The Board of Commissioners of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, met in Informal Session in the Meeting Chamber Conference Room 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 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 6, 2019.

ATTENDANCE

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

Absent: None

- INFORMAL SESSION -

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: 19-5753, 19-5754, 19-5757, 19-5759, 19-5763, 19-5764, and 19-5779.

It was the consensus of the Board to move Item 19-5753 – Proclamation National Adoption Awareness Month and 19-5757 – Proclamation November 2019 Homeless Awareness Month from the Consent section of the agenda to the Awards/Recognition section of the agenda.

STAFF BRIEFINGS

19-5770 BILLINGSLEY MIXED-INCOME HOUSING RFQ AND RFP

The Board received as information an update on the Billingsley Mixed-Income Housing RFQ and RFP to be released for the financing, construction, and long-term property management of County-owned property in the Grier Heights neighborhood that is being repurposed for housing.

Mark Hahn, Director of Asset and Facility Management gave the update.

Note: At the Board’s March 26, 2019 Public Policy meeting, several affordable housing initiatives were advanced for fiscal year 2020. Included in those items was developing a Request of Qualifications (RFQ) and Request for Proposal (RFP) for development of mixed-income housing on +/- 14 acres of County-owned property at the intersection of Wheatley Avenue and Ellington Street in the Grier Heights neighborhood. Included in the proposed project is a parcel of land at the intersection of Wheatley Avenue and Roddman Street (+/- 0.196 acres) that is being offered for sale as well. Since the March meeting, County staff has been
conducting research on the project, have developed proposed project elements and requirements, a timeline, and have completed the RFQ that will be released.

The project’s major elements are:

− The Selected Developer and the County will enter into a ground lease for +/- 14 acres of Tax Parcel 157-041-01.
− The Selected Developer will purchase Tax Parcel 157-034-17 from the County.
− The Selected Developer will construct a variety of housing types (rental, for-sale, single, family, multi-family, apartments) and sizes.

The development will include a mix of income levels with an emphasis on those households in need of affordable housing. The target household income mix shall include:

− 20% - 25% of all units for household incomes at or below 30% AMI
− 25% - 30% of all units for household incomes between 31% to 80% AMI
− 25% - 30% of all units for household incomes between 81% to 120% AMI
− 25% of all units for market rate housing.

The Selected Developer must provide long-term property management of the development.

The County intends to ensure long term affordability by placing a 30-year deed restriction on the rental apartments and either a deed restriction, equity-sharing, other affordability assurance provision on the for-sale products.

The RFQ will be released on November 7th. The RFP will be released in January, and staff anticipates having the Selected Developer chosen in March 2020.

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

Comments

Commissioner Leake asked who were the neighborhood leaders and the association that staff met with. She questioned whether they were the true “neighborhood leaders.” Director Hahn said he would get that information to the Board.

County Manager Diorio asked Board members to share with staff the name(s) of person(s) they’re aware of who were neighborhood leaders in the Grier Heights neighborhood.

Commissioner Leake asked if there was a way to ensure that current/longtime residents of Mecklenburg County could be prioritized to have first access to the affordable housing. Staff said research was necessary to explore available options and that they would report back.

Commissioner Leake asked what qualified someone as a resident. County Attorney Wade addressed residency requirements.

Commissioner Cotham asked whether the developers staff met with would be interested in participating in the RFQ process. The response was yes.

Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell asked could there be environment-friendly requirements (green buildings) in place for the construction of the units. Staff said they would explore what criteria could be put in place for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED).

Commissioner Jerrell asked about the For-sale units and how the neighborhood would be protected from further gentrification, which was addressed.
Commissioner Powell asked about storm water management and protecting natural resources, especially the tree canopy, which was addressed.

County Manager Diorio said broad criteria could be placed in the RFQ so that the developers selected for the RFP process would be aware of expectations.

Chair Dunlap said it should be kept in mind that there were trade-offs. He said if the Board adds additional requirements it could impact the number of affordable housing units available, unless the Board was willing to invest more.

Chair Dunlap said the Board would need to hear from developers on what could and could not be done with respect to the concerns expressed around additional environmental desires.

Commissioner Leake asked when the housing would be available. A specific timeframe was not known currently. It could be six months, a year or longer, depending upon negotiations, but it’s anticipated it shouldn’t take too long.

