

**Meeting Minutes**  
**June 17, 2025**

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

The Board of Commissioners of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, met in Informal Session in the Meeting Chamber Conference Room CH-14 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 Tuesday, June 17, 2025.

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present:** Chair Mark Jerrell, Vice-Chair Leigh Altman  
and Commissioners George Dunlap, Arthur Griffin,  
Vilma D. Leake, Laura J. Meier, Elaine Powell,  
Susan Rodriguez-McDowell, Yvette Townsend-Ingram  
In-Coming County, Manager Michael Bryant  
County Attorney Tyrone C. Wade  
Clerk to the Board Kristine M. Smith  
Deputy Clerk to the Board Arlissa Eason

**Absent:** County Manager Dena R. Diorio

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**-INFORMAL SESSION-**

**CALL TO ORDER**

*The meeting was called to order by Chair Jerrell, 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:

- 25-0353** Commissioner Leake
- 25-0354** Commissioner Leake
- 25-0356** Commissioner Leake
- 25-0359** Commissioner Leake
- 25-0363** Commissioner Leake
- 25-0369** Commissioner Leake
- 25-0376** Commissioner Leake

**STAFF BRIEFINGS – N/A**

**CLOSED SESSION**

**25-0370      CLOSED SESSION**

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Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Meier, and unanimously carried, to go into Closed Session for the following purpose(s): Consult with Attorney.

***The Board went into Closed Session at 5:21 p.m. and came back into Open Session at 5:44 p.m.***

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

### **-FORMAL SESSION-**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

*Chair Jerrell called this portion of the meeting to order, which was followed by introductions, invocation by Commissioner Leake, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag; after which, the matters below were addressed.*

#### **AWARDS/RECOGNITION**

##### **25-0222 ORDER OF THE HORNET INDUCTION – COUNTY MANAGER DENA R. DIORIO**

*Background: The Order of the Hornet was established in 1972. It is bestowed by the Board of County Commissioners on persons who have displayed valor or high order of service uniquely and specifically to the residents of Mecklenburg County. This is the highest honor bestowed by the Board. The Order of the Hornet was founded in the spirit of the early Mecklenburg patriots who signed the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence on May 20, 1775, and proclaimed the County's freedom from Britain more than a year before the U.S. Declaration of Independence was signed. Those early patriots valiantly fought for their independence during the Revolution and gave Lord Cornwallis such difficulties during his occupation of Charlotte that he termed the town a "hornet's nest" of rebellion. County Manager Dena R. Diorio reflected the honor, strength, and fierce American patriotism that so stung Lord Cornwallis and is being recommended for membership in the Order of the Hornet.*

*Dena Diorio has been a leader in public administration since 1988. Dena earned her bachelor's degree in social services from the State University of New York at Plattsburgh. She earned a master's degree in public administration from Columbia University.*

*She has held leadership positions in local government in New York City, the City of Stamford and the City of Danbury, both in Connecticut, and in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina.*

*Dena joined Mecklenburg County in 2007 as Director of the Department of Financial Services. She is recognized for guiding the County through the fiscal crisis and implementing policies that significantly improved the financial position of the County. In 2013, she was promoted to Assistant County Manager and in 2014 was selected as the first woman to serve as County Manager for Mecklenburg County.*

*Dena has been recognized for her leadership by many organizations:*

*In 2015, she was named Public Policy Leader of the Year by the National Association of Women Business Owners, and in 2016, she received the Leadership in Action award by Career Mastered.*

*In 2018, she was named one of the 50 Most Influential Women by the Mecklenburg Times, and in 2019 a Most Admired CEO by the Charlotte Business Journal.*

*In 2020, Dena was chosen as the Businesswoman of the Year by Queens University, the first woman from the public sector to receive the honor.*

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*In 2021, she was awarded the Excellence in Leadership Award from the Centralina Regional Council, received a Woman in American History Award from the Daughters of the American Revolution, and the Pegasus Award from the Public Relations Society of America, which honors someone from outside the public relations profession for embracing the strategic use of communications.*

*In 2022, Dena was recognized nationally for her COVID-19 leadership and was named County Executive of the Year in the annual LocalSmart Awards, which highlight people and projects in local government.*

*In 2023, Dena was awarded the prestigious Whitney M. Young Jr. award by the Urban League of Central Carolinas for her thoughtful leadership that is vital to serving the black community.*

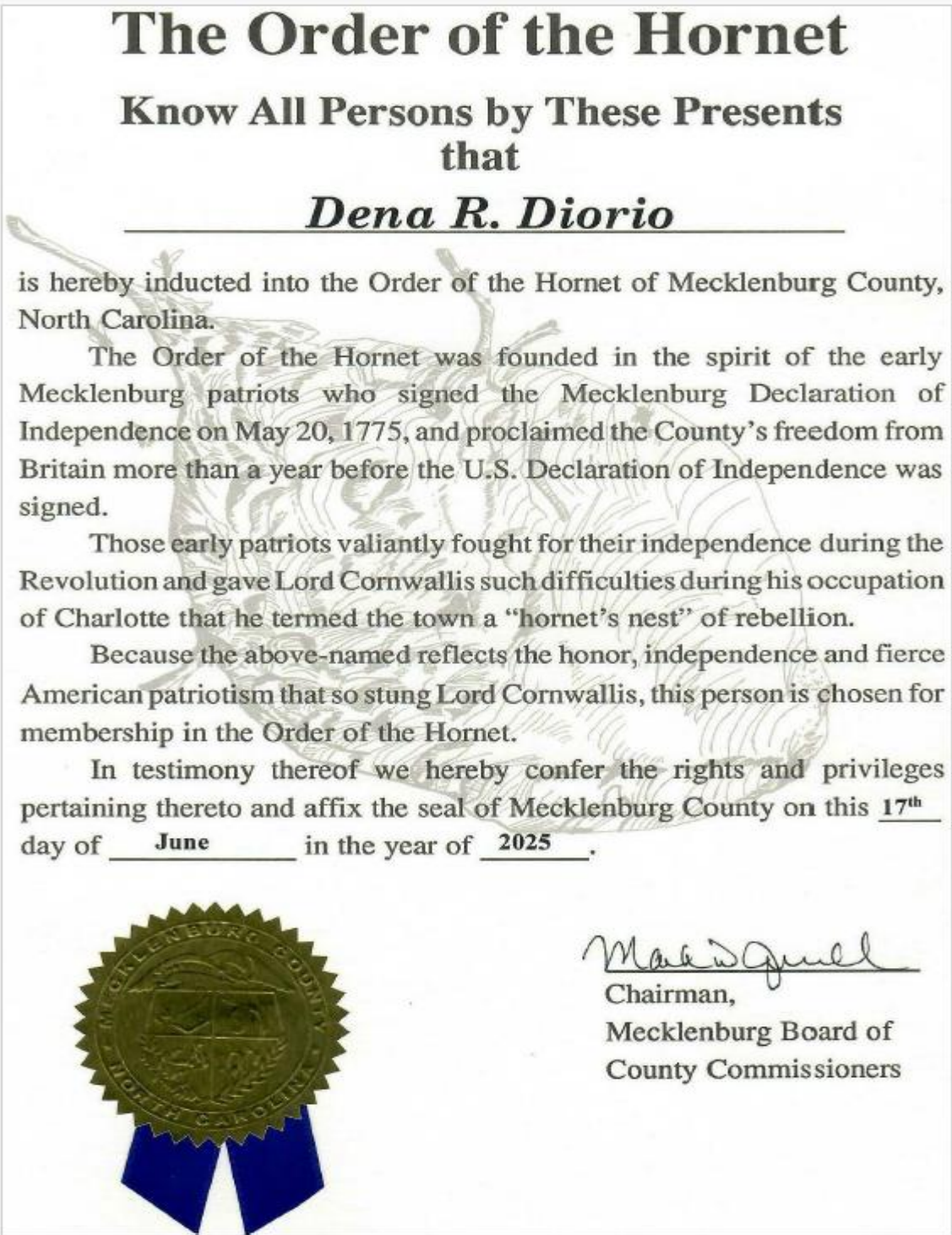
*In 2024, Diorio received the Gem Award from the Charlotte Museum of History for her support in saving and revitalizing the last still-standing Siloam School in the County which was built to educate black children. Diorio was also recognized in 2024 for her work to support formerly incarcerated residents.*

*In 2025, Dena received the Root Award from the Growing the Dream organization for her cumulative work to serve and support the African American community. She was noted for being a “root” in the efforts to improve lives. She also received the Excellence in Leadership Award from the Rotary Club of Charlotte for her guidance of the County through natural disasters, a cyber-attack, and the pandemic as well as maintaining fiscal strength and stability. Dena received the Vision Award from Charlotte Center City Partners recognizing her transformational leadership.*

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Powell, and unanimously carried, to induct County Manager Dena R. Diorio into the Mecklenburg County Order of the Hornet, the highest honor bestowed by the Board.

