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 6:42 p.m. on July 7, 2021.

ATTENDANCE

Present:  Chair George Dunlap and Commissioners
          Leigh Altman, Patricia “Pat” Cotham,
          Mark Jerrell, Vilma D. Leake, Laura J. Meier,
          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:   None

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 Jerrell, seconded by Commissioner Altman, and carried 4-3 with Commissioners Altman, Dunlap, Jerrell, and Leake voting yes, and Commissioners Powell, Meier 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: 21-6964, 21-6967, 21-6969, 21-6970, 21-6974, 21-6975, 21-6978, 21-
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6981, 21-6992, 21-6996, 21-6997 and 21-6998.

**STAFF BRIEFINGS- NONE**

**21-6986 CLOSED SESSION**

Prior to going into Closed Session, County Attorney Wade announced there was a Personnel Matter and Consult with Attorney matter to be discussed in Closed Session.

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

*The Board went into Closed Session at 5:05 p.m. and came back into Open Session at 6:42 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.*

**21-7037 AGENDA ITEM ADDED- FY2022 MEDIATED AGREEMENT BOE (CMS) AND BOCC**

Motion was made by Commissioner Meier, seconded by Commissioner Leake, and unanimously carried with Commissioners Altman, Cotham, Dunlap, Jerrell, Leake, Meier, Powell, Rodriguez-McDowell, and Scarborough voting yes, to add to the agenda an item concerning the FY2022 Mediated Agreement between the Board of Education (BOE)(CMS) and the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC).

Chair Dunlap addressed how the mediated agreement came about. He said the hope was that a joint news release would be issued regarding the agreement, however, the Charlotte Mecklenburg Board of Education did not support doing so. As a result, the County would issue its own news release.
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Note: On June 1st, 2021 the Board of County Commissioners adopted the FY2022 County Budget containing the CMBOE operating allocation. Following the adoption of the budget, The Board of Education initiated the dispute resolution process authorized pursuant to G.S. § 115C-431. Pursuant to the statute the Boards held a joint public meeting on June 7, 2021, which did not result in an agreement. Thereafter the respective Boards designated working groups from both parties to engage in private mediation sessions in an attempt to resolve the dispute. Mediation occurred on June 14, 2021 and June 21, 2021.

County Manager Diorio gave an overview of the agreement between BOE and the BOCC.

The agreed upon document replaces the current Schedule No. 3 in the adopted budget ordinance and contains the additional agreed upon terms reached through the mediation process.

As part of the agreement, the County will remove the conditions on the FY2022 allocation of $56 million and provide an additional $11.1 million for a total FY2022 increase of $17.2 million in operating funding. The County will also allocate up to $1 million, to be held by the County, and available to the CMBOE for specific website technology improvements expenses, so that CMS performance information is more easily accessible for families and the public and consultant costs for Student Outcomes Focused Governance.

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education will pursue an increased focus on improving student outcomes through the Student Outcomes Focused Governance model and will work with a consultant on the implementation. The model includes clearly defining goals to improve student outcomes, redesigning board meetings to focus on the goals, and conducting annual evaluations of the Superintendent based on those goals. The Board of Education will share information on the model in a facilitated workshop with County Commissioners.

The Board of Education will also make available on their website, School Improvement Plans, which they will update with new data in the fall, and annually thereafter. The plans will include progress toward meeting goals identified in the plans. In addition, the site will provide the annual "State of The School Report" with opportunities and challenges for each improvement plan. The Board of Education will also make available on the site, data and annual targets that support their current strategic plan.

Additional information provided through the agreement includes:

i) The National Institute of Justice Research Study - year 2 report and relevant materials

ii) Information on the Charlotte Mecklenburg Board of Education use of Restorative Practices

iii) Information on the use of culturally responsive instruction
iv) Information on the specific action being implemented to address the challenges identified in the Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) report, what is being purchased, and a detailed breakdown of County fund positions for MTSS support and, any update received by Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education will be shared with the Board of Commissioners

v) Updated short-term suspension policy to address disproportionality

vi) All CMS Management Oversight Reports and Equity Reports after they are presented to the School Board

In addition to the regular budget meeting, both boards agree to conduct one facilitated joint board meeting a year, at the request of either board at a mutually agreed upon time and location.

Motion was made by Commissioner Altman, seconded by Commissioner Meier, and unanimously carried with Commissioners Altman, Cotham, Dunlap, Jerrell, Leake, Meier, Powell, Rodriguez-McDowell, and Scarborough voting yes, to:

(A) Approve the Mediated Agreement between Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education (CMBOE) and Mecklenburg County Board of County Commissioners (MCBOCC)

(B) Amend the FY2022 Operating Budget Ordinance to appropriate $12,117,032 from available General Fund Balance to be allocated for the following purposes:

- $11,117,032: Charlotte Mecklenburg School Operating Budget

- Up to $1,000,000: Non-departmental allocation for CMBOE website upgrades and improvements and for associated consultant costs for Student Outcomes Focused Governance;

Amend the FY2022 Operating Budget Ordinance, Section XXV to be replaced with the document included in the Board’s agenda material; and

Amend the FY2022 Operating Budget Ordinance Schedule No. 2 to be replaced with the document included in the Board’s agenda material; and

Amend the FY2022 Operating Budget Ordinance Schedule No 3 to be replaced with the document included in the Board’s agenda material, Mediated Agreement Between Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools Board of Education (CMBOE) and Mecklenburg County Board of County Commissioners (MCBOCC).
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Budget Ordinance Section XXV.

Section XXV. The appropriations to the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education have been allocated by purpose, function and project as defined in the uniform budget format, as shown on Schedule No. 2. The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education must obtain the approval of the Board for any amendment to the Board of Education's budget which would (a) increase or decrease appropriation for capital outlay approved by the Board of Commissioners for such projects as listed in N.C.G.S. 115C-426(f)(1) or (2), or (b) increase or decrease the amount of other County appropriations allocated to a purpose or function by more than ten (10%) percent. Of that total, $56,000,000 is conditionally allocated and can be expended once Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools provides an educational attainment plan to the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners, which articulates the district's plan for the spending of county dollars to address gaps in educational attainment, as detailed on Schedule No. 3. Schedule No. 3 of this document details the Mediated Agreement Between Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education and the Mecklenburg County Board of County Commissioners.

