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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 the Meeting Chamber of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center located at 600 East Fourth Street, Charlotte, NC at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 30, 2017.

ATTENDANCE

Present: Chair Ella B. Scarborough and Commissioners
Dumont Clarke, Patricia "Pat" Cotham,
George Dunlap, Trevor M. Fuller, Vilma D. Leake,
Jim Puckett, and Matthew Ridenhour
County Manager Dena R. Diorio
Clerk to the Board Janice S. Paige

Absent: Commissioner Bill James

-FORMAL SESSION-

Commissioners Dunlap and Leake were absent when the meeting was called to order and until noted in the minutes.

Chair Scarborough called the meeting to order which was followed by invocation by Commissioner Puckett, the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and then introductions; after which, the matter below was addressed.

**17-4062 PRESENTATION OF COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET FOR
FY 2017- 2018**

Chair Scarborough called on County Manager Diorio to present the County Manager's Recommended Budget for FY 2017- 2018.

County Manager Diorio presented her Recommended Budget for FY 2017- 2018.

Commissioner Leake entered the meeting during County Manager's Diorio's remarks.

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

After her remarks, County Manager Diorio called on Budget/Management Director Michael Bryant to provide the Board with more details of her recommended budget.

Note: Commissioner Dunlap entered the meeting during Director Bryant's remarks, however, he did not sit at the dais.

Highlights

Major Funding Recommendations

- FY2019 –FY2023 Capital Improvement Plan = \$1.6 Billion
 - 10 New Schools & 12 High-Priority School Renovations
 - A New Main Public Library
 - American Legion Memorial Stadium Renovations
 - Department of Community Resources (4 locations)
- Maintains the current general fund property tax rate = 81.57¢
- Adjust the Law Enforcement Service District to account for growth and the CMPD staffing increase
- Adjust the fire protection district tax rates to ensure stable funding that will support 24/7 operations
- A One-time fund balance appropriation = \$44.7 million
- \$5 million in efficiency savings and repurposed funds to support strategic investments
- Funding for year 2 of 3-year department strategic business plans
- Continued funding for a new foreclosure strategy that will increase tax collections
- 54% of the County budget funds education and literacy
- Expansion of the childcare subsidy program to promote early childhood education
- Funding investments in the Economic Opportunity Task Force Report

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- Funding for employee merit increases

Next Steps

June 5, 2017	6:00 pm	Budget Public Hearing
June 8, 2017	3:00 pm	Budget Workshop –Detailed Overview of Manager’s Recommended Budget
June 12, 2017	9:00 am	Budget Straw Vote Workshop
June 13, 2017	3:00 pm	Budget Straw Vote Workshop
June 20, 2017	6:00	Budget Adoption on Agenda

Register to speak at budget public hearing:

<http://boccspeakerbph.mecklenburgcounty> or Dial: 980-314-2870

Note: No action was taken or required of the Board at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Clarke, seconded by Commissioner Ridenhour and carried 7-0 with Commissioners Clarke, Cotham, Fuller, Leake, Puckett, Ridenhour and Scarborough voting yes, that there being no further business to come before the Board that the meeting be adjourned at 12:34 p.m.

Janice S. Paige, Clerk

Ella B. Scarborough, Chair