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

The Board of Commissioners of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, met in Informal Session in the Meeting Chamber Conference Room of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center located at 600 East Fourth Street, Charlotte, North Carolina at 5:00 p.m. and in Formal Session in the Meeting Chamber of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 6, 2019.

ATTENDANCE

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

Absent: Commissioner Trevor M. Fuller

-INFORMAL SESSION-

Commissioner Scarborough was absent when the meeting was called to order and until noted in the minutes.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Dunlap, after which the matters below were addressed.

REMOVAL OF ITEMS FROM CONSENT

The Board identified item(s) to be removed from Consent and voted upon separately. The items identified were items: 19-5198, 19-5202, 19-5213, 19-5217, 19-5219, 19-5231, 19-5232, 19-5243, and 19-5253.

STAFF BRIEFINGS - NONE

CLOSED SESSION

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19-5187 BUSINESS LOCATION AND EXPANSION

**19-5194 CLOSED SESSION-TO PREVENT DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION THAT IS
CONFIDENTIAL PURSUANT TO G.S. 105-259. (G.S. 143-318.11(A)(1)**

19-5204 LAND ACQUISITION

19-5227 CONSULT WITH ATTORNEY

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

Prior to going into Closed Session County Attorney Wade announced the following Land Acquisition matters to be discussed in Closed Session: Tax Parcel(s): 221-021-14, and 027-194-95.

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Jerrell and carried 7-0 with Commissioners Cotham, Dunlap, Harden, Jerrell, Leake, Powell, and Rodriguez-McDowell voting yes, to go into Closed Session for the following purpose(s): Business Location and Expansion, To Prevent Disclosure of Information That Is Confidential Pursuant to G.S. 105-259. (G.S. 143-318.11(a)(1) and Land Acquisition.

The Board went into Closed Session at 5:11 p.m. and came back into Open Session at 5:45 p.m.

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

-FORMAL SESSION-

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

Chair Dunlap said action was needed on the following Land Acquisition matters addressed by the Board in Closed Session:

**19-5204 LAND ACQUISITION - SUGAR CREEK GREENWAY AND CLARKS CREEK
COMMUNITY PARK**

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Powell and carried 7-0 with Commissioners Cotham, Dunlap, Harden, Jerrell, Leake, Powell, and Rodriguez-McDowell, voting yes, to:

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- 1) Authorize the County Manager to negotiate and execute all documents necessary for acquisition of a portion of Tax Parcel 221-021-14 (\pm 5.86 acres with final acreage to be determined by survey) from Kenneth Rea Headley Downs in the Town of Pineville for \$12,000 per acre with an estimated total purchase price of \$70,320 for the future expansion of Sugar Creek Greenway.
- 2) Authorize the County Manager to negotiate and execute all documents necessary for acquisition of Tax Parcel 027-194-95 (\pm 3.98) from Thomas Joe Coyle and Janette Davis Coyle in the City of Charlotte for \$342,000 for the expansion of Clarks Creek Community Park.

19-5225 PUBLIC APPEARANCE

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

Ross Dannis addressed what he felt was an impending NC Teacher Shortage.

James Lee III addressed his involvement with and concern for the Grier Heights community. He also addressed being grateful to Chair Dunlap for being his mentor, even from his childhood.

Maria Housiadass signed up to speak but was not present.

APPOINTMENTS

19-5233 APPOINTMENTS

PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

The vote was taken on the following nominees for appointment to the Park and Recreation Commission:

Sandy Barnett	Commissioner(s) Cotham, Dunlap, Harden, Jerrell, Leake, Rodriguez-McDowell, and Powell
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Voting Ceased

Brian Haislip

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Chair Dunlap announced the appointment of Sandy Barnett to the Park and Recreation Commission as the Southern Towns' representative to fill an unexpired term expiring June 30, 2020.

Note: She replaced Tristan McMannis.

WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell and carried 7-0 with Commissioners Cotham, Dunlap, Harden, Jerrell, Leake, Powell, and Rodriguez-McDowell voting yes, to appoint Taisha Abreu and Maura Chavez to the Women's Advisory Board to fill unexpired terms expiring April 30, 2021.

Note: They replaced Arlean Love and Jodie Ohr.

Note: Kristen Moyer was nominated on Feb 19, 2019, but asked that her name be removed from consideration.

19-5246 NOMINATIONS/APPOINTMENTS

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION AND REVIEW

Motion was made by Commissioner Cotham, seconded by Commissioner Leake and carried 7-0 with Commissioners Cotham, Dunlap, Harden, Jerrell, Leake, Powell, and Rodriguez-McDowell voting yes, to reappoint Kathy Davis, Steven Kessler, Robert Miller, Nobie Thrasher and Nick Vilord to the Board of Equalization and Review for three-year terms expiring April 30, 2022 and to reappoint Robert Miller as Chairperson and William Hawkins as Vice Chairperson for the duration of their terms.

The following persons were nominated for appointment consideration to the Board of Equalization and Review:

Eric Anderson	by Commissioner Leake
Emmitt Butts	by Commissioner Jerrell
Zanthia Hastings	by Commissioner Cotham

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Note: Appointments will occur following an interview of the above nominees by an ad hoc committee of the Board appointed by the Chair. Per Board policy, persons seeking appointment to the Board of Equalization and Review must undergo an interview process.

The following Commissioners volunteered to serve on the Board's Ad Hoc Interview Committee for appointments to the Board of Equalization and Review: Commissioners Cotham, Harden, Leake, and Jerrell. Chair Dunlap appointed Commissioner Jerrell as the Chair of the Committee.

Note: An appointment will occur on April 2, 2019.

BUILDING DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Motion was made by Commissioner Cotham, seconded by Commissioner Powell and carried 7-0 with Commissioners Cotham, Dunlap, Harden, Jerrell, Leake, Powell, and Rodriguez-McDowell voting yes, to nominate and appoint Vince Busby to the Building Development Commission as the National Association of Remodeling Industry representative for a three-year term expiring July 31, 2022.

Note: He replaced Travis Haston.

AWARDS/RECOGNITION

19-5202 PROCLAMATION - SOCIAL WORK APPRECIATION MONTH

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Jerrell and carried 7-0 with Commissioners Cotham, Dunlap, Harden, Jerrell, Leake, Powell, and Rodriguez-McDowell voting yes, to adopt a Proclamation designating March 2019 as "Social Work Appreciation Month" in Mecklenburg County.