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$4,960,000

Budget Ordinance Schedule No. 3

Mediated Agreement Between Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools Board of Education (CMBOE) and Mecklenburg County Board of County Commissioners (MCCBOC)

The parties held the Joint Public Meeting required by G.S. § 115C-431 on June 7, 2021, and held private mediation sessions on June 14, 2021 and June 21, 2021. As a result of the exchange of information and negotiations that occurred in mediation, the Working Groups from each Board have agreed to support and recommend the following terms to CMBOE and MCCBOC:

1. MCCBOC agrees to:
   a. Remove the conditions on the allocation of $56 million funding to CMBOE and release the funds;
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v. Updated short term suspension policy to address disproportionality (provided on June 15, 2021);

vi. All CMS Management Oversight Reports and Equity Reports after they are presented to the School Board;

b. By December 31, 2021, place on the CMS website:

i. All School Improvement Plans (SIPs), in one location, accessible to the public and updated to include new data from the State of North Carolina and updates from the School Improvement Teams;

ii. Any available information reporting progress toward meeting the goal identified in SIPs. This will include the State-required mid-year information and end-of-year reports from each school;

iii. The “state of the school” report for each school, with opportunities and challenges, per the CMBOE policy.

3. CMBOE and MCBOC agree to:

a. Conduct one facilitated joint board meeting a year, in addition to the budget meeting, at the request of either board at a mutually-agreed time and location;

b. Convene a facilitated workshop, conducted by a consultant, with the CMBOE and MCBOC on Student Outcomes Focused Governance;

Agreed to this 24th day of June 2021.

MECKLENBURG COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

George Dunlap, Chairperson

Dena Diorio, County Manager

Adrian Cox, Budget Director

Tyrene Wade, County Attorney

CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Ryane Dashow, Chairperson

Earnest Winston, Superintendent

Shefia Shirley, Chief Financial Officer

André Mayes, General Counsel

PPA# 6398574-1

Amended Budget Ordinance & Agreement recorded in full in Ordinance Book ____ Document # ____.

AWARDS/RECOGNITION
PROCLAMATION - AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT AWARENESS DAY

Motion was made by Commissioner Meier, seconded by Commissioner Powell, and unanimously carried with Commissioners, Altman, Cotham, Dunlap, Jerrell, Leake, Meier, Powell, Rodriguez-McDowell, and Scarborough voting yes, to adopt a joint proclamation designating July 26, 2021 as "Americans with Disabilities Act Awareness Day" in Charlotte/Mecklenburg County.

Commissioner Meier read the Proclamation. The Proclamation was received and addressed by Julie Sain, Executive Director of Disabilities Rights and Resources.

PROCLAMATION
City of Charlotte/Mecklenburg County

WHEREAS, on July 26, 1991, President George H.W. Bush signed into law the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to ensure the civil rights of people with disabilities. This legislation established a clear and comprehensive national mandate for the elimination of discrimination against individuals with disabilities. On July 26, we will celebrate the 31st anniversary of the signing of the ADA; and

WHEREAS, the ADA has expanded opportunities for Americans with disabilities by reducing barriers, changing perceptions, and increasing full participation in community life; however, the full promise of the ADA will only be reached if we remain committed to continue our efforts to fully implement the ADA; and

WHEREAS, Mecklenburg County and the City of Charlotte celebrate the contributions and achievements of people with disabilities and honor the goals of this landmark legislation; on the anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, Mecklenburg County and the City of Charlotte also celebrate and recognize the progress that has been made by reaffirming the principles of equality and inclusion and recommitting our efforts to reach full ADA compliance; and

WHEREAS, we celebrate these positive changes in our community so people with disabilities can be free from negative attitudes and architectural barriers; we honor businesses in our community for complying with the Americans with Disabilities Act by making their establishments accessible and usable to all patrons with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, we envision a community in which every resident is accepted for who they are and where all are welcomed with respect and given equal opportunities to contribute to the human experience;

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, Vi Alexander, Mayor of Charlotte and George Dunlap, Chair of the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners, do hereby reaffirm to continue to work toward full ADA compliance hereby proclaim July 26, 2021 as

"AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT AWARENESS DAY"

in Charlotte and Mecklenburg County and encourage all residents of the city and county to recognize that the Americans with Disabilities Act has, and will continue to, improve the quality of life for all people with disabilities in our community.

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

Vi Alexander, Mayor
City of Charlotte

George Dunlap, Chair
Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners
The following persons appeared to speak during the Public Appearance portion of the agenda:

1. Arthur Griffin thanked the Board for standing up for African American students.
2. Monica Museler addressed School accountability.
4. Enasj Jones addressed COVID outreach in the African American Community.

The following persons signed up to speak but did not appear:

1. Michael McIntosh  Topic - Pistol purchase permit delay procedures
2. Angelicka Crawford  Topic - Jumping Dreams

**APPOINTMENTS**

**21-7001  JURY COMMISSION APPOINTMENT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Meier, and unanimously carried by Commissioners Altman, Cotham, Dunlap, Jerrell, Leake, Meier, Powell, Rodriguez-McDowell, and Scarborough voting yes, to reappoint Carla Brafford to the Jury Commission for a 2-year term expiring June 30, 2023.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS – NONE**

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**21-6989  LAKE WYLIE MARINE COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT**

The Board received the annual report of the Lake Wylie Marine Commission.

Neil M. Brennan, Lake Wylie Marine Commission Executive Director gave the report.
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Topics covered: Key Focus Areas: Safety, Law Enforcement, Education, Environment – River Sweep, Water Quality, Hydrilla Control, Alligator Weed, Clean Marina Program, Pollution and Sedimentation, Erosion Control; and South Fork River Health Committee.

Comments

Commissioners thanked Mr. Brennan for all the work the Commission does.

Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell asked was there anything the Commissioners could do to help assist in these efforts.

