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MINUTES OF MECKLENBURG COUNTY BOARD OF 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 at 5:00 p.m. and in Formal Session in the Meeting Chamber of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 15, 2013.

ATTENDANCE

Present: Chairman Patricia Cotham and Commissioners Karen Bentley, Dumont Clarke, George Dunlap, Trevor Fuller, Bill James, Vilma Leake, Kim Ratliff and Matthew Ridenhour
County Manager Harry L. Jones, Sr.
County Attorney Marvin Bethune
Clerk to the Board Janice S. Paige

Absent: None

-INFORMAL SESSION-

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

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

REMOVAL OF ITEMS FROM CONSENT

The Board identified item(s) they wanted removed from consent and voted upon separately. The items identified were Items 13-0772, 13-0786, 13-0787, and 13-0808.

STAFF BRIEFINGS - NONE

(13-0793, 13-0795, 13-0813) CLOSED SESSION – CONSULT WITH ATTORNEY, BUSINESS LOCATION AND EXPANSION AND PERSONNEL MATTER

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Fuller and carried 8-0 with Commissioners Bentley, Clarke, Cotham, Fuller, James, Leake, Ratliff, and Ridenhour voting yes, to go into Closed Session for the following purposes: Consult with Attorney, Business Location and Expansion and Personnel Matter.

The Board went into Closed Session at 5:05 p.m. and came back into Open Session at 6:40 p.m.

Commissioner Dunlap was present when the Board came back into Open Session. He entered the meeting during Closed Session.

It was the consensus of the Board to discuss the Personnel Matter at the next Regular meeting, since it was not taken up during Closed Session as anticipated because of time constraints.

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

-FORMAL SESSION-

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

(13-0796) PUBLIC APPEARANCE

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

Gail Overcash addressed her desire to be rehired by the County after being impacted by a Reduction-in-Force in 2010. Ms. Overcash is a former employee of Area Mental Health.

Anthony Abraham expressed his dissatisfaction with Commissioner Fuller and County Manager Jones.

Commissioner Bentley left the dais and was away until noted in the minutes.

(13-0790) NOMINATIONS/APPOINTMENTS

BUILDING DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Motion was made by Commissioner James, seconded by Commissioner Leake and carried 8-0 with Commissioners Clarke, Cotham, Dunlap, Fuller, James, Leake, Ratliff, and Ridenhour voting yes, to reappoint Ezequiel Acosta (HAC) and Harold Hester (PHC) to the Building Development Commission for three-year terms expiring January 30, 2016.

CITIZEN'S CAPITAL BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Fuller and carried 8-0 with Commissioners Clarke, Cotham, Dunlap, Fuller, James, Leake, Ratliff, and Ridenhour voting yes, to nominate and appoint Roger Brown and Jason Roach to the Citizen's Capital Budget Advisory Committee to fill unexpired terms expiring July 31, 2014 and Rachel Martin for a two-year term expiring July 31, 2015.

They replace Victor Alexander, Floyd Jesgar and Chad Lacy.

FIRE COMMISSION

Motion was made by Commissioner James, seconded by Commissioner Leake and carried 8-0 with Commissioners Clarke, Cotham, Dunlap, Fuller, James, Leake, Ratliff, and Ridenhour voting yes, to reappoint Joseph Labovitz to the Fire Commission for a three-year term expiring January 30, 2016.

PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Ratliff and carried 8-0 with Commissioners Clarke, Cotham, Dunlap, Fuller, James, Leake, Ratliff, and Ridenhour voting

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yes, to nominate and appoint Travis Dancy to the Park and Recreation Commission as the Northern Town representative to fill an unexpired term expiring June 30, 2013.

He replaces Philip Carey.

PERSONNEL COMMISSION

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner James and carried 8-0 with Commissioners Clarke, Cotham, Dunlap, Fuller, James, Leake, Ratliff, and Ridenhour voting yes, to reappoint Sheila Fetner to the Personnel Commission for a three-year term expiring February 4, 2016.

PUBLIC HEARINGS - 6:30 PM - NONE

ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS - NONE

MANAGER'S REPORT - NONE

STAFF REPORTS & REQUESTS

(13-0779) UPDATES TO BUSINESS INVESTMENT PROGRAM GUIDELINES

Economic Development Director John Allen addressed proposed updates to the Business Investment Program Guidelines.