Note: In conjunction with National and State recognition, the proclamation celebrates the exemplary service provided by social workers in Mecklenburg County. Social workers provide critical support to the most vulnerable people in our society including people of all ages who are physically or mentally disabled, homeless, living in poverty, struggling with substance abuse, and/or victims of family and domestic violence.

Commissioners Leake, Rodriguez-McDowell, and Jerrell removed this item from Consent for more public awareness. The proclamation was read by Commissioner Cotham. It was accepted by Department of Social Services Director Peggy Eagan and Community Support Services

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Director Stacy Lowry.



PUBLIC HEARINGS

19-5222 PUBLIC HEARING - NAMING OF ACCESS EASEMENT AT EASTWAY COMMUNITY PARK TO "JACKIE GREGG KNUCKLES, JR. CONNECTOR"

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Powell and carried 7-0 with Commissioners Cotham, Dunlap, Harden, Jerrell, Leake, Powell, and Rodriguez-McDowell voting yes, to open the public hearing on the request to name the access easement at Eastway Community Park to "Jackie Gregg Knuckles, Jr. Connector".

Lee Jones, Park and Recreation Director addressed the request.

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Note: This easement provides a critical connection from Eastway Community Park and the Eastway Regional Recreation Center to Briarwood Community Park and Briarwood Elementary School. The easement is located on property owned by James P. Knuckles, who has submitted a naming application to name the easement "Jackie Gregg Knuckles, Jr. Connector" after his late grandson. Mr. Knuckles, active in his community and church, is the founder and owner of K&S Sanitation Services, Inc. His company is located on Industrial Drive in the heart of the Plaza Eastway coalition of over 18 diverse neighborhoods and the future Eastway Regional Recreation Center. A member of the Charlotte Better Business Bureau, James was an active member in the Calvary Apostolic Church holding various leadership positions until its closure. He has mentored over six successful waste sanitation service companies.

No appeared to speak from the public.

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Powell and carried 7-0 with Commissioners Cotham, Dunlap, Harden, Jerrell, Leake, Powell, and Rodriguez-McDowell voting yes, to close the public hearing on the request to name the access easement at Eastway Community Park and approve naming it the "Jackie Gregg Knuckles, Jr. Connector".

19-5205 PUBLIC HEARING: BUSINESS INVESTMENT GRANT: DENTSPLY NORTH AMERICA, LLC

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Jerrell and carried 7-0 with Commissioners Cotham, Dunlap, Harden, Jerrell, Leake, Powell, and Rodriguez-McDowell voting yes, to open the public hearing to receive comments on a proposed Business Investment Program grant to Dentsply North America, LLC (Dentsply).

Economic Development Director, Peter Zeiler presented the request.

Note:

- *Dentsply Sirona is the world's largest manufacturer of professional dental products and technologies. It manufactures a range of products such as x-ray machines and polishers to consumables such as tooth pastes and fluoride treatments.*
- *Formed by a merger in 2016 of two companies, each more than 130 years old, Dentsply has more than 15,000 employees globally and is headquartered in York, PA.*
- *The merged organization had \$3.9 billion in sales in 2017 and is part of the S&P 500 and NASDAQ 100.*
- *As a result of the merger, Dentsply is seeking to establish a North American Regional*

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Commercial Organization Center that will serve as the hub for: o Sales o Service o Training o Marketing o Executive functions.

- *Approximately 100 jobs would be relocated from across North America and 220 jobs would be filled locally.*
- *Dentsply currently operates a state of the art 29,000 square foot training facility in Ballantyne with 113 employees.*
- *Dentsply's proposed project meets all Business Investment Program guidelines specifically: · A taxable investment of \$3 million. · Creation of 320 new jobs with an average wage of \$71,000 and Expansion of existing operations in Mecklenburg County.*
- *The Business Investment Program grant is a 50% grant over 5 years, with an estimated total amount of up to 43,436.*

No one appeared to speak from the public.

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell and carried 7-0 with Commissioners Cotham, Dunlap, Harden, Jerrell, Leake, Powell, and Rodriguez-McDowell voting yes, to close the public hearing on a proposed Business Investment Program Grant to Dentsply North America, LLC, and adopt a resolution approving a Business Investment Program grant to Dentsply for a total estimated amount of \$43,436 and authorize the County Manager to negotiate and execute the contract.

Commissioner Leake asked about job training and use of CPCC, which was addressed.

Note: A representative from Dentsply was present and thanked the Board for supporting its request.

**MECKLENBURG COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RESOLUTION
APPROVING BUSINESS INVESTMENT PROGRAM GRANT
FOR DENTSPLY NORTH AMERICA, LLC**

WHEREAS, Dentsply North America, LLC is seeking to establish a North American Regional Commercial Organization Center Charlotte, NC; and

WHEREAS, the company evaluated sites in York, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, this project as described by the company was determined to meet all of the criteria for a Business Investment Program grant from the County of Mecklenburg, the Board of Commissioners voted its intent to provide a Business Investment Program grant to the company during a closed session meeting on August 08, 2018 and as authorized by the Board, the County communicated this information to the company; and

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WHEREAS, taking into consideration the Board's stated intent to make an economic development grant, the company subsequently decided to expand in Charlotte. The project will include a capital investment of \$3 million and will create 320 new jobs within five years at an average annual salary of \$71,000. The Business Investment Program grant is a 50% grant over five years, with an estimated total amount of up to \$43,436. The grant will be subject to the County's standard contract provisions, including compliance requirements for the company related to job creation targets and clawback provisions; and

WHEREAS, Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners has determined that this grant will provide new employment, new taxable property and new economic activity within the County, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby approve the Business Investment Program grant as described above, and authorizes the County Manager to execute a contract for the same, with any necessary or helpful nonmaterial changes.

Resolution recorded in full in Ordinance/Minute Book _____, Document # _____.

19-5238 PUBLIC HEARING: BUSINESS INVESTMENT GRANT - AVIDXCHANGE, INC.

Motion was made by Commissioner Cotham, seconded by Commissioner Leake and carried 7-0 with Commissioners Cotham, Dunlap, Harden, Jerrell, Leake, Powell, and Rodriguez-McDowell voting yes, to open the public hearing to receive comments on a proposed Business Investment Program grant to AvidXchange, Inc. (AvidXchange).

Economic Development Director, Peter Zeiler presented the request.