Director Hahn said he would anticipate probably within three years there would be units ready for occupancy.

Commissioner Scarborough said affordability varied from person to person.

Chair Dunlap thanked Director Hahn for the report.

This concluded the discussion.

Note: The above was not inclusive of every comment but was a summary.

CLOSED SESSION

19-5767 CONSULT WITH ATTORNEY
19-5773 BUSINESS LOCATION AND EXPANSION
19-5800 PERSONNEL MATTER

Prior to going into Closed Session, County Attorney Wade announced there were no Consult with Attorney matters to be discussed in Closed Session.

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

The Board went into Closed Session at 5:42 p.m. and came back into Open Session at 6:08 p.m.

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

-FORMAL SESSION-

Chair Dunlap called this portion of the meeting to order at 6:17 p.m., which was followed by introductions, invocation by Commissioner Fuller, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag; after which, the matters below were addressed.

CHAIR REMARKS
Chair Dunlap took a “point of personal privilege” and noted the following:

He acknowledged the election that took place on Tuesday, November 5, 2019 and the unsuccessful passage of the Quarter-Cent Sales and Use Tax referendum. He thanked those that participated in the process. He said the Board respected the vote of the voters.

He thanked Michael Jordan and the Hornets Organization for redeveloping a third basketball court to add to the amenities offered by Park and Recreation.

Lastly, he thanked Park and Recreation staff for all that they do, which he said recently was a lot.

**AWARDS/RECOGNITION**

**19-5761 EXCELLENCE IN INNOVATION AWARDS (NCACC)**

The Board recognized Mecklenburg County staff who received the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) Excellence in Innovation Awards: The County Assessor’s Office (CAO) for their “2019 Revaluation Community Engagement Program” and Public Health for their "Model of Collaboration to Increase PrEP Availability" program.

The award was presented by Matt Bigelow, Program Development Manager for the NC Association of County Commissioners (NACC) and Carl Clark with the Local Government Federal Credit Union (LGFCU). The NCACC and LGFCU partner to sponsor this award.

*Note: The winning programs were recognized by the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) at their annual Excellence in Innovation Awards Program reception during the Annual Conference in Guilford County August 22-24, 2019.*

The CAO’s "2019 Revaluation Community Engagement Program" included 168 engagement sessions from 2017 to the present for community groups, neighborhood associations, faith organizations, and other civic groups. The four-phase approach used a dedicated website, community engagement events, technical documents, and media outlets to improve outreach to the community by offering easy to locate and read information, answering questions, and being accessible to customers to create confidence in the community for the 2019 Revaluation.

Public Health was recognized for their “Model of Collaboration to Increase PrEP (preexposure prophylaxis) Availability” which involved a 24-month pilot to provide PrEP to at least 320 individuals at high risk for HIV and are uninsured through contracts with community partners who provide clinical services to the population at high risk. Partner providers include Ballantyne Family Medicine/Amity Medical Group, The C.W. Williams Community Health Center, Inc., Eastowne Family Physicians, Quality Comprehensive Health Care Center Powerhouse Project, and Rosedale Assistance & Opportunities (RAO).

**19-5775 COUNTY ASSESSOR’S OFFICE INTERNATIONAL AWARDS AND DESIGNATIONS**

The Board recognized and congratulated the County Assessor’s Office for receiving numerous 2019 International Association of Assessing Officers (IAAO) Awards and Designations as noted below:

1) 2019 IAAO Distinguished Jurisdiction Award
2) IAAO Professional Development Lifetime Achievement Award (Kenneth Joyner, County Assessor)
3) Five (5) Professional IAAO Designations in the areas of Assessment Administration Specialist, Personal Property Specialist, and Residential Evaluation Specialist

County Assessor Ken Joyner presented the matter to the Board.

Note:
1) The County Assessor’s Office (CAO) was honored to receive the 2019 IAAO Distinguished Jurisdiction Award. This award is presented to a national, state/provincial, regional or local assessment agency that has instituted a technical, procedural or administrative program which is an improvement over prior programs in that jurisdiction and is generally recognized as a component of a model assessment system and a contributing factor to equity in property taxation.

