

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA**

Monday, January 11, 2021

7:00 P.M. Regular Session

**MINUTES**

Place: Commissioners' Chambers, Second Floor, Durham County Government Administrative Complex, 200 East Main Street, Durham, North Carolina

Present: Chair Brenda Howerton, Vice-Chair Wendy Jacobs and Commissioners Nida Allam, Nimasheena Burns and Heidi Carter

Presider: Chair Brenda Howerton

**Opening of Regular Session - Pledge of Allegiance**

**Agenda Adjustments**

Chair Howerton announced that there were no agenda adjustments.

**Announcements**

Chair Howerton asked for a moment of silence for the violence and other incidents in the community.

Chair Howerton read the following announcements:

1. **Community Input Sessions: DSS Main Redevelopment** – Durham County is seeking your input on the redevelopment of the former DSS Building located at 220 E. Main Street.

Please join ONE of the following virtual session by web at [www.dconc.gov/dssmain](http://www.dconc.gov/dssmain) or by phone at 1-877-853-5257 – ID Number: 954-8649-1179

- Saturday, January 16 – 10am-11:30am
- Tuesday, January 19 – 5:30pm – 7pm

2. **Your Feedback is Needed** – The City-County Planning Department is ready to present the initial results of input through its draft community objectives.

Please visit [www.durham.mysocialpinpoint.com/comprehensiveplan](http://www.durham.mysocialpinpoint.com/comprehensiveplan) now through February 19th to share your feedback on the draft community objectives. For additional information about the new Comprehensive Plan process, please contact City-County Planning Department Senior Planner Lisa Miller at 919-560-4137 ext 28270.

3. **COVID-19 Vaccines: Durham County Resident Survey** – The vaccine has arrived in our community and residents are being asked to take the survey to assist Public Health in meeting your needs.

Please visit [www.tinyurl.com/DCoVaccineSurvey](http://www.tinyurl.com/DCoVaccineSurvey) to complete the survey.

4. **Need Help Paying your Heating Bill?** – Beginning January 2<sup>nd</sup> – March 31, 2021 the Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) will open to all Durham County residents.

Residents are asked to visit [www.epass.nc.gov](http://www.epass.nc.gov) to view eligible criteria and apply for the program.

5. **Programming Updates from the Durham County Library** – Check out [www.events.durhamcountylibrary.org/events](http://www.events.durhamcountylibrary.org/events) for upcoming live virtual programs. Residents can register for events and view the full calendar at the link above.
6. **Book Harvest 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Book Drive & Community Celebration** – Please join Book Harvest as they kick off the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Dream Big Book Drive and Community Celebration on Monday, January 18, 2021.

For more information (time and details) please visit [www.facebook.com/bookharvestnc](http://www.facebook.com/bookharvestnc).

7. **NC4ME & Durham NCWorks Virtual Hiring Event: Find you Career in Durham!** – Job seekers are invited to attend a virtual hiring event on January 27<sup>th</sup> from 9:45am – 3pm.

Please visit [www.nc4me.org/durhamncworks](http://www.nc4me.org/durhamncworks) for additional information. Pre-match registration ends on January 15<sup>th</sup>.

8. **Durham Pre-K Family Info Session** – Residents interested in applying for Durham Pre-K should complete the interest form for the Family Info Session on February 6, 2021. Families will find out program information, application steps and much more.

Two sessions will be provided in English (9am-10am) and Spanish (10:30am-11:30am). Please visit [www.durhamprek.org](http://www.durhamprek.org) for additional information and registration.

Vice-Chair Jacobs added residents could sign up for the Department of Public Health Newsletter on the Durham County website: [www.dconc.gov](http://www.dconc.gov) or on the Public Health website: [www.dcopublichealth.org](http://www.dcopublichealth.org).

## Minutes

Vice-Chair Jacobs moved, seconded by Commissioner Burns to approve the November 23, 2020, December 14, 2020 and December 16, 2020 Regular Session minutes.