Note:

- *AvidXchange, Inc. is a "software as a service" [SaaS] company founded in 2000 in Charlotte.*
- *AvidXchange provides web-based accounts payable services for small to medium sized businesses across the county, helping customers save money by converting to all digital processes.*
- *AvidXchange services enable their customers to access analytics and performance monitoring usually only available to larger companies with significant in-house resources.*
- *AvidXchange is growing rapidly after securing significant new financing in 2017.*
- *AvidXchange is proposing a 225,000 sq. ft. building adjacent to new HQ to accommodate new positions.*
- *AvidXchange's proposed project meets all the following Business Investment Program*

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guidelines for a seven-year grant, specifically: • A taxable investment of \$42 million. • Creation of 1,229 new jobs with an average wage of \$68,000 and • Expansion of an existing operation in Mecklenburg County.

- *There is competition for this project from Woodlands, TX (Existing Facility); Kansas City, KS; Oklahoma City, OK.*
- *The Business Investment Program grant is a 90% grant over 7 years, with an estimated total amount of up to \$2,084,836.*

No one appeared to speak from the public.

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Cotham and carried 6-1 with Commissioners Cotham, Dunlap, Harden, Jerrell, Leake, and Rodriguez-McDowell voting yes, and Commissioner Powell voting no, to close the public hearing on the proposed Business Investment Program grant to AvidXchange, Inc., and adopt a resolution approving a Business Investment Program grant to AvidXchange for a total estimated amount of \$2,084,836 and authorize the County Manager to negotiate and execute the contract.

Note: A representative from AvidXchange was present and thanked the Board for supporting its request.

**MECKLENBURG COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION
APPROVING BUSINESS INVESTMENT PROGRAM GRANT
FOR AVIDXCHANGE, INC.**

WHEREAS, AvidXchange, Inc. is seeking to expand its headquarters in Charlotte, NC; and;

WHEREAS, the company evaluated sites in Woodlands, TX; Kansas City, KS; and Oklahoma City, OK; and

WHEREAS, this project as described by the company was determined to meet all of the criteria for a Business Investment Program grant from the City of Charlotte and the County of Mecklenburg, the Board of Commissioners voted its intent to provide a Business Investment Program grant to the company during a closed session meeting on December 11, 2018 and as authorized by the Board, the County communicated this information to the company; and

WHEREAS, taking into consideration the Board's stated intent to make an economic development grant, the company subsequently decided to expand in Charlotte. The project will include a capital investment of \$42 million and will create 1,229 new jobs within five years at an average annual salary of \$68,000. The Business Investment Program grant is a 90% grant over seven years, with an estimated total amount of up to \$2,084,836. The grant will be subject to the County's standard contract provisions, including compliance requirements for the company related to job creation targets and clawback provisions; and

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WHEREAS, Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners has determined that this grant will provide new employment, new taxable property and new economic activity within the County, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby approve the Business Investment Program grant as described above, and authorizes the County Manager to execute a contract for the same, with any necessary or helpful nonmaterial changes.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS

19-5249 LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

The Board received as information the Library Board of Trustees Annual Report, given by Library Board of Trustees Chair, Robert Harrington.

Mr. Harrington thanked the Board for its continued support of the Library. The following was noted:

- “The Library continues to be a powerful platform in the community for literacy, education, digital citizenship, economic development and for community building.”
- In light of the community’s continued growth, one of the challenges for the Library is building capacity in order to keep up with that growth.
- The Library is focusing on building capacity primarily in four ways through its:
 - Collection
 - Physical Facilities
 - Technology, and
 - Human Capital
- Library Activities Over the Next Two (2) – Five (5) Years include the following:
 - Reopening of the North County Regional Facility
 - Closing, Renovating, and Reopening the South County Regional Facility
 - Relocating the Scaleybark Facility to a larger facility
 - Building and Opening a New Main Library
 - Transforming the Library to capitalize on the position that the library has in the community; and that
 - The Library Board of Trustees would undergo a sizable change in composition over the next two – five years.

Comments

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Commissioner Leake requested a copy of the Library's budget. *Lee Keesler, CEO of the Library said he would forward a copy of the Library's most recent financial audit directly to Board members. He said a copy was sent to the County's Finance Office.*

Commissioner Powell asked about the growth areas. *Library CEO Keesler said there were probably six (6) areas of the county where the Library was not represented, 1) District 1 on the west side of I-77 off of Sam Furr Road and the Prosperity Village area, which is near Highland Creek, 2) District 6 in the Town of Pineville and in the Ballantyne area, and 3) District 2 on the South/West side of West Blvd., Steele Creek area.*

Commissioner Cotham thanked Mr. Harrington for the report and complimented the Library on the work that they're doing.

Chair Dunlap noted that the North Tyron Street Branch Library would be moving because of the Police Department expansion, as well as, the University City Library because of the Hospital's expansion.

Chair Dunlap thanked Mr. Harrington and Mr. Keesler for the report.

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

Commissioner Scarborough entered the meeting.

MANAGER'S REPORT

19-5234 ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MECKLENBURG COUNTY 2020 CENSUS COMPLETE COUNT COMMITTEE

Deborah Goldberg, from the County Manager's Office, addressed the establishment of a County 2020 Census Complete Count Committee.

The following was noted:

- The 2020 decennial census will officially begin one year from April 2019.
- Getting an accurate count of people living in Mecklenburg County was imperative because census results were used in many ways that affect our daily lives and work, from political representation, to distribution of government resources, such as Medicaid funds, and Section 8 housing vouchers.
- Only 75 percent of people living in Mecklenburg County participated in the 2010 Census.

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- The most common reasons reported for why people do not participate in the census or do not accurately report their information include: fear and misinformation about privacy and confidentiality; language barriers; not understanding the purpose of the census and who should be counted; and instability in living arrangements.
- The 2020 census would be online, so it's anticipated that lack of internet access or lack of internet proficiency would be an additional barrier for some people.
- The addition of a citizenship question was likely to be another complicating factor.
- To address these barriers and increase participation, the U.S. Census Bureau asked states and local governments to establish Complete Count Committees (CCC).
- The goal of a CCC was to increase participation of those individuals who were less likely to respond or who were often missed by the decennial census, such as young children, homeless individuals, residents with unstable housing, immigrants, non-English speakers, renters, and college students.
- Mecklenburg County is forming a committee that includes individuals from local government, the business and education community, and other community leaders from across the county. They will develop an outreach plan tailored to the unique characteristics of the different communities in Mecklenburg County.
- They will begin meeting within the next month and will continue to meet through May of 2020.
- County Manager Diorio will chair the committee.
- The City of Charlotte and six (6) Towns were asked to select a representative to serve, as well as Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools.
- Committee members, in addition to those listed in the Board's agenda materials: Jim Dunn with Atrium Health, Chair Dunlap, Shawn Herndon (Town of Cornelius Business Owner) and Monterai Adams with the Town of Cornelius Planning Department; Town of Davidson Commissioner Jane Campbell
- The first committee meeting was tentatively scheduled for April 22, 2019.