Mr. Brennan said all three counties had responsibility of taking care of the lake and that all three, which includes Mecklenburg, were supportive.

Commissioner Meier asked Mr. Brennan to let her know when there would be another tour of the lake because she would like to attend.

Commissioner Leake asked how much Mecklenburg county contributes to this process. The response was $25,000 annually and that it’s the same for all three counties (York, Mecklenburg, and Gaston).

Commissioner Powell asked if there was funding for thrifts. The response was yes, grants through the Catawba River Foundation.

This concluded the presentation.

Chair Dunlap thanked Mr. Brennan for the report.

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

MANAGER’S REPORT

21-6995 REDISTRICTING UPDATE

1. The following persons appeared to speak regarding Redistricting but did so under Public Appearance: Harry Taylor and Linda Levy, on behalf of the League of Women Voters. They provided the Board with handouts.
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A copy of the handouts is on file with the Clerk to the Board.

The Board received an update presentation on redistricting requirements and procedures.

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 district 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 in ample time to plan the process. 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. To properly plan and offer guidance to staff and demographer on criteria to be considered in the drawing or redrawing process, the Board is being asked to adopt prioritized criteria for consideration to guide in the process.

County Attorney Wade introduced the presenters; Attorneys Caroline Mackie and Tara Bright from Poyner Spruill LLP, and Blake Esselstyn, Demographer with Mapfigure Consulting.

Note: Mr. Esselstyn participated remotely.

The Presentation addressed five basics:
- Why do we need to redistrict?
- Demographic Changes
- Legal considerations
- An overview of the process
- Timeline

Highlights:

- 105 local governments are being subject to redistricting. Once census data is back (in August) Commissioners will know if Mecklenburg County is in the permissible deviation range. The rule is, using total population from the 2020 census, are districts within +/- 5% of the ideal district population.

- Mecklenburg county has seen substantial growth.

- BOCC, staff and consultants will draw new districts. NCGS 153A-22 says the governing body for the local government is responsible for enacting new districting plans every 10 years. The General Assembly, however, retains the power to redistrict for the BOCC by local act.
Race & redistricting was discussed.

The proposed guiding criteria to be considered by staff and demographer in drawing of or redrawing district boundaries: equal population (required), contiguity (required), recognizing communities of interest, compactness, preserving the core of existing districts, anti-core preservation (i.e., clean slate), keep municipalities whole, avoiding pairing incumbents, keeping precincts whole, plan for population growth and no political considerations.

Demographer will follow what is asked to the extent of what is allowed.

Process and timeline were discussed. It was noted that the process would be open. There would be no individual meetings with commissioners.

Senate Bill 722 – Provides that counties with electoral districts shall adopt a resolution revising districts on or before November 17, 2021.

Comments

Chair Dunlap said he was in agreement with the following: equal populations, same number of people in each district, all touch one another, contiguity, compact districts, preserving the core, keeping municipalities whole, avoiding debunking, and no political considerations. Also leaving out a plan for population growth.

He asked Commissioners if there was anything that he talked about that should be eliminated.

Commissioner Powell said the anti-core preservation should be eliminated.

Chair Dunlap said it was not added.

Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell said the anti-core preservation should be discussed with the public.

Chair Dunlap said that the group of Commissioners decide if anti-core preservation is taken away or not.

Discussion continued regarding anti-core preservation.

Commissioner Altman said it wasn’t possible to have everything. She said things should be prioritized. She said the most important thing was to have things as nonpartisan and non-
political as it can possibly be. Commissioner Altman said she would like to see maps prioritized by the criteria mentioned by Chair Dunlap.

Chair Dunlap said core or anti-core needed to be chosen. He said it must be one or the other.

Attorney Mackie said they could provide alternate plans; however, they would not have both core and anti-core but would provide alternatives that included one or the other.

Chair Dunlap asked Commissioners if anyone was opposed to Attorney Mackie and her team developing two to three plans that included core and anti-core options and choosing from those.

The consensus was to allow Attorney Mackie and her team to present 3 options that includes the following criteria:

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)

County Attorney Wade said a public hearing will be held at the August 4th meeting to receive public comment on the criteria.

*Commissioner Cotham left the meeting which she attended via WebEx (remotely) and was absent for the remainder of the meeting.*

*A copy of the presentation is on file with the Clerk to the Board.*
The Board received an update on the American Rescue plan. Starla Tanner, Legislative Affairs Liaison, gave the presentation.


Chair Dunlap left the dais during presentation and was away until noted in the minutes.

Vice chair Powell chaired the meeting in the interim.

Chair Dunlap returned to the dais and resumed chairing the meeting.

Highlights:

The American Rescue Plan projected allocations for Mecklenburg county $215.6 million. The breakdown of that total is:
- Charlotte $141.6 million
- Cornelius $8.8 million
- Davidson 3.8 million
- Huntersville $4.8 million
- Matthews $9.7 million
- Mint Hill $8 million
- Pineville $2.6 million

Important dates were discussed in relation to State and Local Fiscal Response Fund (SLFRF).
- March 3, 2021: Eligibility date for costs incurred
- August 31, 2021: Initial Recovery Plan Performance report is due
- December 31, 2024: Costs must be incurred or obligated
- Dec 31, 2026: Performance period deadline

Legislative Affairs Liaison Tanner addressed Negative Economic Impact, Support Premium Pay for Essential Workers, Emergency Relief for Individuals and Families, Replace Public Sector Loss, Investments in Water, Sewer and Broadband.

Legislative Affairs Liaison Tanner discussed SLFRF ineligible uses. Some of those include: Pension funds deposits, Contributions to rainy day funds, Financial reserves on similar funds, Payments of interest or principal on outstanding debts, and Expenses related to the issuance of tax anticipation notes. She then discussed the similarities between SLFRF and CRF.
A copy of the presentation is on file with the Clerk to the Board.