The motion carried unanimously.

## Ceremonial Items

### **21-0023 Resolution – Celebrating and Honoring the Life and Services of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

Chair Howerton read the following resolution:

**CELEBRATING & HONORING  
THE LIFE & SERVICE OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.**

- WHEREAS,** a champion of nonviolence and justice, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. devoted his life to strengthening the content of American character and fought unrelentingly for the civil rights of all Americans and taught us that courage displaces fear, love transforms hate, acceptance dissipates prejudice and mutual regard cancels enmity; and
- WHEREAS,** in the face of hatred and violence, Dr. King preached a doctrine of nonviolence and civil disobedience to combat segregation, discrimination, and racial injustice, and believed that people have the moral capacity to care for other people; and
- WHEREAS,** Dr. King was one of the leaders of the successful 381-day Montgomery bus boycott in 1955 to protest the arrest of Rosa Parks and the segregation of the bus system; and
- WHEREAS,** Dr. King helped found and served as the first president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in 1957 to coordinate and support nonviolent direct action as a method of desegregating bus systems across the South; and
- WHEREAS,** between 1960 and 1964, Dr. King made addresses in Durham at White Rock Baptist Church, the Durham Business & Professional Chain, Hillside High School, the Southern Political Science Association at the Jack Tar Hotel, North Carolina College (now North Carolina Central University) and Duke University urging civil disobedience and nonviolent protests to end racial segregation and discrimination; and
- WHEREAS,** Dr. King traveled more than 6,000,000 miles, spoke more than 2,500 times, and wrote 5 books and numerous articles supporting efforts around the country to end injustice and bring about social change and desegregation between 1957 and 1968; and
- WHEREAS,** on August 28, 1963, Dr. King led the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, the largest rally of the civil rights movement, during which, from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial and before a crowd of more than 200,000 people, Dr. King delivered his famous "I Have a Dream" speech in which he called for an end to racism and advocated for the civil and economic rights of African Americans; and
- WHEREAS,** the March on Washington was instrumental in the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 which outlawed discrimination based on race, color, religious sex or national origin and prohibited unequal application of voter registration requirements and racial segregation in schools, employment and public accommodations; and
- WHEREAS,** Dr. King helped to organize the monumentally inspiring Selma to Montgomery marches in 1965 to advocate for passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 to guarantee African American citizens the right to vote; and
- WHEREAS,** Dr. King was supporting the garbage workers in Memphis, Tennessee, and planning the Poor People's Campaign to promote economic justice, when he was assassinated in Memphis on April 4, 1968; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** we the Durham Board of County Commissioners do hereby resolve to recognize and honor the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his commitment to improve the human condition of all people through adoption of a racial equity framework for governmental decision-making, access to quality education, affordable housing, equal opportunity, shared prosperity, living wage employment, safe and humane labor conditions for all employees and quality healthcare.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Durham Board of County Commissioners call on the residents of Durham County to join us in reflecting on and advancing Dr. King’s life and fulfilling his dream.

This the 11<sup>th</sup> day of January 2021.

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Brenda A. Howerton, Chair

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Wendy Jacobs, Vice-Chair

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Nida Allam, Commissioner

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Nimasheena Burns, Commissioner

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Heidi Carter, Commissioner

DeWarren K. Langley, Vice Chair of Durham Community Martin Luther King, Jr. Steering Committee, Inc. thanked the Board for the recognition. He stated the 2021 King Holiday Celebration virtual events were as follows:

**41<sup>st</sup> Virtual Interfaith Prayer Breakfast - Triangle Martin Luther King, Jr. Committee**

Monday, January 18, 2021 - 7:00AM - 9:00AM

Keynote Speaker

Bishop Michael Curry, 27<sup>th</sup> Presiding Bishop & Primate of the Episcopal Church

Streamed on [www.wral.com](http://www.wral.com)

**Virtual Annual Religious Service**

Monday, January 18, 2021 - 5:30PM

Keynote Speaker

Pastor Fredrick A. Davis, Pastor, First Calvary Baptist Church

To register, [www.rb.gy/mhquge](http://www.rb.gy/mhquge)

The Board thanked Mr. Langley for his leadership on the steering committee.