2) County Assessor, Kenneth, “Ken” Joyner, was awarded the IAAO Professional Development Lifetime Achievement Award. This award is presented to an IAAO member who has dedicated him or herself to the organization and its members through education, instruction, and the Professional Designation Program over a long period of time. Nominees must have 25 or more years of IAAO membership and served IAAO for 15 or more years through committee work in the professional development areas, as an instructor, course coordinator, curriculum developer or reviewer, demonstration appraisal grader or professional designation advisor.

3) Several CAO employees obtained professional IAAO designations at the annual conference in September 2019. These designations required dedication, persistence, education, and a well-rounded knowledge of the profession. The designations were awarded to:

1) Christy Lantis received her Assessment Administration Specialist designation (AAS)
2) Kellianne Nagy received her Personal Property Specialist designation (PPS)
3) John Geier received his Assessment Administration Specialist designation (AAS)
4) Joel Shytle received his Residential Evaluation Specialist designation (RES)
5) Roger Webb received his Residential Evaluation Specialist designation (RES)

Board members expressed thanks to County Assessor Joyner and his staff for all of the work that they do.

19-5753 PROCLAMATION - NATIONAL ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Jerrell and unanimously carried with Commissioners Cotham, Dunlap, Fuller, Harden, Jerrell, Leake, Powell, Rodriguez-McDowell, and Scarborough voting yes, to adopt a proclamation designating November 2019 as “National Adoption Awareness Month” in Mecklenburg County.

The proclamation was read by Commissioner Leake and received by Men Tchaas Ari, Deputy Director of the Adult and Economic Services Division at Mecklenburg County’s Department of Social Services.
Motion was made by Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell seconded by Commissioner Scarborough and unanimously carried with Commissioners Cotham, Dunlap, Fuller, Harden, Jerrell, Leake, Powell, Rodriguez-McDowell, and Scarborough voting yes, to adopt a joint proclamation declaring November 2019 as Homeless Awareness Month in Charlotte and Mecklenburg County.

The proclamation was read by Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell and received by Hannah-Marie Warfle on behalf of the Homeless Services Network of Charlotte-Mecklenburg.
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The following persons appeared to speak during the Public Appearance portion of the agenda:

Brian Kasher, Michael Merenstein, Jeffrey Reisberg, and Grant Mitchell spoke in opposition to Medic’s Garnishment of wages for payment of claims. It was suggested that the County cover all of Medic’s costs. They also addressed hardships that many face, thus, preventing them from being able to pay for the service provided to them. They urged the Board to come up with a better solution for the provision of the service.

Note: A handout from Brian Kasher is on file with the Clerk to the Board.

Tera Long, Cade Lee, Peri Alletto, Grace McLain, and Melba Evans signed up to speak to this issue but did not.

Note: A handout from Tera Long, however, is on file with the Clerk to the Board.

James Lee addressed the need for affordable housing. He thanked the Board for its efforts to assist in the area of providing affordable housing. He said he knew of some investors interested in the issue as well and that a report would be forthcoming.

Billy Shue and LiMia Bowen signed up to speak but were unable to be present.

APPOINTMENTS

BUILDING DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
The vote was taken on the following nominees for appointments to the Building Development Commission:

Ezequiel Acosta  Commissioners Cotham, Dunlap, Fuller, Harden, Jerrell, Powell, Rodriguez-McDowell, and Scarborough

Glenn Berry  Commissioners Cotham, Dunlap, Fuller, Harden, Leake, Jerrell, Powell, Rodriguez-McDowell, and Scarborough

Terry Knotts  Commissioners Cotham, Dunlap, Fuller, Harden, Jerrell, Powell, Rodriguez-McDowell, and Scarborough

Aaron Moody  Commissioners Dunlap, Fuller, Harden, Jerrell, Powell, Rodriguez-McDowell, and Scarborough

Paul Stefano  Commissioners Dunlap, Fuller, Harden, Jerrell, Powell, Rodriguez-McDowell, and Scarborough

Chair Dunlap announced the appointment of Ezequiel Acosta, Glenn Berry, Terry Knotts, Aaron Moody, and Paul Stefano to the Building Development Commission for three-year terms expiring July 31, 2022.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

19-5760  PUBLIC HEARING FOR CLOSING A PORTION OF PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR LAINE ROAD

Motion was made by Commissioner Fuller, seconded by Commissioner Scarborough, and unanimously carried with Commissioners Cotham, Dunlap, Fuller, Harden, Jerrell, Leake, Powell, Rodriguez-McDowell, and Scarborough voting yes, to open the public hearing to hear comments with respect to the closing of a portion of public right-of-way for Laine Road.