Deputy County Manager Michael Bryant gave a presentation on the Coronavirus Relief fund. He addressed the American Rescue Plan proposed guidelines & framework; CARES & Emergency Rental Assistance funding; and COVID-19 Funding request. Highlights of his presentation were:

Next Steps

• Receive feedback from the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC)

• Incorporate the BOCC’s feedback and finalize the scope of ARP framework pillars

• Review proposals for eligibility & alignment to the ARP framework

• Present a list of investment options for the BOCC’s consideration at a future public meeting

• Continue to monitor ARP guidance and brief the BOCC accordingly

Proposed Guiding Principles

• Avoid investments that are financially supported by other ARP funding categories

• Target planned investments that will have a substantial impact beyond December 31, 2024

• Place an emphasis on improving the quality of life for all residents impacted by COVID 19

• Fund proposals that improve the trajectory of the underserved populations most disproportionately impacted by COVID 19

• Invest in supportive services for infants, toddlers, & youth that will increase their success rate and promote healthy childhood environment

• Focus on long-term stability by funding proposals that will reduce the reliance on County services
• Invest in addressing public health disparities

County Manager added that the COVID-19 Task Force is winding down its work and is pulling together their findings and recommendations. She said the County hired Todd Ross of Solid who will take the information and recommendation from the task force and build a draft report and engage the community around the recommendations that are being considered.

Comments

Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell asked about the pillars for long term impactful transformation and how they would be ranked for funding.

Deputy County Manager Bryant said the plan at this time was not to rank them or weight them. He said staff would look at each proposal, and make sure there’s an alignment to each pillar, and a response to a need.

County Manager Diorio said if the board wanted to rank the pillars that’s fine.

Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell said rather than reacting, weighting what’s priority should be done.

Commissioner Meier asked if hotel workers would be considered essential workers. *The response was yes.*

Commissioner Leake asked if it was possible to look at the students that attended CPCC who have a balance on their bill, and have that balance wiped out in order for them to have a fresh start in September, later this fall.

Deputy County Manager Bryant said that’s a conversation to be had internally. He said CPCC received $30 million in ARP funding.

County Manager Diorio said CPCC was included in conversations with the City and CMS to see how the money would be used collectively.

Commissioner Leake asked if Johnson C Smith University and UNC-Charlotte were included in the conversations as well. *The response was no; neither universities have been included.*

Commissioner Leake suggested both universities be included.
Commissioner Altman acknowledged the media’s presence and noted that this was extremely newsworthy. She said attention should be brought to the fact that Charlotte was receiving $141 million, Mecklenburg County $215 million, CMS $317 million. A total of $673 million dollars coming to community. She said she hoped the media emphasizes this funding and where the money was going.

Commissioner Altman asked that the Board be informed if the joint venture in conversations of where the funding would be allocated does not go well.

**Commissioner Meier left the dais and was away until noted in the minutes.**

Commissioner Powell asked if the $13.00 hourly wage being proposed in the funding would be on top of the employee’s wage or the actual hourly wage.

**Commissioner Meier returned to the dais.**

Legislative Affairs Liaison Tanner said this would be on top of their hourly wage.

Commissioner Powell said the Town of Huntersville would need more funding, since they did not receive all they asked for. She also asked about the pillars not having a Health and Wellness portion.

County Manager Diorio said the Health Department received two large grants for about $9 million total for health disparity and health equity.

Commissioner Jerrell said consideration should be given to making Equity a part of the guiding principles. He said the application of Equity was extremely important with these funds. He said he would like to see a blurb or a phrase regarding Equity.

Deputy County Manager Bryant said Equity would fall under access.

Commissioner Jerrell asked where small businesses fell within the pillars.

Deputy County Manager Bryant said there was funding specifically earmarked for small businesses that’s why it’s not in the pillars.

Commissioner Jerrell asked if there was a mechanism to determine what the greatest need was.

Deputy County Manager Bryant said not at this time.
Commissioner Jerrell said it’s critically important for the County to have a plan that’s tailored around delivery. He said it needs to be figured out, how do you get funds to the people who need it the most.

Chair Dunlap encouraged Board Members to listen in on webinars. He said counties should take care of the most vulnerable because they were also the most costly to the county. He made a reference to the guiding principles.

Deputy County Manager Bryant continued and gave a recap of the coronavirus relief funds.

He provided a breakdown of ERA- Emergency Rental Assistance funding. In closing he presented a request for new funding under the COVID 19 for new funds.

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell, seconded by Commissioner Leake, and carried 8-0 with Commissioners Altman, Dunlap, Jerrell, Leake, Meier, Powell, Rodriguez-McDowell, and Scarborough voting yes, to support the requests as presented.

Commissioner Altman asked what repairs were needed for $207,000 at encampment hotel.

Deputy County Manager Bryant said it was needed to repair hotel room items. He said the County Attorney had been very involved and provided guidance.

Commissioner Altman asked about the $350,000 for COVID related enhanced cleaning. She asked if this was an ongoing expense.

Deputy County Manager Bryant said yes, this would be ongoing for the next fiscal year.

Commissioner Leake asked for before and after pictures of the encampment hotel.

Chair Dunlap asked about auditing. County Manager Diorio said audit expenses would be an eligible expense for the ARP funds.

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

**21-6973 SHERIFF’S OFFICE FACILITY UPDATE**

The Board received a Sheriff’s Office Facility update.
Mark Hahn, Director of Asset and Facility Management gave the presentation. He said he met with Sherriff Garry McFadden on June 8th and came up with some recommendations for proposed relocations.

**Commissioner Jerrell left the dais and was way until noted in the minutes.**

Director Hahn discussed long-term and short-term solutions, field operations relocation, and the jail modernization project.

**Commissioner Jerrell returned to the dais.**

Commissioner Meier asked about the short-term time frame.

Director Hahn said about 6 to 8 months for the Headquarters renovation, and about a year for the Hal Marshall relocation.

Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell asked about the price tags of the short-term relocations.

Director Hahn did not specify an amount but did say it’s not a big expense.

Chair Dunlap discussed the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). He asked if this project could be included in the new CIP, rather than when a new Board comes in 2024.

County Manager Diorio said it would not be possible to approve it now since the new CIP comes in later.

Chair Dunlap said he wanted to have the Sherriff’s relocation approved before a new board comes in.

Chair Dunlap asked if the Sprung structures could be re-purposed if relocated.