Note: The Business Investment Program (BIP) is the County's primary economic development incentive program for the recruitment and retention of major employers, and has been in existence for approximately ten years. The program has guidelines that provide guidance to the Board of Commissioners when considering grant requests, but the board has the freedom to approve a grant that does not meet the guidelines. Typically, the grants consist of the return to the company of an amount equal to 50% to 90% of the taxes paid on the new investment for three or five years. Most of these grants, of which 35 are currently active, have been done in conjunction with the City of Charlotte. Once a grant has been approved by the elected bodies, a written contract is entered into with the company, which details the obligations on the part of the company in order to qualify for the grant, and on the County and City for payment of the grant.

Director Allen said the proposed updates were minor changes to the guidelines and were as follows:

1. Update Program Geography: This adds the City's Business Corridor Revitalization Area to the BIP geography, including the Nations Ford and Eastland areas and office submarkets with high vacancy rates (University Research Park and Coliseum/Tyvola Road area). This also includes an area on Statesville Road at the suggestion of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce.

There is a separate category of grant known as a "Large Impact Project" (attachment II in the attached Program Guidelines), that is available both inside and outside of this program geography.

2. Increase Flexibility in Wage requirements: This update considers the industry-specific average wage for companies with a projected average wage lower than the regional average

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(currently \$44,600). This will add greater flexibility for attracting manufacturers (\$33,290) and logistics firms (\$32,880).

3. Strengthen Program to be More Competitive for Retention Efforts: This update allows an extension of the grant term by two years for existing companies to better address the incentive value gaps with competing jurisdictions.

4. Evaluate a New Provision for Major Headquarters Projects: This update defines "Major Headquarters Project" as a "corporate, divisional or regional headquarters of a Fortune 1000 company with an annual average wage exceeding 200% of the regional average wage." This will be considered for such projects on a case-by-case basis.

5. Increase Supplier Relationships with Local Businesses and Encourage Local Hiring: This will add provisions to encourage grant recipients to:

- Use local small, minority and women-owned businesses as suppliers and vendors when such goods and services can be obtained at competitive prices
- Hire residents of Mecklenburg County

Director Allen said the City and County would monitor progress for one year to determine if additional measures were desired.

Director Allen said these provisions would become part of the contract between the local governments and the company.

Comments

Commissioner Leake asked for clarification on #5 - Increase Supplier Relationships with Local Businesses and Encourage Local Hiring, which was addressed.

Director Allen said the local hiring piece was an aspirational goal only.

Commissioner Fuller said with respect to hiring residents of Mecklenburg County, that it should be more than an aspirational goal, because the funds being used for the Business Investment Program were Mecklenburg County taxpayer dollars.

Commissioner Fuller said there should be some linkage between the provision of taxpayer dollars and the creation of jobs for residents of the County.

Commissioner Fuller asked why was it only aspirational.

Director Allen said to mandate that businesses hire only from within the County would put the County in an "extremely" uncompetitive situation. He said to have such a mandate would cause businesses not to want to come to Charlotte/Mecklenburg County.

Commissioner Fuller asked was there not some way it could be required that a certain percentage of the hiring be of Mecklenburg County residents.

Director Allen said companies would be "extremely" leery of that. He said they may see it as lessening their ability to recruit the "best, brightest and most talented" people that they could.

Commissioner Fuller said what's to say that the "best, brightest and most talented" weren't in Mecklenburg County. Commissioner Fuller said if taxpayer dollars were being spent then "presumably" it was being done to benefit County taxpayers.

Director Allen said the Business Investment Program grants were essentially self-financing and explained why.

Commissioner Fuller asked for clarification regarding investment value gaps with competing jurisdictions, which was addressed.

Commissioner James addressed how the program originally started out. He asked why the program went from targeted economic development in fragile areas to the current process, which he said was broader and encompassed mostly all areas of Charlotte. *Director Allen said the program was still very targeted.*

Commissioner James said he'd always wanted to see a limit on the amount of funds that could be expended in any given year.

Commissioner James said companies come to Charlotte/Mecklenburg County for reasons other than a Business Investment Program grant. Commissioner James said the program as it currently was, was in place because everyone else was doing it.

