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**MINUTES OF MECKLENBURG COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

The Board of Commissioners of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, met in Special Session in Conference Center Room 267 on the 2nd floor of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center located at 600 East Fourth Street, Charlotte, North Carolina, on Wednesday, May 12, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

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

Absent: Commissioners Meier and Scarborough

CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order by Chair Dunlap, followed by introductions and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Chair Dunlap called for a motion to allow Commissioner Scarborough to participate remotely. No motion was made and therefore request was not considered.

21-6891 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

Motion was made by Commissioner Altman, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell and unanimously carried (7-0) with Commissioners Altman, Cotham, Dunlap, Jerrell, Leake, Powell, and Rodriguez-McDowell, voting yes to open the Public hearing to receive comment on the County Manager’s Recommended Budget for FY2021-2022.

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The following persons appeared to speak during the County Manager's Recommended Budget for FY2021-2022:

#	Full Name	Organization (if any)	Subject Matter	District
1	Megan Dunn		Public Health funding must be prioritized in Mecklenburg County. Please provide funding for school nurses so that we have a nurse on site at each CMS school 5 days per week. Also, I support addressing racial health disparities in Mecklenburg County through a restorative justice framework.	District 5
2	Jessica Schorr Saxe	Health Care Justice-NC	Restorative Justice	District 4
3	Sevone Rhynes		Implementation of Restorative Justice Fund as proposed by Commissioner Mark Jerrell.	District 1
4	Tchernavia Montgomery	Care Ring	Budget recommendations - community service grants	District 4
5	Phil Poley	Care Ring	Budget recommendations - community service grants	District 5

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6	Joe Helweg	Charlotte Mecklenburg Library, Board of Trustees	Support for County Manager's Recommended Budget	District 5
7	Carlos Alexis Cruz	Nouveau Sud circus project	In support of the Arts and Science Council funding.	District 3
8	Glen Stephens		In favor of withholding \$56 million from Charlotte-Mecklenburg School until that submit a plain to regain learning loss of disenfranchised populations.	District 5
9	Arthur Griffin	Retired	Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education Budget Recommendation	District 6
10	Camerin Watson		Support for Increased funding for ASC's Culture Blocks program and Cultural Vision Grant.	District 1
11	Zoe Calhoun	Inspire inclusion dance	Increased ASC funding cultural blocks and vision grants	District 6
12	Rev. Corine Mack	NAACP Charlotte-Mecklenburg Branch	Restorative Justice	District 2
13	Irisol Gonzalez		ASC Funding for Creatives.	District 1
14	Judy Schindler		Equity Investment Initiative & Restorative Justice	District 5
15	Linda Levy	Carolina Jews for Justice - Charlotte Chapter	Equity Investment Initiative	District 5
16	Aliya Minter	ASC Culture Blocks Funding	ASC Culture Blocks Funding	District 4

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17	Laura Yates Clark	United Way of Central Carolina	Unite Charlotte expansion funding	Other
18	Sam Smith	United Way of Central Carolinas,	Unite Charlotte expansion funding	
19	Courtnie McIntosh	Academy of Goal Achievers	Unite Charlotte expansion funding	
20	Charis Blackmon	Westside CLT	Unite Charlotte expansion funding	
21	Samantha Turner	NC Poor People's Campaign	Healthcare Justice	District 3
22	Gregory Willingham	SoundVizion LLC	ASC Funding - Public budget hearing	District 4
23	George Bohmfalk MD	Health Care Justice -- NC	healthcare aspects of the restorative justice proposal	District 5
24	Trinisha Dean		MECK Pre-K	District 4
25	Tera Long	HCJNC	Why we need Medicare for All- the bills I have faced this year for my disability. The cruel timeline for disability benefits.	District 1
26	Amanda Nitto		MECK Pre-K	District 5
27	Jaalil Hart		MECK Pre-K	District 3
28	Karen Fincher		MECK Pre-K	District 6
29	Sylvia Poehler		MECK Pre-K	District 6
30	Tess Phillis		MECK Pre-K	District 1
31	Ray McKinnon		Budget relative to CMS funding.	District 2
32	Rae LeGrone		CMS Operating Budget	District 5
33	Liz Martinez		Budget	District 6
34	Amanda Thompson-Rice		Education Contingency	District 3
35	Keno Cannady	Union Bethel AME Zion Church	County Manager Proposal for CMS Budget.	District 1
36	Greg Ascitutto	CharlotteEAST	County proposal to withhold CMS funding - against.	District 4
37	Dan Putman		County budget allocation for Park & Rec	District 4
38	Justin Perry	OneMECK	Restorative justice/equity Investments and CMS budget	District 4
39	Kate Murphy		I do not support reducing funding for CMS in a cheap attempt to appear to address racial inequities.	District 1

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40	Cedric Dean	President, Safeguard Atone Validate Educate (SAVE)	CMS	
41	Mona Cooper		Employee Compensation	District 3
42	Ken Burton	My Brothers Keeper Charlotte Mecklenburg	\$50,000 award to MBK	District 4
43	Rodney Collins	Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office	MCSO support of the Manager's recommended FY22 Budget.	Other
44	Officer David Wallace	Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office	MCSO support of the Manager's recommended FY22 Budget.	
45	Sgt. Danaya Wilson	Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office	MCSO support of the Manager's recommended FY22 Budget.	
46	Jonna Austin		The hold on funding for CMS as it relates to a plan for closing the achievement gap	District 4
47	Jazlyn Jordan	ASC Culture Blocks	ASC Culture Blocks	Unincorporated (ETJ)
48	Rev Jordan Boyd	African American Faith Alliance for Educational Advancement	Speak on behalf of county manager proposal.	District 3
49	Rev. Dr. Monty Witherspoon			
50	Rev Cornelius Atkinson			
51	Rev Dr Dennis Williams			
52	Bonnie Chavda		Budget appropriation for CMS	District 2
53	Nicholas Johnson		I Support the county commissioners recommendations	District 2
54	Mack McRae	Individual	CMS Budget	District 3
55	Peri Alletto		For Funding Nurses and mental health in schools, Budget proposal not enough funding for public health in the schools	District 1
56	Kendall Weddington	Creatingexposure	Arts	District 2

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ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Altman, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell and unanimously carried (7-0) with Commissioners Altman, Cotham, Dunlap, Jerrell, Leake, Powell, and Rodriguez-McDowell, voting yes to adjourn the meeting.

With no further business to come before the Board, Chair Dunlap declared the meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Kristine M. Smith, Interim Clerk to the Board

George Dunlap, Chairman