Director Hahn said he did not have a definite answer.

Chair Dunlap asked if there was a need for more land to be added for the firing range and training facility.

Director Hahn said the current site would accommodate all those needs.

Chair Dunlap expressed concerns about the size of the site. He said if additional land was needed, the Board should be informed as soon as possible, so that land could be purchased.
This concluded the presentation.

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

21-6990  COVID-19 RESPONSE UPDATE

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

Commissioner Altman said she was shocked to hear that the COVID Delta variant was 50% more transmissible. She said she hoped there would be a vanguard of urging to a mandatory vaccine.

Director Harris said many companies were waiting for the vaccines to become fully authorized before they make it mandatory for their employees to get it. She said at the Health department there was ongoing conversation on making a Covid vaccine a requirement.

Chair Dunlap thanked Director Harris and her staff for all their work, from meeting with out-of-state government liaisons, to setting up numerous vaccine clinics. He said they handled it well and have done a great job.

Director Harris informed the Board that she would be retiring on December 31, 2021. She said it was a difficult decision. She said she has had huge support from everyone to work and get Public Health to make a difference in the community.

County Manager Diorio announced that Dr. Raynard Washington would replace Director Harris as Public Health Director.

The Board thanked Director Harris and congratulated Dr. Washington.

Dr. Washington spoke and thanked the Board for its support.

DEPARTMENTAL DIRECTORS’ MONTHLY REPORTS – NONE

STAFF REPORTS & REQUESTS - NONE
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORTS & REQUESTS

21-6930      SELECTION OF NCACC ANNUAL CONFERENCE VOTING DELEGATE  
(CHAIR DUNLAP)

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Meier, and carried 8-0 
with Commissioners Altman, Dunlap, Jerrell, Leake, Meier, Powell, Rodriguez-McDowell, and 
Scarborough voting yes, to appoint Commissioner Powell as the County’s voting delegate for 
the 2021 North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) 114th Annual 
Conference to be held August 14th, 2021 in New Hanover County, Wilmington, North Carolina.

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake seconded Commissioner Jerrell and carried 6-2 with 
Commissioners Altman, Dunlap, Jerrell, Leake, Powell, and Scarborough voting yes, and 
Commissioners Meier and Rodriguez-McDowell voting no, to appoint Commissioner Leake as 
the County’s Alternate voting delegate for the 2021 North Carolina Association of County 
Commissioners (NCACC) 114th Annual Conference to be held August 14th, 2021 in New Hanover 
County, Wilmington, North Carolina.

Note: To participate in policy adoption decisions, the Board must officially select someone to 
serve as the County’s voting delegate.

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion was made by Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Meier 
carried 8-0 with Commissioners Altman, Dunlap, Jerrell, Leake, Meier, Powell, Rodriguez-
McDowell, and Scarborough voting yes, to approve the following item(s):

21-6880      Minutes

Approve the June 15, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes.

21-6962      BUDGET AMENDMENT-LUESA AUCTION REVENUE

Approve to amend the FY22 Budget Ordinance to appropriate $15,348.32 of General Fund 
(0001) balance received from the May 15, 2021 auction to the Land Use and Environmental 
Services Agency (LUESA); and appropriate $16,115.74 of Solid Waste Management Capital
Reserve Fund (8901) balance received from the May 15, 2021 auction to the Solid Waste Capital Equipment Program.

Note: County obsolete equipment and rolling stock is periodically sold and the proceeds are distributed to the original sources for additional purchases. Net proceeds of $31,464.06 were realized from the County vehicle auction as belonging to LUESA. The proceeds were not recognized and appropriated in FY2021 and closed to fund balance at June 30, 2021. The rolling stock for LUESA is funded by fees and regulations require the sales proceeds be used by the department where the fees are generated. This amendment requests funds from the latest auction be returned to LUESA’s Code Enforcement and Solid Waste divisions.

21-6966 GRANT APPLICATION - US EPA CLEAN AIR ACT SECTION 105 GRANT- LUESA AIR QUALITY

Approve submission of the FY22 & FY23 Clean Air Act Section 105 Federal grant application for up to $1,200,000 to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; and if awarded, recognize, receive, and appropriate the award amount to the General Grants Fund (G001) within LUESA for the duration of the award.

Note: Mecklenburg County Air Quality (MCAQ) is a certified local air quality program with the mission to lead and assist the County towards meeting and maintaining compliance with the health-based National Ambient Air Quality Standards.

MCAQ receives federal funds from the Clean Air Act (CAA), Section 105 grant through US Environmental Protection Agency. Grant funds are used to fund and support, in part, commitments to US EPA to implement programs to improve ambient air quality. These activities include permitting stationary sources of hazardous air pollutants, conducting ambient air monitoring, conducting emission inventories, and enforcing environmental laws and regulations.

Grant application is due August 1, 2021.

21-6971 TAX REFUNDS

Approve refunds in the amount of $2,981.21 for registered motor vehicles as statutorily required to be paid as requested by the County Assessor; and refunds in the amount of $25,446.91 as statutorily required to be paid as requested by the County Assessor.
Note: 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. This Board action is also necessary to approve tax refunds resulting from clerical errors, audits, and other amendments, including revaluation appeals. There is an estimated accrued interest of $233.33 included in the $3,589.74 refunds and no interest associated with the $21,857.17 refunds.

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

21-6976 CAPITAL FUNDING - HUNTERSVILLE GREENWAYS PARTNERSHIP - MCDOWELL CREEK GREENWAY

Approve FY2022 Authorization Park and Recreation Capital Project Ordinance in the amount of $1,800,000.

Note: Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation’s Greenway Master Plan includes over 300 miles of existing and proposed greenway trails. The Board of County Commissioners approved a Development and Cooperation Agreement for McDowell Creek Greenway with the Town of Huntersville at the February 2, 2021 meeting. McDowell Creek Greenway is from south of Gilead Road and will run southwest to Auten Nature Preserve near Pamela Street along McDowell Creek, approximately 3.59 miles.

The Town of Huntersville is partnering with Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation to accelerate the design and construction of the greenway trail. This action would allow Mecklenburg County to recognize, receive, and appropriate the funds to begin design for the referenced greenway segment.

