

**Meeting Minutes
July 2, 2024**

**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 5:02 p.m. and in Formal Session in the Meeting Chamber of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center at 7:05 p.m. on Tuesday, July 2, 2024.

ATTENDANCE

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

Absent: None

-INFORMAL SESSION-

CALL TO ORDER

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:

- 24-0371** Commissioner Leake
- 24-0372** Commissioner Leake
- 24-0375** Commissioner Leake & Vice Chair Jerrell
- 24-0378** Commissioner Leake & Vice Chair Jerrell
- 24-0379** Commissioner Leake
- 24-0381** Commissioner Leake
- 24-0382** Commissioner Leake & Vice Chair Jerrell
- 24-0385** Commissioner Leake
- 24-0389** Commissioner Leake
- 24-0392** Commissioner Leake

STAFF BRIEFINGS

**24-0405 RIGHT-OF-WAY CONVEYANCE – GARRISON ROAD EXTENSION AT BEREWICK
PARK**

County Manager Diorio introduced the following:

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Massie Flippin, Managing Director, McCraney Property Company
John Pottinger, Senior Vice President, McCraney Property Company
Steven McCraney, President and CEO, McCraney Property Company
Jennifer Robertson, President, Atlas Environmental, Inc.
Nestor Hernandez, Project Manager, Thomas & Hutton

Also in attendance:

Neil Brennan, Lake Wylie Marine Commission
Roger Johnson, Director, Economic Development
Kip Kiser, Park and Recreation Commission
Jacqueline McNeil, Asset and Facility Real Estate Management Director

Background: As part of construction for a planned industrial park in southwest Charlotte, the owner of the park, Garrison is required by the City of Charlotte, to construct road improvements per approved rezoning petition #2019-173. The road improvements include the extension of Garrison Road from its current terminus to Dixie River Road, bike lanes, sidewalks, and retaining walls among other related improvements. In addition to the required improvements, staff negotiated with the developer to have a culvert built under the road to accommodate a future greenway trail along Beaverdam Creek. To complete these improvements, Garrison needs to obtain a right-of-way, a temporary construction easement, and permanent storm drainage and sewer easements from the County on County-owned property at Berewick Park. The right-of-way and permanent easements will be conveyed to the City of Charlotte with the developer being conveyed a temporary construction easement which is necessary to build the new road and related improvements.

Per the approved rezoning of the Garrison property, the County is to obtain ownership of a total of +/- 21.49 acres of property within the 100-year floodplain. Acquisition of the property is consistent with the County's Park and Recreation master plan, Meck Playbook, as well as the County's Environmental Leadership Action Plan (ELAP). Both plans call for providing additional opportunities for recreation, open space, and natural habitat protection.

This proposal calls for +/- 2.45 acres of right-of-way to be conveyed to the City of Charlotte from the County on the western portion of Berewick Park, north of Dixie River Road. Most of the County-owned property at Berewick Park was acquired between 2002 and 2009 with the County's most recent acquisition at the park occurring through a donation of roughly 13.50 acres of land on both sides of Dixie River Road. Multiple adopted community and area plans since the 1990s have called for additional thoroughfares and active park sites within the larger Steele Creek/Dixie-Berryhill area. Several master plans by the City of Charlotte, State of North Carolina, and MUMPO/CRTPO have called for the addition of at least two north/south thoroughfares within this area, including the extension of Garrison Road to Dixie River Road.

The extension of Garrison was contemplated during the time when the County made the original purchase of land for Berewick Park. Mandatory Referral document 02-16 states that "a park at this location would be widely accessible by vehicle to patrons on the Westside because of the proximity to future thoroughfares and I-485." The mandatory referral goes on to state regarding the Dixie-Berryhill Thoroughfare alignment that "transportation planning staff worked with Park & Recreation staff in the development of a future thoroughfare alignment in the area that would minimize impacts to the proposed park." Additionally, based on the County's master plan for Berewick Park, the proposed road extension would not impact any planned improvements at the park. Storm Water Services has reviewed the road alignment and determined that to shift the road along the western boundary of the Garrison property would result in a greater ecological impact to the buffer/floodplain area than placing the road where it is currently proposed.

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Garrison has agreed to construct a culvert under the road extension that will accommodate the future greenway based on discussions with County staff. The culvert is estimated to cost \$2,479,000. This is a cost that the County will avoid at the time the greenway is constructed in the future. A small portion of the proposed road is within a conservation easement held by the State of North Carolina (+/- 0.8410 acres). The City of Charlotte was required to gain NC Interagency Review Team (NCIRT) and United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) permission to release a portion of the conservation easement before approval to build the road could be granted. This included providing both agencies with seven (7) alternate routes and a no-build option. Both agencies approved moving forward with the road with USACE basing its approval on three factors including 1) the alternative alignments caused more ecological

impact, 2) overall public benefit of the roadway, and 3) the fact that the road was planned prior to the creek mitigation project and the conservation easement being in place. The design of the road underwent several revisions to minimize the ecological impact including burying the main culvert so that aquatic life is not impeded and ensuring storm water flow will not be discharged into the conservation easement area.

In addition to building the greenway culvert which will provide significant cost avoidance for the County, the developer's project will result in \$150,000,000 real property investment, up to \$724,000 in yearly tax revenue, and up to 1,500 new job opportunities. The developer has committed to adhering to the County's MWSBE program for the \$17,000,000 road extension. Those commitments are 15% MBE and 8% WBE for a total commitment of 23%.

While the current proposal is a partnership between the City of Charlotte and the developer to build the road, the road could be completed by the State of North Carolina as well in the future, if not done by the City. The current proposal likely represents a more favorable position for the County than what would be anticipated in a future road extension by the State. Based on the planning efforts that have taken place in this area of the County, the fact that planning for the road took place prior the County purchasing the park, the alignment of the road was revised to minimize the impact to the park prior to the County's purchase (per the Mandatory Referral), the efforts made to minimize the ecological impact within the conservation easement area, and the economic impact of the project to the County, staff recommends approving granting the road right-of-way and the associated easements.

Jacqueline McNeil gave the presentation.



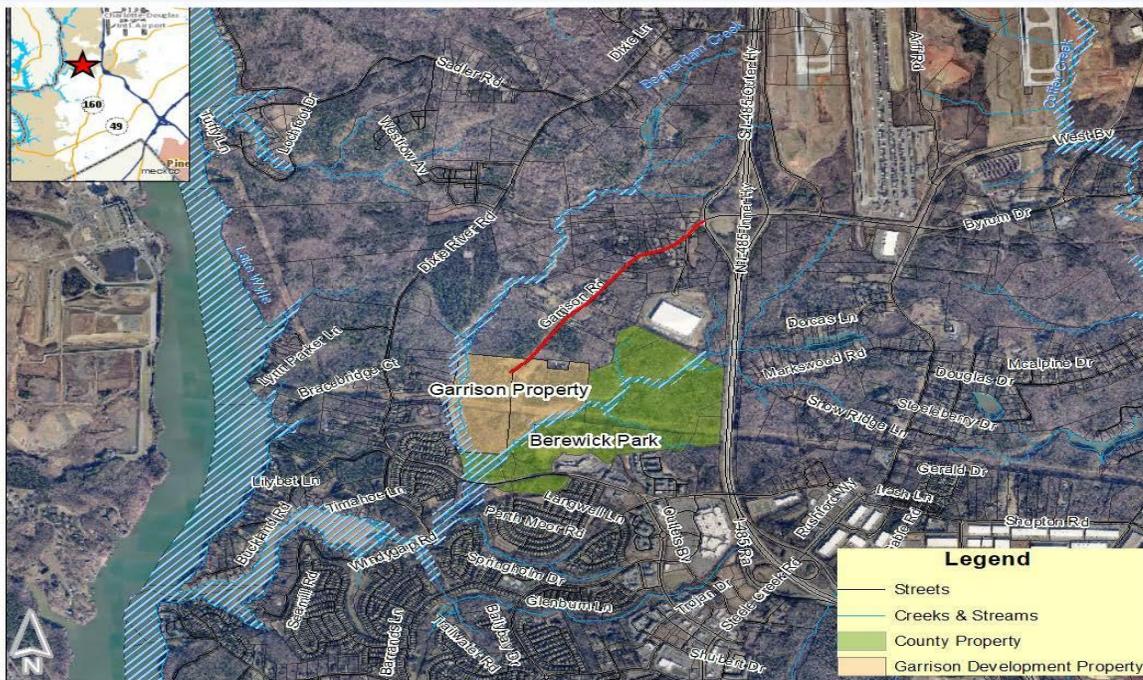
Right-of-Way Conveyance Presented to Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners July 2, 2024

Garrison Road Extension

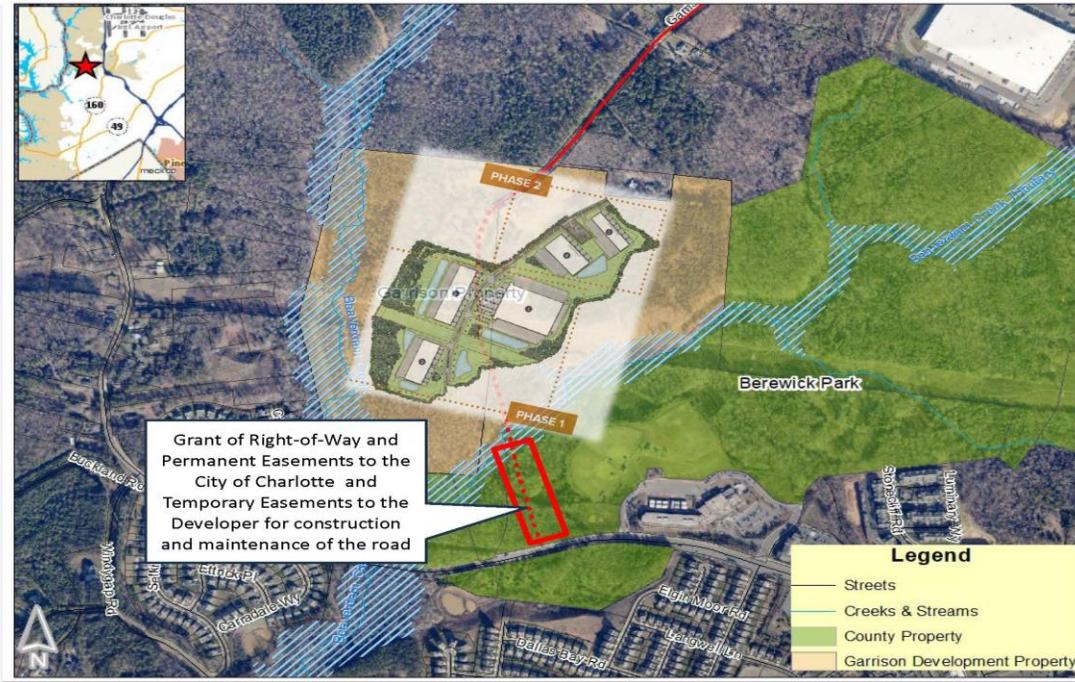
- I. Request of the County and Properties Involved***
- II. Transportation Planning History***
- III. Berewick Park Acquisition History and Master Plan***
- IV. Industrial Park Rezoning Requirements***
- V. Alternative Routes and Environmental Considerations***
- VI. Economic Impact***
- VII. Summary***
- VIII. Questions***