Note: The current property owner, Hope Community Church of Metrolina (formerly Westmoreland Baptist Church), petitioned to close a 0.828-acre portion of the public right-of-way for Laine Road through the church campus. The portion of said right-of-way currently provides access to Sam Wilson Road. This access will be replaced by Bedford Road from Laine Road (SR 1627) to Sam Wilson Road (SR 1625).

At the May 21, 2019 Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners’ (BOCC) meeting, the Board authorized the County Manager to request North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) to abandon maintenance of their portion of Laine Road from Bedford Road to Sam Wilson Road. On August 8, 2019, NCDOT released the right-of-way on Laine Road and abandoned state maintenance. NCDOT released all claims to said right-of-way on Laine Road. At the same meeting, NCDOT accepted maintenance on Bedford Road from Laine Road to provide access to Sam Wilson Road.

To close a right-of-way in the unincorporated part of the County, General Statute 153A-241 requires the BOCC to adopt a resolution declaring its intent to close the public road and call a public hearing. Once closed, the 0.828-acre portion of the former public right-of-way will become vested to Hope Community Church of Metrolina (formerly Westmoreland Baptist Church).

Mecklenburg County Land Use and Environmental Services Agency has determined that in its opinion the closing of the portion of said right-of-way of Laine Road would not deprive any individual owning land in the vicinity of said right-of-way of reasonable ingress and egress to
WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute 153A-241 specifies that a county may permanently close any public road or easement within the county and not within the city except public roads or easements for public roads under the control and supervision of the North Carolina Department of Transportation and specifies the procedure to be followed; and

WHEREAS, the petitioner has requested that a 0.828-acre portion of public right-of-way for Laine Road as shown on the Exhibit A map attached hereto be abandoned and closed; and

WHEREAS, the Mecklenburg County Land Use and Environmental Services Agency has determined that in its opinion the closing of the portion of said right-of-way of Laine Road would not deprive any individual owning land in the vicinity of said right-of-way of reasonable ingress and egress to their property, and would not be contrary to the public interest; and has determined that the North Carolina Department of Transportation does not maintain said right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, on October 1, 2019, the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners declared its intent to close the 0.828-acre portion of public right-of-way for Laine Road which is shown on the attached Exhibit A map, and did set a public hearing on the question of whether to abandon and close said portion of the right-of-way of Laine Road for 6:30 pm on the 6th day of November, 2019 in the Meeting Chamber, first floor of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center, 600 East Fourth Street, Charlotte, North Carolina, and did instruct the Clerk to the Board to publish a notice of the intent of the Board of County Commissioners to close said portion of the right-of-way, and did instruct the Mecklenburg County Land Use and Environmental Services Agency to send or have sent copies of the resolution declaring the intent to close said portion of the right-of-way to the owners of the adjoining properties who did not join in the request to have said portion of the right-of-way abandoned and closed, and to have a notice of public hearing posted in at least two places along said road; and

WHEREAS, N.C.G.S. 153A-241 states the effect of a road closing on adjoining landowners and on public utilities as follows: “Upon the closing of a public road or an easement pursuant to this section, all right, title, and interest in the right-of-way is vested in those persons owning lots or parcels of land adjacent to the road or easement, and the title of each adjoining landowner, for the width of his abutting land, extends to the center line of the public road or easement. However, the right, title or interest vested in an adjoining landowner by this paragraph remains subject to any public utility use or facility located on, over, or under the road or easement immediately before its closing, until the landowner or any successor thereto pays to the utility involved the reasonable cost of removing and relocating the facility”; and

WHEREAS, at said public hearing held on November 6, 2019, the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners gave an opportunity to all interested persons to speak on whether the closing of the 0.828-acre portion of public right-of-way for Laine Road which is shown on the attached Exhibit A map would be detrimental to the public interest or deprive any individual owning land in the vicinity of said right-of-way of reasonable ingress and egress to their property; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners has determined and is satisfied that the closing of the portion of said right-of-way of Laine Road as shown on the attached map hereto is not contrary to public interest, and that no individual owning property in the vicinity of said
FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners does hereby adopt this Order of Closing of the portion of said right-of-way of Laine Road; pursuant to the North Carolina General Statute 153A-241, effective once this Order of Closing has been approved; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners is directed to file a certified copy of this Order for Closing of said right-of-way in the office of the Register of Deeds of Mecklenburg County. The recordation of this Order for Closing shall provide conclusive evidence of the closing of the 0.828-acre portion of public right-of-way for Laine Road which as shown on the attached map hereto.