The Commissioners gave remarks regarding outgoing County Manager Dena Diorio.

County Manager Dena Diorio accepted the Order of the Hornet and gave remarks.



**ARTS & CULTURE MOMENT**

**25-0371      ARTS & CULTURE MOMENT**

The Board received a presentation on a “Culture Blocks” program called “Dance Without Limits”.

*Background: On January 5, 2021, the Board of County Commissioners approved the addition of an agenda topic to the second Regular meeting of the month entitled Public Art Moment in partnership with ASC. The purpose of this item was to raise public awareness and appreciation for the Mecklenburg County tax dollars that are spent on enriching lives through support of public art. On June 3, the Board approved 1) a name change from "Public Art Moment" to "Arts & Culture Moment" and 2) Expanding content to include, among other things, community supported arts and science cultural programming and cultural educational programs for school.*

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*This month’s Arts & Culture Moment features a “Culture Blocks” program called “Dance Without Limits”.*

*Culture Blocks is a community programming model administered by the Arts & Science Council and funded by Mecklenburg County. The program engages creative individuals and organizations with a primary mission of arts, science, and/or history to present programs in ten specific geographic areas.*

Commissioner Susan Rodriguez-McDowell gave the presentation.

# “Dance Without Limits”

A Culture Blocks Program  
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Library System  
Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation  
ASC

## CULTUREBLOCKS



a community partnership with



Mecklenburg County  
Park and Recreation

CHARLOTTE MECKLENBURG  
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DANCE WITHOUT LIMITS



David B. Waymer Recreation Center

14008 Holbrooks Rd. Huntersville, NC 28078

TUES | FEB 4 - JUNE 10, 2025 | 10:00 - 11:00 AM

REGISTER NOW @ 704-221-4787

CULTUREBLOCKS



FREE

DANCE WITHOUT LIMITS



Crews Recreation Center

1201 Crews Rd. Matthews, NC 28105

FRI | FEB 7 - JUNE 13, 2025 | 10:00 - 11:00 AM

REGISTER NOW @ 704-221-4787

CULTUREBLOCKS



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**PUBLIC APPEARANCE**

**25-0386 PUBLIC APPEARANCE**

The following persons appeared to speak during the Public Appearance portion of the agenda:

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| 1. Sylvia Stitt Smith | Gun Violence Proclamation             |
| 2. Nicholas Maynard   | Campus EMS at UNC Charlotte           |
| 3. Davida Ogbar       | Starting a campus-based EMS unit      |
| 4. Zihui Qiu          | UNC Charlotte’s Campus EMS Initiative |
| 5. Nicholas Maynard   | Charlotte Campus EMS Initiative       |
| 6. Kaustubh Tiwari    | Charlotte Campus EMS Initiative       |

**APPOINTMENTS**

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### **25-0364 APPOINTMENTS – JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL**

Motion was made by Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Meier, and unanimously carried, to reappoint Tom Barnett, Robert Collier, Jessica Foster, Darrell Gregory, Kimberly James-Williams, and Roshouny Johnson on the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council for six (6) two-year terms expiring June 30, 2027, effective July 1, 2025. Tom Barnett, Robert Collier, Jessica Foster, Darrell Gregory, Kimberly James-Williams, and Roshouny Johnson are eligible for reappointment.

The following were nominated to fill three (3) two-year terms expiring June 30, 2027, on the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council:

Aida Alcala – Commissioner Townsend-Ingram  
Caneshia Cannon – Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell  
Stephanie Frempong – Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell  
Aquill Nicholson – Commissioner Dunlap  
Tavia Tubbs – Commissioner Townsend-Ingram  
William Vasquez – Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell

### **25-0368 APPOINTMENTS – PUBLIC ART COMMISSION**

Motion was made by Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Meier, and unanimously carried, to nominate/appoint Erin Taylor, on the Public Art Commission for one (1) three-year term expiring June 30, 2028, effective July 1, 2025, Community representative slot.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **25-0352 AMEND MINOR STORM WATER FEES FOR THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE, THE TOWN OF MATTHEWS, AND THE TOWN OF MINT HILL.**

Motion was made by Commissioner Dunlap, seconded by Commissioner Powell, and unanimously carried, to open public hearing for comments on proposed amendments to the Minor System components of Storm Water fees for the City of Charlotte, the Town of Matthews, and the Town of Mint Hill.

*Background: In 1994, the County implemented a Storm Water fee to fund the administration of storm water management programs to improve water quality, reduce flood losses and repair and or maintain the storm drainage system.*

*Minor System Component for municipal jurisdictions: By Interlocal Agreement, the minor system of the storm water system is defined as ditches, swales, pipes, etc. that drain less than 1 square mile and is the responsibility of the City inside the City limits and each Town inside the town limits. The revenue generated from the minor system component of the storm water fee charged within each municipal jurisdiction is returned to that jurisdiction to fund their storm water management programs.*

*To address the substantial increase in unfunded projects and citizen's requests, projects in the right of way and aging infrastructure, the City of Charlotte, the Town of Matthews and the Town of Mint Hill proposes a change to the minor system component of the Storm Water fee.*

*The changes that have been approved or still under consideration are as follows:*

*City of Charlotte:*



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*Tier I: \$ 6.88 to \$7.34, per month*

*Tier II: \$ 10.15 to \$10.82, per month*

*Tier III: \$ 15 to \$16.00, per month*

*Tier IV: \$ 24.81 to \$26.46, per month*

*Commercial: \$179.07 to \$190.98, per acre of impervious acre*

### *Town of Matthews:*

*Tier I: \$1.67 to \$2.69 per month*

*Tier II: \$ 2.58 to \$4.16 per month*

*Tier III: \$3.64 to \$5.87 per month*

*Tier IV: \$ 5.98 to \$9.64 per month*

*Commercial: \$43.56 to \$70.22, per acre of impervious acre*

### *Town of Mint Hill*

*Tier I: No Change*

*Tier II: No Change*

*Tier III: No Change*

*Tier IV: No Change*

*Commercial: \$46 to \$50, per acre of impervious acre*

*Public Hearing Request: As part of the City and Town's budgeting processes, the City and Towns have already approved or are considering changes to their minor system rates. The County's public hearing will provide interested parties an opportunity to comment to the Board of County Commissioners on changes to the minor system components of the Storm Water fee for those properties located in the City of Charlotte, the Town of Matthews, and the Town of Mint Hill. Each municipality either has or will conduct their own public hearing prior to altering their minor system component of the fee.*

*MCSWS requests a public hearing be conducted in accordance with the Storm Water Management Interlocal Agreement and State law for considering such increases. The public hearing will provide interested parties an opportunity to comment to the Board of County Commissioners on the proposed changes.*

*The Board of County Commissioners should not take any action in the adoption of the City and Towns minor system fees until requested or informed otherwise by the City and Towns.*

*On February 20, 2025, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Storm Water Advisory Committee (SWAC) voted on the City's FY26 Operating and Capital budgets, which included a request for a fee increase, and forwarded its recommendations to the City Manager and City Council.*

There were no speakers for this portion of the meeting.

Motion was made by Commissioner Dunlap, seconded by Commissioner Meier, and unanimously carried, to close public hearing for comments on proposed amendments to the Minor System components of Storm Water fees for the City of Charlotte, the Town of Matthews, and the Town of Mint Hill and adopt Resolutions Authorizing Amending Minor System Fees for The City of Charlotte, the Town of Matthews, and the Town of Mint Hill.