Garrison Road Extension *Request of the County and Properties Involved*

GARRISON ROAD EXTENSION SITE AREA



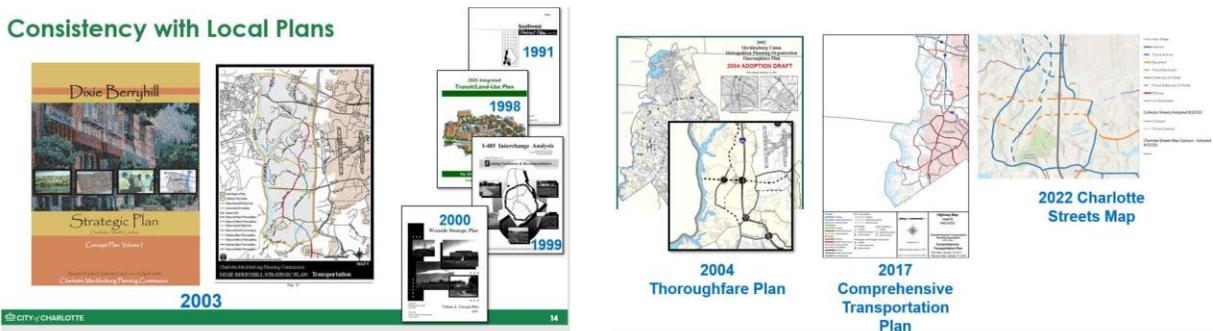
REQUEST OF THE BOARD



Garrison Road Extension *Transportation Planning History*

CITY OF CHARLOTTE PREVIOUS PLANS

Consistency with Local Plans



CITY REQUEST TO NC INTERAGENCY REVIEW TEAM

Policy Background

► Planning Team Led

- Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Commission
- Charlotte Area Transit System
- CRTPO (formerly MUMPO)

► Public Stakeholders

- City of Charlotte & Mecklenburg County agencies
- Charlotte Douglas International Airport
- Gaston County
- NCDOT
- Gaston-Lincoln MPO

► Private Stakeholders

- Neighborhood Leaders
- Representatives from Local Businesses
- Representatives from Local Developers

Plan	Adoption Year
Southwest District Plan	1991
Integrated Transit/Land-Use Plan	1998
Westside Strategic Plan	2000
Dixie Berryhill Strategic Plan	2003
MUMPO Thoroughfare Plan	2004
CRTPO Comprehensive Transportation Plan	2017
2040 Charlotte Comprehensive Plan	2021
2040 Charlotte Policy Map	2022
Charlotte Streets Map	2022

Table 1 - Nov 9th Addendum Package



Note: Garrison Road extension is on both City and State Transportation Plans. This means that the State may decide to fund & build the road as well which could limit options for the County, if built by the State.

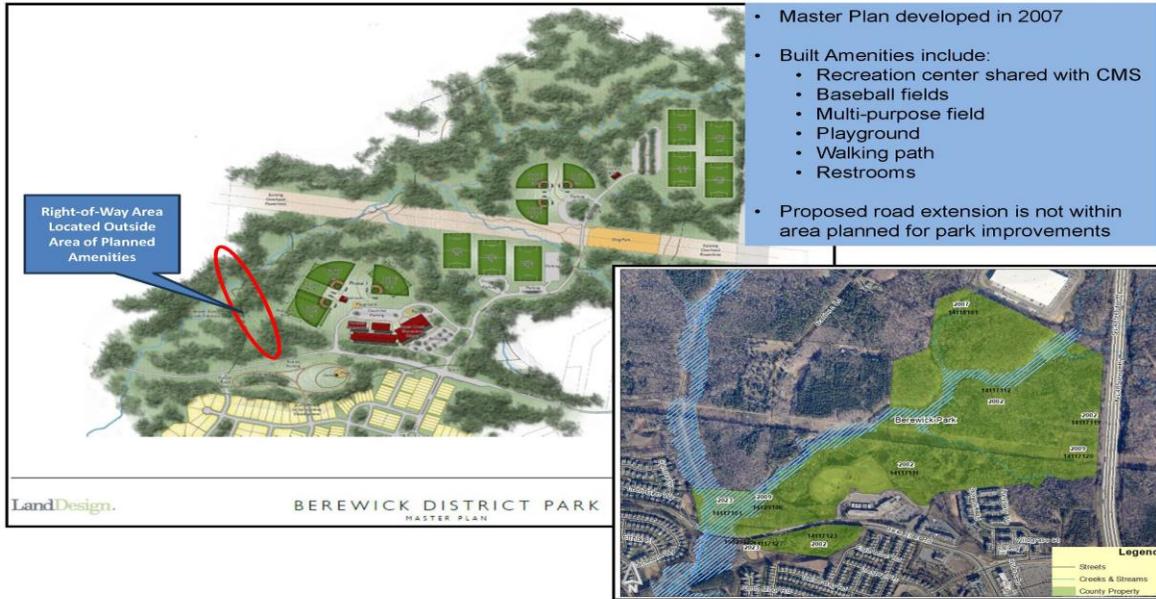
Berewick Park Acquisition History and Master Plan

BEREWICK PARK ACQUISITION HISTORY



- Majority of the parkland was acquired between 2002 – 2009. Several donations fronting both sides of Dixie River Road occurred in 2023
- Park was envisioned to be accessed by vehicle because of new proposed thoroughfares and I-485 per 2002 Mandatory Referral
- *Mandatory Referral* mentions that City transportation staff worked with Park and Recreation on thoroughfare alignment to minimize impacts to the proposed park
- At least between January – April 2002, MUMPO and CMPC were having meetings with County staff and the public regarding road alignment as part of the Dixie-Berryhill Thoroughfare Plan
- Mandatory Referral was heard and voted on at the June 18, 2002 meeting
- County closed on the first acquisitions at the park in November 2002

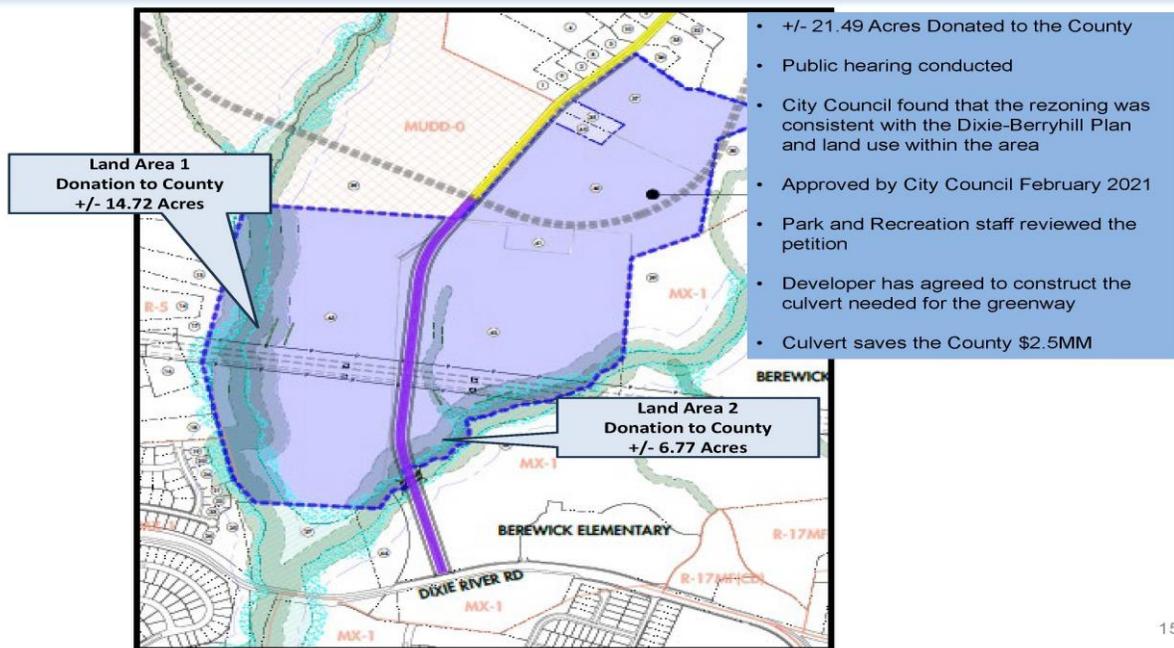
BEREWICK PARK MASTER PLAN



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Garrison Road Extension Rezoning Requirements

REZONING PETITION 2019-173



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Garrison Road Extension Alternative Routes & Conservation Easement and Environmental Considerations

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES CONSIDERED

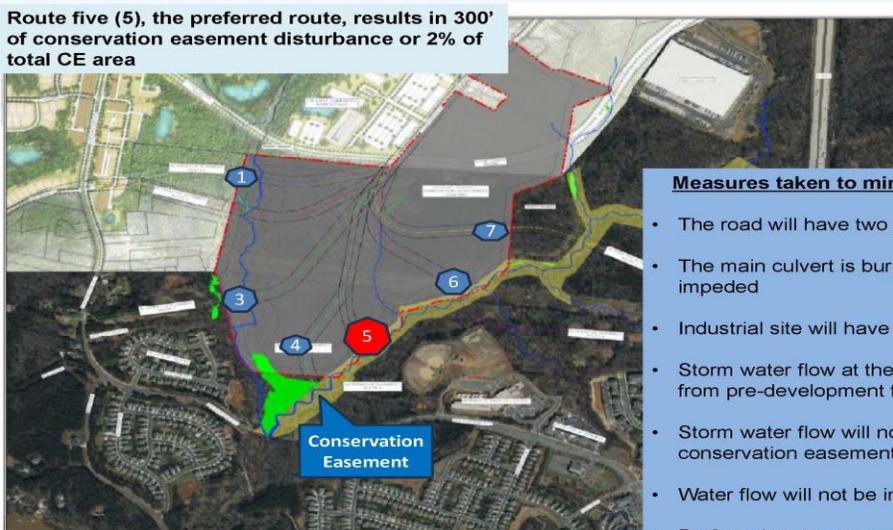
Route five (5), the preferred route, results in 300' of conservation easement disturbance or 2% of total CE area



- Beaverdam Creek restoration started construction in 2006 and entered maintenance in 2013. The State holds the conservation easement.
- Plans for the road occurred before the conservation easement was in place
- Roads are allowed in watershed/buffer areas but it must be shown that the design minimizes the ecological impact
- Eight alternatives presented to the NC Interagency Review Team and the Army Corps of Engineers to prove the preferred route (5) was the least impactful
- Seven alternate routes and a No-build alternative presented
- City was required to meet with NCIRT and USACE several times and demonstrate evidence of impacts
- Several routes do not provide the north/south route that is needed as was determined by the Dixie-Berryhill Plan
- Several alternatives will encroach into post-construction stream buffers
- Several alternatives impact more park property and the existing conservation easement than the preferred route