MECKLENBURG COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
FY 2022 AUTHORIZATION PARK AND RECREATION CAPITAL PROJECT ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MECKLENBURG COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA:

Section I. That for the purpose of providing funds, together with any other available funds for the following projects:

Huntersville Greenways Partnership-McDowell Creek Greenway

Including the design, acquisition and construction of new facilities, the improvement and expansion of existing facilities and the acquisition and installation of furnishings and equipment and the acquisition of interests in real property required therefor, $1,800,000 is hereby appropriated.
July 7, 2021

Section II. That it is estimated that the following revenues will be available during the construction period to meet the appropriations in Section I, as set forth in the following schedule:

Proceeds from Sale of Bonds, Grants, Pay-As-You-Go/Other County Funds and $1,800,000 Donation from The Town of Huntersville:

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These will be the maximum amounts of cash available to pay project expenses per fiscal year unless the Director of Finance determines that an additional amount of cash can be made available during a fiscal year or years.

Section III. That the Director of Finance is authorized from time to time to transfer as a loan from the General Fund or unspent bond proceeds in the Capital Projects Funds, cash in an amount necessary to meet obligations until such time as permanent financing, if any, is arranged, at which time repayment, if required, will be made; and the Director of Finance is authorized to sign the Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures as required by Internal Revenue Service regulations.

Ordinance recorded in full in Ordinance Book ________ Document # ____________.

21-6980   PLUM CREEK GREENWAY - EASEMENT DONATION

Approve to accept donation of a permanent greenway easement from the Town of Davidson on a portion of Tax Parcel 007-111-49 (+/- 0.711 acres) for the Plum Creek Greenway.

21-6991   ENGINEERING SERVICES CONTRACT AMENDMENT - STREAM & WETLAND RESTORATION OF LONG CREEK

Authorize the County Manager to execute contract for engineering services with Wildlands Engineering, Inc. in the amount of $1,335,968 for the Long Creek Stream and Greenway project.

Note: This is a joint project between County Storm Water Services, County Park & Recreation, and Charlotte Storm Water Services. The original contract amount of $900,126 was for stream restoration engineering services from Treyburn Road to I-485 along only half of the future greenway corridor. This contract amendment expands the scope of services for an additional $1,335,968.

This amendment includes 3 components, of which the County's portion is $970,181.

1. $890,181 to design the remaining 8,000 linear feet of stream restoration from I-485 to Oakdale Road in conjunction with the current greenway design.
2. $80,000 in environmental services for Asset & Facilities Management (AFM) related to wetlands; and

3. $365,787 for stream/wetland design on behalf of Charlotte Storm Water Services to be reimbursed to the County, per the interlocal agreement work plan.

The consultant was selected following an RFQ process completed on October 9, 2019. The Board of County Commissioners authorized the County Manager to negotiate a scope of services, fees, and execute a contract at the November 6, 2019 meeting. The new project total will be $2,236,094 with the approval of this amendment.

THIS CONCLUDED ITEMS APPROVED BY CONSENT

21-6988 PULLED CONSENT ITEMS

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

21-6964 BUDGET AMENDMENT - JCPC INTENSIVE INTERVENTION SERVICES PROGRAM - CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES (REVENUE INCREASE)

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Jerrell, and carried 8-0 with Commissioners Altman, Dunlap, Jerrell, Leake, Meier, Powell, Rodriguez-McDowell, and Scarborough voting yes, to recognize, receive, and appropriate $53,051 of State funds from the North Carolina Department of Public Safety (NCDPS), Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice to the General Grants Fund (G001) for the duration of the grant period.

Note: NCDPS and the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) has awarded funding for the Youth Development Initiatives (YDI) Vocational and Career Development Academy Intensive Intervention Services program. The YDI Vocational and Career Development Academy will engage approximately 22 Level II juvenile clients referred by juvenile court in a 25-week vocational job training program that nurtures real world job readiness and individualized career planning skills. The sponsoring agency is Youth Development Initiatives (YDI), which will be providing services to youth and families in Mecklenburg County through the program. The agreement is entered into by and between NCDPS, Mecklenburg County, JCPC, and YDI.
**21-6967  GRANT APPLICATION - BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE (SHERIFF’S OFFICE)**

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Meier and carried 8-0 with Commissioners Altman, Dunlap, Jerrell, Leake, Meier, Powell, Rodriguez-McDowell, and Scarborough voting yes, to affirm submission of a grant application to the U.S. Department of Justice/Office of Justice Programs/Bureau of Justice Assistance FY 21 Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Site-based Program in the amount of $1,080,365 for a 36-month award period; and if awarded, recognize, receive and appropriate awarded funds to the General Grants Fund (G001) for the duration of the award.

*Note: The Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Site-based (COSSAP) Program funds will be used to encourage and support the development of comprehensive, locally driven responses to opioids, stimulants, and other substances of abuse that expand access to supervision, treatment, and recovery support services, and promote education and prevention activities. The Mecklenburg County Sheriff’s Office (MCSO) response for those in custody and those to be released, will enhance the support needed to remain safe and sober as they begin to rebuild their lives and become part of the community again. The funding of this grant aligns with the strategic plan by ensuring the primary mission of the MCSO is met, to protect and secure the safety of the County; through education, treatment, and prevention of addiction disorders as it relates to the needs of detention residents housed within MCSO Detention Center Central and those released back into the community.*

- The grant application deadline was July 6, 2021.
- There is no local match required for this grant.