Order recorded in full in Ordinance/Minute Book 48-A Document #98.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS – NONE

MANAGER’S REPORT

County Manager Diorio informed the Board of the dates for the Board’s 2020 annual retreat, January 29-31, 2020 and that it would be held locally. The location has not been determined.

County Manager Diorio said Budget Director Michael Bryant would be reaching out to Board members regarding topics of interest.

Commissioner Leake questioned why the retreat was being held locally. County Manager Diorio said it was because of a scheduling conflict with the Grandover hotel in Greensboro, NC, where the retreat was held last year.

County Manager Diorio asked Board members to let staff know if they had location suggestions.

Chair Dunlap noted that Queens University offered to host the retreat if the Board was interested in meeting at one of their facilities.

19-5791 CHARLOTTE FUTURE 2040 A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

The Board received as information a presentation from Taiwo Jaiyeoba, Assistant City Manager and Planning Director for the City of Charlotte on the "Charlotte Future 2040 A Comprehensive Plan".

Note: The City of Charlotte is preparing its first Comprehensive Plan since 1975. The Plan focuses on the physical development of Charlotte and the unincorporated area of Mecklenburg County over the next 20 years. It is intended to bring together the many plans and policies that guide growth and development and establish a shared vision for how and where we grow. The Plan will also guide future capital investments to support that growth.

A draft of the plan is scheduled to be completed in Fall 2020. During the current phase of the planning process, Charlotte is evaluating various ways Charlotte could grow, referred to as growth scenarios.

An overview of the Comprehensive Plan and scenarios were shared with the Board, which was the plan before establishing one preferred scenario, that would guide future growth over the next two decades.
A copy of the presentation is on file with the Clerk to the Board.

Comments

Commissioner Jerrell said as the Plan was being developed, how do you guard against the Plan being developed from a place of privilege, which was addressed.

Commissioner Jerrell asked what modes of transportation were being recommended, which was addressed.

Commissioner Fuller asked what the difference was between the scenarios. He said it seemed to cement what already occurs. He said this process should viewed from a regional perspective, beyond Mecklenburg County. He said by doing so, it would allow for bigger thinking when it came to transportation options. Assistant City Manager and Planning Director Jaiyeoba commented.

Commissioner Powell encouraged Assistant City Manager and Planning Director Jaiyeoba to continue to listen to the community. She also encouraged him to make sure that County departments like Storm Water Services, GIS, the Natural Resources Division of Park and Recreation, as well as, the Catawba-Wateree Water Management Group, were included in the process to ensure a healthy and livable Mecklenburg County.

Commissioner Leake asked when and where were the community meetings being held, which was addressed. She said it was important to communicate with seniors regarding the Plan.

Commissioner Leake asked about the role of Charlotte Center City Partners and other non-profits in the process, which was addressed.

Commissioner Leake said it still appeared to be a system of the "haves and have nots." She commented on gentrification and the negative impacts of that. In addition, she asked how the Plan would address decisions of land ownership by minorities, access to education, employment, food deserts, gentrification, and segregation, which was addressed.

Commissioner Cotham asked had there been any discussion with business leaders in different industries to understand their needs, especially as it related to workforce transportation options, which was addressed.

Commissioner Cotham commented on how day care was an issue for many in the workforce. She said especially those that rely on public transportation and/or if they have transportation, they still may have to drive some distance to get to the daycare from where they work. Assistant City Manager and Planning Director Jaiyeoba addressed this concern.

Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell asked about the timeline for changes to occur as it related to idea of possibly reducing single-family homes, which was addressed.

Commissioner Harden asked what the role of the City of Charlotte would be in reference to the goal of celebrating quality public education, which was addressed. She said there was a disconnection between balancing economic/community growth and growth in schools.