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT MINIMIZATION

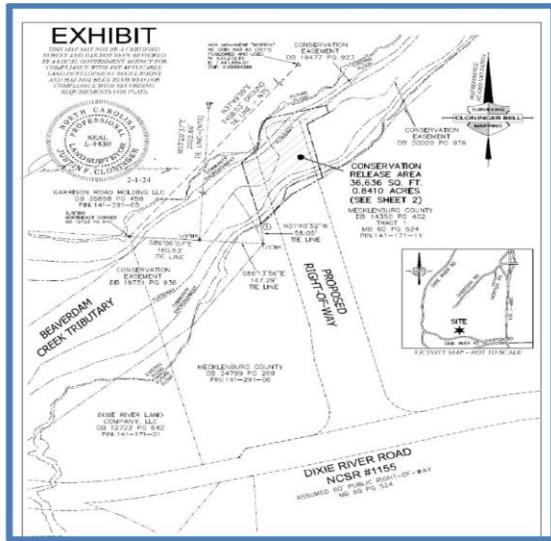
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Measures taken to minimize environmental impact

- The road will have two culverts; one is for the greenway
- The main culvert is buried so that aquatic life is not impeded
- Industrial site will have five (5) storm water basins
- Storm water flow at the industrial site will not increase from pre-development flow
- Storm water flow will not be discharged into the conservation easement area
- Water flow will not be impeded
- Preferred route was redesigned several times to minimize conservation easement impacts
 - Greenway crossing is out of the CE
 - A retaining wall is being used

CONSERVATION EASEMENT RELEASE APPROVAL



- January 2023 - USACE decided sufficient information had been provided to justify the purpose and need for the road
- USACE determination based on:
 - 1) project alternative alignments,
 - 2) overall public benefit of the roadway,
 - 3) the fact that the road was planned prior to the mitigation project and conservation easement
- May 2023 (USACE to State) – USACE concurs with City and State on easement modification and road alignment.
- USACE request City buy back mitigation back credits at 2:1 ratio
- March 2024 - State released +/- 0.8410 acres from the conservation easement to permit the road to occur

Garrison Road Extension Economic Impact

INDUSTRIAL PARK'S ECONOMIC IMPACT

- **\$150,000,000 in Real Property Investment**
 - 1.2m SQFT of Industrial Development
 - 5 Building Industrial Park Campus
- **Up to \$724,650 in Yearly Tax Revenue**
 - Based on FY25 Property Tax Rate of .4831
 - Estimate Excludes Mecklenburg Law and Fire ETJ District Taxes
 - Estimate Excludes Additional Revenue Attributed Sales Tax, Building Permit Fees, and Business Personal Property
- **1,000 – 1,500 New Job Opportunities**
 - 550+ Warehouse Jobs at Average Salary of \$47,840
 - 450+ Managerial Jobs at Average Salary of \$99,200
- **MWSBE Commitment**
 - Will adhere to County's MWSBE program for the \$17,000,000 road extension
 - 15% MBE commitment
 - 8% WBE commitment
 - 23% total commitment



Garrison Road Extension Summary

GARRISON ROAD EXTENSION PROJECT SUMMARY



- +/- 21.49 acres of property donated to the County
- Shifting the road to the western boundary area will cause ecological damage to buffer area and floodplain
- Staff at the time of acquisition knew of the future road and worked with City staff on an alignment that would cause less impact to the park per Mandatory Referral
- Multiple master plans were done beginning in the 1990s that called for additional street connections and north/south throughfares in the southwest area, including State of North Carolina transportation plans
- Those planning processes included resident participation and key stakeholders such as County Park and Recreation staff
- Road approved at both State and Federal level after proving efforts to minimize environmental impact
- Construction of the culvert under the road extension will save the County approximately \$2,500,000 per Park and Recreation estimate
- The economic impact of the industrial park is significant
- The proposed use is consistent with area plans and land use with the area

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Comments

Commissioner Griffin said in the 1980's and early 1990's, there was real concern for residents on the westside to have the option to stay in the area if they could, but the biggest issue was for the airport expanding the runway and housing being threatened because of that. He said the first residential component was a substantial issue in the Dixon River Road area and they failed to follow that which resulted in most of the black residents out there leaving.

Commissioner Meier asked if there were any local agencies consulted. *Ms. McNeil said the answer was both yes and no; the various plans that went in to establishing it had cross sections of citizens involved. She said in some cases, they had names of those involved, key stakeholders, and folks in environmental concerns. She said the plans weren't done in isolation and involved the normal stakeholders typically seen in those plans as well as people involved in wetlands, the Catawba River, and other environmental issues in that area. She said when the plan came together, the thought was there was consensus around the goals. She said it would go through a process of vetting. She said then, the Board of County Commissioners and the City Council would adopt the plan, then proceed to go about the task of implementing the process. She said when it came to the rezoning, community engagement was a required part of that as well as a public and community hearing, of which happened in the rezoning process.*

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Commissioner Meier asked if everything she mentioned happened before the rezoning happened in 2002. *Ms. McNeil the westside plans were not the only ones in place in the 1990's. She said as time went on, the road plans went from being a high priority to a heavy focus on the expansion and connection of Garrison Road and as that happened, it moved forth from some of those 2000s plans onto other transportation plans that were in place including the State's plan. She said all the plans had community engagement.*

Chair Dunlap said those plans were 33 years old and many of the Commissioners weren't around when they were approved but if they were around, they would know the plans had been repeatedly approved. He said, regardless, they had to deal with it.

Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell said it looked like a lot of area would have to be cut through and, although she loved park amenities, it wasn't about that for her. She said it was about doing better when you knew better and they might not have known better 30 years ago, but now they did. She said putting road there would destroy the area and the way it was proposed was not conducive to that area. She said it felt as if they were just saying their hands were tied and she could not vote for that.

County Manager Diorio asked Ms. Jennifer Robertson to talk about it because she was the environmental consultant. *Ms. Robertson said they worked closely with all the experts, rules, and regulations, and they all approved putting a road in that area. She said they went through five iterations of that road and the impacts because of it. She said when they started, it would have impacted 250 feet of the stream, but they reduced it to 89 feet, a 65% reduction from start to approval. She said it would not destroy the stream and one requirement included burying the coverts below the existing natural stream bed.*

Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell said it did not discount other expert opinions that had a difference opinion. She asked if it were true that a bridge was preferable. *Ms. Robertson said it was considered but the civil engineers said it would take almost twice the amount of time, land disturbance would be increased, and the cost would be higher.*

Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell asked how much the cost would be for stream restoration. *Ms. Robertson said they had a state-ran mitigation program. She said when a developer or the Department of Transportation did a project where there would be an impact to a stream or wetland, if they exceeded a certain threshold, they would have to buy mitigation credits. She said to impact the conservation easement, not only would the applicant have to pay to disturb the easement itself to make up for the mitigation credits being lost at a two-to-one ratio, so they would get twice the credits than what it was originally built for. She said because the culvert was being put in the stream, there were mitigation requirements for that as well at a two-to-one ratio.*

Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell said there was political pressure and she felt skeptical.

Commissioner Altman said she was not comfortable without the County experts present.

County Manager Diorio said she exchanged emails with their experts and Mr. Rozzelle said doing the road to the westside would have more environmental damage than going to the south and if there was mitigation in place, he didn't have issues with the road. She said Chris Matthews had had been at the side of the developers and had help facilitate where they were today. She said the Board wouldn't hear anything different from them than what she was telling them.

Commissioner Altman said, when it came up last time, she spoke with Mr. Matthews several times and she asked him all things being equal do this or not do this, and he said not to do it. She said she thought the property wouldn't be usable or developable and its value could be null and void if it

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wasn't granted but, in the meeting, today, she heard traffic could go north and therefore could be developed for the purpose it was intended.

Ms. Robertson said Chris Matthews and Ed Hajnos made sure Mr. Matthews was involved in the whole process. She said she didn't believe Mr. Hajnos would have approved it if he didn't have the buy in.

County Manager Diorio said Mr. Matthews was okay with it and he expressed his support.

Ms. McNeil said they did not bring forth projects until they had buy-in from staff.

Commissioner Powell thanked the developers and said she understood there would be a minimum of 100 impervious acres on the property, into critical watershed floodplain wetlands right in the middle but the road added to the impact, a major thoroughfare with the width and depth of the impact in an area where they had so many problems. She said the difficulties they had that traveled from the tributaries to Beaver Dam Creek, then Browns Cove, then into Lake Wylie. She said they often mentioned the Brown Cove disaster which served as a sedimentation pond from everything that came through Beaver Dam. She said the topography of the river district was so difficult that it was hard to develop and there was already sedimentation in the creek and tributaries that fed into it before they even started.

Commissioner Powell said it was one of the co-protection monitoring and water quality programs that was so important, it was regularly monitored and protected by Mecklenburg County Water Quality. She said the impact was huge and read a newspaper article written by Mr. Rozzelle.

Ms. Robertson said because it is a conservation easement, Mr. Hajnos' group was required to do the monitoring on an annual basis.

Commissioner Powell asked who was responsible for correcting it. *Ms. Robertson said there was a storm water pond to treat nothing but the road and when they put a culvert in a stream, they were required to work in the dry and she did not foresee erosion or sediment problems during construction and the road wouldn't contribute to it. She said this stream was a class C stream and it did not carry water supply classification.*

Commissioner Cotham said she was supportive of the road and said that they did big projects but for as long as she had been on the Board, she didn't recall so many national groups ever being involved in a project and felt it was a win for the County. She said if any county leader did not like the plan would be at the meeting to tell them that and the County Manager had done a great job. She felt like it was one of the better collaborations and though it was not perfect but overall, it had so many people involved in the safety of it. She said they had professionals who knew what they are doing and felt confident with the level of expertise.

Commissioner Griffin said it was impossible to support and said the thoroughfare plan called for a minor or major thoroughfare that would dump track right over to Dixie River Road and wanted to understand the safety aspects. He said they were one block away from the sidewalk, elementary schools, and there were several neighborhoods that would have to cross that road to get to the elementary school.

Commissioner Griffin said the other problem would be that they didn't need to be a business which was a requirement someone else placed on them in terms of the zoning petition as opposed to having a logistics business that would have access to all the roads to get to the airport and the interstates. He mentioned the potential impact on the community with displacement if they opened thoroughfare from the River District down to the Dixie River. He said they would potentially have a 4-lane road dumping into a curvy 2-lane road. He said the development already destroyed the area around Mount Island Presbyterian Church and AME Zion Church was right there on the

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upper curve. He said he was concerned about the impact, and he needed more time. He said if they voted today, he would have to vote no but he respected their dialogue, presentation, and integrity.

Commissioner Leake said she was concerned with regards to the economic impact that would take place. She said she was thinking the Board would be considerate economically, but the expert engineers had spoken.