MECKLENBURG COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDING MINOR SYSTEM FEES FOR THE TOWN OF MINT HILL

**WHEREAS**, on May 17, 1993, the Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners adopted the “Mecklenburg County Storm Water Management Plan” which sets forth guiding principles and a financial plan for the operation of the comprehensive storm water management program in Mecklenburg County, which plan requires use of a rate structure based on impervious area and a base charge for fixed and administrative costs sufficient to cover such costs; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 1, 1993, Mecklenburg County, the City of Charlotte and the Towns entered into “AGREEMENT FOR OPERATION OF A SINGLE STORM WATER SYSTEM IN MECKLENBURG COUNTY” (hereinafter “Agreement”) to deal with the operation and maintenance of the storm water drainage system within the incorporated limits of the City and surrounding Towns; and

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing was held by the Town of Mint Hill on May 8, 2025 on amending the minor system component of the storm water service charges to be levied on properties within the Town of Mint Hill; and

**WHEREAS**, Mecklenburg County received notification from the Town Manager for Mint Hill to amend the minor system cost component of the storm water service charge to be levied on properties within the Town of Mint Hill; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 5(iii) of the Agreement requires that the Board of Commissioners alter the minor system cost component of the service charge to be levied within the Town of Mint Hill to such amounts as determined by the Town Council; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of Mecklenburg County that effective July 1, 2025, the minor system component of the storm water service charge to be levied on properties within the Town of Mint Hill, are as follows:

Town of Mint Hill

- \$1.35 per month for detached single family properties with 1,999 square feet or less of impervious area (Tier I)
- \$2.00 per month for detached single family properties with 2,000 but less than 2,999 square feet of impervious area (Tier II)
- \$3.09 per month for detached single family properties with 3,000 but less than 4,999 square feet of impervious area (Tier III)
- \$5.20 per month for detached single family properties with 5,000 or more square feet of impervious area (Tier IV)
- \$50.00 per month for each acre of impervious surfaces for all other properties, and a prorata share of each portion thereof.

Approved as to form:

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County Attorney

CERTIFICATION

I, Kristine Smith, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners of Mecklenburg County, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners, in regular session convened on the 17th day of June 2025.

WITNESS my hand and the common seal of the County of Mecklenburg, North Carolina, this the 17th day of June 2025.

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Kristine Smith, Clerk to the Board

**Resolution recorded in full in Ordinance Book 54, Document #53.**

MECKLENBURG COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDING MINOR SYSTEM FEES FOR THE TOWN OF MATTHEWS

**WHEREAS**, on May 17, 1993, the Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners adopted the “Mecklenburg County Storm Water Management Plan” which sets forth guiding principles and a financial plan for the operation of the comprehensive storm water management program in Mecklenburg County, which plan requires use of a rate structure based on impervious area and a base charge for fixed and administrative costs sufficient to cover such costs; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 1, 1993, Mecklenburg County, the City of Charlotte and the Towns entered into “AGREEMENT FOR OPERATION OF A SINGLE STORM WATER SYSTEM IN MECKLENBURG COUNTY” (hereinafter “Agreement”) to deal with the operation and maintenance of the storm water drainage system within the incorporated limits of the City and surrounding Towns; and

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing was held by the Town of Matthews on May 27, 2025, on amending the minor system component of the storm water service charges to be levied on properties within the Town of Matthews; and

**WHEREAS**, Mecklenburg County received notification from the Town Manager for Matthews to amend the minor system cost component of the storm water service charge to be levied on properties within the Town of Matthews; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 5(iii) of the Agreement requires that the Board of Commissioners alter the minor system cost component of the service charge to be levied within the Town of Matthews to such amounts as determined by the City Council and Town Councils; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of Mecklenburg County that effective July 1, 2025, the minor system component of the storm water service charge to be levied on properties within the Town of Matthews, are as follows:

Town of Matthews

- \$ 2.69 per month for detached single family properties with 1,999 square feet or less of impervious area (Tier I)
- \$ 4.16 per month for detached single family properties with 2,000 but less than 2,999 square feet of impervious area (Tier II)
- \$ 5.87 per month for detached single family properties with 3,000 but less than 4,999 square feet of impervious area (Tier III)
- \$ 9.64 per month for detached single family properties with 5,000 or more square feet of impervious area (Tier IV)
- \$70.22 per month for each acre of impervious surfaces for all other properties, and a prorata share of each portion thereof.

Approved as to form:

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County Attorney

CERTIFICATION

I, Kristine Smith, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners of Mecklenburg County, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners, in regular session convened on the 17th day of June 2025.

WITNESS my hand and the common seal of the County of Mecklenburg, North Carolina, this the 17th day of June 2025.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Kristine Smith, Clerk to the Board

**Resolution recorded in full in Ordinance Book 54, Document #54.**

MECKLENBURG COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDING MINOR SYSTEM STORM WATER FEES FOR  
THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE

**WHEREAS**, on May 17, 1993, the Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners adopted the “Mecklenburg County Storm Water Management Plan” which sets forth guiding principles and a financial plan for the operation of the comprehensive storm water management program in Mecklenburg County, which plan requires use of a rate structure based on impervious area and a base charge for fixed and administrative costs sufficient to cover such costs; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 1, 1993, Mecklenburg County, the City of Charlotte and the Towns entered into “AGREEMENT FOR OPERATION OF A SINGLE STORM WATER SYSTEM IN MECKLENBURG COUNTY” (hereinafter “Agreement”) to deal with the operation and maintenance of the storm water drainage system within the incorporated limits of the City and surrounding Towns; and

**WHEREAS**, public hearings were held by City of Charlotte (May 15, 2025), on amending the minor system component of the storm water service charges to be levied on properties within the City of Charlotte; and

**WHEREAS**, Mecklenburg County received notification from the City Manager to amend the minor system cost component of the storm water service charge to be levied on properties within the City of Charlotte; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 5(iii) of the Agreement requires that the Board of Commissioners alter the minor system cost component of the service charge to be levied within the City to such amounts as determined by the City Council; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of Mecklenburg County that effective July 1, 2025 the minor system component of the storm water service charge to be levied on properties within the City of Charlotte, are as follows:

The City of Charlotte

- \$7.34 per month for detached single family properties with 1,999 square feet or less of impervious area (Tier I)
- \$10.82 per month for detached single family properties with 2,000 but less than 2,999 square feet of impervious area (Tier II)
- \$16.00 per month for detached single family properties with 3,000 but less than 4,999 square feet of impervious area (Tier III)
- \$26.46 per month for detached single family properties with 5,000 or more square feet of impervious area (Tier IV)
- \$190.98 per month for each acre of impervious surfaces for all other properties, and a prorata share of each portion thereof.

Approved as to form:

Tyrone Wade, County Attorney

CERTIFICATION

I, Kristine Smith, Interim Clerk to the Board of Commissioners of Mecklenburg County, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners, in regular session convened on the 17th day of June 2024.

WITNESS my hand and the common seal of the County of Mecklenburg, North Carolina, this the 17th day of June 2025.

Kristine M. Smith, Clerk to the Board

Resolution recorded in full in Ordinance Book 54, Document #55.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS

25-0365 ADULT CARE HOME COMMUNITY/NURSING HOME COMMUNITY ADVISORY  
COMMITTEES-ANNUAL REPORT.

The Board received an Annual Report of the Adult Care Home Community/Nursing Home Community Advisory Committees.



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Rochelle McIver, Regional Ombudsman/ Mecklenburg County Adult Care Homes  
Hillary Kaylor, Regional Ombudsman/ Mecklenburg County Nursing Homes

*Background: The Board's Appointment Policy states all Committees must report at least annually to the Board of County Commissioners on their activities. Reports can be submitted to the Clerk to the Board for distribution to the Board in writing or for formal presentation at a Regular Board Meeting.*

The Board received an Annual Report of the Adult Care Home Community/Nursing Home Community Advisory Committees.

Rochelle McIver, Regional Ombudsman/ Mecklenburg County Adult Care Homes  
Hillary Kaylor, Regional Ombudsman/ Mecklenburg County Nursing Homes and Robert Bruton, member of the Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee gave the presentation.

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Ms. Kaylor gave a review of the annual report.

She said there were less members since covid. She said there was a state initiative and put advertisements on social media for recruitment.

She said there were changes in closures and ownerships in facilities across the county.

She said 5<sup>th</sup> year in Mecklenburg County Hero Award. This award was for a staff in nursing homes that were outstanding and provided excellent patient care and resident care.

She stated that Mr. Burton was also a member of Friends of Residents, which was a state systemic advocacy group for older adults and people living in long-term settings.

She talked about transparency in nursing homes and ownership and making sure people know where those dollars go and how it worked.

She said the group had two opportunities in the past year to meet with Senator Caleb Theodoros and Representative Jordan Lopez to talk about transparency.

She said there were several new family care homes across the community which were small, assisted living type facilities that were six people or less.

She said they were continuing to educate the community in what they needed to know.

She discussed the federal changes and were keeping an eye on the ombudsman program. She said there was a bill in North Carolina asking for more ombudsmen.

He said private equity firms were buying nursing homes and owned their own commissary staffing company/pharmacy and would contract through their own organizations and didn't show on a report.

Mr. Burton asked the Board to lead the NCACC in meeting four of their goals, which was advocacy, member services, collaboration and strengthening the county by recommending required transparency of ownership of nursing homes, a consolidated financial report, and required State audit to see where with Medicaid and Medicare money was being spent to ensure the money was being spent properly.

