEW POSITIONS - HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Jerrell, seconded by Commissioner Powell and unanimously carried with Commissioners Altman, Cotham, Dunlap, Jerrell, Leake, Powell, Rodriguez-McDowell, and Scarborough voting yes, to approve the creation of 3 positions to align with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services grant: Advancing Health Literacy Regarding COVID-19; 3 Health Program Coordinator/Supervisors.

*Note: The Health Department was awarded $3,900,000 for two years from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to support improving health literacy on COVID-19. To complete this initiative, the Department is requested 3 new positions, Health Program Coordinators/Supervisors, to implement, manage, and provide organizational and logistical support for each of the proposed Health Literacy strategies 1) Citizen Advocates program, 2) Learning Collaborative, and 3) Multimedia.*

**21-7015 NEW POSITIONS - HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Jerrell and unanimously carried with Commissioners Altman, Cotham, Dunlap, Jerrell, Leake, Powell, Rodriguez-McDowell, and Scarborough voting yes, to approve the creation of 6 positions to align with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) grant: Addressing COVID-19 Health Disparities.

*Note: The Health Department was awarded $4,936,739 for two years from the CDC to support the expansion of existing and/or development of new mitigation and prevention resources and services and to support the strategies to include building, leveraging, and expanding infrastructure support for COVID-19 prevention and control. To complete this initiative, the Department requested 6 new positions. They are:*

1 Health Program Supervisor
1 Epidemiologist
1 Data Analyst
2 Health Equity Fellows (Health Educators)
21-7016  HEALTH DEPARTMENT - MOBILE VACCINE VAN

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Jerrell and unanimously carried with Commissioners Altman, Cotham, Dunlap, Jerrell, Leake, Powell, Rodriguez-McDowell, and Scarborough voting yes, to approve the request to purchase a mobile vaccine van up to $200,000.

*Note: The Health Department was awarded from the Division of Public Health, Communicable Disease Branch through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) the ELC Enhancing Detection Activities allocation of $8.9 million that supports COVID-19 activities. The department requested the approval to purchase a mobile vaccine van with these funds up to a maximum cost of $200,000.*

21-7018  MCALPINE GREENWAY - EASEMENT DONATION

Motion was made by Commissioner Jerrell, seconded by Commissioner Powell and unanimously carried with Commissioners Altman, Cotham, Dunlap, Jerrell, Leake, Powell, Rodriguez-McDowell, and Scarborough voting yes, to accept donation of an access easement on Tax Parcel 193-081-35 from Calm III, LLC for the McAlpine Greenway.

21-7020  NOVANT HEALTH LEASE AGREEMENT WITH PARK AND RECREATION

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez McDowell and unanimously carried with Commissioners Altman, Cotham, Dunlap, Jerrell, Leake, Powell, Rodriguez-McDowell, and Scarborough voting yes, to authorize the County Manager to negotiate and execute a lease agreement with Novant Health ("Tenant") for clinic space at the Eastway and Northern Regional Recreation Centers.

*Note: The Park and Recreation Department requested approval to enter into a lease agreement for roughly 657 and 636 SF of space in the Eastway and Northern Regional Recreation Centers respectively. The Regional Recreation Centers provide a myriad of services and amenities to the community, and the addition of a Tenant wellness space has been incorporated into the design and build out for both Centers. Tenant programming will include free health and wellness services, referrals and scholarship opportunities to Park and Recreation programming, and additional partnership programming between County and Tenant. Non-profit provider Novant Health is prepared to enter into lease negotiations utilizing the following major business terms:*
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Location: Eastway Regional Recreation Center; Northern Regional Recreation Center, Square Footage: 657 and 636 SF, Lease Commencement: Upon execution of lease agreement (anticipated Q4, 2021), Rent: $202,540.00 per facility per annum, Rent Escalation: 3% per year after the first year, Initial Term: Three Years. Services: Full-service lease - The County is responsible for providing maintenance for all exterior and interior building systems, janitorial, and utilities. The Tenant is responsible for data, telecommunications, and any services.

21-7026  COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioners shared information of their choosing within the guidelines as established by the Board, which included, but not limited to, past and/or upcoming events.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell, seconded by Commissioner Scarborough and unanimously carried with Commissioners Altman, Cotham, Dunlap, Jerrell, Leake, Powell, Rodriguez-McDowell, and Scarborough voting yes, that there being no further business to come before the Board that the meeting be adjourned at 10:46 p.m.

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Kristine M. Smith, Clerk George Dunlap, Chair