Commissioner Carter moved, seconded by Commissioner Burns to approve the resolution celebrating and honoring the Life and Services of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The motion carried unanimously.

**21-0024 Proclamation – National Mentoring Month**

Commissioner Burn read the following proclamation.

**NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH | 2021**

**WHEREAS,** created in 2002 by the Harvard School of Public Health and MENTOR: The National Mentoring Partnership; January 2021 marks the 19th anniversary of National Mentoring Month, an annual campaign to focus attention on the need for quality, consistent and competent mentors, and;

- WHEREAS,** a mentor is a caring, dependable and authentic person that provides a consistent presence, guidance and devotes time to a young person to help that youth discover personal strength to persevere and achieve their potential through a structured and trusting relationship; and
- WHEREAS,** quality mentoring encourages and empowers youth to make positive choices, promote self-esteem and character development, support academic achievement, leadership and professional development, career exploration and introduce youth to new ideas; and
- WHEREAS,** the goals of National Mentoring Month are to raise awareness of mentoring, recruit individuals to mentor, encourage organizations to engage and integrate quality mentoring into their efforts with a focus on academic support, life skills training, and career readiness/workforce preparation to motivate youth to excel; and
- WHEREAS,** during the COVID-19 pandemic, mentoring programs have stepped up to fill gaps for youth and families, connecting them with resources and ensuring that mentoring relationships continue virtually to prevent social disconnection and mitigate learning loss; and
- WHEREAS,** positive youth development theory understands adolescence as a distinct developmental phase where boundary testing and individual identity development are critical steps on the path to adulthood, steps that need to be supported, nurtured and cultivated by patient and caring adults in safe environments; and
- WHEREAS,** research shows that youth who meet regularly with their mentors are more than 52 percent less likely than their peers to skip a day of school, youth who face an opportunity gap but have a mentor are 55 percent more likely to be enrolled in college than those who did not have a mentor; youth who meet regularly with their mentors are 46 percent less likely than their peers to start using drugs and 27 percent less likely to start drinking; and
- WHEREAS,** mentors serve a critical role in helping youth successfully complete high school and gain admission to college, equipped with the skills and competencies they need to success in college and build new in-demand skills, prepare for the future of work and succeed in an ever-changing workforce; and
- WHEREAS,** mentoring programs must incorporate work-based learning to prepare and connect youth with real-life work experiences where they can apply academic, technical and soft skills and develop their employability while exploring career pathways; and
- WHEREAS,** National Mentoring Month is the time of year to celebrate, elevate, and encourage mentoring in Durham County.

**NOW THEREFORE,** I, Brenda A. Howerton on behalf of the Durham Board of County Commissioners do hereby proclaim the month of January 2021 as

**“NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH”**

in Durham County, and hereby call upon public officials, business and community leaders, educators, and citizens to observe this month with appropriate ceremonies, activities and programs in order to:

- recognize the men and women who serve as staff and volunteers at quality mentoring programs and help our youth find inner strength and reach their full potential;

- acknowledge that mentoring is beneficial because it facilitates healthy identity development, encourages educational achievement, reduces juvenile delinquency, expands career readiness, improves life outcomes, and strengthens communities;
- promote the creation, expansion, sustainability, and funding of quality mentoring programs across Durham to equip youth with the tools needed to lead healthy, productive and meaningful lives; and
- support initiatives to close the academic, achievement, opportunity and mentoring gaps and promote critical mentoring to support boys of color with mentors who perceive and understand social, political and economic racism and oppression and to take action against racism and oppressive elements of society.