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Commissioner Dunlap asked if the members of the committees provided service to the family care homes as well. Ms. Kaylor said yes, the requirement for a regular visitation was 4 times a year, family care homes was once a year.

Commissioner Dunlap asked when they did investigations if there was any difference in the care given in regular facilities versus those in home care facilities, small versus larger facilities. Ms. Kaylor said the staffing ratio in family care comes was more manageable.

Commissioner Townsend-Ingram said she would advocate on their behalf. She thanked them for that they do.

Commissioner Powell thanked the presenters and said it was important emphasis how urgent it was. She said was concerned where they looked at a facility where family members were paying a significant amount of money for their loved ones to be cared for in some situations that were sometimes worse than prison and don't know the process of make a complaint because of the difficulty of the process. She said the authority was with the state and the stated needed to do better. Ms. Kaylor said one of goals was to make it easier to access information and make a complaint.

Commissioner Powell stated the need to get more members on the committees.

Commissioner Griffin thanked Ms. Kaylor for her continued service. He said they needed to find a path forward. He said may they could explore legal avenues to provide something where people could get a response where facilities obligations were concerned and get them comply to comply. He said he was concerned about senior citizens being at risk.

Commissioner Griffin said maybe the Board could look into increasing the stipend in the next budget cycle to help get more volunteers.

Commissioner Leake asked how often they visited the facilities. Ms. Kaylor said the members visited quarterly and she and Rochelle McIver visited also visited on a quarterly basis but would also go if there was a complaint or concern which ended up being approximately 3-4 times a week for her and Ms. McIver.

Commissioner Leake said when you go to the facilities, they weren't kept clean and weren't able to hire quality staff.

Ms. Kaylor said there were five ombudsmen that covered nine counties.

Commissioner Leake asked if Ms. Kaylor worked for the state. Ms. Kaylor said she work for the Area Agency on Aging which was a mixture of Older Americans Act funding, which was state and federal dollars.

Commissioner Meier asked where the County's responsibilities lie. She asked what the County could do. Incoming County Manager Bryant said the counties in North Carolina did not have regulatory authority or jurisdiction over nursing homes, that it was a state function.

Commissioner Meier said the Commissioners could reach their networks and advertise how badly members were needed on those committees.

Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell said she was adding up the number and it looked like a little over 7,000 beds. She asked how many beds there should be in a county the size of Mecklenburg. Ms. Kaylor said the federal standard was one ombudsman to 2000 residents although they both

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had over 3600 which did not meet the national standard. She said there was legislation at the state level to increase that number.

Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell asked how short they were. Ms. Kaylor said they were short 10 – 12 ombudsmen across the whole state to be able to do the job with the quality needed. Ms. Kaylor said they didn't have a problem with how many beds they had as most facilities are not 100 percent full. She said Mecklenburg County had plenty of beds and space in nursing homes and assisted living with opportunity.

Mr. Bruton said BB said 60% that ended up in the nursing homes did not have family members come visit them.

Commissioner Altman thanked them. She asked about cost. Ms. Kaylor said it could cost anywhere from \$8-12K a month which was normal for nursing home or assisted living private pay care. She said a lot were on Medicaid.

Commissioner Altman asked if there was a way to search a facility by typing into a website. Ms. Kaylor said for nursing homes someone could go to medicare.gov and for assisted living they could call her or the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services.

Commissioner Altman asked that that information be added to the County's website.

Chair Jerrell asked about who paid out the stipend. He said it currently amounted to under \$23K a year. He said seniors were one of the Board's priorities and asked Incoming Manager Bryant to look into this and look at stipends across the country. He said they needed to incentivize people to become members of the advisory boards.

## **MANAGER'S REPORT**

### **25-0381 MECKACTS RECIPIENT RECOGNITION**

The Board recognized Jonathan Beller, Gregory Harvey, Morgan Snead, and Lindsey Williford who exemplified the County's Core Values and Competencies.

Michael Bryant, Incoming County Manager, gave the presentation.

*Background: These individuals were nominated by their peers for their outstanding contributions to instilling the values and competencies of the County.*

## **DEPARTMENTAL DIRECTORS' MONTHLY REPORTS**

### **25-0372 DEPARTMENT MANAGEMENT MONTHLY REPORTS**

The Board received as information the department directors' monthly management reports. The monthly management reports can be accessed online via public dashboards at:

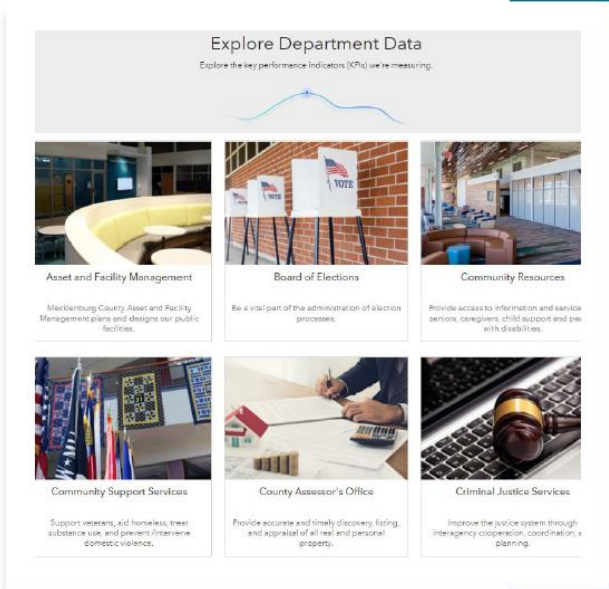
<https://meck.co/DataDashboard>

*Background: The County Manager has requested department directors develop department management monthly reports highlighting key activities and initiatives within the departments and that reports show relevant performance indicators of departmental activity.*

## Department Management Monthly Reports

Beginning in Fiscal Year 2023, the Department Management Monthly Reports transitioned to a public-facing dashboard.

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### STAFF REPORTS & REQUESTS – N/A

### COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORTS & REQUESTS

#### **25-0380      SELECTION OF NACO VOTING DELEGATE**

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Powell, and unanimously carried, to appoint Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell as the County's voting delegate and Commissioner Townsend-Ingram to serve as its alternate for the 2025 National Association of Counties (NACo) Annual Conference to be held July 11- 14 in Philadelphia County, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

*Background: To participate in policy adoption decisions, the Board must officially select someone to serve as the County's voting delegate. If for some reason the Board's representative is unable to attend or do not pick up the County's ballot, it is permissible for a county to allow officials from its state association to serve as the voting delegate. Voting delegates and proxies decide all business, motions and the election of officers during the annual business meeting.*

*The 2025 National Association of Counties (NACo) Annual Conference will be held July 11-14, 2025, in Philadelphia County, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania at the Philadelphia Convention Center.*

### **CONSENT ITEMS**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Dunlap, seconded by Commissioner Powell, and unanimously carried, to approve the following item(s):**

#### **25-0340      FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 HOME AND COMMUNITY CARE BLOCK GRANT (HCCBG)**

Approve the Department of Child, Family, and Adult Services Home and Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG) total funding plan request of \$4,570,884 for fiscal Year 2025 - 2026 with a required match of \$507,876 to provide services for In-Home Aide Services, Transportation Services,



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*Background: Annually, the Department of Child, Family, and Adult Services submits for Board approval the Home and Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG) funding plan. Board approval is required prior to submission to Centralina Council of Governments (CCOG), the local grant authority. The following services are provided with this grant: In-Home Aide Services, Transportation Services, Congregate Meals, Home Delivered Meals, Senior Center Operations, and Adult Day Care/Day Health. The total funding plan request is \$4,570,884 with a required match of \$507,876 that includes two senior centers who receive funds directly from COG. The match is included in the fiscal year 2025 - 2026 budget. Mecklenburg County is the lead agency for the HCCBG and facilitates the submittal of the funding plan, due to the Board of County Commissioners required approval. The two external Levine Senior Centers are grantees and included in the block grant funding plan.*