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

Comments

Commissioner Harden thanked the County Manager for being proactive with respect to this matter.

Commissioner Leake asked about the staffing involved in the process, which was addressed.

Commissioner Leake asked about the racial make-up of the Committee, specifically, African Americans, which was addressed.

Commissioner Leake addressed the need for involvement by those in the Faith community.

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Commissioner Jerrell asked for clarity regarding the Hard to Count Census Tracts and the barriers that existed, which was addressed.

Commissioner Jerrell said he would be happy to provide information to staff regarding organizations that could assist in reaching out to persons within his district to help ensure everyone was counted.

Chair Dunlap said the Committee would not be replacing the work that would be done by the Census Bureau. He said it was the Census Bureau's responsibility to actually conduct the count. He said the Committee would address concerns relative to the count.

Commissioner Leake asked for clarity regarding the Committee's role. *County Manager Diorio said the Committee would be charged with making sure all of the messaging, promotion and campaigning got done. She said it was like a get out to vote campaign. She said the Census Bureau would be responsible for conducting the actual count.*

County Manager Diorio said the number of persons to be hired by the Census Bureau was unknown and would depend upon the number of persons that completed the Census Bureau survey online.

Commissioner Leake asked that Senior facilities not be forgotten in the process. She suggested that a Senior facility representative be on the committee.

Commissioner Leake said it was important that grassroots people and organizations be included on the committee.

County Manager Diorio said there would be another level of participants and work groups which the Committee would form consisting of grassroots people who would be the "real boots" on the ground getting out in the community.

County Manager Diorio welcomed persons in the community that wanted to volunteer to participate to reach out to the County Manager's Office.

Commissioner Leake said it was important that the Board's district representatives be kept informed because of their work in the respective districts.

Commissioner Jerrell asked if Board members could submit names for the subgroups. *The response was yes and that names be submitted to Deborah Goldberg.*

Deborah Goldberg said she would follow up with an email to Commissioners regarding names.

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Commissioner Scarborough noted the importance of having ministers involved in the process.

Commissioner Leake asked was this already included in the budget. *County Manager Diorio said \$60,000 was included in this year's budget but there would be a request in the FY 20 budget for additional funding because that's when the majority of the work would be done.*

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Powell and unanimously carried with Commissioners Cotham, Dunlap, Harden, Jerrell, Leake, Powell, and Rodriguez-McDowell, and Scarborough voting yes, to adopt a resolution establishing the Mecklenburg County 2020 Census Complete Count Committee.

Note: Commissioner Powell read the resolution.

**MECKLENBURG BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING
THE MECKLENBURG COUNTY 2020 CENSUS COMPLETE COUNT COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, Article 1, Section 2 of the United States Constitution mandates that a census be conducted of the nation's population every 10 years with the next census scheduled for April 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, it is vital that all households of Mecklenburg County complete a census form and that all residents be counted; and

WHEREAS, the census will determine how many elected congressional representatives and congressional districts North Carolina will have; and

WHEREAS, having an accurate and complete census count is important to our community in determining the allocation of federal and state funds and in making decisions related to economic development, housing assistance, transportation improvements, health care and education planning, and many other policies; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that accurate data be collected from groups of people who are historically difficult to count, including young children, low-income individuals, non-native English speakers, immigrants, renters, and individuals with unstable housing situations; and

WHEREAS, education, planning, outreach, and community partnerships between elected officials, the business and faith-based community, are necessary to ensure the census is as accurate as possible; and

WHEREAS, the United States Census Bureau encourages states and local governments to form Complete Count Committees, (CCC's) to increase awareness and understanding about the importance of the 2020 Census and to encourage people to participate; and

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WHEREAS, every resident of Mecklenburg County counts and deserves to be counted;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MECKLENBURG COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THAT

1. There is hereby established an ad hoc committee known as the Mecklenburg County Complete Count Committee ("Committee").
2. The Committee shall consist of up to 40 members representing a broad cross section of Mecklenburg County's population. It is particularly important that the Committee have strong representation from organizations that serve the populations that are most likely to be undercounted.
3. Each municipality in the County will recommend one elected official or a designee.
4. The Committee shall sunset upon completion of its activities in 2020.

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Board Support Position

County Manager Diorio informed the Board that the second Board Support staff person was hired, Shalon Genwright.

DEPARTMENTAL DIRECTORS' MONTHLY REPORTS - NONE

STAFF REPORTS & REQUESTS - NONE

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORTS & REQUESTS

19-5254 STUDY REQUEST FOR POSSIBLE LAND BOND (COMMISSIONER POWELL)

Chair Dunlap called on Commissioner Powell to address her agenda item requesting a study for a possible land bond. Commissioners Harden, Jerrell, and Rodriguez-McDowell co-sponsored the item.

Commissioner Powell addressed her request and noted that as the population explodes, the County must be very intentional about land acquisition for schools, parks, storm water management, greenways and possibly for affordable housing.

The following persons signed up to speak to the matter:

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Steven Cohen and James B. Lee spoke in support of the study, noting the need for land for affordable Housing purposes.

Note: Dora Mills registered to speak but was not present.

Comments

Commissioner Leake asked for clarity on what was being requested.

Commissioner Powell and County Manager Diorio responded. It was noted that this was essentially a land banking request (buy land now for future purposes). Per Board approval to direct staff to conduct a study on the feasibility of the County pursuing a Land Bond; and the Board's subsequent approval to move forward with a bond; the matter would be placed on the ballot for a vote of the citizenry.

Commissioner Leake asked if staff had looked at the excess land owned by Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools (CMS) that could be used to expand housing. *County Manager Diorio said yes.*

Commissioner Leake said the Board needed to be aware of what land was owned by CMS.