Commissioner Dunlap said citizens of Mecklenburg County get employment opportunities when companies relocate to Mecklenburg County. Commissioner Dunlap said Mecklenburg County citizens benefit as well from the increase in the taxbase as a result of companies relocating to Mecklenburg County.

Commissioner Ridenhour said it wasn't unreasonable to ask that a certain number of those hired by a company be residents of Mecklenburg County.

Commissioner Ridenhour said there were some in the County that question why wasn't something done to assist them with their business.

Commissioner Ridenhour said there were other things that appealed to businesses that make them want to come here, such as the airport, schools, the community college, Central Piedmont Community College, etc.

Chairman Cotham asked Director Allen to keep in mind the comments made by various Commissioners.

Motion was made by Commissioner Fuller, seconded by Commissioner Leake and carried 7-1 with Commissioners Clarke, Cotham, Dunlap, Fuller, Leake, Ratliff, and Ridenhour voting yes and Commissioner James voting no, to approve updates to Business Investment Program Guidelines as noted below.

1. Update Program Geography: This adds the City's Business Corridor Revitalization Area to the BIP geography, including the Nations Ford and Eastland areas and office submarkets with high vacancy rates (University Research Park and Coliseum/Tyvola Road area). This also includes an area on Statesville Road at the suggestion of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce.

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(13-0780) SMALL BUSINESS FUNDING PROGRAMS

The Board received a report on available small business funding programs in Mecklenburg County.

Economic Development Director John Allen gave the report. The following was noted:

- Given that there are eight existing small business loan programs, the staff conclusion is that there is not a necessary role for the County in this effort.
- However, if the Board wishes to pursue County participation in small business funding, the staff recommendation is to partner with an existing agency, rather than create another program.
- If this is the desired course of action, the Board may wish to refer this matter to an ad hoc committee to gather additional information on the various existing programs and develop a recommendation for Board consideration.

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

Comments

Commissioner Dunlap said this matter came about as a result of conversations last year with some micro business owners who were concerned that large businesses and corporations could come to Mecklenburg County and receive incentives to locate here, but that small companies or micro businesses where a person wanted to start a business could not get funding to do so.

Commissioner Dunlap said even though per Director Allen's report, there were opportunities available for micro businesses to receive financial assistance, there was still a problem that existed for those seeking assistance.

Commissioner Dunlap said if the opportunities that were available do meet the need, then there was a mis-education between providers of the grants and those seeking the grants.

Commissioner Dunlap said he hoped there was some way to marry the two, so that persons seeking the grant would know that they had an opportunity to successful apply for and receive a grant and not be told they can't, because they were over obligated.

Director Allen said programs did exist to meet that need, such as Grameen America.

Commissioner Dunlap asked what was the criteria for Grameen America's program and do they ever turn people down and why. *Director Allen said he did not know, but there were various reasons why people don't receive a loan. Director Allen said he could ask Grameen America representative to come and make a presentation if that was something the Board wanted.*

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Commissioner Dunlap asked Commissioner Leake to consider asking Grameen America representatives to come to one of her Small Business Consortium meetings.

Commissioner Ratliff asked Director Allen was it permissible for small business owners to attend the monthly meetings held at the Charlotte Regional Partnership of Economic Development leaders that he referenced in his comments. *Director Allen said he would think so, but that he would confirm that.*

Commissioner Ratliff asked what was the County's Economic Development Office doing to help small businesses, such as barber shops, beauty salons, and night clubs in the area that may have been denied a grant or desire to expand their business, but haven't been able to capitalize on the things that may be going on in the area.

Director Allen said the County's Economic Development Office was not set up to provide counseling to small business owners, nor did it offer loan programs. Director Allen said the Office was a part of the Small Business Consortium.

Director Allen said there was a Small Business Portal available on-line, Charlotte Business Resources.com that was designed to be the entry point for small business owners and perspective business owners to find out about available assistance.

Commissioner Ratliff said she recently found out that there was a hot line available to business owners as well.