Signature, Chairman, Board of Commissioners \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Mecklenburg County DSS			Home and Community Care Block Grant for Older Adults										DAAS-732 County: MECKLENBURG	
301 Brimley Road Charlotte, NC 28211			County Funding Plan										Budget Period: July 2025 through June 2026	
			Provider Services Summary										Revision #: Date: 9/20/2025	
Services	Spec Delivery		A				B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
	(Cross Out)		Block Grant Funding				Required Local Match	Net Service Cost	NSIP Subsidy	Total Funding	Projected HCBCB Units	Projected Reimburse Rate	Projected HCBCB Credits	Projected Total Units
	Days	Revenue	Access	In-Home	Over	Total								
Senior Center Operation	X	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$125,443	\$ -	\$125,443	\$13,938	\$139,381	\$ -	\$139,381	\$ -	-	-
Transportation (General)	X	\$328,375	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$328,375	\$36,496	\$364,867	\$ -	\$364,867	6,598	\$55,2987	320	22,500
Adult Day Care	X	\$ -	\$ -	\$6,060	\$ -	\$6,060	\$773	\$6,733	\$ -	\$6,733	89	\$75,6517	1	89
Adult Day Health	X	\$ -	\$ -	\$964,596	\$ -	\$964,596	\$107,177	\$1,071,773	\$ -	\$1,071,773	12,758	\$84,0050	51	\$3,725
Adult Day Health Transportation	X	\$ -	\$ -	\$22,785	\$ -	\$22,785	\$2,532	\$25,317	\$ -	\$25,317	7,233	\$3,9002	10	7,233
In-Home/Rural Level I - Home Management	X	\$ -	\$ -	\$35,245	\$ -	\$35,245	\$3,916	\$39,161	\$ -	\$39,161	1,305	\$30,0084	3	1,305
Consumer Directed Personal Assistant	X	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	-
Consumer Directed Financial Management	X	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	-
In-Home/Rural Level II - Personal Care	X	\$ -	\$ -	\$1,631,885	\$ -	\$1,631,885	\$181,321	\$1,813,206	\$ -	\$1,813,206	60,430	\$30,0050	86	171,300
In-Home/Rural Level III - Personal Care	X	\$ -	\$ -	\$97,745	\$ -	\$97,745	\$10,867	\$108,606	\$ -	\$108,606	3,620	\$30,0019	5	6,897
Congregate Nutrition	X	\$ -	\$ -	\$583,082	\$ -	\$583,082	\$64,786	\$647,869	\$116,000	\$763,869	47,233	\$15,3247	520	145,000
Home Delivered Meals	X	\$ -	\$ -	\$608,410	\$ -	\$608,410	\$67,601	\$676,011	\$228,000	\$904,011	70,757	\$9,5539	1,160	285,000
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Certification of required minimum local match availability.														
Required local match will be expended simultaneously with Block Grant Funding.														
Authorized Signature, Title Community Service Provider														
Date														
Signature, County Finance Officer														
Date														
Signature, Chairman, Board of Commissioners														
Date														

Levine Senior Center

1050 Del/ore Lane

Matthews, NC 28105

Home and Community Care/Block Grant for Older Adults

County Funding Plan

Provider Services Summary

DAAS-732

County: MECKLENBURG

Budget Period: July 2025 through June 2026

Revision #: Date:

Services	Serv. Delivery		A				B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
	(Check One)		Block Grant Funding				Required Local Match	Net Service Cost	NSIP Subsidy	Total Funding	Projected HCCBG Units	Projected Reimburse Rate	Projected HCCBG Clients	Projected Total Units
	Direct	Purchase	Access	In-Home	Other	Total								
Senior Center Operation			\$ -	\$ -	\$ 125,443	\$ 125,443	\$ 13,938	\$ 139,381	\$ -	\$ 139,381	-	\$ -	-	-
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***Resolution recorded in full in Ordinance Book 54, Document #58.***

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***Resolution recorded in full in Ordinance Book 54, Document #59.***

**25-0346      MCDOWELL CREEK GREENWAY PERMANENT EASEMENT AND ACCESS EASEMENT**

Accept donation of a Permanent Greenway Easement (+/- 2.142 acres) and a 40' Access Easement on a portion of Tax Parcel 015-066-45 from The Pines at McIlwaine Homeowners Association Inc. needed for construction of a portion of the McDowell Creek Greenway.

*Background: Park and Recreation is requesting approval to accept donation of a Permanent Greenway Easement (+/- 2.142 acres) and 40' Access Easement for trail access from The Pines at McIlwaine Homeowners Association Inc. on the McDowell Creek Greenway (a portion of Tax Parcel 015-066-45) in the Town of Huntersville. The donation will support McDowell Creek Greenway, a FY 2024 funded Capital Improvement Plan project, as well as future improvements by Mecklenburg County Storm Water Services.*

*The donation is consistent with Park and Recreation's Greenway Master Plan that calls for the addition of parkland, greenway and open space within the County. It is also consistent with the County's Environmental Leadership Action Plan.*

**25-0347      RAMAH CREEK GREENWAY LAND AND ACCESS EASEMENT DONATION**

Accept donation of Tax Parcel 011-242-46 (+/- 0.999 acres) and Access Easement (+/- 0.630 acres) for future Ramah Creek Greenway.

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*Background: The subject property owner, Camden Bowman, LLC, has proposed to donate Tax Parcel 011-242-46 (+/- 0.999 acres) and an Access Easement (+/- 0.630 acres) for future Ramah Creek Greenway in Huntersville required for rezoning purposes.*

*The Donation by Camden Bowman, LLC will allow the County to construct an expansion of the future greenway in this area and provide access for the residents in the Camden Subdivision.*

*The donation is consistent with Park and Recreation's Greenway Master Plan that calls for the addition of parkland, greenway and open space within the County. It is also consistent with the County's Environmental Leadership Action Plan.*

### **25-0355          CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT – HWY – 16 PARK AND RECREATION ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE BUILDING SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC PANEL INSTALLATION**

Award a construction contract to Miles-McClellan Construction Company, Inc., in the amount of \$1,298,500.00 for the Hwy-16 Administration Office Building-Solar Photovoltaic Panel Installation.

*Background: This project is for the installation of solar photovoltaic panels at the Hwy-16 Park and Recreation Administrative Office Building, located at 5841 Brookshire Blvd. These photovoltaic panels will generate electricity for the facility, thereby reducing the facility's carbon footprint. This project is part of the County's Environmental Leadership Action Plan initiative to achieve net-zero carbon by 2035.*

### **25-0358          TAX REFUNDS**

Approve refunds in the amount of \$5,185.61 for registered motor vehicles as statutorily required to be paid as requested by the County Assessor; and

Approve refunds in the amount of \$7,585.30 as statutorily required to be paid as requested by the County Assessor.

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

*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 added to refunds of \$7,585.30. The total refund with no interest added is \$7,585.30.*

### **25-0360          FY25-26 LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT CONSULTANT TEAM SELECTION**

Adopt and approve a corrected Landscape Architect Consultant Team Selection listing for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 & 2026 Mecklenburg County Park & Greenway Projects.

*Background: Per Consent Agenda Item 24-0608 (attached), which was approved by the BOCC on November 6, 2024, multiple consulting firms were selected and approved to provide professional services on certain Park & Recreation Capital Projects. However, it was recently discovered that due to a clerical error the listing for the firms assigned to two separate Irwin Creek Greenway projects was incorrect. The corrected list, as approved by the selection committee, and the original list as approved by the Board are both attached. This Board Action is needed to correct the clerical error.*



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**CORRECTED APPROVED LIST (see highlighted projects):**

Project/Project Grouping	Selected Firm	Alternate Firm
McDowell Creek Greenway	VHB Engineering	Pond & Company
McMullen Creek Greenway	Kimley-Horn	LandDesign Inc.
McAlpine Creek Greenway	Kimley-Horn	LandDesign Inc.
Four Mile Creek Greenway	Dewberry Engineers	VHB Engineering
Irwin Creek Greenway @ Clanton	<del>LandDesign Inc.</del> <b>McAdams</b>	<del>McAdams Company</del> <b>Kimley Horn</b>
Irwin Creek Greenway @ Hamilton	<del>McAdams Company</del> <b>LandDesign</b>	<del>Kimley Horn</del> <b>McAdams</b>
LSC Greenway - Pine Valley	Pond & Company	Dewberry Engineers
Bryant Park	LandDesign Inc.	Bolton & Menk
MLK Park	Bolton & Menk	LandDesign Inc.
Grier Heights Park	Stimmel Associates	Design Workshop
Rozelles Ferry & Haymarket Nature Preserve	LandWorks Design Group	Stimmel Associates
Berryhill Nature Preserve	Design Workshop	LandWorks Design Group
Waymer Park	Bolton & Menk	Landworks Design Group
Kilborne Park	Pond & Company	V3 Southeast
Nevin Park	LandWorks Design Group	Bolton & Menk
Colonel Francis Beatty Park	Bolton & Menk	LandWorks Design Group
Sugaw Creek Park	V3 Southeast	Pond & Company
Shuffletown Park	SHLA	Progressive
Renaissance Park	Progressive AE	SHLA
Idlewild Rd. Park	Progressive AE	SHLA
Robert L Smith Park	Alfred Benesch & Company	Kimley-Horn
Pickleball Courts (combined)	Kimley-Horn	Alfred Benesch & Company
Park Connections (combined)	LaBella Associates	Pond & Company
Spraygrounds (combined)	LandWorks Design Group	Timmons Group
Dog Parks (combined)	Timmons Group	LandWorks Design Group

Attachment of Item #25-0360



Mecklenburg County

600 East Fourth Street  
Charlotte, NC 28202

Legislation Text

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Landscape Architect Consultant Team Selection - Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 & 2026 Mecklenburg County Park & Greenway Projects

**ACTION:**

Authorize the County Manager to negotiate fees and terms and conditions to execute contracts with selected firms for Landscape Architectural/Engineering Services for FY25 & FY26 Mecklenburg County Park & Greenway Projects and in the event negotiations with any of the firms are unsuccessful, approve negotiations with the alternate firm.