Commissioner Leake asked was it correct that Charlotte City Council (the City) was accountable for housing. *County Manager Diorio said "traditionally" it's been their responsibility.*

Commissioner Leake questioned why the City was not trying to buy property in the Ballantyne area or Myers Park area for housing. She questioned why low-income housing was concentrated in one area of the community, specifically, District Two.

Commissioner Leake said she would not support a tax increase for anything.

Chair Dunlap said the motion was to request a study on the feasibility of pursuing a land bond. He said there would be a cost associated with a \$300,000,000 land bond. He said the report staff would bring back would indicate the impact of a \$300,000,000 land bond on the budget and the County's bonding ability.

Chair Dunlap said once the report was received, then the Board would make a decision as to whether it wanted to move forward.

Commissioner Jerrell addressed the importance of having the data that's being requested of staff. He said there were many community needs, including, but not limited to housing.

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Commissioner Jerrell said once the data was received, the Board could then make an informed decision.

Commissioner Cotham said the County buys land on a regular basis for various purposes.

Commissioner Cotham said she would not support bringing forth another bond request to the voters at this time. She referenced the bond that was approved last November. She said voters were told in 2018, that it would be five (5) years before the Board would ask for another bond referendum.

Commissioner Cotham said the Board's word "has to mean something." She said the Board had to have "credibility" and the "trust" of the people.

Commissioner Cotham said she was also "struggling" with the fact that the Board of Education instructed the Superintendent not to buy or do anything in Districts 1 or 6 because of the unresolved issue around charter schools in these areas.

Commissioner Cotham said the County needed to do a better job of communicating to the public on what's occurring and the great things the County was doing, with respect to land purchases and other matters. She again emphasized the fact that the County purchases land regularly.

Commissioner Cotham said this was a necessary request at this time. She said she would continue to support the County's normal practice of purchasing land.

Commissioner Powell said she didn't make a promise to anyone regarding a bond referendum. She said her intent was to find out what tools were available and what could be done. She said the land that was currently being bought was not even "close" to what was going to be needed for the population that was coming.

Commissioner Powell said everything that was being asked for was a community priority, based on social equity for every part of the County. She said the protection of natural resources, air quality and water quality were all things that impact the quality of life and having a healthy place to live.

Chair Dunlap concluded the discussion and noted the following:

- This was just a study.
- This was not a commitment to move forward.
- This was not a commitment to \$300,000,000.

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- Even if the Board made a commitment two or three years down the road, at least the Board would have had the advantage of getting the information and data to make an “intelligent decision” about the direction it wanted to go, if any.
- Historically, money was always set aside for land purchases and that would continue.

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell, seconded by Commissioner Jerrell and carried 6-2 with Commissioners Dunlap, Harden, Jerrell, Powell, and Rodriguez-McDowell, and Scarborough voting yes, Commissioners Cotham and Leake voted no, to approve staff undertaking a study and report back on the feasibility of the County pursuing a Land Bond of at least \$300,000,000.

**19-5255 POLICY OF THE MECKLENBURG COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS –
AGENDA FORMAT (CHAIR DUNLAP)**

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Powell and unanimously carried with Commissioners Cotham, Dunlap, Harden, Jerrell, Leake, Powell, Rodriguez-McDowell, and Scarborough voting yes, to authorize the Chair Dunlap to appoint an Ad Hoc Committee to review and bring a recommendation back to the full Board regarding possible changes to the Board's Agenda Format Policy for Regular meetings.

Note: At the Board's Budget/Public Policy meeting on February 26, 2019, questions were raised regarding the current structure of the Board's Regular meeting agenda and the order in which items are handled. In response to that concern, Chair Dunlap asked the Board to authorize the creation of an Ad Hoc Committee to review the current policy and practice regarding the agenda format and order in which items are disposed and to offer recommendation(s) back to the Board on possible changes. The purpose of any change(s) will be for the effective and efficient conduct of County business at Regular meetings.

**19-5256 POLICY OF THE MECKLENBURG COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS –
MEETING SCHEDULE DATES AND TIMES (CHAIR DUNLAP)**

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Jerrell and unanimously carried with Commissioners Cotham, Dunlap, Harden, Jerrell, Leake, Rodriguez-McDowell, Powell and Scarborough voting yes, to amend Policy of The Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners – Meeting Schedule Dates and Times to change the start time of Budget/Public Policy Workshops from 3:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. effective with the March 26, 2019 meeting.

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Note: At the Board's Budget/Public Policy meeting on February 26, 2019, questions were raised regarding the current starting time of the Board's Budget/Public Policy Workshops. In response to that concern, Chair Dunlap asked the Board to consider amending the Meeting Schedules Dates and Times Policy to change the start time of Budget/Public Policy Workshops from 3:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. An end time does not have to be indicated because it would vary depending upon the topics to be discussed, but as a general rule, three hours should be ample time, unless it's a Special Budget/Public Policy meeting, such as the Budget Straw Vote Session. If approved, the change would not take effect until the March 26, 2019 Budget/Public Policy Workshop because of the legal requirement for providing public notice of a change in the Board's meeting schedule.

POLICY OF THE MECKLENBURG COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Schedule Dates and Times

Regular Meetings are held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 5:00 p.m. in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center Chamber Conference Room for an informal work session and for closed sessions, if applicable, and at 6:00 p.m. in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center Meeting Chamber for the formal public session, except when the Board otherwise fixes the time and place for such meetings, and except when there is a conflict with the meeting schedule of the Charlotte City Council caused by a holiday falling on a Monday which causes a change in the City Council's meeting schedule to either the first or third Tuesday of the month, then the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners shall be held on the Wednesday immediately following the first or third Tuesday.

Budget/Public Policy Workshops are held on the second and an optional fourth Tuesday of each month at 2:30 p.m. in Room 267 of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center, except when the Board otherwise fixes the time and place for such meetings, and except when there is a conflict with the meeting schedule of the Charlotte City Council caused by a holiday falling on a Monday which causes a change in the City Council's meeting schedule to either the second Tuesday of the month, the Budget/Public Policy Workshop of the Board of Commissioners shall be held on the Wednesday immediately following the second Tuesday or fourth Tuesday.

Special Meetings may be called by the Chairman or by a majority of the Board giving written notice of time and place, and the subject to be considered. Only items specified may be considered unless all members are present or those not present have signed a written waiver. Notice shall be given to each member, and notice shall be posted for the benefit of the public at least 48 hours prior to each meeting.

