MINUTES OF MECKLENBURG COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Board of Commissioners of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, met in Informal Session in Conference 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 6:11 p.m. on Tuesday, February 1, 2022.

ATTENDANCE

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

Absent: Commissioners Elaine Powell and Ella B. Scarborough

- INFORMAL SESSION -

CALL TO ORDER

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

REMOVAL OF ITEMS FROM CONSENT

The Board identified item(s) to be removed from Consent and voted upon separately. The items identified were Items: 22-7389, 22-7357, 22-7360, 22-7384 and 22-7370.

STAFF BRIEFINGS - NONE
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22-7362      CLOSED SESSION

Motion was made by Commissioner Jerrell, seconded by Commissioner Cotham, and unanimously carried (7-0) with Commissioners Altman, Cotham, Dunlap, Jerrell, Leake, Meier, and Rodriguez-McDowell voting yes, to go into Closed Session for the following purpose(s): Land Acquisition and Consult with Attorney.

The Board went into Closed Session at 5:09 p.m. and came back into Open Session at 5:58 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 Altman, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag; after which, the matters below were addressed.

AWARDS/RECOGNITION

22-7361      PROCLAMATION - TEEN HEALTH CONNECTION DAY

Commissioner Meier read the Teen Health Connection Day proclamation.

Motion was made by Commissioner Meier, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell, and unanimously carried (7-0) with Commissioners Altman, Cotham, Dunlap, Jerrell, Leake, Meier, and Rodriguez-McDowell, voting yes, to adopt a Proclamation declaring February 25, 2022, as Teen Health Connection Day in Mecklenburg County.

Background: The mission of Teen Health Connection is to improve the health of adolescents by providing adolescent medicine and behavioral health services, education, advocacy, leadership development, and research through connections among adolescents, parents, and the community. The organization’s vision is to have every adolescent empowered to be healthy, safe, and successful. On February 25, 1992, Teen Health Connection saw its first patient. Over the course of the last 30 years Teen Health Connection has provided over 200 comprehensive health care visits to adolescents in Mecklenburg County.
PUBLIC ART MOMENT – N/A

22-7363  PUBLIC APPEARANCE

The following persons appeared to speak during the Public Appearance portion of the agenda:
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1. Bill Fountain  Topic- Equity erodes equality


3. Jennifer Rea  Topic: General concerns about Mecklenburg County children

4. Sherri Bissell  Topic: General concerns about Mecklenburg County children

5. Lisa O'Bryan  Topic: Mental Health concerns

Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell left the dais at 6:26 p.m. during public appearance returned at 6:30 p.m.

APPOINTMENTS

22-7385  DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ADVISORY BOARD

The Board voted on nominees for appointment to the Domestic Violence Advisory Board to fill (3) unexpired terms expiring April 30, 2024.

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Meier, and unanimously carried (7-0) with Commissioners Altman, Cotham, Dunlap, Jerrell, Leake, Meier, and Rodriguez-McDowell, voting yes, to appoint Benita W. Camillo, Amonie E. Greene, and Takishia Harper to the Domestic Violence Advisory Board to fill three (3) unexpired terms expiring April 30, 2024

22-7388  HUMAN RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

An appointment was needed for the Human Resources Advisory Committee to fill one (1) three-year term expiring June 30, 2025. Lafonda General was eligible for reappointment and there are no other applicants.

Motion was made by Commissioner Jerrell, seconded by Commissioner Leake, and unanimously carried (7-0) with Commissioners Altman, Cotham, Dunlap, Jerrell, Leake, Meier, and Rodriguez-McDowell, voting yes, to reappoint Lafonda General to the Human Resources Advisory Committee for a three-year term expiring June 30, 2025.
Closed Session - Land Acquisitions – Northeast Charlotte Property

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Motion was made by Commissioner Jerrell, seconded by Commissioner Leake, and unanimously carried (7-0) with Commissioners Altman, Cotham, Dunlap, Jerrell, Leake, Meier, and Rodriguez-McDowell, voting yes, to authorize the County Manager to negotiate and execute all documents necessary for acquisition of Tax parcel 047-083-42, (+/- 3.40 acres) for park and recreation purposes from Mark Temple Watson II for a purchase price of $280,000.