**Staff Contact:** Jennifer Brooks, PLA, ASLA, Project Manager, Asset and Facility Management

**Presentation:** No

**BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION:**

Mecklenburg County has the need to select and contract with professional design firms for the design of the following capital projects funded in FY25 & FY26:

Greenways:

McDowell Creek Greenway - Stratford Forest Connector  
McMullen Creek Greenway - Reinvestment  
McAlpine Creek Greenway - Reinvestment  
Four Mile Creek Greenway - White Oak Connector  
Irwin Creek Greenway @ Clanton Rd.  
Irwin Creek Greenway @ Hamilton  
LSC Greenway - Pine Valley Connector

Park Development/Renovation:

Bryant Park  
MLK Park  
Grier Heights Park  
Rozelles Ferry & Haymarket Nature Preserve  
Berryhill Nature Preserve  
Waymer Park  
Kilborne Park  
Nevin Park

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Colonel Francis Beatty Park  
Sugaw Creek Park  
Shuffletown Park  
Renaissance Park  
Idlewild Rd. Park  
Robert L. Smith Park

Added Amenities at Multiple Combined Sites:

Pickleball Courts (combined)  
Park Connections (combined)  
Spraygrounds (combined)  
Dog Parks (combined)

**PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND:**

A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was advertised on May 2, 2024, in the Charlotte Observer, the Charlotte Post, the GreaterDiversity.com newsletter, and the State of North Carolina Interactive Purchasing System web site. The selection of the consulting firms followed NC General Statute 143-64.31, which prescribes a qualifications-based selection process.

Per the Board's instructions, the Selection Committee submits the following report:

**SELECTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

George Dunlap, County Commissioner  
Laura Meier, County Commissioner  
Leslie Johnson, Deputy County Manager  
Bert Lynn, Division Director, Park and Recreation Capital Planning  
Mark Hahn, Department Director, AFM  
Carl Godman, General Contractor Appointed by BOCC

Twenty (20) firms (listed below) submitted a Statement of Qualifications expressing an interest in the projects.

Alfred Benesch & Company  
Bolton & Menk  
Design Workshop  
Dewberry Engineers  
ESP Associates  
Kimley-Horn  
LaBella Associates  
LandDesign Inc.  
LandWorks Design Group  
McAdams Company  
McGill Associates  
Pond & Company  
Progressive AE  
Site Collaborative

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Stimmel Associates  
Susan Hatchell Landscape Architecture  
Timmons Group  
Urban Design Partners  
VHB Engineering  
V3 Southeast (formerly BLOC)

On July 10, 2024, a shortlist selection committee composed of staff from the Park and Recreation and Asset and Facility Management departments short listed a total of 16 firms (listed below).

Alfred Benesch & Company  
Bolton & Menk  
Design Workshop  
Dewberry Engineers  
Kimley-Horn  
Labella Associates  
LandDesign Inc.  
LandWorks Design Group  
McAdams Company  
Pond & Company  
Progressive AE  
Stimmel Associates  
Susan Hatchell Landscape Architecture (SHLA)  
Timmons Group  
VHB Engineering  
V3 Southeast (formerly BLOC)

Based on a staff presentation and the information provided in the written submittals, the Selection Committee selected the following firms and alternates for the respective projects shown:

Project/Project Grouping	Selected Firm	Alternate Firm
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McAlpine Creek Greenway	Kimley-Horn	LandDesign Inc.
Four Mile Creek Greenway	Dewberry Engineers	VHB Engineering
Irwin Creek Greenway @ Clanton	LandDesign Inc.	McAdams Company
Irwin Creek Greenway @ Hamilton	McAdams Company	Kimley-Horn
LSC Greenway - Pine Valley	Pond & Company	Dewberry Engineers
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Berryhill Nature Preserve	Design Workshop	LandWorks Design Group
Waymer Park	Bolton & Menk	Landworks Design Group
Kilborne Park	Pond & Company	V3 Southeast
Nevin Park	LandWorks Design Group	Bolton & Menk
Colonel Francis Beatty Park	Bolton & Menk	LandWorks Design Group
Sugaw Creek Park	V3 Southeast	Pond & Company
Shuffletown Park	SHLA	Progressive
Renaissance Park	Progressive AE	SHLA
Idlewild Rd. Park	Progressive AE	SHLA
Robert L Smith Park	Alfred Benesch & Company	Kimley-Horn
Pickleball Courts (combined)	Kimley-Horn	Alfred Benesch & Company
Park Connections (combined)	LaBella Associates	Pond & Company
Spraygrounds (combined)	LandWorks Design Group	Timmons Group
Dog Parks (combined)	Timmons Group	LandWorks Design Group

**POLICY IMPACT:**  
N/A

**FISCAL IMPACT:**  
Projects to be funded by Parks Capital Funding



ATTACHMENT-2  
FY25-26 Landscape Architect Consultant Team Selection

**CORRECTED APPROVED LIST (see highlighted projects):**

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Shuffletown Park	SHLA	Progressive
Renaissance Park	Progressive AE	SHLA
Idlewild Rd. Park	Progressive AE	SHLA
Robert L Smith Park	Alfred Benesch & Company	Kimley-Horn
Pickleball Courts (combined)	Kimley-Horn	Alfred Benesch & Company
Park Connections (combined)	LaBella Associates	Pond & Company
Spraygrounds (combined)	LandWorks Design Group	Timmons Group
Dog Parks (combined)	Timmons Group	LandWorks Design Group

ATTACHMENT-3  
FY25-26 Landscape Architect Consultant Team Selection

ORIGINAL APPROVED LIST (from Nov. 6, 2024):

Project/Project Grouping	Selected Firm	Alternate Firm
McDowell Creek Greenway	VHB Engineering	Pond & Company
McMullen Creek Greenway	Kimley-Horn	LandDesign Inc.
McAlpine Creek Greenway	Kimley-Horn	LandDesign Inc.
Four Mile Creek Greenway	Dewberry Engineers	VHB Engineering
Irwin Creek Greenway @ Clanton	LandDesign Inc.	McAdams Company
Irwin Creek Greenway @ Hamilton	McAdams Company	Kimley-Horn
LSC Greenway – Pine Valley	Pond & Company	Dewberry Engineers
Bryant Park	LandDesign Inc.	Bolton & Menk
MLK Park	Bolton & Menk	LandDesign Inc.
Grier Heights Park	Stimmel Associates	Design Workshop
Rozelles Ferry & Haymarket Nature Preserve	LandWorks Design Group	Stimmel Associates
Berryhill Nature Preserve	Design Workshop	LandWorks Design Group
Waymer Park	Bolton & Menk	Landworks Design Group
Kilborne Park	Pond & Company	V3 Southeast
Nevin Park	LandWorks Design Group	Bolton & Menk
Colonel Francis Beatty Park	Bolton & Menk	LandWorks Design Group
Sugaw Creek Park	V3 Southeast	Pond & Company
Shuffletown Park	SHLA	Progressive
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**25-0375            MINUTES**

Approve the following Meeting Minutes:

- January 29-31, 2025, Board Retreat
- April 8, 2025, Budget/Public Policy Workshop
- April 15, 2025, Regular Meeting
- April 22, 2025, Budget/Public Policy Workshop
- April 23, 2025, Special Meeting - MEDIC Discussion
- May 6, 2025, Regular Meeting
- May 7, 2025, Special Meeting - CMS Budget Request
- May 13, 2025, Budget/Public Policy Workshop

**THIS CONCLUDED ITEMS APPROVED BY CONSENT**

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**25-0373            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:

**25-0353            COMMITMENT TO QUALITY EDUCATION AND VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES**

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Altman, and unanimously carried, to amend and approve recommended policy updates to be effective July 1, 2025.