Budget Meetings (and matters related thereto) are concerned with public business, and normally attended by a majority of the Board, are deliberative in nature and provide the basis for formal action in the adoption of a budget and setting of the tax rate, are subject

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to the provisions of the Open Meetings Law, should be scheduled by resolution in formal session or by written notice as in the case of Special Meetings, even though actions taken are in most cases tentative and made binding in the adoption of the Budget Resolution which occurs much later. All budget meetings are open to the public. Minutes of the budget meeting should be kept. Some discretion might be exercised by the Board in determining the quality and detail of such minutes. The time, place, those in attendance, and the subject matters generally considered should, at a minimum, be recorded in such minutes.

Other Meetings refer to gatherings where a majority of the Commissioners are in attendance, where public business is considered, where hearings are conducted or where deliberations are made. Such meetings appear to be official meetings governed by the Open Meetings Law, and are therefore open to the public upon the giving of applicable public notice.

Minutes. The Clerk shall keep full and accurate minutes of the proceedings of the Board of Commissioners. This provision is applicable to all regular, special and official meetings.

Regular Procedure. Every effort should be exercised to assure, by regular procedures, that all matters which require consideration or action by the Board of Commissioners including specifically the conduct of hearings relating thereto, deliberations thereon or the transaction of public business be presented to the Board of Commissioners in official session and not under circumstances which may not satisfy requirements of the law.

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CONSENT ITEMS

Motion was made by Commissioner Scarborough, seconded by Commissioner Cotham and unanimously carried with Commissioners Cotham, Dunlap, Harden, Jerrell, Leake, Powell, Rodriguez-McDowell, and Scarborough voting yes, to approve the following item(s):

19-5189 EXHIBITS CONTRACT - STEVENS CREEK NATURE CENTER

Award a contract for the purchase of Exhibits to Building Four Fabrication, LLC in the amount of \$219,785.

Note: This contract is for fabrication and installation of educational and interactive exhibits in the new Nature Center, which is under construction and located in the Stevens Creek Nature Preserve (15700 Thompson Road, Mint Hill).

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19-5211 LAND DONATION - SOUTH PRONG CLARK CREEK

Accept the donation of Tax Parcels 019-221-16 (\pm 2.11 acres) and 019-223-29 (\pm 3.64 acres) from Southside Neighborhood LLC for the future construction of South Prong Clarke Creek Greenway.

19-5214 BUDGET AMENDMENT - APPROPRIATION OF GENERAL FUND BALANCE FOR HUNTERSVILLE LAND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Appropriate \$463,205 from General Fund Balance for the Town of Huntersville to provide Land Development services in the future.

Note: LUESA - Storm Water Services provides Land Development services on behalf of the six Towns. These services include enforcement of the Town's zoning, subdivision, water quality, planning, floodplain and other ordinances.

In March 2018, the Town of Huntersville Board of Commissioners instructed Town staff to initiate discussions with the County on the potential for the Town to assume the responsibility of providing Land Development services. The County was informed that the Town's reasons for assuming responsibility for providing these services are to create a one-stop shop; increase the Town's control and ownership to match the Town's accountability for roads, sidewalks, street trees, etc.; and enhance the ability for the Town to adjust fees. Since March 2018, Town and Storm Water staff have been meeting to address the many issues that need to be resolved for a successful transition of services to the Town effective July 1, 2019.

One of the issues that needs to be addressed is the disbursement of Pre-Paid Land Development fees to Huntersville. When construction plans are submitted for review within the Towns at the start of a project, Land Development fees are paid to compensate the County for plan review, permitting and inspection services the County provides throughout the duration of the project. Some projects (large commercial and large residential, as examples) may last as long as 5 to 7 years. Therefore, the related General Fund balance is designated to fund support services in the future in the event there is an economic downturn and to fund future technology upgrades for Land Development Services. Projects in all of the Towns contribute funding from the pre-paid fees to the designated fund balance. The County and the six Town Managers analyzed the designated fund balance through the close of FY18, including fees collected from development in each Town. The County and Town Managers agreed that 52% of the total designated fund balance should be disbursed to the Town of Huntersville - which equates to \$463,205. At the end of FY19, the County and six Town Managers will analyze the designated fund balance to determine if any additional disbursement of pre-paid fees to Huntersville is recommended. In FY20 and beyond, any shortfall in revenue or increase in need for Land Development services for development

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activity within its jurisdiction will be the responsibility of the Town of Huntersville.

LUESA - Code Enforcement provides services to ensure compliance with the NC Building Code countywide. The Town has expressed that they have no interest in assuming the responsibility of providing those services. Also, the Town has requested the County continue to enforce the Town's Floodplain Ordinance due to the relative infrequency of development in the floodplain in Huntersville and the complexities of managing this regulatory program to the State of North Carolina and FEMA standards. The County will also continue to manage the EPA, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit in partnership with all the municipalities. The NPDES permits include numerous activities that focus on protecting water quality during and after development.

19-5220 STORM WATER PROGRAM - FY19 HAZARD MITIGATION FLOODPLAIN ACQUISITION

1. Accept the offer of sale of real estate from George & Kimberly Scott, Jerry & Cynthia Morgan, and Vann & Allison Scott, owners of property located at 1021 Mockingbird Lane, Charlotte, NC (tax parcel 171-082-17), for \$375,000; and
2. Accept the offer of sale of real estate from Shelby Investments, LLC, owner of property located at 1131 Mockingbird Lane, Charlotte, NC (tax parcel 171-082-22), for \$372,500; and
3. Authorize the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police and Fire Departments to use the structures for training exercises.

Note: These acquisitions are being done through the County's Hazard Mitigation Program. The goal of the Program is to minimize the risk of potential loss of life and property damage from flooding while enhancing the natural and beneficial functions of the floodplain (creating open space, expanding greenways, constructing wetlands, etc.).

19-5221 DONATION FROM NANCY LIEBERMAN CHARITIES TO NAOMI DRENAN RECREATION CENTER

Recognize, receive and appropriate a donation of \$5,000 for programming and supplies at Naomi Drenan Recreation Center from Nancy Lieberman Charities.

Note: Nancy Lieberman Charities is a 501(c) 3 organization committed to promoting and developing healthy lifestyles and educational opportunities for young boys and girls from low-to-moderate income families.

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19-5226 MINUTES

Approve Minutes of Regular meeting held February 19, 2019, and Closed Session held August 8, 2018.