Mr. Massy said they could not move forward per restrictions without connections with West Boulevard and it was logical for trucks to go to the north and the southern connection would help with congestion in the south. He said the school was stacked up before and after school which appeared to be unsafe. He said they hoped the additional pathway would help reduce the school traffic, but they would not be able to move forward without the Boards blessing. He said if they sent a mixed message on their concerns for the County, he apologized and thanked the Board for their comments. He said they tried to address safety and the connection on Dixie Road where it came down from Garrison, they were required to provide stacking and storage lanes to allow safe conditions for cars and trucks to enter. He said they also contacted the City of Charlotte and mentioned a potential signalization, but the City said the traffic study that was paid for did not warrant one. He said he took their concerns into account, and they were hoping to improve Garrison Road while increasing the property value, land value, improve the driveways, and encourage residents to clean up their property and suggested this would aid the issue of displacement. He said there had been no immediate displacement, in fact there was more residential plans on Garrison Road by a developer. He said he hoped it would bring jobs and enhance the environment there.

Commissioner Jerrell thanked the presenter and said his previous question was about the environmental impact. He asked the presenter to remind him what they stood to lose if they did not do the deal and the State came in to do the connection. *Ms. McNeil said if they chose to do that, there was no guarantee around the covert that cost \$2.5 million dollars and there were situations where if you wanted to do something, depending on the scenario, there would be a betterment, of which would be the County's obligation to fund. She said the State had authority over the County to put a road through County-owned property.*

Commissioner Jerrell asked them to discuss the impervious. He said the environmental perspective, the impact, and how it was to be factored into the approvals. *Ms. Robertson said the civil engineer would answer that better but there were multiple storm water management ponds scattered throughout the industrial development. She said every impervious surface within that industrial development, when a rain drop fell on that surface, it had to go into one of those ponds before being released to the undisturbed environment, so it not only got treated for potential pollutants, but it was also retained for a certain period as well.*

Steven McCraney, President and CEO of McCraney Property Company made comments regarding his company and their plans. He thanked the Board and said it would appeal to smaller users and people who live, work, and play in that local proximity.

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by commissioner Altman to postpone the decision to a later date.

The commissioners asked clarifying questions.

The motion was carried unanimously.

24-0396

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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): Land Acquisition, Business Location and Expansion and to Consult with Attorney.

The Board went into Closed Session at 6:34 p.m. and came back into Open Session at 6:59 p.m.

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

-FORMAL SESSION-

CALL TO ORDER

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

Chair Dunlap called for a Moment of silence for a fallen officer.

24-0396 CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Griffin, and unanimously carried, to authorize the County Manager to negotiate and execute all documents necessary for the acquisition of parcels 129-075-07 +/- .90 acres including current leases and temporary construction easement for .12 acres for from DLP Morningside LLC for purchase price of \$942,925.00 for construction of a portion on Briar Creek Greenway.

AWARDS/RECOGNITION – NONE

PUBLIC ART MOMENT – N/A

24-0399 PUBLIC APPEARANCE

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

Denesha Degraffenreid Topic: Mental Health and Substance Use

APPOINTMENTS

24-0292 APPOINTMENTS – NURSING HOME COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Reappointment was needed on the Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee for one (1) three-year term expiring June 30, 2027. Frederick Benson was eligible for reappointment.

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Altman, and unanimously carried, to reappoint Frederick Benson on the Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee for one (1) three-year term expiring June 30, 2027.

24-0366 APPOINTMENTS – HUMAN RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Appointments were needed on the Human Resources Advisory Committee to fill two (2) unexpired terms expiring June 30, 2025, and June 30, 2026.

According to the HRAC bylaws: Advisory Committee member applicants should either currently serve as senior managers, human resource (HR) professionals, or proprietors of businesses within Mecklenburg County, or have previously served in such capacity. All members are expected to possess knowledge of current human resources practices and procedures in one or more of the following HR disciplines: recruitment; selection; retention; training; compensation; benefits; human resource management systems; and/or employee relations.

The Human Resources Advisory Committee will review each member applicant's application and résumé and provide a recommendation for appointment to the Board of County Commissioners for each vacancy.

Motion was made by Commissioner Altman, seconded by Commissioner Griffin, and unanimously carried, to appoint Calvin Beaver and Rachelle Casto on the Human Resources Advisory Committee to fill two (2) unexpired terms expiring June 30, 2025, and June 30, 2026.

24-0374 APPOINTMENTS - CHARLOTTE WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Nomination/Appointment was needed on the Charlotte Water Advisory Committee to fill one (1) three-year term expiring June 30, 2027, Civil Engineer/Financial Expert slot.

Members must be appointed from the following sectors: Real Estate Developer (RED), Water and/or Sewer Contractor (WSC), Civil Engineer specializing in water and sewer construction (CE), Financial Expert (FIN), Neighborhood Leader (NL), and a member designated by City Council as representing the towns of Cornelius, Davidson, Huntersville, Matthews, Mint Hill, and Pineville (Towns).

Motion was made by Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Griffin, and unanimously carried, to appoint David Harris to the Charlotte Water Advisory Committee to fill one (1) three-year term expiring June 30, 2027, Civil Engineer/Financial Expert slot.

24-0390 APPOINTMENTS - TOWN OF MINT HILL PLANNING BOARD

Reappointment was needed on the Town of Mint Hill Planning Board, for a term expiring June 30, 2026. Tom Gatz, ETJ member, is eligible for reappointment and received a recommendation from the Town of Mint Hill.

By order of G.S. 160A-362, the Board of County Commissioners shall appoint a Town Planning Board extraterritorial jurisdiction representative.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Jerrell, and unanimously carried, to reappoint Tom Gatz on the Town of Mint Hill Planning Board, for a term expiring June 30, 2026.

24-0394 APPOINTMENTS – INFORMATION SERVICES & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Motion was made by Commissioner Jerrell, seconded by Commissioner Meier, and unanimously carried, to nominate/appoint Philip Jordan, and Robert Mason, on the Information Services & Technology Committee to fill two (2) three-year terms expiring June 30, 2027.

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24-0395 APPOINTMENTS - HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION

Reappointment was needed on the Historic Landmarks Commission for one (1) three-year term expiring July 31, 2027. Lesley Carroll was eligible for reappointment.

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Jerrell, and unanimously carried, to reappoint Lesley Carroll on the Historic Landmarks Commission for one (1) three-year term expiring July 31, 2027.

Nomination/Appointment was needed on the Historic Landmarks Commission to fill one (1) three-year term expiring July 31, 2027.

The following were nominated:

Andrew Dunn – nominated by Commissioner Meier

Catherine Leskowat – nominated by Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell

The appointment will be brought back at the Board’s next Regular Meeting.

24-0401 APPOINTMENTS – CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Appointment was needed on the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Community Relations Committee to fill one (1) Unexpired term expiring June 30, 2025. Nominations were made at the Board’s June 18, 2024, Regular Meeting.

On June 18, 2024, the Board nominated the following applicants: Mia Jackson, Justin Lane, and Stephanie Tyson for appointment consideration to the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Community Relations Committee.

Chair Dunlap and Commissioners Leake, Jerrell, Griffin, Cotham, and Powell voted for Mia Jackson

Mia Jackson was appointed to fill one (1) Unexpired term expiring June 30, 2025, on the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Community Relations Committee.

24-0402 APPOINTMENTS – PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Appointment was needed on the Park and Recreation Commission to fill one (1) unexpired term expiring June 30, 2025, North-3 slot.

On June 18, 2024, the Board nominated Matthew Parlier and Lisa Roberts for appointment consideration to the Park and Recreation Commission.

The vote was as follows:

Matthew Parlier - Commissioners Griffin, Jerrell, and Leake

Lisa Roberts - Chair Dunlap and Commissioners Rodriguez-McDowell, Meier, Altman, Cotham, and Powell

Lisa Robert was appointed to the Park and Recreation Commission to fill one (1) unexpired term expiring June 30, 2025, North-3 slot.

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PUBLIC HEARINGS – 6:30 PM – NONE

ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS – NONE

MANAGER’S REPORT

24-0393 FY2024 FOURTH QUARTER (Q4) BOARD BUDGET PRIORITIE UPDATE

The Board received as information a status update on the Board’s FY2024 Budget Priorities.

Background: Staff will provide the Board with the fourth quarter update on the status of the approved FY2024 budget items associated with each of the Board's FY2024 Budget Priorities.

BOCC FY2024 Budget Priorities:

- *Early Childhood Development*
- *Educational Attainment*
- *Environmental Stewardship*
- *Health Access*
- *Housing Insecurity*
- *Workforce Development*
- *Racial Disparities (cross-cutting all priorities)*

Adrian Cox, Budget Director gave the presentation.

FY2024 Board Priorities Update



4th Quarter

Board of Commissioners Meeting
July 2nd, 2024

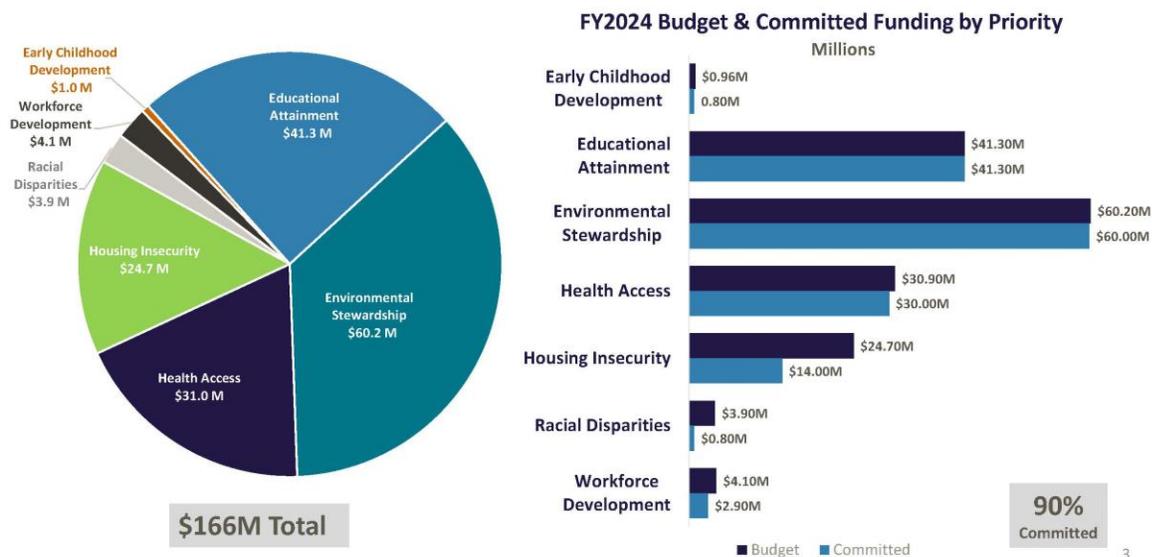


FY2024 BOARD PRIORITIES

	Early Childhood Development: Expand services that promote healthy early childhood development & education from ages birth to five.	Racial Disparities: Ensure that investments by the County focus on closing racial & ethnic gaps so that race does not predict one's success, while also improving outcomes for all. Race will be interwoven into the Board Priorities through policies, practices, & procedures that seek to analyze & eliminate the root causes of racial disparities with the hope that all people in Mecklenburg County will have an equitable opportunity to thrive in the community.
	Educational Attainment: Align allocations to strategies & targets with proven results to improve college & career readiness outcomes for all students.	
	Environmental Stewardship: Preserve & protect the County's environmental resources.	
	Health Access: Improve access to physical & behavioral healthcare for County residents of all ages & promote healthy behaviors.	
	Housing Insecurity: Reduce the number of residents experiencing homelessness & advance stable affordable housing options for all County residents.	
	Workforce Development: Support initiatives that connect job seekers with employment opportunities.	