This the 11<sup>th</sup> day of January 2021

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Brenda A. Howerton, Chair  
Durham Board of County Commissioners

DeWarren Langley, Executive Director of Charles Hamilton Houston Foundation, Inc. thanked the Board for the proclamation and provided an overview of the foundation.

The Board thanked Mr. Langley for the proclamation and for his involvement in the community.

Commissioner Burns moved, seconded by Commissioner Allam to approve the proclamation declaring January 2021 as National Mentoring Month in Durham County.

The motion carried unanimously.

**21-0655 Durham County Main Library: 2020 AIA NC (American Institute of Architects) Honor Award, The Inaugural Freelon Public Architecture Award and NOMA (National Operation of Minority Architects Citation**

Peri Manns, Deputy Director of Engineering and Environmental Services recognized Brenda Hayes-Bright, Project Manager of Engineering and Environmental Services for overseeing and ensuring the library project was completed. Ms. Hayes-Bright thanked the Board, County departments, library staff, Durham County Library Foundation, the design team and the contractors. She stated the library was a special project and she was proud of the outcome.

Victor Vines, President of Victor Vines Architecture thanked the design team for their work and thanked everyone for having confidence in the firm to deliver the project. Kaitlan Phelps, Associate Interior Designer added the library was a great project and experience. Tammy Baggett-Best, Library Director explained the library was a crown jewel for Durham and a need for the community.

The Board thanked all the staff involved with the library project, Victor Vines Architecture and Ms. Baggett-Best.

**Consent Agenda**

Chair Howerton asked the Board if they requested to pull or comment on any items on the Consent Agenda.

The Board requested to comment on the following: 21-0006 and 21-0039.

- Item 21-0006 – Vice-Chair Jacobs shared concern with the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the City of Durham for the Division of Sales Tax. She noted the Board requested the cost share for joint departments be renegotiated for several years and this request had not been made.
- Item 21-0039 – Commissioner Allam asked if there was an open appointment on the Durham City-County Planning Committee. Vice-Chair Jacobs replied yes; adding two of the three appointment were assigned. Chair Howerton asked the Board to approve the appointments and stated she would amend the appointments to fill any openings.

The Board requested to pull the following: 21-0003 and 21-0032.

Hearing no additional comments, Chair Howerton entertained a motion for approval.

Commissioner Carter moved, seconded by Commissioner Burns to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda.

The motion carried unanimously.

20-0664 Approval of Amendment to City-County Youth Initiative Manager Interlocal Agreement

\*20-0684 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 21BCC000060 FY 2019-2020 Encumbrance Rollover – Increasing multiple Funds Budgeted Expenditures and Revenues by a total of \$6,792,980.89

20-0685 Durham Gang Reduction Strategy – Approval of Annual Interlocal Agreement with the City of Durham and Approval of Consultant Services Contract with Tytos Consulting

20-0686 Sole Source Exemption for Stirrup Iron Creek Lift Station Monster Muffin Purchase

\*21-0004 Approval of Nonprofit Request for Proposal (RFP) Process and Final Selections and Budget Amendment No. 21BCC000062 Allocating Related Funding (\$284,665) to Appropriate Departments

21-0006 Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for the Division of Sales Tax Between the County of Durham and the City of Durham July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022

21-0010 Approval of Interlocal Agreement to Transfer Non-Profit Housing Repair Funds to the City of Durham for Joint City-County Home Repair Programs

21-0014 Revised BOCC 2021 Meeting Calendar

\*21-0016 Funding to support \$15 Per Hour Increase for DPS Classified Employees and Budget Amendment Ordinance No. 21BCC000064 Appropriating \$950,000 General Fund Balance Supporting January 1, 2021 Through June 30, 2021 Implementation

21-0033 Authorize Manager to execute Corning, Inc. Utility Extension Agreement Amendment #1