**21-6969  GRANT APPLICATION: THE JUSTICE AND MENTAL HEALTH COLLABORATION PROGRAM - CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES**

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Jerrell and carried 8-0 with Commissioners Altman, Dunlap, Leake, Jerrell, Meier, Powell, Rodriguez-McDowell, and Scarborough voting yes, to approve submission of a grant application to the United States Department of Justice (USDOJ)/Office of Justice Programs (OJP)/Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), for the Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program, up to $550,000 for enhancing the Criminal Justice Services (CJS) Mental Health Court Program through increased cooperative efforts between CJS Mental Health Court, CMPD’s Community Policing Crisis Response Team, and local mental health and substance use treatment providers; and if awarded, recognize, receive, and appropriate the award amount in the General Grants Fund (G001) for the duration of the grant period within Criminal Justice Services.
Note: The Criminal Justice Services Mental Health Court Program, through increased Cooperative efforts between CJS Mental Health Court, CMPD’s Community Policing Crisis Response Team, and local mental health and substance use treatment providers, will work to more effectively support the treatment and social services needs of individuals with mental illness or occurring mental illness/substance use disorders who meet the justice system. This grant also aligns with several services currently targeting mentally ill individuals served through CJS Mental Health Courts, Forensic Evaluations, and Re-Entry Services Units. Awarded, this grant would be able to bridge existing gaps for assisting mentally ill individuals to connect with services on both a pre-booking (community law enforcement CPCRT & CIT) and a post-booking basis. The grant will allow for the expansion of services for MH/SA treatment completion of SOAR applications, housing and community support would be made available.

21-6970  GRANT RENEWAL - FAMILY CAREGIVER SUPPORT PROGRAM - DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Jerrell and carried 8-0 with Commissioners Altman, Dunlap, Leake, Jerrell, Meier, Powell, Rodriguez McDowell, and Scarborough voting yes, to affirm submission of a grant application to Centralina Council of Governments (CCOG) for the FY22 Family Caregiver Support Program up to $195,822 for Maintaining Independence Services in the Department of Social Services (DSS); and amend the FY2021-2022 Budget Ordinance to recognize a decrease in State revenue of $23,189 from the Family Caregiver Support Program Grant in the General Fund (0001) in the Department of Social Services.

Note: The renewal for the Family Caregiver Support Program provides services for family members caring for individuals aged 60 and older with Alzheimer’s disease or related brain disorder and grandparents or relative caregivers providing support for grandchildren. Many caregivers become vulnerable over time and their own health begins to decline. In response to these care giving issues, this program was developed to coordinate with other community-based services to support those caring for a loved one. The budget is in the General Fund and was approved with the budget ordinance. The adjustment being made is to match the allocation provided from the program. Matching funds are not required.

21-6974  HAL MARSHALL CENTER (700 N. TRYON) - TENANT LEASE

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Jerrell and carried 8-0 with Commissioners Altman, Dunlap, Jerrell, Leake, Meier, Powell, Rodriguez McDowell, and Scarborough voting yes, to authorize the County Manager to negotiate and
execute a lease and all necessary documents with McColl Center for Art + Innovation and/or its assignee.

Note: With the scheduled closing of Spirit Square in October 2021 for the Main Library/Spirit Square construction and renovation, arts groups have asked the County about options that might be available for meeting and rehearsal space. In September 2020 the County was approached by the McColl Center for Art + Innovation, a nonprofit arts organization, to request use of the Hal Marshall Center for visual and performing arts groups. The contact list for all users of Spirit Square was provided to the McColl Center, which invited all users of Spirit Square to consider how they might be involved in the potential use of the Hal Marshall Center. Some groups wished to become subtenants and others desired to use the facility for rehearsal or meeting space only.

The McColl Center plans to form an agreement with the VAPA Center, LLC (i.e., Visual and Performing Arts Center) to operate the facility and manage subtenants and users of the facility. VAPA Center has applied for status as a nonprofit arts organization. The McColl Center may consider assigning the lease to the VAPA Center, upon County approval, once VAPA’s attainment of nonprofit status is achieved.

The County Manager will negotiate a lease consistent with the following business terms:

Location: 700 North Tryon Street (tax parcel 080-031-0), including most of the Hal Marshall building and portions of parking lot (County to reserve approximately 11,000 SF for swing space and storage inside building).

21-6975  GRANT APPLICATION FOR HEALTH PROMOTION/DISEASE PREVENTION

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell and carried 8-0 with Commissioners Altman, Dunlap, Jerrell, Leake, Meier, Powell, Rodriguez McDowell and Scarborough voting yes, to approve submission of an application for Health Promotion/Disease Prevention (HPDP) grant up to $6,000, which will be used to continue providing classes to Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation Senior Centers and other locations in the community; and if awarded, recognize, receive, and appropriate such funds to the General Grants Fund (G001) within Park and Recreation Department for the duration of the award.

Note: Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation Department is requesting approval to apply for and receive, if awarded, a Health Promotion/Disease Prevention (HPDP) grant up to $6,000. The grant award will be distributed in FY22 and will be used to continue providing nationally recognized evidenced based HPDP classes at all three Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation
Senior Centers, some MCPR Recreation Centers and other locations in the community. The required 10% match will be fulfilled with up to $600 of operational expenses needed to teach the classes. The submission deadline to the Area Agency on Aging is July 8, 2021.

21-6978  LITTLE SUGAR CREEK GREENWAY AND STREAM ENHANCEMENTS – STARCLAIRE RECREATION PARTNERS, LLC

Motion was made by Commissioner Jerrell, seconded by Commissioner Meier and carried 8-0 with Commissioners Altman, Dunlap, Jerrell Leake, Meier, Powell, Rodriguez-McDowell, and Scarborough voting yes, to authorize the County Manager to fulfill the obligations of an agreement the County entered with Starclaire Park Club, Inc. for permanent greenway easement (+/- 0.799 acres) and permanent storm drainage easement (+/- 2.42 acres) on Tax Parcel 173-171-25 with Starclaire Recreation Partners, LLC, current owner of Tax Parcel 173-171-25.

Note: At the Board of County Commissioners February 20, 2018 meeting, the Board authorized the County Manager to negotiate and execute all documents necessary for the acquisition of a temporary construction easement (TCE), a permanent greenway easement (PGE), and a permanent storm drainage easement (SDE) on Tax Parcel 173-171-25 from Starclaire Park Club, Inc. for the Little Sugar Creek Greenway trail and stream enhancements to the banks of Little Sugar Creek.