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Cotham, and unanimously carried (7-0) with Commissioners Altman, Cotham, Dunlap, Jerrell, Leake, Meier, and Rodriguez-McDowell, voting yes, to authorize the County Manager to negotiate and execute all documents necessary for acquisition of a portion of tax parcel 047-083-02, (+/- 3.00 acres) for park and recreation purposes from Patrick W. Reynolds and wife, Karen H. Reynolds, for a purchase price of $250,000.

Public Hearings – None

Advisory Committee Reports – None

Manager’s Report

22-7364 Covid-19 Response Update

The Board received an update on the COVID-19 Response from Dr. Raynard Washington, Health Director.
COVID-19

UPDATES

Presented by:
Raynard Washington, PhD, MPH
Public Health Director
Mecklenburg County Health Department

Date: February 1, 2022

Current COVID Trends in Mecklenburg County

Data as of January 30, 2022

- Total cases: 260,029
- Total deaths: 1,460
- Highest daily cases (on 1/15/22): 5,046
- Case rate: 2,055 cases per 100,000 residents
- Hospitalizations: 451 per day (Atrium Health)
- Percent positivity: 28.9% (over last week)
- 67% of residents with at least one vaccine dose
Daily Hospital Census of Patients with Laboratory Confirmed COVID-19

Current 7-Day Average as of January 26, 2022
626 Hospitalizations

COVID-19 Vaccinations

Residents who have received at least one dose (% of population) 738,594 67%
Residents who have been vaccinated with two doses or one dose J&J (% of population) 687,696 62%
Residents vaccinated with one booster/additional dose (% of population) 320,343 29%

Distribution of Vaccine Doses by Type of Dose Administered January 17 - 30, 2022

Number of Vaccine Doses Administered: 22,594 THOUSAND

Data Sources:
COVID-19 Testing

- Public Health will reopen rapid antigen COVID-19 test kit distribution at Southeast Health Department (249 Billingsley Road) this week.
- The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Library distribution program will relaunch on Monday, February 7.
- All households are encouraged to request free at-home rapid COVID-19 tests at: www.covidtests.gov/
Effectiveness of Mask Mandates against COVID-19 Spread


Mecklenburg County and Surrounding Area COVID-19 Daily Case Rates
Report Date: September 9 - December 16, 2021 (Pre – Omicron)

Prior to Omicron, with no mask mandate, Mecklenburg County may have experienced an additional 187 cases per day.

Data Source: White House COVID-19 Team, COVID-19 Community Profile Report

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**Mecklenburg County and Surrounding Area**

**COVID-19 7-Day Percent Positivity Rates**

Report Date: September 9, 2021 – December 16, 2021 (Pre – Omicron)

**Overall % Positivity Rate Pre- Omicron**

- **Mask Mandate:** 7.6%
- **Mask Advisory:** 8.9%
- **No Mask Mandate or Advisory:** 10.4%

**Comparison of 7-Day Percent Positivity Rates by Face Mask Requirements (Pre- Omicron)**

Data Source: White House COVID-19 Team, COVID-19 Community Profile Report

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**Mecklenburg County and Surrounding Area**

**COVID-19 Daily Case Rates**

Report Date: December 23, 2021 - January 27, 2022 (Omicron Surge)

**Comparison of Average Daily Case Rates by Face Mask Requirements**

During Omicron, Mecklenburg County had an additional 205 cases per day* compared to no mask mandate counties.

*Estimated based on Mecklenburg County’s population

Data Source: White House COVID-19 Team, COVID-19 Community Profile Report

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Commissioner Leake asked how often the Board would continue to receive this report. *County Manager Diorio said they were giving the updates once a month but was trying to be as transparent as possible. She said the frequency was much less because it was straining the staff.*

Commissioner Leake asked if the school system was complaining about children being masked. *Dr. Washington said they were in constant contact with the Superintendent and the schools, and they were not complaining to him.*

Commissioner Jerrell thanked Dr. Washington for guidance. He asked Dr. Washington to give a sense of what the data was showing with regard to the psychological impact of the masks on children. *Dr. Washington said there wasn’t sufficient evidence to the impact.*

Commissioner Jerrell said one of the concerns was transmissibility with children to some of the older adults. *Dr. Washington said no one was protected from transmissibility.*

Commissioner Meier said it was the worse surge and worse time to drop the mandate. She asked Dr. Washington to confirm that the metrics would be changed and revisited.