Commissioner Ratliff asked what was being done about the high vacancy areas where businesses use to be, but were no longer there. *Director Allen said the City of Charlotte was the primary entity leading that charge.*

Commissioner James said it was not county government's responsibility to provide micro-lending. Commissioner James said the groups that provide that service have the resources to do so.

Commissioner James said if a county government advanced a micro loan, then that person owned the taxpayers. Commissioner James said that meant they either were going to pay the loan back or there would be a high level of default.

Commissioner James said if there was a high level of default that meant collection efforts on the part of the County.

This concluded the discussion. No action was taken by the Board.

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

Chairman Cotham thanked Director Allen for his report.

(13-0806) NORTH CAROLINA FAMILIES ACCESSING SERVICES THROUGH TECHNOLOGY (NC FAST)

The Board received a report from staff regarding the implementation of NC FAST in Mecklenburg County.

Rodney Adams, Director, Economic Services Division Department of Social Services gave the report.

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Note: North Carolina Families Accessing Services through Technology (NC FAST) is a program designed to improve the way the NC Department of Health and Human Services and county departments of social services do business. NC FAST introduces new technological tools and business processes that will enable workers to spend less time on administrative tasks and more time assisting families.

The following was covered:

- What Is NC FAST
- NC FAST Targeted Deployments
- NC FAST Benefits
- Mecklenburg County NC FAST Activities
- Challenges
- Challenges Future Deployments
- Contingencies

Director Adams said NC FAST would create efficiencies and greatly benefit Mecklenburg County residents. He said there would be delays due to system and process challenges, however, the Department of Social Services was taking steps to mitigate impacts and ensure families continue to receive services. Director Adams said service demands would increase as future programs and policies were implemented in NC FAST.

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

Comments

Commissioner Dunlap asked about the technology link that had been talked about in the past by non-profits that would allow the non-profits and public entities to have access to a shared client data base, in order to make sure individuals weren't taking advantage of the system. He asked was that link taken into consideration with the development of NC FAST to take care of that gap. *Director Adams said counties would have the capability of read only access to community partners, so that as community partners were providing services to citizens, they too, would be able to see some limited information, to see if an individual was receiving a public benefit. Director Adams said this would help the community partner to make a more informed decision about their provision of services.*

Director Adams said the level of that accessibility had not been shared yet. Director Adams said one would only be able to see if a person had received public benefits, but not whether they'd been to a community partner, at least not with this phase of NC FAST.

Commissioner Leake asked if NC FAST had any connection with MeckLINK. *The response was no.*

Commissioner Leake asked who was currently in charge of the Department of Social Services. *Director Adams said each Division Director was responsible for their particular division, but collectively, as one group or the senior executive team, they make decisions regarding the day to day operations of the department. He said they report to General Manager Michelle Lancaster.*

Commissioner James asked would there be agreements between the County and those community partners that receive funding from the County, to have access to their data regarding service recipients. *Director Adams said NC FAST was a State ran and maintained system and the only information that the County would be able to put in the NC FAST system would be benefit information. Director Adams said the State has said they would give counties flexibility to allow other entities to read into the program.*

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Commissioner James asked about the increase in Medicaid cases and was the figure given, specific to Mecklenburg County. *The response was yes.*

Commissioner Fuller asked would there be any additional cost to the County for the additional efforts that would have to be undertaken with respect to NC FAST. *Director Adams said staff was still assessing the impact. He said if there was additional cost it would be temporary in nature. He said staff believed that as the additional programs were implemented in NC FAST and efficiencies were gained, the resources used in a temporary capacity would no longer be needed at that level.*

Commissioner Fuller said from the start up point or to get to the start up point, until there's the opportunity to realize the efficiencies, would that additional cost be borne by the County versus being reimbursed by the State. *General Manager John McGillicuddy said it was noted in a December Board Bulletin regarding NC FAST that the County Manager authorized the use of approximately \$800,000 in lapsed salaries, unused salaries, to pay for potential overtime and temporary staffing costs. General Manager McGillicuddy said those funds were currently in the budget and that all of it may not be used.*

Commissioner Fuller said since the County was bearing the cost of implementing NC FAST, would there be any reimbursement by the State. Director Adams said a portion would be reimbursed by the State at 50%.