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FY2024 BUDGET PRIORITIES



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EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Women, Infants, & Children (WIC) positions - Five (5) full-time & one (1) part-time: \$492K

- One (1) Sr. WIC Interviewer, two (2) full-time Nutritionists, one (1) full-time Lactation Counselor, & one (1) part-time Lactation Counselor have been hired.
- (1) WIC Supervisor position will not be filled based on reduction in Federal funding & caseload for FY2025.

Prenatal-to-Three Funding: \$354K

- Prenatal-to-three Project Manager position was filled in February.
- Procurement is in the final phase of contract approval process with the selected consultant for planning & implementation of the County's prenatal-to-three strategy.

MECK Pre-K

- Total program budget is \$25.3M with 100% spent at the end of Q4, including \$850K used to fully fund the program's ongoing longitudinal evaluation.
- The program hit an all-time high enrollment of 1,814 students (97%) & staffing rates for teachers remained above 97% through the school year.

Library Active Reading & Early Literacy Program: \$50K

- Funding has been used for additional books for Meck Pre-K bags with library materials.
- 98 Active Reading workshops with 1,121 adult & 1,092 children participants, 1,353 book sets distributed.
- 477 Active Reading Storytimes with 17.4K attendees.
- Reading Buddies with 3,397 in person attendees, & 951 virtual attendees.

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EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Funding for Library Collections: \$1.7M

- Funding has been spent to increase the number of books & digital resources available, with a focus on increasing diversity in the collection.

One (1) Library Business Analyst & One (1) HR Coordinator: \$146K

- The Business Analyst has been filled & began work in Q4. The HR Coordinator position was filled in Q2.

General Library Programming: \$109K

- The annual month-long literacy event Dia took place in Q3, which included 4 author visits, a parent/teacher workshop & offered 63 programs with 3K attendees.
- Funding was also used to prepare for the Summer Break program, a two-month long summer learning challenge.
- Additional funding has allowed for an additional 1.8K programs & served an estimated 53K attendees.

Carolina Youth Coalition - Carolina Torch Fellows Program (CSG): \$100K

- Through this program, students from low-income, first-generation families learn how to eliminate academic, financial, & social barriers to college entry.
- The Torch Fellows Program has met their yearly target of 250 students served.
- 56 of these are seniors who applied to a 4-year university.

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ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

Land Acquisition for Environmental Leadership Action Plan: \$50M

- Closed through Q4:
 - 495.45 acres
 - \$42,163,698
- Pending closing:
 - 169.57 acres
 - \$13,521,378

Stormwater Capital Funding & (4) new staff to create additional Field Operations Team: \$3.6M

- (1) Supervisor & (2) Storm Water Technician IV's have been hired & (1) Technician position is in recruitment.

(3) Staff & Operating for new Greenways, Park Maintenance, & Land Acquired for ELAP: \$498K

- (3) new positions have been filled to maintain new greenway segments opened in FY2024.
- \$340K (95%) of new operating funding expected to be spent at year-end to maintain parks & open-space.

Farmland Preservation Coordinator to manage the Farmland Preservation Plan: \$86K

- The Farmland Preservation Coordinator has begun to develop a Voluntary Agriculture District along with an Agricultural Advisory Council.
- Work is also underway for the renovation & development of Phillips Farm, to be implemented in FY25.

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HEALTH ACCESS

Economic Service Positions: \$10.3M

- 165 (89%) of the 186 positions were filled.
- Including 66 of the 75 approved positions for Medicaid Expansion & 99 of the 111 Medicaid/SNAP eligibility positions
- The department will be recruiting at the County Career Fair on June 28th to fill the remaining 21 vacant positions.

Auto-Loading Stretchers in Medic: \$4.6M

- 82 stretchers have been purchased & deployed.

Contribution to Charlotte Rescue Mission Rebound Capital Campaign: \$2.0M

- The new facility opened in June.
- Will provide 166 new beds to serve homeless men seeking treatment for addiction.
- The total number of men to be served by the organization will increase to 1,666.

Benefit Eligibility Call Center Staffing: \$1.6M

- A vendor has been selected & is currently providing full-time staff to operate the call center.
- The current average daily calls to the Call Center is 1,271.

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HEALTH ACCESS

Cabarrus Rowan Community Health Center - North Mecklenburg Clinic: \$1.0M

- The formal ribbon-cutting for the new Sugar Creek Health Center offering medical, dental, & behavioral health services took place in May 2024 after the soft-launch in February.
- As of the end of April, 474 individuals have been served, & at full capacity the center will provide services for 750 patients annually.

Additional Mobile Health Services at the Salvation Army Center of Hope: \$350K

- The Cabarrus-Rowan Community Health Center began offering services in November in coordination with the Salvation Army Center of Hope with the mobile clinic deployed three days per week.
- As of the end of May, 434 individuals had been served through mobile services at the Center of Hope, & based on initial trends is estimated to serving 500 people a year.

Behavior Health Strategic Plan Consultant Implementation & Gap Analysis: \$350K

- The Behavioral Health Strategic plan was presented to the Board in May.
- The implementation consultant will be selected in Q1 of FY2025 & unspent funds will be carried forward to continue the work

Memory & Movement – Service Expansion to Address Growing Need (CSG): \$100K

- The program is projected to exceed their yearly target by serving 1,342 individuals seeking treatment & support for Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, & other similar conditions.
- The program supported over 900 caregivers who provide assistance to individuals with these conditions.

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HEALTH ACCESS

Support for the Three Sisters Food Market Capital Campaign: \$3.0M

- An agreement has been made with West Blvd Neighborhood Coalition to support construction costs of the market & the initial invoice was submitted in April.
- Three Sisters is currently in preconstruction phase of the project which includes engaging with architects & civic engineers to finalize construction plans.

Mobile Market Program Expansion Funding for Vans: \$489K

- The 2 vehicles were delivered in June, & the driver position was filled in May.
- The department has fully expended the \$50K allotted for program expansion for produce & supplies.
- For FY2025, funding was added for (1) Program Coordinator position (\$79K) & a slight increase in operating funding (\$11K).

Senior Home Delivered Meals - Cost Increase: \$293K

- Serving 1,200 seniors per week.

Senior Congregate Meals - Cost Increase: \$304K

- Serving 3,125 meals per week.

Additional Temporary Staff for Senior Nutrition Programs: \$89K

- All 4 temp positions are filled.

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HOUSING INSECURITY

HOMES Program Expansion: \$14M

- The Program received 7,662 applications, approved 4,306, & awarded \$2,190,012 in grants.
- County grants totaled \$1,496,553
- City grants totaled \$693,459.
- All 7 positions for the program have been filled & are currently preparing for the FY2025 program season.

Affordable Housing Fund: \$10.3M

- Programs are being implemented with additional funding added in FY2024 for NOAH projects, development projects, Critical Home Repair, & Rental Subsidies (See appendix for a table of programs & spending).

Housing Insecurity Support Staff \$162K

- (1) One Administration Management Analyst was hired in FY2025 to help manage contracts, vendor relations, & strategy implementation related to affordable housing & homelessness.
- (1) Contract Compliance Specialist was hired in FY2025 to help manage the Critical Home Repair program.

Legal Aid Services Expansion: \$200K

- The 13 positions funded by this contract are on track to serve the 1,000 client FY2024 target.
- As of May, 348 clients have been served through legal advice & 568 clients through legal representation for a total of 916 individuals served.
- The FY2025 Adopted Budget includes an additional \$200K to serve 200 clients.

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WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

MeckSuccess Initiative: \$1.3M

- Vender selection & contract review for educational, training, & wellness services are in progress & are expected to be completed at the beginning of FY2025.
- All four (4) positions have been filled.
- The pilot program to serve 50 families with support for education, training, & other wraparound services will continue into FY2025.

Business LaunchPad & Get Up & Grow training programs: \$360K

- The Business Launchpad program which empowers MWSEBs to successfully compete for contracting opportunities graduated 34 participants in FY2025.
- The Get Up & Grow small business development program graduated 12 participants.

Internship Program Funding Increase: \$35K

- 73 interns were employed with the County through the MeckPathways program in FY24.
- 3 college interns hired through Gaurdhouse completed the program & will be asked to return as interns for Human Resources & Finance in the summer.

Increase in Funding for the Community Culinary School of Charlotte: \$60K

- The total County funding of \$140K supports workforce development training & job placement assistance for adults who face barriers to long-term successful employment.
- The program trains 60-75 students each year.

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RACIAL DISPARITIES

Generational Wealth Investment Project: \$3M

- With feedback from the North Carolina Attorney General it was determined that the County should not move forward with the Child Development Accounts as originally intended for these funds.
- The County is working to identify a new design for this project.
- In addition to the \$3M in the budget, \$4.5M of prior year funding will be carried forward for FY2025.
- A workgroup designed two strategies to address generational wealth & support formerly incarcerated individuals & youth aging out of foster care. Those pilots are planned to begin in the summer.
- Final recommendations from an external consultant group that facilitated community feedback will inform future uses of these funds.

One (1) Chief Equity & Inclusion Officer for Library Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Initiatives: \$132K

- The Chief Equity & Inclusion Officer will develop & implement the Library's diversity, equity & inclusion initiatives & strategy, including the Racial Equity Task Force report.
- This position was filled in Q4.

New Position to Support the Reopening of Latta Place: \$128K

- Interviews have been completed for the Historic Site Manager which is in the final stages of recruitment.
- Funding was used for research, consultation & community engagement to develop programing for Latta Place.