Dr. Washington said they were watching the metrics very closely. He said they were looking at what was uniform guidance on how Covid would be handled going forward. He said there were over 600 people in the hospital and 45 adults in this community died of Covid this past week. He said they had to make sure seniors had everything they need.

Commissioner Meier said people needed to be patient. She said she wanted the mandate to end but only when it was safe.

**At 7:08 p.m. Commissioner Jerrell left dais and returned at 7:10 p.m.**

Chair Dunlap asked Dr. Washington to respond to the questions that had been raised with regard to children and the mask mandate. *Dr. Washington said children were at risk for Covid infections and for severe complications.*

Dr. Washington said what he didn't know was how much it was spreading due to home test kits.

Chair Dunlap said the data the Board received lagged behind a little which meant the community could be better off than what the data reported. *Dr. Washington said indicators*
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say things were headed in the right direction and staff was monitoring the trends very closely. He said he didn’t want to act too soon.

Chair Dunlap asked Dr. Washington if the research that was done on Covid was empirical. Dr. Washington said yes. He said the research process was a very intensive, scientific process and was not based on anecdote information.

Commissioner Altman said CMS was experiencing several teachers who weren’t in school due to illness. She said they needed to keep teachers and students well. She said if a child gets a mild case, they were not in school for at least a week and that was significant. Dr. Washington said he encourages everyone to get vaccinated and boosted to protect themselves.

Commissioner Cotham said it was great home tests came out, but she started questioning the numbers. She asked to see if there was some way to capture data from home tests. She said the data lag added to the frustration. She said, however, that the County was doing the best it could with what it had.

Chair Dunlap implored his colleagues to continue to trust the health professionals to keep the community safe. He said if people wanted to know when the Board would do away with the mandate, inform them it would be when the Board received a recommendation from the health professionals that it would be in the best interest to do so.

CHIEF EQUITY AND INCLUSION OFFICER ANNOUNCED

County Manager Diorio introduced LaShaun Carter as the County’s new Chief Equity and Inclusion Officer.

Chief Equity and Inclusion Officer Carter made comments.

DEPARTMENTAL DIRECTORS’ MONTHLY REPORTS – NONE

STAFF REPORTS & REQUESTS –NONE

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORTS & REQUESTS – NONE
CONSENT ITEMS

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Jerrell, and unanimously carried (7-0) with Commissioners Altman, Cotham, Dunlap, Jerrell, Leake, Meier, and Rodriguez-McDowell, voting yes, to approve the following item(s):

22-7366   MINUTES

Approve the following Meeting Minutes:

December 7, 2021    Regular Meeting

December 14, 2021   Budget Public Policy Meeting

January 11, 2022    Budget Public Policy Meeting

22-7368   TAX REFUNDS

Approve refunds in the amount of $3,761.63 for registered motor vehicles as statutorily required to be paid as requested by the County Assessor.

Background: This Board action is necessary to approve registered motor vehicle tax refunds resulting from clerical errors, value changes and appeals processed in the statewide vehicle tax system.

Approve refunds in the amount of $47,320.01 as statutorily required to be paid as requested by the County Assessor.

Background: This Board action is necessary to approve tax refunds resulting from clerical errors, audits, and other amendments, including revaluation appeals. There is no accrued interest in the $47,320.01 Meck refunds. Refunds total $47,320.01.

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

22-7355   CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT - CMGC 4TH FLOOR RENOVATIONS

Award a construction contract to D.E. Brown Construction Inc. in the amount of $1,452,022.96.
Background: This contract is for the CMGC 4th Floor renovations project located at 600 East 4th St. The project includes renovating half of the 4th floor for the County Public Information Department to be relocated to CMGC from the Valerie C. Woodard Center. The new space will include: private office and open work space, conference space, break room, and storage space.

22-7356 CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT - LONG CREEK GREENWAY AND WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, TREYBURN DRIVE TO I-485

Award a construction contract to Blythe Development in the amount of $14,710,546.90.