Commissioner Fuller asked had any thought been given to connecting MeckLINK with what's being done with NC FAST, such that someone who needed services from Social Services and MeckLINK, was there some way to join the two together. *Director Adams at this time there hasn't been any discussion on the State level regarding that.*

Commissioner Clarke asked for clarification regarding the function of NC FAST, which was addressed.

Commissioner Clarke asked whether the County's Internal Audit Department had been involved in this transition of NC FAST. *The response was no.*

Commissioner Clarke asked whether Internal Audit would be involved in the future. Director Adams said there was plan for Internal Audit to be involved in the conversion process. Director Adams said the State was converting all of the existing cases into NC FAST.

Commissioner Clarke commented on the Single Audit process that Internal Audit does.

General Manager McGillicuddy said Single Audits were done by the County's external auditors and that they would look at NC FAST at some point.

Commissioner Bentley returned to the dais.

Chairman Cotham said the implementation of NC FAST should be very beneficial to those in need of these services because less time would be spent seeking those services, which would free them up to seek employment.

This concluded the discussion. No action was taken on by the Board.

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

Chairman Cotham thanked Director Adams for his presentation.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner James and unanimously carried with Commissioners Bentley, Clarke, Cotham, Dunlap, Fuller, James, Leake, Ratliff, and Ridenhour voting yes, to adopt a resolution entitled: RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE BROOKLYN VILLAGE / KNIGHTS BASEBALL STADIUM INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT AND THE BROOKLYN VILLAGE AFFORDABLE HOUSING AGREEMENT AND DECLARATION OF RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS as noted below.

RESOLUTION

***APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE BROOKLYN VILLAGE / KNIGHTS
BASEBALL STADIUM INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT AND
THE BROOKLYN VILLAGE AFFORDABLE HOUSING AGREEMENT AND
DECLARATION OF RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS***

WHEREAS, under G.S. 160A-461, units of local government may enter into interlocal cooperation undertakings with each other for the contractual exercise by one unit of local government for the other unit of local government of any power, function, public enterprise, right, privilege, or immunity of local government; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to G.S. 160A-274, any governmental unit may, upon such terms and conditions as it deems wise, with or without consideration, exchange with, lease to, lease from, sell to, or purchase from any other governmental unit any interest in real or personal property; and

WHEREAS, the County and the City have previously entered into that certain "Brooklyn Village / Knights Baseball Stadium Interlocal Cooperation Agreement" approved by the City on May 14, 2007 (the "Interlocal Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the County and the City amended the Interlocal Agreement effective as of December 7, 2007 to defer the time for closing on the sale of certain real property by the County to Brooklyn Village LLC (the "Second Ward Property"); and

WHEREAS, the County, the City and Brooklyn Village LLC entered into the Brooklyn Village Affordable Housing Agreement and Declaration of Restrictive Covenants effective as of December 7, 2007 (the "Declaration of Restrictive Covenants"), contemplating that the County would sell the Second Ward Property to Brooklyn Village LLC and requiring that any development of the Second Ward Property by Brooklyn Village LLC or its successors include affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, the County and Brooklyn Village LLC entered into an Agreement of Sale for County Property dated January 17, 2008 (the "Sales Agreement") under which the County agreed to sell the Second Ward Property to Brooklyn Village LLC; and

WHEREAS, the County and Brooklyn Village LLC amended the Sales Agreement effective September 8, 2010 to defer the time for closing under the Sales Agreement; and

WHEREAS, by agreement dated October 11, 2011, Brooklyn Village LLC assigned its rights as Buyer under the Sales Agreement to Spectrum Investment Services, Inc. ("Spectrum"), as allowed by the Sales Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the County and Spectrum amended the Sales Agreement effective as of November 20, 2012 to extend the time for Spectrum to close on purchase of the Second Ward Property to June 1, 2013 (the "Second Extension to Sales Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the County and the City desire to amend the Interlocal Agreement and restate the Declaration of Restrictive Covenants to reflect the extension granted in the Second Extension to Sales Agreement:

WHEREAS, N.C. Gen. Stat. 160A-461 requires that such Interlocal Agreements "be ratified by resolution of the governing board of each unit spread upon its minutes", now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners that the Board

1. Approves and ratifies the Second Amendment to Brooklyn Village / Knights

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Baseball Stadium Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Mecklenburg County (the "Second Amendment to Interlocal Agreement"); and