Commissioner Harden asked if this piece of the plan could be implemented sooner rather than later, which was addressed. It was noted that it was really a matter of coordination and working together. Assistant City Manager and Planning Director Jaiyeoba said the education piece didn’t have to be necessarily tied to the long range plan. He said he concurred with Commissioner Harden.
that some things could be done sooner. He said it was a conversation that needed to happen between the involved entities.

Commissioner Harden asked Assistant City Manager and Planning Director Jaiyeoba what would be the next steps to ensure something happens sooner rather than later. He said he would follow-up with her directly.

Chair Dunlap said all of the various development plans, i.e. the City of Charlotte, the County, Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools, Townships within the County, and even the Department of Transportation plan, have to merge together at some point. He said the City of Charlotte had taken the lead on making this happen.

Chair Dunlap informed the Board that based on the rules for the Metropolitan Transit Commission (MTC), the chairmanship of the MTC rotates between the Mayor of Charlotte and the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners. He said 2020 would be the County’s opportunity for chairmanship. He said if reelected Chair of the Board in December, he would appoint Commissioner Harden to serve in that capacity.

Chair Dunlap asked about modes of transportation, specifically, whether greenways, bikes, and bike lanes were considered modes of transportation in the plan. The response was yes.

Chair Dunlap asked if the new Plan would allow for the consideration of requests for variances, because it defeats the purpose of a Plan, which was addressed.

Chair Dunlap encouraged Assistant City Manager and Planning Director Jaiyeoba to find out the best source for making the right connection to reach out to the Hispanic community for their involvement in the process.

Commissioners Rodriguez-McDowell and Harden said they would assist Assistant City Manager and Planning Director Jaiyeoba in reaching out to the Hispanic community.

Chair Dunlap said there needed be diversity at the table throughout the process.

Chair Dunlap thanked Assistant City Manager and Planning Director Jaiyeoba for the report.

Note: The above was not inclusive of every comment but was a summary.

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 with Commissioners Cotham, Dunlap, Fuller, Harden, Jerrell, Leake, Powell, Rodriguez-McDowell, and Scarborough voting yes, to approve the following item(s):
19-5752  BUDGET AMENDMENT - CODE ENFORCEMENT AND LAND DEVELOPMENT FUND BALANCE APPROPRIATION

Rescind action taken on July 2, 2019 (Agenda Item #19-5547) that appropriated the transfer of $1,600,000 from the Code Enforcement General Fund Balance Reserve to the Technology Reserve Fund for the Electronic Plans Management and Electronic Plan Review system replacement project; and appropriate the transfer of $1,200,000 from the Code Enforcement General Fund Balance Reserve and $400,000 from the Land Development General Fund Balance Reserve to the Technology Reserve Fund for the Electronic Plans Management and Electronic Plan Review system replacement project.

19-5758  SET PUBLIC HEARING: NAMING APPLICATION - CLEMSON AVENUE PARK TO THE DAVIS FLOHR MEMORIAL PARK

1. Acknowledge receipt of an application, submitted by Kati Hanlon Mayo, to rename Clemson Avenue Park to The Davis Flohr Memorial Park; and

2. Schedule a public hearing on November 19 at 6:30 p.m. to receive public comment on the proposed naming and direct the Clerk to the Board to publish the notice of public hearing as required.

Note: Kati Mayo submitted a renaming application on behalf of the parents, friends and neighbors of Davis Flohr to rename Clemson Avenue Park to The Davis Flohr Memorial Park. Davis, who was born with severe cardiac and congenital disorders, fought through 32 surgeries during his brief life. Despite his extreme medical circumstance, Davis always had an undeniable charisma and joy were full of energy and personality and made an impression on everyone he met. He connected with people of all ages and backgrounds with his quick wit and infectious smile. He often volunteered at soup kitchens and participated in charity walks to help those less fortunate. Davis became known as the "Mayor of Noda". He was a constant presence at the Clemson Avenue Park, starting as an infant in his stroller up until he played basketball there with his friends just days before his death at the age of 13.

This renaming application was endorsed by the Central Park Region Advisory Council and by the Park and Recreation Commission.

19-5766  MINUTES

Approve Minutes of Regular meeting held October 15, 2019.