Background: Mecklenburg County Asset & Facility Management, Mecklenburg County Park & Recreation, and Charlotte-Mecklenburg Storm Water Services have been involved in the design of a project which will add +/- 2.5 miles of new greenway trail to the County’s greenway acceleration initiative. This construction contract will include the new greenway trail, three (3) public access connections and four (4) prefabricated bridges. Stream Restoration work will include +/- 2.5 miles of stream improvements, including realignment of existing centerline, installation of in-stream structures, and wetland restoration areas. The anticipated construction period will be approximately 18 months.

This project is the second phase of the Mecklenburg County Park & Recreation and Mecklenburg County Storm Water Services joint initiative on Long Creek from I-77 to Oakdale Road. Mecklenburg County Storm Water Services has been awarded North Carolina Land & Water Fund grants (totaling $1.2M) for all three phases. In addition, City of Charlotte Storm Water Services will reimburse Mecklenburg County Storm Water Services $1.6M for the stream work associated with wetland improvements in the Minor System.

22-7369 CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT - MECKLENBURG COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE HEADQUARTERS RENOVATION

Award a construction contract to Carolina Contracting & Investments Inc., in the amount of $685,245 for the renovation of the Mecklenburg County Sheriff’s Office Headquarters.

Background: This is a project to renovate the Mecklenburg County Sheriff’s Office headquarters located at the Judge Johnson Building, 700 East 4th Street. The project scope involves demolition, existing interior wall reconfiguration, new acoustical ceiling grid & tile, new millwork, new carpet & paint, reconfigured Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning ductwork, new light fixtures, and an alternate to install a new aluminum storefront entrance to the suite.
This project is a solution to meet the need of the Mecklenburg County Sheriff’s Office headquarters to have larger meeting spaces and to accommodate more administrative staff into one office location.

22-7371  CONSULTANT SELECTION - DEEP ENERGY RETROFIT PLANNING SERVICES

Authorize the County Manager to negotiate fees and execute a contract with 2KB Energy Services, LLC. for Deep Energy Retrofit Planning Services. In the event negotiations with Deep Energy Retrofit Planning Services are unsuccessful, approve negotiations with the alternate firm of Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions Inc.

Background: A firm is being selected to create a Master Plan for deep energy retrofit projects at County facilities. The plan will include identification of projects, development of a budget, and an implementation schedule for the projects. These services are needed to help achieve the energy goal set in the Environmental Leadership Action Plan to achieve net zero carbon by 2035.

THIS CONCLUDED ITEMS APPROVED BY CONSENT

22-7365  PULLED CONSENT ITEMS

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

22-7389  GRANT APPLICATION - NC LAND AND WATER FUND

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake seconded by Commissioner Meier and unanimously carried (7-0) with Commissioners Altman, Cotham, Dunlap, Jerrell, Leake, Meier, and Rodriguez-McDowell, voting yes, to Affirm submission of an application for North Carolina Land and Water Fund grant for land acquisition up to $2.0 million.

Background: Mecklenburg County has a long history of acquiring sensitive parklands with the assistance of grant funding from the State of NC. The NC Land and Water Fund (NCLWF) helps finance projects that enhance or restore degraded surface waters, including drinking water supplies, and contribute toward a network of riparian buffers and greenways for environmental,
Final funding decisions are made by the nine-member NCLWF Board of Trustees. Matching funding is not required, but a match is considered in the rating system and projects with little or no match is rarely funded. Applications for this grant will focus on acquiring undeveloped property in Gar Creek watershed (Catawba River Basin) for nature preserves. Staff recommends a 50% match for applications using land acquisition funds. The grant application is due February 1, 2022.

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Altman, and unanimously carried (7-0) with Commissioners Altman, Cotham, Dunlap, Jerrell, Leake, Meier, and Rodriguez-McDowell, voting yes, to authorize and affirm application for NC Land and Water Fund (NC LWF) Restoration Program Grant funding of up to $1,450,000; and

If awarded, recognize, receive, and appropriate up to $750,000 to be used for the stream restoration of Reedy Creek upstream of I-485 and up to $700,000 to be used for Restoration of Irwin Creek between I-85 and Statesville Road; and

If awarded, recognize, receive, and appropriate in the Storm Water grant fund (G705) state funds up to the awarded amounts; and

Authorize the County Manager to execute contract(s) with the NC. Land and Water Fund.