21-0039 Commissioner Appointment to Boards and Commissions

**Durham County, North Carolina  
2020-2021 Budget Ordinance  
Amendment Number 21BCC000060**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2020-2021 budget ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<b><u>GENERAL FUND</u></b>			
<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>			
General Government	\$124,586,346	\$2,745,305	\$127,331,651
Public Safety	\$69,373,847	\$1,906,367	\$71,280,214
Environmental Protection	\$5,621,865	\$418,163	\$6,040,028
Economic and Physical Development	\$7,799,665	\$402,886	\$8,202,551
Human Services	\$103,200,562	\$526,889	\$103,727,451
Education	\$167,201,934	\$68,076	\$167,270,010
Cultural and Recreation	\$13,661,486	\$69,302	\$13,730,788
<b><u>Revenue</u></b>			
Other Financing Services	\$30,713,084	\$6,136,988	\$36,850,071
<b><u>RISK MANAGEMENT FUND</u></b>			
<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>			
General Government	\$3,849,805	\$119,525	\$3,696,330
<b><u>Revenue</u></b>			
Other Financing Services	\$0	\$119,525	\$119,525
<b><u>REAPPRAISAL RESERVE FUND</u></b>			
<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>			
General Government	\$840,700	\$278,500	\$1,119,200
<b><u>Revenue</u></b>			
Other Financing Sources	\$840,700	\$278,500	\$1,119,200
<b><u>BENEFITS PLAN FUND</u></b>			
<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>			
General Government	\$17,892,547	\$2,999	\$17,895,546
<b><u>Revenue</u></b>			
Other Financing Sources	\$29,664,576	\$2,999	\$29,667,575
<b><u>ENTERPRISE FUND</u></b>			
<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>			
Utilities	\$10,742,100	\$254,969	\$10,997,069
<b><u>Revenue</u></b>			
Other Financing Sources	\$0	\$254,969	\$254,969

All ordinances and portions of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved January 11, 2021

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Consent Agenda Item #20-0004

**Durham County, North Carolina  
2020-2021 Budget Ordinance  
Amendment Number 21BCC000062**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2020-2021 budget ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<b><u>GENERAL FUND</u></b>			
<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>			
General Government	\$127,207,651	(\$284,665)	\$126,922,986
Economic and Physical Development	\$8,202,551	\$221,333	\$8,423,884
Education	\$167,394,010	\$26,666	\$167,420,676
Cultural and Recreation	\$13,730,788	\$36,666	\$13,767,454

All ordinances and portions of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved January 11, 2021

Consent Agenda Item #21-0016

**Durham County, North Carolina  
2020-2021 Budget Ordinance  
Amendment Number 21BCC000064**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2020-2021 budget ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<b><u>GENERAL FUND</u></b>			
<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>			
Education	\$167,420,676	\$950,000	\$168,370,676
Other Financing Sources	\$36,850,071	\$950,000	\$37,800,071

All ordinances and portions of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved January 11, 2021

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**Other Business**

**21-0025 Durham County Public Health Focused Update on the COVID-19 Crisis.**

Rodney Jenkins, Public Health Director thanked the Board and County Management for their support in the COVID response.

Mr. Jenkins provided the following updates for Durham County:

- 16,991 total cases
- 192 seven-day moving average
- 36.8 percent were African American; 26.8 percent were Caucasian; 18 percent were LatinX
- 13.5 percent of cases were under age 18
- Greatest number of cases were among people who worked in nursing care facilities, hospitals, general medicine or surgical and technical.
- Durham County was in the orange tier for the Covid-19 County Alert System, which implied there was substantial spread of the virus in the community.
- Durham was in Phase 1A and would safely move into Phase 1B during the week of January 19<sup>th</sup>. Public Health continued to vaccinate frontline workers and provided the vaccine to community partners who were enrolled as eligible providers.