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	Budgeted Amount	Committed To-Date
 EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT		
Reclassification to create one (1) child development services Audiologist		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The positions has been reclassified from PT to FT. The position was filled in Q3. 	\$60K	\$60K
Larry King Clubhouse Support		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The funds for additional payroll expenses have been fully spent. 	\$5K	\$5K

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	Budgeted Amount	Committed To-Date
 EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT		
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools Operating Funding Increase:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The new funding includes \$29M for salary increase, including market adjustments for Principals & other Non-Certified Staff & a 5% average increase in the local supplement. The State budget includes an average 7% increase for teachers over the two-year budget. CMS has implemented salary increases & starting pay for first-year teachers with a bachelor's degree is \$46,302 (\$39,000 State, \$7,302 County), a 6% increase over last year. 	\$39M	\$39M
Rental Increases At Library Branches		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pineville, South Boulevard, & Plaza Midwood branch increases are fully spent. 	\$213K	\$213K
MeckEd - Career Pathways (CSG)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Career Pathways Program has exceeded its yearly target by serving over 1,500 unduplicated students from 4 low-income CMS high schools through their Work-based Learning Opportunities. A total of 130 are students with intensive case management needs & have all established career & education goals. 	\$50K	\$38K

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	Budgeted Amount	Committed To-Date
 ENVIRONMENTAL STERWARDSHIP		
Residential Availability Fee for Recycling & Infrastructure Management:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The fee increases were implemented July 1 & have been used to offset the cost for recycling & infrastructure management. 	\$5.1M	\$5.1M
Air Quality Operating Fees		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The fee (\$50/ton to \$60/ton) adjustment for permitted stationary sources (i.e. mills, plants, gas stations, etc.), the new annual ambient monitoring fee for \$300 for all permitted stationary sources. This funding has helped maintain existing air quality monitoring, permitting & enforcement staff & support staff performing activities to maintain existing levels of service in the local air quality program. 	\$454K	\$454K
(2) Construction Plan Review Positions		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Environmental Specialist III position has been filled. The Construction Project Manager position is on hold until land development activity & revenue increases. 	\$275K	\$105K

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	Budgeted Amount	Committed To-Date
 ENVIRONMENTAL STERWARDSHIP		
Energy Controls Specialist to Support ELAP		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Position was filled in Q2. Primary duties include monitoring building automation systems to control energy utilization across the County in pursuit of a lower carbon footprint. 	\$104K	\$104K
(1) Livable Meck Program Coordinator Position		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Position supports the CRC community partner strategy & defining strategies to create connections & alignment across enterprise-wide strategic plans. 	\$92K	\$92K
Storm Water Monitoring Equipment		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Equipment ordered but won't arrive until FY2025 due to supply chain issues. 	\$68K	\$68K
 HEALTH ACCESS		
Medic Salary & Benefits		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Merit adjustments were processed with the November 1 payroll. 	\$3.6M	\$3.6M
Laboratory Operations at the Scarborough CRC		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The contract with LabCorp has been amended & services are being provided. 	\$526K	\$265K

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	Budgeted Amount	Committed To-Date
 HEALTH ACCESS		
Metrolina Association for the Blind (CSG):		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Metrolina Association for the Blind has served 585 individuals, exceeding their target of 300 individuals. 	\$340K	\$340K
(3) new staff in Veteran's Services Based on Increased Demand of Services		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All positions filled & providing services as of March. 	\$242K	\$242K
RAO Community Health - Doula Impact Program (CSG):		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> By year end, less than 60 mothers will be served by the program. Of these mothers, 53 had successful live births. Out of the 11 doulas enrolled in the training program, 9 have graduated. 	\$242K	\$242K
(1) Advanced Practice Practitioner for Scarborough Community Resource Center		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Position was hired in Q1 & resigned. The department is working with HR to repost the position. 	\$144K	\$3K
Behavioral Health Counseling for Scarborough Community Resource Center		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A contract therapist/Clinician is currently providing services at EBS CRC to 127 clients. 	\$140K	\$140K

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	Budgeted Amount	Committed To-Date
 HEALTH ACCESS		
Bilingual Family Partners at Community Resource Centers		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bi-lingual Family Partners are providing services at EBS & VCW CRCs to 46 clients. 	\$134K	\$134K
Teen Health Connection – Community Based Prevention		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students on this board participated in weekly meetings, facilitated peer education in local schools, & designed awareness campaigns for behavioral health programming. The program is projected to both exceed their yearly target of (25) students on the board & provide them with at least 87 leadership training hour. 	\$100K	\$80K
Present Age Ministries – For the One (CSG)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has met yearly target of 25 survivors of sex trafficking served, made 284 home visits, & provided 41 service referrals, 22 transportation assists, & 33 individual counseling sessions. 85% of clients have shown improvement on their DASS assessments. 	\$35K	\$35K

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HEALTH ACCESS		
 Mind Body Baby - Doula Grants Program (CSG): \$34K		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The program has met their yearly target of 10 mothers served, of which, 9 had live births. All 10 have been enrolled in WIC assistance, initiated breast feeding, & reported improved confidence prior to birth. 	\$34K	\$34K
Behavioral Health Contracts		
Increases in following contracts have been fully executed with partner organizations:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> InReach community works program to support personnel costs 	\$113K	\$113K
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lifespan Inc to fund part-time employee 	\$13K	\$13K
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Behavioral health urgent care administrative fee of 2% 	\$15K	\$15K
HOUSING INSECURITY		
 Home For All Administration: \$222K		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> United Way has hired a Prospect Manager & Fundraising Consultant to support the Home For All project as well as finalized the contract with the City of Charlotte. 	\$222K	\$222K

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	Budgeted Amount	Committed To-Date
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT		
 Additional Operating Funding for CPCC		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding is for ongoing operating expenses & will be fully spent by year-end. 	\$2.0M	\$2.0M
(1) Economic Development Specialist for Small Business Concierge & Lending Programs		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This position is filled as of February 2024. This employee is primarily responsible for launching the Township Connections initiative, which is meeting community members in their respective towns. 	\$83K	\$83K
Charlotte Works Career Advisor at Scarborough CRC		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Career advisor resigned in May & recruiting is in process. 	\$65K	\$45K

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	Budgeted Amount	Committed To-Date
REDUCING RACIAL DISPARITIES		
 Increase for Culture Blocks		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This investment increases the total culture block funding to \$1.6M. There were 320 programs & events held through Q3, attended by 6,538 residents. Programs included experiences in dance, photography, poetry, theater, music, & culinary arts. 	\$500K	
Program Coordinator for Adult Sports Fitness		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Position was recently filled, & new hire is continuing existing programming. 	\$67K	\$67K
County Office of Equity & Inclusion Event Sponsorships		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In Q4, funding was provided for Charlotte Pride & Charlotte Black Pride events for the summer. Sponsorship support also provided for two events in Q3: Cine Casual, a film series presenting recent, internationally acclaimed & award-winning Latin American films, & A Vibe Called Fresh, a local festival showcasing the West End corridor's art, history, & culture. 	\$23K	\$6K
DEI Certifications for Office Staff		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OEI staff have earned the prestigious DEI Certification from Cornell University. 	\$15K	\$10K
Translation Services		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funds are utilized to cover the cost for an increase in translation services at CRCs. 	\$10K	\$10K

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WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Drug Test Sweat Patches for Employed Probation & Parolees

- The CJS Recovery Court Team started referring clients for sweat patches on September 1st, 2023 as part of the updated referral protocol.
- As of Q4, 39 patches have been distributed.

Budgeted
Amount

\$40K

Committed
To-Date

\$13K

Mobile Library & Library Workforce Development Programming Expansion

- The Mobile Library collaborated with the VA & Roof Above to give information on benefits that may be available for residents & a two-day Workforce Development workshop was facilitated in May.
- Three college tours with CMS students were completed where student gained information on enrollment, acceptance, residence life, & financial aid to help them decide about attending college.

\$40K

\$40K

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AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND

Program	FY2020-2023 Spending	FY2024 Allocation	FY2024 YTD Commitments
Critical Home Repair*	\$1,757,047	\$2,575,000	\$2,013,824
Development Projects**	5,514,175	15,403,653	7,193,788
Home for All Initiatives (new in FY2024)	-	3,075,000	3,075,000
NOAH Projects***	27,017	442,045	190,857
Supportive Services & Subsidy Programs	10,525,515	5,639,436	4,360,195
Total	\$17,823,754	\$27,135,134	\$16,833,664

* Includes \$1M for A Home for All critical home repair

** FY2024 Allocation includes remaining funds dedicated for Billingsley, Charlotte Woods, Brookhill, & Potts Town.

***Includes Archdale, Bellhaven, Grier Heights, Gwynne Hill, Hoke, McAlway, Peppertree, Shamrock, & Wendover.

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Comments

Chair Dunlap asked if they were working with Nourish Up. *County Manager Diorio said they only provided food, not meals. She said they could talk about it.*

Commissioner Griffin asked about the Board priorities carrying through to FY2025. *County Manager Diorio said the current Board priorities were funded through June 30. On July 1, 2025, new Board priorities would start. She said the new Board priorities would be determined in January 2025.*

Chair Dunlap said in the new fiscal year, they would have a retreat in in January with new board chair and set new priorities. He asked if those priorities were going to be funded until the new priorities were decided. County Manager Diorio said they would be funded until June 30, 2025.

Chair Dunlap asked clarifying questions regarding the Boards priorities and their funding that were answered by County Manager Diorio.

Commissioner Griffin asked if they could address educational obtainment piece of their priorities. He said the contract with HighScope indicated they would look at two areas: process and outcome.

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He asked if they could get a report from them as it related to process. *County manager Diorio said she would have to look at the timeline for that.*

Commissioner Griffin said they should be able to do that in the contract. He said the outcomes piece would relate to CMS and they would need the coding to determine outcomes and asked how it was progressing. *County Manager Diorio said CMS had an MOU, so they had to provide the data on their kids that were selected to be part of the on the longitudinal study. She said she was not sure where they were in that process, but the MOU was already in place.*

Commissioner Griffin said if they were going to talk in January 2025 about forward looking with priorities, it would be good to have some information so they could make an informed decision about continuing programs or trying to shore up programs with additional resources that needed it. He said because they were in that fiscal year, education obtainment was college and career level readiness, CMS lowered the bar to grade level proficiency and above. He said another goal was 31% percentile for ASVAB scoring. He said 31% was the minimum for the military. He said he hoped they would have some conversations about expectations, even though they had no control over the school system, but one of their budget priorities was preparing people for successful employment, enrollment, and enlistment. He said to keep that priority they needed to take a second look at what they meant by education obtainment.

Commission Rodriguez-McDowell said, under environmental stewardship in their presentation, it mentioned a construction project management position and for more information. *Mr. Cox said the position was on hold and said he would like to follow back up with them because they wanted to make sure they had the work for that position because the work was associated with the revenues. He said he would come back with more information.*

Commissioner Jerrell thanked Mr. Cox for his information and said there was a lag time when it came to standing up programs. He said they had tweaked their priorities over the last six years, but they stayed generally the same and it took all that time to see this level of results. He said to consider the amount of lag time it took to see the lift as they went into the next year, while considering updating priorities. He said changing them drastically could result in negative consequences or a difficult process, but he was excited to see where they could go.

Chair Dunlap said while they had the option to change their priorities or tweak them, they were only just beginning to see the results.

County Manager Diorio said she had an answer for Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell regarding the construction manager position. She said it was in Stormwater and Land Development. She said they held off filling it to ensure they had enough workload to sustain the position.

Commissioner Griffin said he understood the challenges in terms of building priorities and the team for success but asked if they could tweak it to refine it in terms of outcomes.

Chair Dunlap commended the County Manager and the staff for achieving a very large percentage of success in all their priorities.

24-0363 TAX COLLECTOR NOTICE OF RETIREMENT

Background: Neal Dixon was reappointed as Tax Collector by the BOCC on April 6, 2021, for a four-year term beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2025, in accordance with N.C.G.S. 105-349. By virtue of retirement that will be effective August 1, 2024, the term will be vacated prior to expiration.