2. *Approves and ratifies the Restated Brooklyn Village Affordable Housing Agreement and Declaration of Restrictive Covenants (the "Restated Declaration of Restrictive Covenants"); and*
3. *Authorizes the County Manager to execute the Second Amendment to Interlocal Agreement and the Restated Declaration of Restrictive Covenants in substantially the form presented to the Board of Commissioners with technical corrections and minor modifications as he may deem necessary consistent with the spirit and intent of the transactions, to record the Restated Declaration of Restrictive Covenants and to take all actions necessary to effectuate the transactions contemplated by the Second Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement and the Restated Declaration of Restrictive Covenants.*

Resolution recorded in full in Minute Book _____ Document # _____.

General Manager Bobbie Shields presented this matter to the Board, prior to the above vote.

Commissioner Dunlap left the dais and was away until noted in the minutes.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORTS & REQUEST

(13-0811) CHARLOTTE AREA FUND, INC. COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION - CHAIRMAN COTHAM

Motion was made by Commissioner James, seconded by Commissioner Leake and carried 8-0 with Commissioners Bentley, Clarke, Cotham, Fuller, James, Leake, Ratliff, and Ridenhour voting yes, to acknowledge receipt of the Charlotte Area Fund, Inc. Community Services Block Grant Application and to go on record as having no comments regarding the application.

Karen Bracket Browning, Charlotte Area Fund Executive Director and Board members Reginald Johnson, Chair and Aaron McKeithan were present to address questions, however, there were no questions from the Board. Ms. Browning thanked the Board for its support.

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion was made by Commissioner James, seconded by Commissioner Leake and carried 8-0 with Commissioners Bentley, Clarke, Cotham, Fuller, James, Leake, Ratliff, and Ridenhour voting yes, to approve the following item(s):

(13-0777) MYERS PARK TRINITY LITTLE LEAGUE LEASE AGREEMENT

Adopt a resolution of intent to extend the lease with the Myers Park Trinity Little League at the Randolph Road and Grier Heights park athletic fields.

Note: The Park and Recreation Department and Myers Park Trinity Little League desire to extend the term of an existing lease from December 31, 2016 to December 31, 2021. Myers Park Trinity Little League has requested an extension of the existing lease to amortize a \$900,000 investment to construct two multipurpose and restroom buildings, construct additional storage space for maintenance equipment at Randolph Road Park and Grier Heights Park, and construct improvements to increase additional seating capacity at one baseball field. According to the terms of the existing lease, the Myers Park Trinity Little League provides all athletic field maintenance and construction of capital improvements in return for priority use of the fields.

Resolution recorded in full in Minute Book _____ Document # _____.

(13-0788) TAX REFUNDS

Approve refunds in the amount of \$643.08 and interest as statutorily required to be paid as requested by the Assessor resulting from clerical errors, audits and other amendments.

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

(13-0791) GRANT APPLICATION - NORTH CAROLINA PARK AND RECREATION TRUST FUND (PARTF)

- 1) Approve submitting a \$400,000 grant application to the North Carolina Park and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) for the Flat Branch Nature Preserve.
- 2) If awarded, recognize, receive and appropriate such funds.
- 3) If awarded, authorize the County Manager to enter into a contract and reimbursement agreement with the State of North Carolina for the grant.

(13-0794) BUDGET AMENDMENT - STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS AUDIO CODING GRANT (REVENUE INCREASE)

Recognize, receive and appropriate grant funds in the amount of \$2,633.20 from State Board of Elections to pay for audio coding.

(13-0797) MINUTES

Approve minutes of Regular meeting held January 2, 2013 and Budget Public Policy meeting held November 13, 2012.

(13-0810) BOARD BULLETIN

Receive the County Manager's Board Bulletins published since the last Board meeting.