The Board inquired about any side effects the public should be informed about from the vaccination. Mr. Jenkins responded the common side effects were pain at the injection site, low-grade fever and headache. The Board asked if there was a target vaccination rate that the County was aspiring to achieve. Mr. Jenkins stated in conjunction with Duke the goal was 230 vaccinations daily, 1,000 vaccinations weekly and 500,000 vaccinations being administered by Memorial Day; adding the County contacted the National Guard to assist with the vaccinations. The Board asked Mr. Jenkins if he was confident with the security of the vaccine and inquired about the vaccination process for the community. Mr. Jenkins responded General Services was contacted for additional security and staff was being vigilant with the vaccines. He continued to say the County created a public announcement for seniors, dedicated a website and phone lines to schedule appointments for the community.

## **Public Hearings**

### **21-0005 Landscape Manual for Durham Revisions**

Sara Young, Planning Director introduced Danny Cultra, Senior Planner to the Board. Mr. Cultra shared the *Durham City-County Landscape Manual Revision* which highlighted the following: Major Revisions, Text Revisions, Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) Amendments and New Planting Installation Certifications, Revised Plant Tables, Current Tree Plant Table Format, Revised Tree Plant Table Format, Current Shrub Plant Table Format, Revised Shrub Plant Table Format, Revised/Modified and Added Planting Details and Example Graphics, Current Details and Examples, Revised Details and Examples and Future Recommendations.

The Board thanked staff and community partners for the updates and revisions to the Landscape Manual.

Chair Howerton opened the public hearing and stated the public hearing would remain for 24 hours for receipt of comments.

Note: After the 24hr period ends on January 12, 2021, the Board would vote for approval at the January 25, 2021 Regular Session meeting.

### **21-0022 Public Hearing to Consider Allocating Economic Development Funds to Taysha Gene Therapies**

Andrew Miracle, Economic Development Officer stated the Board was requested to hold a public hearing to consider allocating a total of \$540,000 in Economic Development funds to Taysha Gene

Therapies and to authorize the County Manager to enter into preliminary negotiations and execute an agreement with the Company. He added the company specialized in Gene Therapy production, would create 201 jobs and invest \$75 million in Durham County.

Chair Howerton opened the public hearing.

Bryan Fox, Vice President of Public Policy of the Greater Durham Chamber of Commerce

Mr. Fox stated he supported partnerships which brought exciting and innovative manufacturers that would benefit all of Durham residents directly and indirectly. He added he was honored to enable important health work and continued increase in access and equity with opportunities across the community. Mr. Fox stated he looked forward to the continued encouragement of private investment companies and the community shared efforts.

Fred Porter, Chief Technical Officer of Taysha Gene Therapies.

Mr. Porter stated he was excited about the opportunity to join the community and the company interest in Durham was not random. He added Durham provided great talent and was a growing hub. Mr. Porter stated the company was building the facility to bring medicine to patients and to develop therapies as well as bring great jobs to Durham.

Greg Gara, Senior Vice President of Manufacturing of Taysha Gene Therapies.

Mr. Gara provided the Board with an overview of the plans for the facility, employment opportunities and local vendor partnerships.

The Board inquired about internships at Taysha Gene Therapies and asked how the company found/hired employees. Mr. Porter replied the company developed talents with internships; adding their recruitment efforts included job fairs, advertisements and building relationships with local schools, colleges and universities.

Chair Howerton opened the public hearing and stated the public hearing would remain for 24 hours for receipt of comments.

Note: After the 24hr period ends on January 12, 2021, the Board would vote for approval at the January 25, 2021 Regular Session meeting.

## **Items Pulled from the Consent Agenda**

### **21-0003 Approval of Contract Amendment and Budget Amendment Ordinance No. 21BCC000061 Appropriating \$124,000 for Hope (Remote) Learning Centers from Available General Fund COVID Reserve Funds**

Commissioner Carter thanked and appreciated Commissioner Burns for suggesting a Special Session meeting before the January 25, 2021 meeting to allow students, families and staff of the leaning centers more time to be informed on the funding decision of the Board. She added the Board could also consider an option to approve funding for the learning centers for the first two (2) weeks in February 2021.