Background: The County’s Storm Water pay-as-you-go Capital Program was expanded in FY05 to restore degraded surface water quality conditions and to enhance aquatic habitat in our streams. Since 1997, the NC LWF (previously known as the Clean Water Management Trust Fund) has provided more than $20,000,000 in funding for projects in Mecklenburg County. These projects include land/easement acquisition, wetland construction, streambank and overbank re-vegetation, and stream restoration.

Staff seeks to pursue NC LWF Restoration Program grant funding for stream restoration for 2600 feet of Reedy Creek upstream of I-485 in the amount of $750,000 and for 4967 feet of Irwin Creek from I-85 to Statesville Road in the amount of $700,000. The grant application is due February 1, 2022.
Together, these projects could restore approximately 7,500 feet of stream by improving aquatic habitat, restoring riparian buffers and reducing in-stream erosion. Both the Reedy and Irwin Creek Project areas have been identified by Park and Recreation as potential sites for a future greenway. Storm Water Services will coordinate with Park and Recreation to ensure the stream projects are designed and constructed in support of future greenways. Additionally, the Irwin Creek Project will require partnership and financial investment from the City of Charlotte as landowner. The project area is located within a former municipal landfill for the City and expenses associated with waste removal, transport, and disposal could be funded by the City at an estimated cost of $750,000 (the exact amount, composition and ultimate disposal location of the waste is yet to be determined). The project area has also been the site of severe erosion around Charlotte Water sewer lines. The stream project will further protect that critical infrastructure. Storm Water is also seeking grant funding from Mecklenburg County’s ARPA program for a minimum amount of $2,200,000 for the Irwin Creek project.

The grant application was due February 1, 2022. Storm Water Services submitted the grant application on-time but can withdraw the application in the event this action item is not approved.

22-7360 GRANT APPLICATION - FEMA FLOOD MITIGATION ASSISTANCE (LUESA)

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Altman and unanimously carried (7-0) with Commissioners Altman, Cotham, Dunlap, Jerrell, Leake, Meier, and Rodriguez-McDowell, voting yes, to affirm application by the County Manager for FEMA Flood Mitigation Assistance grant of up to $646,000 to be used for flood mitigation on Briar Creek; and if awarded, recognize, receive and appropriate in the Storm Water grant fund (G705), federal and state funds up to the awarded amounts plus any property owner matching funds available through completion of the project; and to authorize the County Manager to execute contracts with the North Carolina Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management.

Background: Pursuit of mitigation grant funding from FEMA’s Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) program is a regular component of Storm Water Services capital improvement program, which seeks to reduce the potential for loss of life and property due to flooding. In North Carolina, FMA grants are administered by the North Carolina Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management.
Storm Water Services is proposing to acquire two flood-prone single-family residences along Briar Creek in the Shannon Park neighborhood. Mecklenburg County Storm Water staff selected these properties for voluntary buyouts because they are consistent with recommendations in Storm Water’s Board-approved Risk Assessment and Risk Reduction Plan and the houses both meet the federal and state criteria for priority consideration in the mitigation grant program.

The proposed acquisition budget is $646,000 of which $581,400 (90%) is federal and $64,600 (10% match) is local. Any cost increases or overruns will be paid for by Storm Water’s Capital Improvement Program.

The local population directly served by the proposed grant is the 2 households on Briar Creek. However, all residents of Mecklenburg County benefit indirectly from making the housing stock more resilient to flood damage and reducing the need for emergency services.