19-5768  BUDGET AMENDMENT - HEALTH DEPARTMENT (REVENUE INCREASE)

A) Amend the annual budget ordinance to recognize, receive, and appropriate an increase of $112,364 in HIV/STD Substance Abuse federal funds to the general fund (0001); and

Note: The NC Division of Public Health awards federal funds to the Health Department to support public health programs. The funding will be used to increase the number of individuals in substance abuse treatment programs being tested for HIV, knowing their status, and being referred to appropriate services for prevention, care and treatment services.

B) Amend the annual budget ordinance to recognize, receive, and appropriate an increase of $121,428 in Family Planning federal funds to the general fund (0001)
Note: The NC Division of Public Health awards federal funds to the Health Department to support public health programs. The additional Title X funding will be used to enhance the Family Planning program through purchase of medical and program supplies.

19-5769 TAX REFUNDS

Approve tax refunds in the amount of $3,751.67 as statutorily required to be paid, as requested by the County Assessor.

Note: 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.

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

19-5795 POSITION REQUEST: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR POSITION FOR THE HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION

Authorize the creation of an Executive Director position for the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission to be funded with lapsed salary.

Note: The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission (HLC) was created in 1973 to perform the functions which are enumerated in G.S. 160A-400:

1. To safeguard the heritage of Mecklenburg County by preserving any landmark therein that embodies important elements of the cultural, social, economic, political, or architectural history of the County; and,

2. To promote the use and conservation of such property for the education, pleasure, and enrichment of the residents of Mecklenburg County and the State as a whole.

The principal administrative officer of the HLC is the Director which is currently a consultant position while the staff (Sr. Preservation Planner and Administrative Assistant) are County employees. With the retirement of the existing Director, there is opportunity for this position to be consistent with the others.

THIS CONCLUDED ITEMS APPROVED BY CONSENT

19-5754 BUDGET AMENDMENT - APPROPRIATION OF GENERAL FUND BALANCE FOR HUNTERSVILLE LAND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Scarborough and unanimously carried with Commissioners Cotham, Dunlap, Fuller, Harden, Jerrell, Leake, Powell, Rodriguez-McDowell, and Scarborough voting yes, to appropriate $33,869 from Land Development Funds balances in the General Fund (0001) for the Town of Huntersville to provide Land Development services in the future.

Note: LUESA - Storm Water Services provides Land Development services on behalf of the six Towns. These services include enforcement of the Towns' zoning, subdivision, water quality,
planning, floodplain and other ordinances. In March 2018, the Town of Huntersville, Board of Commissioners instructed Town staff to initiate discussions with the County on the potential for the Town to assume the responsibility of providing Land Development services. The County was informed that the Town’s reasons for assuming responsibility for providing these services was to create a one-stop shop; increase the Town’s control and ownership to match the Town’s accountability for roads, sidewalks, street trees, etc.; and enhance the ability for the Town to adjust fees. On June 18, 2019, the Board of County Commissioners approved revisions to the Land Development Interlocal Agreement resolving a number of items for a successful transition of services to the Town effective July 1, 2019.

Commissioners Leake and Powell removed this item from Consent for clarity. County Manager Diorio addressed the item.

19-5759 DONATION OF CONSTRUCTION FUNDS FROM LOWE’S OF CHARLOTTE - SHERIFF’S OFFICE

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Scarborough and unanimously carried with Commissioners Cotham, Dunlap, Fuller, Harden, Jerrell, Leake, Powell, Rodriguez-McDowell, and Scarborough voting yes, to approve the donation of $5,000 in Lowe’s store credit to support the Sheriff’s Office National Center for Construction and Education Research (NCCER) construction skills program.

Note: Lowe’s Community Relations is working on a special project with the Mecklenburg County Sheriff’s Office Vocational Program to provide $5,000 in store credit to purchase materials to support our NCCER construction skills program. The construction skills program provides residents the opportunity to obtain their NCCER certification once they have demonstrated competency in the nine modules associated with the curriculum. Participants must demonstrate and apply skills in basic safety, construction math, power and hand tools, construction drawings, etc. and pass each module exam before obtaining their NCCER certification. The funds provided by Lowe’s will allow MCSO to obtain needed supplies and equipment that support participants’ hands-on learning experience.