THIS CONCLUDED ITEMS APPROVED BY CONSENT

(13-0772) GRANT APPLICATION - CONTINUUM OF CARE GRANT RENEWAL

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner James and carried 8-0 with Commissioners Bentley, Clarke, Cotham, Fuller, James, Leake, Ratliff, and Ridenhour voting yes, to:

A) Approve submission of the following single-year renewal grant applications to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development:

- 1) Grant for \$148,039 for 2/1/2013 - 1/31/2014 to provide intake and increased housing and personal stability to homeless clients
- 2) Grant for \$1,455,619 for 3/6/2013 - 3/5/2014 to provide Shelter Plus Care targeted rental subsidies to homeless persons with disabilities (Renewal A-12)

3) Grant for \$304,257 for 3/7/2013 - 3/6/2014 to provide Shelter Plus Care targeted rental subsidies to homeless persons with disabilities (Renewal B-12)

4) Grant for \$128,169 for 3/20/2013 - 3/19/2014 to provide Shelter Plus Care targeted rental subsidies to chronically homeless persons with disabilities (Samaritan Renewal C-12)

5) Grant for \$361,127 for 9/1/2013 - 8/31/2014 to provide supportive services and case management for consumers who are homeless and disabled

B) Recognize, receive and appropriate the amount of the awards when received.

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

(13-0786) AMEND THE LAND USE & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES FEE ORDINANCE

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Fuller and carried 8-0 with Commissioners Bentley, Clarke, Cotham, Fuller, James, Leake, Ratliff, and Ridenhour voting yes, to amend the LUESA Fee Ordinance to delete provisions for a special "owner as contractor" permit fee structure.

Note: Regarding the "owner as contractor" permit fee structure, In October, 2012, the Board approved changes in the Ordinance for the "owner as contractor" permit fee structure. At that time, it was anticipated that supporting technology changes to implement the fee would be in place by November 5. This change applied to projects of \$30,000 construction costs or less, and was premised on customers paying for inspections service per event, by e-check or credit card. However, recently the County changed its banking vendor following a competitive bidding process. As a result, the County has temporarily suspended the expansion of e-checks and credit card payment until there is a full transition to the new electronic payment vendor. Once this occurs, the "owner as contractor" permit fee strategy can be implemented. Until the owner as contractor permit fee structure can be implemented, changes for these projects will remain based on the construction cost of the project.

Ordinance recorded in full in Minute Book _____ Document # _____.

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

Commissioner Dunlap returned to the dais.

(13-0787) RESOLUTION - SCOUTING FOR FOOD COLLECTION DAY

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Ridenhour and unanimously carried with Commissioners Bentley, Clarke, Cotham, Dunlap, Fuller, James, Leake, Ratliff, and Ridenhour voting yes, to adopt a Resolution recognizing February 2, 2013 as Scouting for Food Collection Day.

Note: For many years Boy Scouts in Mecklenburg County have been collecting food in February for distribution by Loaves & Fishes as an expression of the Boy Scout slogan of "Do a Good Turn Daily" and of the Scout Oath, which says that Scouts should strive "to help other people at all times." Saturday, February 2, 2013 is the next Scouting for Food collection day in Mecklenburg County. The purpose of the resolution is to encourage all residents who are fortunate enough to be able to help, to make food contributions to the Boy Scouts for the benefit of Loaves & Fishes

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through the Boy Scout Scouting for Food collection program in February, 2013.

Resolution recorded in full in Minute Book _____ Document # _____.

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

(13-0808) BUDGET AMENDMENT - DSS JOB BOOST (REVENUE INCREASE)

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Fuller and unanimously carried with Commissioners Bentley, Clarke, Cotham, Dunlap, Fuller, James, Leake, Ratliff, and Ridenhour voting yes, to amend the Department of Social Services (DSS) FY13 Budget to recognize, receive and appropriate \$550,000 for the Job Boost program.

Note: The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) allocated a total of \$550,000 in Federal revenue to Mecklenburg County Department of Social Services (DSS) to extend the Job Boost Program. The funds may be used for subsidized wages and other (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) TANF-eligible expenses such as uniforms, clothing, transportation assistance and other related employment expenses.

Commissioners Leake and Cotham removed this item from Consent for more public awareness and to ask questions about the program.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Fuller and unanimously carried with Commissioners Bentley, Clarke, Cotham, Dunlap, Fuller, James, Leake, Ratliff, and Ridenhour voting yes, that there being no further business to come before the Board that the meeting be adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Janice S. Paige, Clerk

Patricia "Pat" Cotham, Chairman