*Background: The current policy allows employees time away from work to participate in school-related activities and volunteer with approved community service agencies to receive up to 24 hours of matched time. Community service agencies that wish to have County employees volunteer with them must contact the County Manager to be approved as a participating agency. This list of organizations has not been updated since 2008.*

*Justification:*

- *We are recommending removal of the following as approved school-related activities:*
  - o *Parent-Teacher Conferences*
  - o *Graduations*

*While these listed activities may be school-related, employees should not receive matching time to attend events directly related to their child and events they would attend as a parent. However, if they are “volunteering” to assist during graduations or parent-teacher conferences, this would be allowed.*

- *We are recommending allowing employees to recommend community service agencies to be approved for the list. Employees have been requesting to add agencies to the list, however under the current policy there is no avenue for employees to do so. Agencies must be a non-profit or charitable organization. The organization’s vision, goals, and mission must be in*

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alignment with the County’s vision, goals, and mission. The County Manager would approve it as a participating agency.

- We are recommending the list of agencies be moved to the HR policy. As stated above the list of community service agencies has not been updated since 2008. On the current list there are agencies that need to be removed because they no longer exist, or name has been changed. We are recommending the chart be moved to the HR Policy section as we anticipate an increase in changes more often as employee’s recommend agencies.

Commitment to Quality Education and Volunteer Activities		
The BOCC and County management commit to the support of education recognizing that the involvement and participation of County employees in the education of children contribute to the quality of the learning process. The BOCC and County management are also committed to enhancing the quality of life and economic growth in the community and region.		
Therefore, the County will match time away from work up to 24 hours in a calendar year for the purpose of participating in school-related activities and volunteering with approved community service agencies. Unused hours do not accumulate or carry over from year to year.		
An employee's job responsibilities take precedence over volunteer activities. Prior approval by the employee's supervisor is required. Employees are eligible for this program after the first 90 days of employment.		
Examples of school-related activities in public or private schools:		
1. Tutor, Guest Lecturer, or Supplemental Instructor Programs		
2. Lunch Buddies		
3. Mentoring Program		
4. School Support Activities		
5. Parent Training Programs		
6. After-School Enrichment Programs		
Community Service Agencies which qualify for volunteer service are: Recommend moving to HR Policy Section II.		
A Child's Place	Crisis Assistance Ministry	
Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Coalition of NC	Emergency Women's & Children Shelter	Metrolina Association for the Blind
Alcohol/Drug Council of North Carolina	Energy Committed to Offenders	The National Conference for Community & Justice (NCCJ)
American Red Cross, Greater Carolinas Chapter	Epilepsy Association of North Carolina, Inc.	Esperanza Global Academy
	Family Center Family Counseling	Programs for Accessible Living
Arthritis Patient Services	Florence Crittenton Services	ReachLine Telephone Counseling
Arts & Science Council affiliate organizations (See ASC's website at <a href="http://www.artsandscience.org">http://www.artsandscience.org</a> of a list of current affiliates.	Girl Scouts, Hornets' Nest Council	The Salvation Army
Big Brothers Big Sisters	Goodwill Industries of the Southern Piedmont	Seigle Avenue Preschool Cooperative
Birthday Blessings	Hands On Charlotte	The Shelter for Batter Women in Mecklenburg County
Boys and Girls Club of Charlotte	Habitat for Humanity International	Sickle Cell Regional Network
Boy Scots of America, Mecklenburg County Council	Hearts and Hands Project	Special Olympics
Carolina's Medical Center		Success by 6 YMCA Program
Charlotte Emergency Housing	Hope Haven, Inc.	Teen Health Connection
		Traveler's Aide Society of Charlotte, Inc.
Charlotte Speech & Hearing Center	Johnston Memorial YMCA	
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Senior Centers	Breakthrough T 1-D (Juvenile Diabetes Foundation)	United Way of Central Carolina's, Inc.
Childcare Resources, Inc	Generational Nation (Kids Voting)	
	Kinder- Mourn	Urban League of Central Carolina's, Inc,

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Communities in Schools of Charlotte – Mecklenburg	Legal Services for the Southern Piedmont	Victim Assistance
Community Health Services		Voluntary Income Tax Assistance (VITA)
Community Link	Leukemia and Lymphoma Society	Volunteer Center
Consumer Credit Counseling& Housing Services	Mecklenburg Council on Adolescent Pregnancy	The YMCA of Greater Charlotte, Inc.
Council for Children Rights	Medical Research Fund	Young Women’s Christian Association of Central Carolina’s, Inc.

Any community service agency wishing to solicit County employee volunteers may contact the County Manager in order to be approved as a participating agency.

Any employee who wishes to recommend agencies for County employees to volunteer must complete the Community Service Agency Request Form. They must ensure the agency they are recommending is a non-profit (501 3b) or charitable organization and has a mission and vision that is in alignment with Mecklenburg County mission and vision. The County Manager will approve as a participating agency.

**Resolution recorded in full in Ordinance Book 54, Document #60.**

This item was pulled by Commissioner Leake for clarity and/or public awareness.

**25-0354            CARRY FORWARD – FY25 GENERAL FUND**

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Meier, and unanimously carried, to amend the 2025-2026 Budget Ordinance in the General Fund (0001) to allow the carry forward of unspent funds from the 2024-2025 Budget Ordinance in the General Fund (0001) which remain available as of June 30, 2025, in the amount of \$16,443,458.

*Background: The FY25 budget included funding for the following items which remain unspent as of June 30, 2025:*

<i>Dept</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Amount</i>
CJS	Lift and Shift Public Defender's case information	145,000
CFAS	Emergency Placement Facility	725,556
CFAS	Behavioral Health Plan	147,000
CFAS	Family Services of America	64,000
CFAS	Prenatal-to-Five Implementation	500,000
HLC	Purchase of historic materials for exhibit	25,000
PRK	Donation received for Tyvola Senior Center	13,286
DCR	HOMES Grants	4,217,637
MGR	Generational Wealth (Balance of \$4.6m 1X)	3,537,737
DCR	MeckSuccess	450,000
HLT	Food Security	2,218,242
MGR	Farmland Preservation	900,000
NDP	Contingency - Katie Blessing	2,000,000
NDP	Contingency - Grocery Store	1,500,000
	Total	\$ 16,443,458

*Funds appropriated in FY25 remain unspent due to unexpected delays within these programs or initiatives. Departments are requesting to carry forward unspent funds to be used on future investments in these areas.*

This item was pulled by Commissioner Leake for clarity and/or public awareness.

**25-0356            MARSHALL PARK DEVELOPMENT MEMORIAL PROJECT**



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Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Altman, and unanimously carried, to authorize the County Manager to negotiate and execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Stan Greenspon Holocaust and Social Justice Education Center at Queens University of Charlotte and recognize and receive the donation of a new Holocaust Memorial and other site improvements at Marshall Park.

*Background: The Stan Greenspon Holocaust and Social Justice Education Center at Queens University of Charlotte, in partnership with the NAACP Charlotte-Mecklenburg Branch, the Charlotte Black/Jewish Alliance, and Queens University of Charlotte, propose to honor the resilience of humanity through engagement with two iconic memorials in Marshall Park: the existing Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Statue and a new Holocaust Memorial Sculpture.*

*The project, referred to as The Circle of Humanity: Monuments for Unity and Remembrance, will weave together the stories of the Holocaust and the Civil Rights Movement to promote understanding, tolerance, and a shared commitment to building a future where all people are treated with dignity and respect.*

*Proposed improvements to the site include a new Holocaust Memorial Sculpture, a gathering space between the existing Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Statue and the new Holocaust Memorial Sculpture, seating areas, and informational kiosks.*

*The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Statue in Marshall Park is owned by Mecklenburg County. Upon completion, the new Holocaust Memorial Sculpture would also be owned by Mecklenburg County. Mecklenburg County would intend to relocate both memorials if/when Marshall Park is amended as part of the Brooklyn Village redevelopment project.*

*Upon completion of the installation of the new Holocaust Memorial Sculpture and other elements of the project, these improvements would be donated to Mecklenburg County.*

*The current Holocaust Memorial within Marshall Park is owned by Mecklenburg County. Upon completion of the project, the current Holocaust Memorial would be decommissioned and located to an appropriate offsite location.*

This item was pulled by Commissioner Leake for clarity and/or public awareness.

### **25-0359 JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL (JCPC) UPDATE TO PROPOSED FY25 FUNDING**

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Altman, and unanimously carried, to approve revised FY25 funding allocation plan as recommended by the Mecklenburg County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC).

*Background: The Mecklenburg County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) received \$2,051,713 in FY25 funding from the North Carolina Department of Public Safety (NCDPS). The Board approved item #24-0206 on April 16th, 2024, and it was increased by \$8,655 with NCDPS Discretionary Funds, which the Board approved item #25-0288 on May 20th, 2025, to recognize, receive, and appropriate the funds for Mecklenburg County Criminal Justice Services. This funding plan update is due to two programs updating their local funding match. Youth Development Initiatives-YDI Family Life Skills Academy is increasing their local in-kind match and Youth Style Fitness, Inc is changing part of its local funding from In-Kind to cash match.*

This item was pulled by Commissioner Leake for clarity and/or public awareness.