Commissioner Leake removed this item from Consent for clarity. She requested a report from the Sheriff’s Office on what was purchased. She also asked that a thank you letter be sent to Lowe’s. County Manager Diorio addressed the item.

19-5763 STORM WATER PROGRAM - HAZARD MITIGATION CATAWBA RIVER FLOODPLAIN ACQUISITION

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

1. Accept the Offer of Sale of Real Estate from Peter Bartel, owner of property located at 1415 Riverside Drive, Charlotte, NC (tax parcel 031-161-19), for $350,958.05;
2. Accept the Offer of Sale of Real Estate from Jo Ann Rogers, owner of property located at 1905 Lake Drive, Charlotte, NC (tax parcel 031-472-04), for $274,939.32; and
3. Authorize the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police and Fire Departments to use the structure for training exercises.

Note: Since late 1999, Mecklenburg County has used storm water fee revenue to acquire flood
prone property. Buyouts reduce the risk to life and property during floods, while also enhancing the natural and beneficial functions of the floodplain.

Commissioner Powell removed this item from Consent for public awareness.

19-5764 LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT/ENGINEER SELECTION - FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2020 MECKLENBURG COUNTY GREENWAY PROJECTS

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake seconded by Commissioner Scarborough and unanimously carried with Commissioners Cotham, Dunlap, Fuller, Harden, Jerrell, Leake, Powell, Rodriguez-McDowell, and Scarborough voting yes, to authorize the County Manager to negotiate fees and execute contracts with selected firms for Landscape Architectural/Engineering Services for FY 2020 Mecklenburg County Greenway Projects and in the event negotiations with any of the firms are unsuccessful, approve negotiations with the alternate firms, as noted below:

The selected firms and alternates to be assigned to the following projects:

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Note: The following eight (8) FY20 greenway projects are included in the Request for Qualifications (RFQ):

- Sugar Creek Greenway - 3.3 miles from Billy Graham Parkway to McDowell Farms Drive
- Briar Creek Greenway - 1.7 miles from Central Avenue to Commonwealth Avenue to Monroe Road
- Irwin Creek Greenway - 2.2 miles from Old Statesville Road to Allen Hills Park
- Paw Creek Greenway - 1.5 miles from Little Rock Road to Loy Court
- Caldwell Station Tributary Greenway - 0.8 miles from Old Statesville Road (Northern Regional Recreation Center) to Existing Caldwell Station Creek Greenway
- Long Creek Greenway - 4.3 miles from Treyburn Drive to Oakdale Road
- Reedy Creek Greenway - 2.0 miles from Grier Road to Plaza Road Extension
- Walker Branch/Hoover Creek Greenway - 1.5 miles Sledge Road to Rathangan Drive

Commissioner Leake removed this item from Consent for public awareness.

County Manager Diorio addressed the item.

Commissioner Powell commented on the importance of protecting the nature preserves and greenways, which was addressed.

19-5779 DONATION OF OUTDOOR FITNESS EQUIPMENT FROM THE CAROLINA PANTHERS

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Fuller and unanimously carried with Commissioners Cotham, Dunlap, Fuller, Harden, Jerrell, Leake, Powell, Rodriguez McDowell, and Scarborough voting yes, to recognize and receive the donation of outdoor fitness equipment at Veterans Park, valued at $125,000 from the Carolina Panthers, to serve veterans and
the general public.

Note: The Carolina Panthers have worked with Park and Recreation in the past for previous donations, including NFL Play60 Playgrounds at Freedom Park, Reedy Creek Park and Hornets’ Nest Park. This partnership will allow for the County to offer alternative fitness opportunities to adults and veterans. The Carolina Panthers, Lowe’s and Veterans Bridge Home are seeking to execute a project in partnership with Park and Recreation as part of the NFL’s Salute to Service initiative. The project would be comprised of constructing a new fitness amenity in Veterans Park. The fitness space would be available for general public use but would be designed as a place for veterans to gather for fitness and fellowship.

Commissioner Leake removed this item from Consent for clarity and public awareness. County Manager Diorio and Lee Jones, Director of Park and Recreation addressed the item.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Dunlap announced that there being no further business to come before the Board that the meeting be adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Janice S. Paige, Clerk

George Dunlap, Chair