County Manager Diorio reported that the Notice of Retirement was received from Neil Dixon.

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She said It would be effective August 1, 2024. She thanked Neil Dixon for his 29 years of service.

The Board entered into the Record the Notice of Retirement from Tax Collector Neal Dixon.

Neal L. Dixon, Tax Collector made remarks.

The Board thanked Mr. Dixon and made remarks.



MECKLENBURG COUNTY
Office of the Tax Collector

June 17, 2024

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Mr. Michael Bryant, Deputy County Manager
600 E. 4th Street, 11th Floor
Charlotte, NC 28202

Re: Notice of Retirement

Dear Chairman Dunlap, Manager Diorio, Deputy Manager Bryant:

It has been an honor and privilege to serve the residents of Mecklenburg County and the municipalities therein as Tax Collector. It has been an amazing journey and I am humbled to have served my entire government career with this organization, administering tax collections law in support of our community.

Please accept this letter as my notice of retirement from the Board appointed position of Tax Collector effective August 1, 2024. As a result, my last day will be July 31. I am vacating my unexpired term that ends on June 30, 2025.

The following North Carolina statutes are activated with this action:

N.C.G.S. 105-349 – Appointment, term, qualifications, and bond of tax collectors and deputies.

N.C.G.S. 105-350 – General duties of tax collectors

N.C.G.S. 105-351 – Authority of a successor collector

N.C.G.S. 105-373(d) – Settlement upon vacancy during term

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The following tasks are resulting from this action:

- Appoint a successor tax collector to fill my unexpired term.
- Update the County Manager's delegation memorandum dated May 16, 2018, which empowers the Tax Collector and a Deputy County Manager to bid at tax sales in accordance with the Resolution Authorizing County Manager to Enter Bids at County Tax Foreclosure Sales, which was adopted on February 6, 2018.
- The Tax Collections Director will be available to answer any settlement questions should the Tax Collector's Settlement be pulled from the August 7, 2024, consent agenda.
- The Tax Operations Director must prepare to remove my name from all forms and templates.

Thank you for the trust and support you provided during my decades of service to this board and community.

Sincerely,



Neal L. Dixon
Tax Collector

CC: Board of County Commissioners
Mr. Tyrone Wade, County Attorney
Ms. Kristine Smith, Clerk to the Board
Ms. Julissa Fernández, Tax Operations Director
Mr. Frank Wirth, Tax Collections Director
Mr. Kenneth Joyner, Tax Assessor
Mr. David Boyd, Chief Financial Officer

24-0404 APPOINT AN INTERIM TAX COLLECTOR

Background: After serving Mecklenburg County for over 29 years, Tax Collector Neal Dixon, submitted a written notice of retirement dated June 17, 2024, with an effective date of August 1, 2024. As a result of Neal Dixon's decision, the Board is required to appoint an Interim Tax Collector to fill the vacated term scheduled to expire on June 30, 2025. The County Manager will make a recommendation for the Board's consideration.

County Manager Diorio said the Board was required to appoint an Interim Tax Collector. She provided background information on Julissa Fernandez, who was currently working as the Deputy Tax Collector and made the recommendation to appoint her as the Interim Tax Collector.

Julissa Fernandez introduced herself and thanked the County Manager for the opportunity.

Motion was made by Commissioner Griffin, seconded by Commissioner Leake, and unanimously carried, to adopt a resolution appointing Julissa Fernandez as Interim Tax Collector.

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Chair Dunlap said because the Tax Collector works with so many other entities within County Government, it was best that the County Manager bring forth recommendations to the Board even though they make the selection. He said it made for a better transition and selection process.

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**MECKLENBURG COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION APPOINTING JULISSA FERNANDEZ
AS INTERIM TAX COLLECTOR**

WHEREAS, pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes (“NCGS” 105-349) the governing body of each County shall appoint a tax collector to serve for a term to be determined by the appointing body and until his/her successor has been appointed and qualified; and

WHEREAS, Neal Dixon has served in the capacity of tax collector for 23 years for Mecklenburg County and has given notice of his retirement effective August 1, 2024, leaving an unexpired term which ends June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the County Manager recommends Julissa Fernandez to be appointed as interim tax collector to serve the remaining term of Neal Dixon; and

WHEREAS, Julissa Fernandez has 8 years of experience working in the office of the tax collector and has the relevant knowledge and skills to assume the duties of tax collector.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners does hereby adopt this Resolution appointing Julissa Fernandez as Interim Tax Collector for Mecklenburg County to the unexpired term of Neal Dixon, expiring June 30, 2025.

Adopted the 2nd day of July, 2024.

George Dunlap, Chair
Mecklenburg Board of Commissioners

Clerk to the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

County Attorney

Resolution recorded in full in Ordinance Book 52, Document #128.

DEPARTMENTAL DIRECTORS’ MONTHLY REPORTS – NONE

STAFF REPORTS & REQUESTS - NONE

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORTS & REQUESTS

24-0403 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMPENSATION

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Background: State Statute requires the approval by the Board of County Commissioners as the appointing authority for the Mecklenburg County ABC Board.

Article 7. Local ABC Boards. § 18B-700. Appointment and organization of local ABC boards. Subsection:

(g) Compensation of Board Members. - A local board member shall receive compensation in an amount not to exceed one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) per board meeting unless a different level of monetary compensation is approved by the appointing authority. If a different level is approved by the appointing authority, the appointing authority shall notify the Commission of the approved level of compensation in writing. Any change in compensation approved by the appointing authority shall be reported to the Commission in writing within 30 days of the effective date of the change. No local board member shall receive any non-monetary compensation or benefits unless specifically authorized by this section.

Currently, the compensation for the Board members is \$500 per month and the Chair is \$600 per month before taxes.

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Griffin, and carried 8-1, with Commissioners Altman, Cotham, Jerrell, Meier, Rodriguez-McDowell, and Chair Dunlap voting yes and Commissioner Powell voting no to approve an increase in the compensation for the ABC Board of Directors and Chair; the proposed increase includes from \$500 to \$650 for Board members and from \$600 to \$780 for the Board Chair.

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion was made by Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Jerrell, and unanimously carried, to approve the following item(s):

24-0370 TAX REFUNDS

Approve refunds in the amount of \$8,972.87 as statutorily required to be paid as requested by the County Assessor.

Background: 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 \$8,972.87. The total refund with no interest added is \$8,972.87.

24-0383 DISPOSAL OF ORIGINAL SHERIFF'S OFFICE PERSONNEL FILES DUPLICATED BY ELECTRONIC

Approve the disposal of original Sheriff's Office Personnel Records (including application, training, and education, leave, certification, and background) documentation as authorized by the NC Department of Cultural and Natural Resources.

Background: The Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office is requesting approval to dispose of original personnel files/documentation. As required by the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (NCDNR), the Sheriff's Office submitted a request and received approval from NCDNR to dispose personnel files, which includes all personnel, medical, certification, background, training, and related personnel documents. The Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office is committed to the proper management and disposition of records.

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24-0386 IRWIN CREEK GREENWAY PERMANENT EASEMENT DONATION – 4802 ELIZABETH

Accept donation of a Permanent Greenway Easement on a portion of Tax Parcel 045-234-43 (+/- 149 square feet) from SFR JV-HD 2024-1 Borrower, LLC needed for construction of a portion of the Irwin Creek Greenway.

Background: Park and Recreation is requesting approval to accept donation of a Permanent Greenway Easement from SFR JV-HD 2024-1 Borrower, LLC on the Irwin Creek Greenway (a portion of Tax Parcel 045-234-43). As part of the department’s current capital improvement plan, access is being constructed to connect the main trail of the Irwin Creek Greenway to Elizabeth Road in the Thompson Glen Neighborhood. The permanent greenway easement to be granted by SFR JV-HD 2024-1 Borrower, LLC will allow Park and Recreation to construct paved access to the main greenway trail.

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.

24-0388 CLARKE/CANE CREEK GREENWAY DONATION – ASBURY CHAPEL ROAD

Accept donation of a portion of Tax Parcel 019-212-28 (+/- 3.896 acres) from Shea Homes Carolina, LLC for incorporation into the future County owned Clarke Creek and Cane Creek Greenway system.

Background: The subject property owner, Shea Homes Carolina, LLC, has proposed to donate a portion of Tax Parcel 019-212-28 (+/- 3.896 acres) for required rezoning purposes for the Town of Huntersville. The land is transected by Clarke Creek and Cane Creek, off Asbury Chapel Road, making this property highly desirable for Park and Recreation.

The Donation by Shea Homes Carolina, LLC will allow the County to construct the greenways in this area and provide access to both the Amara neighborhood and the surrounding community. 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.

24-0408 MINUTES

Approve the following Meeting Minutes:

- October 17, 2023, Regular Meeting
- November 21, 2023, Regular Meeting
- December 5, 2023, Regular Meeting

THIS CONCLUDED ITEMS APPROVED BY CONSENT

24-0397 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:

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24-0371 CONSERVATION AND PRESERVATION AGREEMENT AMENDMENT – BUCKEYE COVE

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Jerrell, and unanimously carried, to authorize the County Manager to negotiate and execute the Second Amendment to Conservation and Preservation Agreement between the City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County for the purpose of incorporating City-owned Tax Parcel 013-161-01 (+/- 34.907 acres) into the Agreement.

Background: On December 29, 1994, the County and City entered into a Conservation and Preservation Agreement. Covered in this Agreement are two City-owned tracts of land - Tax Parcel 013-161-03 (+/- 210.03 acres) which is incorporated into the Buckeye Cove Nature Preserve and Tax Parcel 013-032-18 (+/- 79.65 acres) which is incorporated into the Auten Nature Preserve. On December 5, 2022, The County and City amended the Agreement to incorporate additional City-owned property - Tax Parcel 013-032-22 (+/- 10.22 acres).

This Agreement requires the Property to remain predominantly in its natural state for watershed protection, scientific research, reservoirs of natural materials, and as habitat for plant and animal species. Through the Agreement, the City appointed the County the exclusive custodian and manager of the Property. Park and Recreation's Natural Resource Division oversees custodial and management responsibilities.

The City owns another tract of land adjacent to the Buckeye Cove Nature Preserve - Tax Parcel 013-161-01 (+/- 34.907 acres). Both County and City staff would like to amend the Agreement to incorporate this property. All other terms of the Agreement would remain the same.

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

24-0372 ARCHITECT SELECTION – SAM BILLINGS CENTER – BUILDING SYSTEMS REPLACEMENT & COURTYARD MODIFICATIONS PROJECT

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Jerrell, and unanimously carried, to authorize the County Manager to negotiate terms and conditions, including fees, and to execute a contract with Little Diversified Architectural Consulting, Inc. for architectural/engineering services for the Sam Billings Center - Building Systems Replacement & Courtyard Modifications Project and, in the event negotiations with this firm are unsuccessful, approve negotiations and execution of a contract with the alternate firm.