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NC DPS - Community Programs - County Funding Plan

Available Funds: \$2,051,713Local Match: \$705,436Rate: 30%

DPS JCPC funds must be committed with a Program Agreement submitted in NC Allies and electronically signed by authorized officials.

#	Program Provider	DPS-JCPC Funding	LOCAL FUNDING			OTHER State/Federal	OTHER Funds	Total	% Non DPS-JCPC Program Revenues
			County Cash Match	Local Cash Match	Local In-Kind				
1	JCPC Administration	\$15,500						\$15,500	
2	CMPD Youthful Diversion Program	\$240,000		\$90,436				\$330,436	27%
3	Tresports Positive Action Program	\$233,300		\$300	\$69,990			\$303,590	23%
4	Transforming Youth Movement (TYM)-SHIFT	\$266,532			\$80,640			\$347,172	23%
5	Restitution & Community Service	\$216,906			\$65,072			\$281,978	23%
6	Thompson Child and Family Focus-Court Assessment Program	\$242,981			\$95,600			\$338,581	28%
7	Team-Up Connections-Group Mentoring	\$183,917		\$11,847	\$39,008			\$214,572	24%
8	Achieving Success on Purpose-Building Reality w/ Imagination, Consciousness & Knowledge	\$77,960			\$27,693			\$105,653	26%
9	Youth Development Initiatives-YDI Family Life Skills Academy	\$156,552			\$49,556			\$206,108	24%
10	Youth Development Initiatives-YDI Vocational and Career Development Academy	\$50,000			\$18,650			\$68,650	27%
11	KreBivU-A.R.I.S.E	\$110,000		\$33,000				\$143,000	23%
12	For The Struggle, Inc-SaluteU	\$175,000		\$15,216	\$45,300			\$235,516	26%
13	Youth Style Fitness, Inc	\$111,720			\$63,328			\$175,048	36%
14	Promise Youth Development, Inc-Promise Pathways								
15	Mentoring								
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TOTALS:		\$2,060,368		\$150,599	\$554,837			\$2,765,804	26%

The above plan was derived through a planning process by the Mecklenburg County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council and represents the County's Plan for use of these funds in FY 2024-2025

Amount of Unallocated Funds  
Amount of funds reverted back to DPS  
Discretionary Funds added \$6,655

check type ☐ initial plan ☒ update ☐ final  
-----DPS Use Only-----

Reviewed by  
Area Consultant  
Date

Reviewed by  
Program Assistant  
Date

Verified by  
Designated State Office Staff  
Date

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Chairperson, Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (Date)

Chairperson, Board of County Commissioners (Date)  
or County Finance Officer

ver 03/02/21

Resolution recorded in full in Ordinance Book 54, Document #61.

25-0363 BUDGET AMENDMENT – PARK AND RECREATION – PARK OPERATIONS – REVENUE INCREASE

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Powell, and unanimously carried, to recognize, receive and appropriate an increase of \$14,900 in revenue to Park and Recreation general fund (0001) for reimbursement for irrigation installation.

Background: This is a partnership with Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools (CMS) to split the cost for installation of an irrigation system at E.E. Waddell High School football field, allowing Park and Recreation to use the field to host all athletic rentals that were scheduled at Southside Park for at least the next 2 years. Southside Park has been closed for evaluation/testing from the recommendation of NC Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). CMS is reimbursing the County for half the cost of the irrigation system in order to maintain the field at game ready standards.

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This item was pulled by Commissioner Leake for clarity and/or public awareness.

### **25-0369            GRANT APPLICATION – NC DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY GOVERNOR’S CRIME COMMISSION**

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Griffin, and unanimously carried, to affirm the submission of a grant application for funding in the amount of up to \$700,000 to the NC Department of Public Safety Governor's Crime Commission, the administrator of the State Crisis Intervention Program (BYRNE-SCIP) and Community Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative (CVIPI) grant program, in the General Grant Fund (G001); and

recognize, receive and appropriate the award amount to the General Grant Fund (G001) within Community Support Services; and adopt the required grant project ordinance for the NC Department of Public Safety Governor's Crime Commission grant in the General Grant Fund (G001).

*Background: In partnership with Mecklenburg County and Atrium Health, Legal Aid of North Carolina-Charlotte (LANC) proposes a hospital-based legal services initiative in Charlotte to deliver civil legal assistance to victims of violence, with a focus on but not limited to gun violence. Gun violence disproportionately impacts underserved communities in Charlotte, especially youth and people of color. This project targets victims identified in emergency and trauma care settings, providing legal information and representation related to housing, safety, and other stability-focused needs.*

*Studies show that access to medical-legal partnership (MLP) services plays a key role in reducing the effects of harmful social drivers of health and improving outcomes for trauma patients, including victims of family and intimate partner violence.*

*LANC will collaborate with Atrium Health Carolinas Medical Center (CMC) and Mecklenburg County. Atrium will identify trauma patients affected by gun violence and refer them to LANC’s onsite legal staff. The County will support coordinated case planning and wraparound referrals. Partnerships will be formalized via MOUs detailing shared responsibilities, warm referral systems, and joint case tracking. Funding will support attorney salaries.*

*The award project period is October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2027. The submission date was April 30, 2025.*

This item was pulled by Commissioner Leake for clarity and/or public awareness.

GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, Mecklenburg County is applying and/or has been awarded a grant from the NC Department of Public Safety Governor's Crime Commission. The grant has been made available to Mecklenburg County under the State Crisis Intervention Program (BYRNE-SCIP) and Community Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative (CVIPI) grant program for up to the amount of \$700,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the grant funds must be used to provide hospital-based legal assistance to victims of violence.

WHEREAS, the Mecklenburg County Board of County Commissioners deems this activity to be a worthy and desirable undertaking;

**NOW, THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO N.C.G.S. 159-13.2, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MECKLENBURG COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS that:**

- Section 1. The project described in the NC Department of Public Safety Governor's Crime Commission grant application is hereby authorized to be undertaken for the duration of the grant.
- Section 2. The County Manager is authorized to execute the grant agreement and other documents that are required or appropriate for the County to receive the State Crisis Intervention Program (BYRNE-SCIP) and Community Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative (CVIPI) grant funding and to undertake the project. The County Manager is directed to take steps necessary to ensure compliance with all spending and reporting requirements to the NC Department of Public Safety Governor's Crime Commission.
- Section 3. The following revenues are anticipated for Mecklenburg County in the fund G001 to complete this project:

**The North Carolina Council for Women and Youth Involvement  
\$700,000.00**

- Section 4. The following amount appropriated for Mecklenburg County in fund G001 to complete this project:

**\$700,000.00**

Adopted this 17th day of June, 2025

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Clerk to the Board

**Grant Application recorded in full in Ordinance Book 54, Document #62.**

**25-0376 GREENWAY EASEMENT DONATION – HOOVER CREEK GREENWAY SUMMARY**

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Powell, and unanimously carried, to accept donation of a Permanent Greenway Easement (+/- 1.6101 acres) on a portion of Tax Parcels 219-121-14 and 219-124-01 from Christ the King Lutheran Church for future Hoover Creek Greenway.

*Background: Park and Recreation is requesting approval to accept a donation required by a rezoning petition 2023-164 for the Eden Multifamily Development in Steele Creek. The proposed donation is a permanent greenway easement (+/- 1.6101 acres) from Christ the King Lutheran Church (a portion of Tax Parcels 219-121-14 and 219-124-01). The donation will support future Hoover Creek Greenway, as well as future improvements by Mecklenburg County Storm Water Services.*

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*The donation is consistent with Park and Recreation's Greenway Master Plan that calls for the addition of parkland, greenway and open space within the County. It is also consistent with the County's Environmental Leadership Action Plan.*

This item was pulled by Commissioner Leake for clarity and/or public awareness.

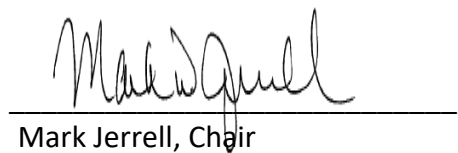
### **COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

#### **25-0374      COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

Commissioners shared information of their choosing within the guidelines as established by the Board, which included, but not limited to, past and/or upcoming events.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Meier, and unanimously carried, that there being no further business to come before the Board that the meeting be adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

  
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Kristine M. Smith, Clerk to the Board  
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Mark Jerrell, Chair