Commissioner Burns clarified her suggestion for the Special Session meeting was only if there would be a burden if the Board waited until the January 25<sup>th</sup> meeting to decide on funding. She added she contacted the non-profits and received responses from 75 percent expressing there would not be a burden if the Board choose to wait make a decision.

Chair Howerton stated she contacted Forrest Perry, Regional Vice-President of YMCA of the Triangle about the funding decision date of January 25<sup>th</sup> and he responded with an email to the Board there would not be an issue. She added the Board was not prepared to vote before January 25<sup>th</sup> and staff had not provided the Board with much needed information.

Commissioner Allam asked if staff had information regarding the end date of funding for the learning centers. Drew Cummings, Chief of staff replied he would contact the Hope Network to receive the information. Vice-Chair Jacobs stated the organizations were responding to the need in the community due to COVID-19; adding there was concern and confusion about the commitment for continued funding for the learning centers.

Chair Howerton asked the Board for a motion and recommended asking staff to contact the organizations for a written statement on communications and concerns with the learning centers.

Commissioner Carter moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Jacobs to approve Consent Agenda item 21-0003.

The motion carried unanimously.

**Directives:**

- **Commissioner Allam asked if staff had information regarding the end date of funding for the learning centers. Drew Cummings stated he would contact the Hope Network to receive the information.**
- **Chair Howerton recommended staff to contact the organizations to provide a written statement on communications and concerns with the learning centers.**

Consent Agenda Item #21-0003

**Durham County, North Carolina  
2020-2021 Budget Ordinance  
Amendment Number 21BCC000061**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2020-2021 budget ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

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<b><u>GENERAL FUND</u></b>			
<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>			
General Government	\$127,331,651	(\$124,000)	\$127,207,651
Education	\$167,270,010	\$124,000	\$167,394,010

All ordinances and portions of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved January 11, 2021

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**21-0032 Durham County Temporary COVID-19 Screening Staff Contract Amendment and Movement of County COVID Set Aside Funds of \$133, 859 to Support Additional Contract Cost**

Vice-Chair Jacobs asked if the funds were to extend the term of the contract or amending the existing

contract to add additional staff. Claudia Hager, General Manager responded the funds were to amend the existing contract to add additional screeners to replace County staff and provide proper coverage for higher traffic. There was additional conversation regarding the possible funding sources for the Hope Learning Centers. Ms. Hager responded the County could use appropriate Funds Reserve or reassign funds from frozen positions as other funding sources.

Vice-Chair Jacobs moved, seconded by Commissioner Allam to approve the Consent Agenda item 21-0032.

The motion carried unanimously.

### **Closed Session**

Chair Howerton stated the Board was requested to adjourn to Closed Session for the following:

- To establish, or to instruct the public body's staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating (i) the price and other material terms of a contract of proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchases, option, exchange, or lease; or (ii) the amount of compensation and other material terms of an employment contract or proposed employment contract pursuant to G.S.143-3318.11(a)(5).

Commissioner Carter moved, seconded by Commissioner Allam to adjourn into the Closed Session.

The motion carried unanimously.

### **Reconvene to Open Session**

Chair Howerton announced the Board met in Closed Session and provided direction to staff.

Vice-Chair Jacobs moved, seconded by Commissioner Burns to approve the lease agreement between the County and Presidential Park West for 34,643 square feet of warehouse space located at 2330 Presidential Park West consistent with the letter of intent dated January 6, 2021.

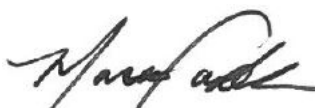
The motion carried unanimously.

### **Recess**

Commissioner Allam moved, seconded by Commissioner Carter to recess the Regular Session meeting at 10:12 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Macio Carlton  
Deputy Clerk to the Board