19-5229 TAX REFUNDS

1. Approve refunds in the amount of \$11,559.76 for registered motor vehicles as statutorily required to be paid as requested by the County Assessor; and

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

2. Approve refunds in the amount of \$8,027.50 as statutorily required to be paid as requested by the County Assessor.

Note: This Board action is necessary to approve tax refunds resulting from clerical errors, Audits and other amendments, including revaluation appeals. There is no accrued interest.

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

19-5248 PROPERTY INTEREST EXCHANGE - RURAL HILL NATURE PRESERVE

Adopt a resolution of intent to exchange a lease on a portion of County owned Tax Parcel 013-041-01 (+/- 2.25 acres) for a 20' wide access easement across Tax Parcel 013-181-04 owned by Lewis Atkins Parks Heirs.

MECKLENBURG COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION

DECLARING INTENT TO EXCHANGE A LEASE ON A PORTION OF TAX PARCEL 013-041-01 ALONG NECK ROAD IN THE EXTRA-TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF HUNTERSVILLE FOR AN ACCESS EASEMENT ON TAX PARCEL 013-181-04 ALSO ALONG NECK ROAD IN THE EXTRA-TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF HUNTERSVILLE

WHEREAS, the County owns Tax Parcel 013-041-01 along Neck Road in the Extra-territorial jurisdiction of Huntersville (hereinafter referred to as the "County Parcel") which is a portion of the County's Cowan's Ford Wildlife Refuge; and

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WHEREAS, the County is also owner of the Rural Hill Nature Preserve located along either side of Neck Road in the ETJ of Huntersville; and

WHEREAS, the County is in the process of developing a strategy to remove loblolly pine trees, which are an invasive species to the Rural Hill Nature Preserve, and to restore the property with trees native to this area of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the portion of Rural Hill Nature Preserve to be restored is separated from the bulk of the nature preserve by a tributary of McDowell Creek and is bordered by Mountain Island Lake on three sides; and

WHEREAS, the County needs to secure a long-term accessible route to and from this portion of the nature preserve to implement activities associated with restoring and maintaining the nature preserve and has determined that the most feasible and desirable route to and from the property is across Tax Parcel 013-181-04 which is owned by the Lewis Atkins Parks Heirs ("Parks Heirs"); and

WHEREAS, the Parks Heirs desire to lease +/- 2.25 acres of the County Parcel to graze farm animals and mow from time to time; and

WHEREAS, the County and the Park Heirs have agreed to exchange a two (2) year access easement across the Parks Heirs property in favor of the County for a five (5) year lease of the County Parcel in favor of the Parks Heirs; and

WHEREAS, the Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation and Asset and Facility Management Departments have determined that in its opinions the County will receive full and fair consideration for the property interests to be exchanged; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to G.S. 160A-271, the Board of County Commissioners is authorized to exchange real property owned by the County for other real property by private negotiation if the County receives a full and fair consideration for its property; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to G.S. 160A-271, the Board proposes to authorize the exchange of a lease on the County Parcel for an access easement across the Parks Heirs Parcel and to follow the statutory procedure to authorize the exchange; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners proposes to authorize the exchange of a lease on the County Parcel for an access easement across the Parks Heirs Parcel at its next regular meeting; directs the County Manager to negotiate a contract for the exchange; and directs the Clerk to the Board to publish the attached notice describing the properties to be exchanged, stating the estimated value of the properties, and announcing the Board's intent to authorize the exchange on March 19, 2019 at the Board's next regular business meeting.

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THIS CONCLUDED ITEMS APPROVED BY CONSENT

19-5198 COMMON SQUARE MOU ASSIGNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Scarborough and unanimously carried with Commissioners Cotham, Dunlap, Harden, Jerrell, Leake, Powell, Rodriguez-McDowell, and Scarborough voting yes, to authorize the County Manager to execute all documents necessary for the assignment by Common Square, LLC ("Common Square") of its rights and obligations pursuant to Memorandum of Understanding dated December 6, 2018, between County and Common Square (the "MOU") to CS Development.

Note: At its November 7, 2018 meeting, the Board adopted a resolution authorizing the exchange of (a) County-owned tax parcel 123-062-17 (+/- 4,356 SF) at Wilmore Centennial Park at SouthEnd, for (b) the northern portion of tax parcels 123-062-05 and 123-062-06 (+/- 4,500 SF), both of which are owned by Common Square, together with an access easement across the southern portion of such parcels.

Section 18 of the MOU permits Common Square, without County approval, to assign its rights and obligations thereunder to another entity in which 1) Common Square has an equity interest, or 2) which is controlled by the same individuals or entity which control Common Square. Either transfer would be considered a "Permitted Assignment". Any proposed assignment which does not meet such requirements requires prior County approval.

Common Square has now proposed to assign its rights and obligations under the MOU to Common Square Development, LLC ("CS Development"). This proposed assignment does not qualify as a Permitted Assignment; however, having analyzed the underlying facts and risks, County staff is comfortable with the proposed assignment to CS Development and is willing to provide its consent thereto.

Upon assignment of the MOU, CS Development agrees to assume all rights, duties and obligations of Common Square Development and to be legally responsible for fulfilling all existing conditions and requirements in the MOU, including acceptance of re-zoning approval from the City of Charlotte for a mixed-use project with structured parking and ground floor retail.

Commissioner Leake removed this item from Consent for more public awareness and clarity. County Manager Diorio addressed the request.

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19-5213 DONATION OF K-9 BULLET PROOF VESTS - SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Scarborough and unanimously carried with Commissioners Cotham, Dunlap, Harden, Jerrell, Leake, Powell, Rodriguez-McDowell, and Scarborough voting yes, to recognize and receive the donation of six K-9 bullet proof vests to Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) K-9 Unit from Max Milas and Spike's K-9 Fund.

Note: Max Milas, a local 6th grader from Union County, started a fundraiser to equip MCSO's K-9 Officers with bullet proof vests. Max wanted to help because he says that dogs are often the first ones to enter the line of fire. Each vest costs approximately \$2,500. Max raised nearly \$3,000 from online donations. The organization he teamed up with, Spike's K-9 Fund, makes it their mission to outfit all dogs once they are on their list. They are supplementing the remainder of the cost (approximately \$12,000) to outfit all six of our K-9 Officers.

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

Commissioner Powell expressed a special thanks to Max.