Background: An architect is needed to provide a design for the replacement of the Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning systems (HVAC), HVAC Controls, Security Systems (including Cameras, Card Access, Intrusion and Duress Alarms), Modernization of the elevator and Modifications to the existing exterior Courtyard at the Sam Billing Center. Full design services will be required including preliminary services, design, construction documentation, bidding, and construction administration services.

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

24-0375 DONATION FROM CHARLOTTE HORNETS LEGACY, POWERED BY LOWE'S COMPANIES

Motion was made by Commissioner Jerrell, seconded by Commissioner Powell, and unanimously carried to recognize, receive, and appropriate donation of \$133,000 to Park Capital Reserve Fund

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(9002) for the renovation of the basketball court and associated amenities to Druid Hills Park.

Background: The Charlotte Hornets operates a community giving program known as the Hornets Legacy Project in association with Lowe's Companies, Incorporated. The Program has elected to support the renovation of an existing outdoor basketball court at Druid Hills Park located at 2801 Poinsett Street, Charlotte, NC 28206.

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

24-0378 DUKE LIGHTING SERVICE CONTRACT – INDEPENDENCE PARK

Motion was made by Commissioner Jerrell, seconded by Commissioner Leake, and unanimously carried, to approve 10-year agreement with Duke Energy for replacement of outdated pole lights at Independent Park for \$1811.52.

Background: This contract with Duke Energy will replace outdated pole lights with highly efficient LED lighting located at 1418 Armory Dr.

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

24-0379 CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT – NEW COURTHOUSE BOILER REPLACEMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Jerrell, and unanimously carried to award a construction contract to TEAM Mechanical LLC in the amount of \$979,100.00.

Background: The existing boilers in the New Courthouse have become obsolete and are requiring multiple repairs to remain operational. Many of the required parts needed for repairs are no longer available. Consequently, both boilers need to be replaced.

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

24-0381 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES (DSS) MECKLENBURG TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Jerrell, and unanimously carried to approve the revised Mecklenburg County Transportation System's Safety Plan and operational policy; approve the revised Mecklenburg County Transportation System's Title VI Plan and allow DSS/MTS with support from the Transportation Advisory Board to make revisions to the plan as needed.

Background: MTS's Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) and the Title VI plan was last approved 2020. NCDOT/Public Transportation Division and FTA conduct periodic assessments to ensure compliance requirements and identify best practices. The PTASP is intended to provide a detailed plan that emphasizes safety as a daily operational priority. It addresses all applicable requirements and standards identified in the FTA Public Transportation Safety Program. Additionally, the plan is required in order to meet federal and state requirements. The safety plan serves as a guide to assist management and staff in safety sensitive positions to carry out essential tasks. The purpose of the Title VI Plan is to comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as required by FTA Circular 4702.1B, and related requirements outlined under Group 01.D, "Nondiscrimination Assurance," of the FTA Certifications and Assurances. The Title VI document details the nondiscrimination program, policies, and practices administered by this organization,

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and will be updated periodically to incorporate changes and additional responsibilities as they are made.

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

Policy recorded in full in Ordinance Book 52, Document #131.

24-0382 GRANT APPLICATION: YOUTH MENTAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH: NEAR-TERM

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Jerrell, and unanimously carried to approve the submission of a grant application to Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina (BCBS of NC) Foundation for up to \$1,500,000 in the General Grant fund (G001) for the grant period of November 1, 2024 - November 30, 2027. The application deadline is July 9, 2024 and if awarded, recognize, receive and appropriate the award amount of up to \$1,500,000 to the General Grant fund (G001) within Public Health, and If awarded, create one (1) full-time position for this program in the General Grant fund (G001) within Public Health, and If awarded, adopt a grant project ordinance for Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina Foundation, Youth Mental and Behavioral Health: Near-Term Opportunities to Support North Carolina's Youth grant in the General Grant Fund (G001).

Background: Public Health is applying for a Youth Mental and Behavioral Health: Near-Term Opportunities to Support North Carolina's Youth grant. This grant opportunity is to expand access to mental and behavioral health services and resources for youth through models that are effective in the short term (1-3 years), and which leverage a trained workforce that goes beyond specialty trained behavioral health care clinical and professional roles. The department will partner with Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools to support and create trainings for the Handle with Care program and trainers for 83 new Sources of Strengths programs. Public Health is requesting a health educator to serve as the liaison to ensure those children and youth recommended to the programs are receiving behavioral and mental health resources.

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GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, Mecklenburg County is applying and/or has been awarded a grant from the Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina Foundation. The grant has been made available to Mecklenburg County under the Youth Mental and Behavioral Health: Near-Term Opportunities to Support North Carolina's Youth up to the amount of \$1,500,000; and

WHEREAS, the grant funds must be used to This grant opportunity is to expand access to mental and behavioral health services and resources for youth through models that are effective in the short term (1-3 years), and which leverage a trained workforce that goes beyond specialty trained behavioral health care clinical and professional roles.;

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 **Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina Foundation** 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 appropriated for the County to receive the **Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina Foundation** and to undertake the project. The County Manager is directed to take steps necessary to ensure compliance with all spending and reporting requirements **Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina Foundation**.
- Section 3. The following revenues are anticipated for Mecklenburg County in the General Grant fund (G001) to complete this project:
- Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina Foundation**
\$1,500,000
- Section 4. The following \$1,500,000 is appropriated in the General Grant Fund (G001) to complete this project:

Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina Foundation
\$1,500,000

Adopted this day of

Clerk to the Board

Grant Project Ordinance recorded in full in Ordinance Book 52, Document #132.

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

24-0385 DIXON BRANCH CREEK GREENWAY DONATION – NORTHLAKE CENTER PARKWAY

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Jerrell, and unanimously carried to accept donation of a portion of Tax Parcel 025-104-01 (+/- 3.307 acres) from Mason Andrew NC Development Partners, LLC for incorporation into the future County-owned Dixon Branch Creek Greenway.

Background: The subject property owner, Mason Andrew NC Development Partners, LLC, has proposed to donate a portion of Tax Parcel 025-104-01 (+/- 3.307 acres) for required rezoning purposes. The land is next to Dixon Branch Creek, off Northlake Center Parkway, making this property highly desirable for Park and Recreation.

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The Donation by Mason Andrew NC Development Partners, LLC will allow the County to construct the greenway in this area and provide access for both the Northlake Center Parkway area and the surrounding neighborhoods. 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.

24-0389 TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT – BACK CREEK PARK

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Altman, and unanimously carried to authorize the County Manager to grant a Temporary Construction Easement (+/- 0.098 acres) to Capital Land Partners, LLC on Mecklenburg County owned Tax Parcel 051-201-06 (Back Creek Park) for the construction of a sanitary sewer.

Background: Next to the County's Back Creek Park, off Caldwell Road, in the city of Charlotte, Capital Land Partners, LLC ("Capital") is developing a new single family residential community. Capital has requested to tie into the existing Charlotte Water sanitary sewer in Back Creek Park. Construction of the sanitary sewer line will require the residential developer to access a portion of Mecklenburg County property at Back Creek Park. Capital has requested +/- 0.098 acres of Temporary Construction Easement (TCE) from the County (tax parcel 051-201-06) to complete grading activities associated with this work. The permanent easement rights being built by Capital will be granted to the City of Charlotte under the County Manager's authority to grant utility easements.

The request has been reviewed by the Park and Recreation Department, and it has been determined that the request will not negatively impact the park property. The County will be compensated an appraised value of \$2225.00 for the TCE.

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

24-0392 GRANT APPLICATION – EPA COMMUNITY CHANGE GRANT – COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Jerrell, and unanimously carried to approve submission of a grant application for up to \$20,000,000 to the Environmental Protection Agency - Community Change Grant to be used for environmental and climate justice activities to benefit disadvantaged communities and if awarded, recognize, receive, and appropriate the awarded grant funds in the General Grants Fund (G001) in County Manager's Office and adopt a grant project ordinance to account for all grant revenues and expenses for the life of the grant.

Background: In October 2021, Mecklenburg County began work on an Environmental Justice Framework. This Framework is comprehensive in nature and is intended to improve our most environmentally unjust areas throughout the County. The EPA is advertising a funding opportunity targeting improvement in environmental justice communities entitled, "Community Change Grant."

Mecklenburg County's application submission will target the following Community Change Grant Climate Action Strategies and Pollution Reduction Strategies:

Climate Action Strategies

- *Mobility and Transportation Options for Preventing Air Pollution and Improving Public Health and Climate Resilience*

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- *Workforce Development Programs for Occupations that Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Air Pollutants*
- *Green Infrastructure and Nature-Based Solutions*
- *Energy-Efficient, Healthy, and Resilient Housing and Buildings*

Pollution Reduction Strategies

- *Outdoor Air Quality and Community Health Improvements*
- *Clean Water Infrastructure to Reduce Pollution Exposure and Increase System Resilience*

The Community Change Grant application submission will also include a Community Engagement and Collaborative Governance Plan, a Community Strength Plan, a Readiness Approach, and a Compliance Plan.

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 Environmental Protection Agency . The grant has been made available to Mecklenburg County under the Community Change Grant up to the amount of \$20,000,000 and

WHEREAS, the grant funds must be used to target improvement in environmental justice communities entitled, "Community Change Grant."

The draft Community Change Grant application is targeting the following Climate Action Strategies and Pollution Reduction Strategies:

Climate Action Strategies:

Mobility and Transportation Options for Preventing Air Pollution and Improving Public Health and Climate Resilience;

Workforce Development Programs for Occupations that Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Air Pollutants;

Green Infrastructure and Nature-Based Solutions;

Energy-Efficient, Healthy, and Resilient Housing and Buildings;

Pollution Reduction Strategies:

Outdoor Air Quality and Community Health Improvements; and

Clean Water Infrastructure to Reduce Pollution Exposure and Increase System Resilience.

The draft Community Change Grant application will also include a Community Engagement and Collaborative Governance Plan, a Community Strength Plan, a Readiness Approach and a Compliance Plan.

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 EPA Community Change 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 appropriated for the County to receive the Community Change grant and to undertake the project. The County Manager is directed to take steps necessary to ensure compliance with all spending and reporting requirements of the Environmental Protection Agency
- Section 3. The following revenues are anticipated for Mecklenburg County in the (list fund) to complete this project:

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Environmental Protection Agency
\$20,000,000

Section 4. The following \$20,000,000 is appropriated in the General Grants Fund (G001) in the County Managers Office to complete this project:

\$20,000,000 (application/award amount)

Adopted this 2nd day of July, 2024

Kristine M. Smith, Clerk to the Board

Grant Project Ordinance recorded in full in Ordinance Book 52, Document #133.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

24-0398 COMMISSIONER REPORTS

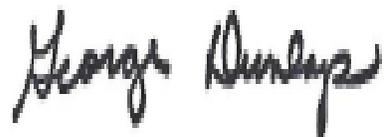
Commissioners shared information of their choosing within the guidelines as established by the Board, which included, but not limited to, past and/or upcoming events.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Altman, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell, and unanimously carried, that there being no further business to come before the Board that the meeting be adjourned at 8:26 p.m.



Kristine M. Smith, Clerk to the Board



George Dunlap, Chair