22-7384 COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES DEPARTMENT POSITIONS

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Altman, and unanimously carried (7-0) with Commissioners Altman, Cotham, Dunlap, Jerrell, Leake, Meier, and Rodriguez-McDowell, voting yes, to authorize seven full-time positions in Community Support Services, Prevention and Intervention Services Division to be supported by existing funds in the America Rescue Plan Act Fund (ARPA). These positions will expire on December 31, 2024 when ARPA funding will no longer be available. Position classifications and mid-point salaries are below:

One (1) Clinical Supervisor for Adult Services (salary mid-point) $97,110

Two (2) Licensed Clinicians for Adult Services (salary mid-point) $88,280 per position

One (1) Licensed Clinician that is bilingual for Adult Services (salary mid-point) $88,280

Two (2) Licensed Clinicians for Children Services (salary mid-point) $88,280 per position

One (1) Licensed Clinician that is bilingual for Children Services (salary mid-point) $88,280

Background: The National Domestic Violence Hotline (NDVH) reported a 9% increase in contacts during the first two weeks of the COVID-19 pandemic. Around the same time locally, domestic violence-related calls to the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department and the Greater Charlotte Hope Line increased by about 5%. This spike has contributed to steady, high demand for domestic violence services.
While demand has remained steady, the complexity of survivors’ needs has increased. In addition to domestic violence, survivors are facing complex trauma and the ongoing economic and psychological toll of the pandemic. Many survivors are needing a higher intensity of services than before. As a result, a greater number of clinical sessions are required to meet the need.

Community Support Services (CSS) licensed clinicians all have full caseloads at this time, and clients are staying on caseloads for longer. This trend has contributed to a persistent wait list for clinical services that the current staffing capacity cannot mitigate. With the addition of the requested positions, CSS will increase the number of adult and child survivors of domestic violence who can receive services at any given time. Increased capacity will equip CSS to respond to the increasingly complex needs of individuals and families impacted by domestic violence.

The positions will be funded from the American Rescue Plan Act Fund with up to the following amounts each fiscal year:

- FY22 (March 1 - June 30) up to $309,524
- FY23 up to $977,031
- FY24 up to $1,006,071
- FY25 (July 1 through December 31) $544,476

22-7370  MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT - MCDOWELL CREEK GREENWAY PHASE 2

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Jerrell, and unanimously carried (7-0) with Commissioners Altman, Cotham, Dunlap, Jerrell, Leake, Meier, and Rodriguez-McDowell, voting yes, to authorize the County Manager to negotiate and execute a Memorandum of Agreement between the County and Town of Cornelius for the operation and maintenance of the portion of the McDowell Creek Greenway located in the Town of Cornelius.

Background: The Town of Cornelius funded the construction of a 1.6-mile greenway trail from Magnolia Estates Drive to the existing McDowell Creek Greenway which currently ends at Westmoreland Road in Cornelius. This trail is included in the master plans of several organizations including the County’s Greenway Master Plan, the Town of Cornelius Greenway Master Plan, and the Carolina Thread Trail Plan. Cornelius funded the construction of the trail through a Town Park and Recreation bond referendum approved by voters in 2013, as well as a partnership with the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT). The trail was completed and opened to the public in December 2021.
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Cornelius is requesting County Park and Recreation operate and maintain this new section of the trail. Park and Recreation staff are in agreement with operating and maintaining the trail as it has done for several other trails in Cornelius and other municipalities within the County. Additionally, County staff has determined that maintaining this new section of greenway will have minimal impact to its operational budget.

The major terms of the Memorandum are:

Term - Ten (10) years with automatic renewals for twelve (12) months following the initial term.

Operations - The County will be responsible for responding to the public's concerns regarding operations and maintenance of the greenway. The Town shall have no obligations related to day-to-day operations or maintenance of the greenway.

Programming - All requests for recreational programming on the greenway shall be submitted to and approved by the County.

Maintenance - The County shall be responsible for all routine maintenance, repair and upkeep on the greenway.

Town Improvements - Cornelius shall be responsible for all improvements it installs on the greenway (such as art, statutes, etc).

Capital Improvement Projects and Major Repairs - The County and Cornelius will consult one another to determine levels of financial participation in any future capital projects or improvements planned for the greenway. In the event of significant damage to the greenway, the parties will cooperate in good faith to repair any such damage.

Park Ranger Service - The County shall provide park ranger service on the greenway in a manner consistent with other greenways owned and/or maintained by the County.

22-7367  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
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Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Cotham, and unanimously carried (7-0) with Commissioners Altman, Cotham, Dunlap, Jerrell, Leake, Meier, and Rodriguez-McDowell, voting yes, that there being no further business to come before the Board that the meeting be adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

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Kristine M. Smith, Clerk to the Board       George Dunlap, Chair