19-5217 DONATION OF BASKETBALL COURT RENOVATIONS FROM HABITAT FOR HUMANITY CHARLOTTE

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Scarborough and unanimously carried with Commissioners Cotham, Dunlap, Harden, Jerrell, Leake, Powell, Rodriguez-McDowell, and Scarborough voting yes, to recognize and receive the donation of basketball court renovations at Lakewood Neighborhood Park valued at up to \$30,000 from Habitat for Humanity Charlotte.

Commissioners Leake and Jerrell removed this item from Consent for more public awareness and clarity. County Manager Diorio addressed the donation.

19-5219 HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE WITH AIDS (HOPWA) GRANT APPLICATION

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

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- 1) Request permission to submit a grant application totaling \$36,000 for a one-year period (July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020) to the Carolinas CARE Partnership to provide housing case management and short-term rent, mortgage and utility payments to prevent homelessness of qualified persons living with HIV/AIDS; and
- 2) If awarded, recognize, receive and appropriate awarded funds.

Commissioners Leake and Jerrell removed this item from Consent for more public awareness and clarity. County Manager Diorio addressed this request.

Chair Dunlap left the dais and was away until noted in the minutes. Vice Chair Powell chaired the meeting until noted in the minutes.

19-5231 AFFIRM GRANT AWARDS - HUD CONTINUUM OF CARE 2018

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Scarborough and carried 7-0 with Commissioners Cotham, Harden, Jerrell, Leake, Powell, Rodriguez-McDowell, and Scarborough voting yes, to:

- A) Affirm award of three renewal grants and one additional funding grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD):
 - 1) Affirm grant for \$2,346,745 for the year 7/1/19-6/30/20 to provide Shelter Plus Care (SPC) targeted rental subsidies to homeless persons with disabilities (SPC Consolidated Renewal)
 - 2) Affirm grant for \$63,000 for the year 6/1/19-5/31/20 to provide Coordinated Entry services for homeless individuals and families (Mecklenburg County Coordinated Entry Renewal 2018)
 - 3) Affirm grant for \$63,000 for the year 4/1/2019 - 3/31/2020 to administer the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) for the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Continuum of Care. (2018 HMIS Mecklenburg)
 - 4) Affirm grant for \$100,000 for the Homeless Management Information System expansion project for the Mecklenburg Continuum of Care – County will be notified of project dates once scope of work notice has been received from HUD.

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B) Recognize, receive and appropriate funds for the affirmed amounts awarded for the duration of the grant periods; and

C) Authorize one position in Community Support Services, Homeless Services Divisions: 1 HMIS Administrator (annual market rate) \$58,700.

Commissioners Leake and Jerrell removed this item from Consent for more public awareness and clarity. County Manager Diorio addressed the request.

Chair Dunlap returned to the dais.

**19-5232 CAPITAL PROJECT ORDINANCE SCALEYBARK BRANCH & ORDINANCE
AMENDMENT- FY 2017 LIBRARY FACILITIES CAPITAL PROJECT ORDINANCE-NORTH
COUNTY LIBRARY RENOVATION**

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

1) Approve the FY19 Authorization Library Facilities Capital Project Ordinance (Scaleybark Branch); and

Note: This action would fund the outfitting for a replacement for the Scaleybark Branch. The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Library currently leases 5,500 Square Feet at 101 Scaleybark Road. The current lease has a 6-month advance notice termination clause for either party. The Library has pursued a new lease location out of a concern that development pressure on the current lease site could result in a termination without time to relocate. A new lease was negotiated for the 18,850 SF building located at 4429 South Blvd. The lease covers costs for a typical office upfit, but does not include capital costs for all of the critical needs of a library, including technology. Additional funding of \$1,707,000 is needed for additional electrical, telecommunications, A/V equipment, furniture and fixtures.

2) Approve amendment to the FY2017 Library Facilities Capital Project Ordinance.

Note: This action would provide additional funding of \$185,000 for the North County Library Renovation and will bridge a funding gap caused by unforeseen conditions, allowing the current construction project to continue as designed.

Commissioners Leake and Powell removed this item from Consent for more public awareness and clarity. County Manager Diorio addressed the request, as well as, Lee Keesler.

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Note: A second reading will be required, since all nine Commissioners were not present. The second reading/vote will take place at the March 19, 2019 meeting.

**19-5243 ORDINANCE AMENDMENT FY 2018 AUTHORIZATION GOVERNMENT FACILITIES
CAPITAL PROJECT ORDINANCE (NORTHPARK MALL DEMOLITION)**

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Scarborough and unanimously carried with Commissioners Cotham, Dunlap, Harden, Jerrell, Leake, Powell, Rodriguez-McDowell, and Scarborough voting yes, to approve the amendment of the FY 2018 Authorization Government Facilities Capital Project Ordinance.

Note: The County purchased the former Northpark Mall property at the intersection of Eastway and North Tryon Streets for the future Northeast Community Resource Center and a Library Support Services Center. A section of the vacated strip mall has become a target for break-ins and other unsafe conditions. This funding allows demolition of those portions of the Northpark Mall facilities.

Commissioner Leake removed this item from Consent for more public awareness and clarity.

Note: A second reading will be required, since all nine Commissioners were not present. The second reading/vote will take place at the March 19, 2019 meeting.

**19-5253 FY 2019 AUTHORIZATION GOVERNMENT FACILITIES CAPITAL PROJECT
ORDINANCE (COURTHOUSE COURTROOM UPFIT)**

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Scarborough and unanimously carried with Commissioners Cotham, Dunlap, Harden, Jerrell, Leake, Powell, Rodriguez-McDowell, and Scarborough voting yes, to approve FY2019 Authorization Government Facilities Capital Project Ordinance in the amount of \$1,100,000.

Note: The NC Legislature approved a position for a new Superior Court Judge in 2021. Because all existing courtrooms in the Mecklenburg County courthouse are assigned, this action will require the upfit of an additional courtroom. The County is obligated by State statute to provide facilities and furniture for the court system. The cost for this will be approximately \$1 million.

Commissioner Leake removed this item from Consent for more public awareness.

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Note: A second reading will be required, since all nine Commissioners were not present. The second reading/vote will take place at the March 19, 2019 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Harden, seconded by Commissioner Jerrell and unanimously carried with Commissioners Cotham, Dunlap, Fuller, Harden, Jerrell, Leake, Powell, Rodriguez-McDowell, and Scarborough voting yes, that there being no further business to come before the Board that the meeting be adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Janice S. Paige, Clerk

George Dunlap, Chair