The terms of the County’s agreement with Starclaire Park Club, Inc. was that the County would pay $12,000 for the TCE, PGE, and SDE with the first half of the compensation to be paid when the TCE was granted and the other half to be paid upon completion of the project and the recordation of the PGE and SDE. In accordance with the terms of the agreement, the County and Starclaire Park Club, Inc., executed the TCE and the County began construction in 2018.

During construction, the property ownership changed from Starclaire Park Club, Inc. to the current owner Starclaire Recreation Partners, LLC. The new owner, Starclaire Recreation Partners, LLC has agreed to the provisions of the original contract between the County and Starclaire Park Club, Inc. Thus, the remaining payment for the easements ($6,000) will be remitted to the new owner, Starclaire Recreation Partners, LLC, and the County will record the permanent easements.

21-6981  PERMANENT EASEMENT - NINTH STREET PARK

Motion was made by Commissioner Jerrell, seconded by Commissioner Meier and carried 8-0 with Commissioners Altman, Dunlap, Jerrell, Leake, Meier, Powell, Rodriguez
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McDowell, and Scarborough voting yes, to authorize the County Manager to negotiate and execute all documents necessary to obtain a Permanent Easement from Richard E. Jones, Sr. and Saundra P. Jones on a portion of Tax Parcel 078-074-01 (+/- 0.006 acres) associated with site improvements at the Ninth Street Park.

Note: As part of its Capital Reserve Budget, Park and Recreation is making improvements to Ninth Street Park. The park is located a half-block from the intersection of N. Graham Street and W. 9th Street in the Fourth Ward neighborhood of Uptown Charlotte. Planned improvements at the park include installing fenced large and small dog park areas, dog play structures, drinking fountains, benches, a bricked plaza, and enhanced landscaping and signage. To the rear of the park are retail shops known as the 4th Ward Plaza which are owned by Richard E. Jones and Saundra P. Jones.

There is approximately 2.5’ of the Jones’ property between the back facade of the retail building and the County’s property line. To realize a better park design and lessen future maintenance concerns, Park and Recreation sought to obtain a permanent easement from the Jones to include that area between the building’s facade and the County’s property. The combined properties will be fenced for the large dog park area. The Jones have agreed to donate the easement to the County. Park and Recreation estimates that improvements at the park will be completed early Fall 2021.

21-6992  ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND REQUEST

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Scarborough and carried 8-0 with Commissioners Altman, Dunlap, Leake, Jerrell, Meier, Powell, Rodriguez McDowell, and Scarborough voting yes, to authorize the Mecklenburg County Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Board to establish a capital improvement fund.

Note: NC GS 18B-805(d) allows for ABC Boards to set aside a portion of gross receipts as a fund for specific capital improvements. To do so, requires approval from the Board of County Commissioners as the appointing authority. The attached letter serves as a request from the ABC Board to the Board of County Commissioners to authorize the ABC Board to create a capital improvement fund for the following projects:

• Purchase of property at 11870 University City Blvd $937,250
• Construction of new store 13720 Steelcroft Pkwy $2,244,842

The requested capital improvement fund would become a designation of the ABC Board’s finances and would not impact County financials.
July 7, 2021

21-6996 PUBLIC HEALTH LEASE - COVID UNIT OFFICE

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Jerrell, and carried 8-0 with Commissioners Altman, Dunlap, Jerrell, Leake, Meier, Powell, Rodriguez-McDowell, and Scarborough voting yes, to authorize the County Manager to negotiate and execute a lease Agreement with TDC 77 Center Drive II, LLC ("Landlord") for office space for the Public Health Department's COVID-19 Unit.

Note: The Public Health Department is requesting approval to enter into a lease agreement for roughly 7,478 SF of space in the Exchange office complex. The office complex is located at the northeast corner of the intersection of I-77 and Tyvola Road and will house the department's COVID-19 unit. The unit will focus on prevention, surveillance, vaccination, and outreach efforts aimed at combating the spread of the disease within the County. Those efforts include working with community partners to share and promote vaccine uptake, maintaining a hotline to answer COVID related questions, and educating the public on new information related to COVID-19.

Additionally, the department will partner with hospital systems, non-profit agencies, and other community partners on pandemic planning including making presentations to schools, faith-based organizations, businesses, and community members and organizations. Payment for the lease will come from Center for Disease Control funds provided to the County by the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services.

The lease with the Landlord includes the following major business terms:

Location - 5600 77 Center Drive, Ste. 240 Charlotte, NC

Square Footage - 7,478 SF

Lease Commencement - Upon execution of lease agreement (estimated to be August 1, 2021)

Rent - $28/SF or $17,449/month

Rent Escalation - 3% per year after the first year

Initial Term - Until May 31, 2024

Services - Full-service lease; The landlord is responsible for providing maintenance for all exterior and interior building systems, janitorial, and utilities.
Motion was made by Commissioner Jerrell, seconded by Commissioner Leake, and carried 8-0 with Commissioners Altman, Dunlap, Jerrell, Leake, Meier, Powell, Rodriguez-McDowell, and Scarborough voting yes, to approve the submission of a grant application, up to $1,000,000 to Community Planning and Development within the Department of Housing and Urban Development for the funding of the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program in our community to help end and prevent youth homelessness; and if awarded, recognize, receive and appropriate the award amount to the General Grants Fund (G001) within Community Support Services for the grant period.

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Meier, and carried 8-0 with Commissioners Altman, Dunlap, Jerrell, Leake, Meier, Powell, Rodriguez-McDowell, and Scarborough voting yes, to affirm the submission of a renewal grant application of up to $90,000 to the North Carolina Council for Women and Youth Involvement, and the administrator of the North Carolina Family Violence Prevention Services Act (FVBSA) grant program, for prevention of domestic violence and teen dating violence; and if awarded, recognize, receive, and appropriate the award amount to the General Grants Fund (G001) within Community Support Services for the grant period.

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.

Motion was made by Commissioner Meier, seconded by Commissioner Jerrell, and carried 8-0 with Commissioners Altman, Dunlap, Jerrell, Leake, Meier, Powell, Rodriguez-McDowell, and Scarborough voting yes, that there being no further business to come before the Board that the meeting be adjourned at 10:48 p.m.

Kristine M. Smith, Clerk George Dunlap, Chair