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(Addition—Consent Agenda Item No. h)

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

Monday, November 27, 2006

AGENDA

“Public Charge”

The Board of Commissioners asks its members and citizens to conduct themselves in a respectful, courteous manner, both with the Board and fellow citizens. At any time, should any member of the Board or any citizen fail to observe this public charge, the Chairman will ask the offending person to leave the meeting until that individual regains personal control. Should decorum fail to be restored, the Chairman will recess the meeting until such time that a genuine commitment to the public charge is observed.

As a courtesy to others, please turn off cell phones during the meeting.

7:00 P.M. Regular Session

1. **Opening of Regular Session**—Pledge of Allegiance 5 min.
2. **Agenda Adjustments** 5 min.
3. **Announcement** 5 min.
4. **Minutes** 5 min.
 - a. October 23, 2006 Regular Session
 - b. November 6, 2006 Worksession
 - c. November 13, 2006 Regular Session
5. **Social Services Best Practices Awards** 5 min.

Durham County Department of Social Services has received two *Best Practices Awards* from the North Carolina Association of County Directors of Social Services. The first award is for Innovations in Service to Customers for the Teen MAPP: Focus on Fostering/Adopting Teenagers program. Recruitment of foster and adoptive homes for teenagers has been an ongoing concern in Durham County. Teenagers present challenges to birth, foster, and adoptive parents that can be overwhelming, frustrating, and even dangerous. In order to reduce the number of teens placed in group homes and to increase the number that are placed in a family setting, we targeted our September 2005 MAPP class sessions to include families that were willing to take this challenge. The sessions were adapted to focus on the needs of adolescents and how families can meet those needs. The objectives were to articulate the needs of adolescents in terms that families felt they could meet, to familiarize families with community resources

designed to help teens and their families, to demonstrate how foster care and/or adoption affected these needs and resources, and to empower families to make an informed decision about fostering or adopting teenagers. Of the 18 families who began this class, 13 families completed all sessions and 10 applications were submitted. Three families have been licensed, three families are working with the adoption unit to complete home studies, three were found ineligible due to inadequate space or living/moving out of county, and one is in process of licensure. Feedback from the class included that all felt better prepared to parent teens than when they started and that the experience was worthwhile even if they start parenting younger children. We anticipate the long-term affect of this to be five to seven new homes open to teen foster care or adoption. This program included collaboration with Durham City Police, Durham County Health Department, Durham County Juvenile Justice Services, DSS Clinical Services, Durham Mental Health Services, LINKS, and NC Independent Living Resources. Speakers and/or written material were provided by these agencies to familiarize families with community resources and issues relating to adolescence.

The second Best Practice Award is for Cost Savings Measures and/or Improvements in Efficiency for Case Documentation Project with Transcription Relief Services. This project was designed to relieve the DSS Child Welfare and Adult Services staff members of the time-consuming task of hand-writing or typing their own case documentation and reports, thus allowing them to spend more time performing the other responsibilities of their positions. Other objectives were to have a positive impact on staff retention by reducing the need for staff to be in the office after-hours and on weekends to complete paperwork and to reduce the number of cases with overdue case documentation. All of these objectives are being met by contracting with Transcription Relief Services (TRS) to have our social work staff call-in dictation over the phone and TRS transcribe the dictation and send back completed narratives within 48 hours. This allows technology to easily match, move, and attach the narratives electronically and/or in printed form to case files. It provides Child Welfare and Adult Services staff with an alternative to hand-writing or typing case dictation, court summaries, home studies, transfer summaries, etc. while guaranteeing a 48-hour turnaround time. The cost is based on number of key strokes and currently averages less than \$5,000 per month. This is less than it would cost to employ staff who can give us the accuracy and turnaround time that TRS guarantees. The amount of after-hours and weekend time staff spend in the office has been reduced significantly. Case backlogs have also been significantly reduced. This alternative to case documentation has proven to be cost effective and has created needed efficiencies in the Child Welfare and Adult Services departments.

The awards were presented to the agency at the *Best Practices Awards Luncheon* at the 85th Annual Social Services Institute in New Bern, NC on October 26, 2006.

Resource Person(s): Sammy R. Haithcock, Director; Chuck Harris, Assistant Director; Pattye Brown, MAPP Trainer; and Tom Bennett, Executive Director, NC Association of County Directors of Social Services

County Manager's Recommendation: The Manager recommends that staff be recognized for receiving the two Best Practices Awards.

6. **Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 07BCC000032—The Durham Center—Grant Award from U.S. Department of Justice**

15 min.

The Durham Center was awarded a \$50,000 grant on September 15, 2006 from the US Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance. This is a planning grant that seeks to increase public safety through innovative cross-system collaboration for individuals with mental illness who come in contact with the criminal or juvenile justice system. This program is funded through the Mentally Ill Offender Treatment Act of 2004. Durham County will develop a strategic plan to address the needs of youth and young adults that have or are suspected to have severe mental illness at each of the points of interception in the criminal or juvenile justice system.

The Durham Center Area Board approved this allocation on November 2, 2006. There is no impact on County allocations.

Resource Person(s): Ellen Holliman, Area Director

County Manager's Recommendation: The Manager recommends that the Board of County Commissioners approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 07BCC000032 recognizing the grant award of \$50,000 for The Durham Center.

7. **Consent Agenda**

20 min.

- a. Property Tax Releases and Refunds for Fiscal Year 2006-2007 (accept the property tax release and refund report for October 2006 as presented and authorize the Tax Assessor to adjust the tax records as outlined by the report);
- b. Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 07BCC000030 (recognize net bond premium and interest in the amount of \$1,074,496 and a savings of \$643,711 in interest expense in the Debt Service Fund); Capital Project Ordinance Amendment No. 07CPA000003 (appropriate \$850,000 to the Open Space Land Acquisition Project, \$125,000 to the Holton School CIS Academy Project, and \$1,551,130 to the Human Services Complex Project); the additional appropriation for these projects is \$807,923, which will be a fund balance appropriation from the Capital Financing Plan Fund;
- c. Budget Ordinance Amendment 07BCC000031—Recognize Additional Revenue for Social Services (\$1,160,417) (appropriate \$460,568 to the Department of Social Services' Budget, \$499,849 for future needs for any unforeseen Medicaid costs, and \$200,000 for the Work First program);
- d. Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 07BCC000033—Recognize Reserved Funds for the Departments of Tax, Sheriff, Cooperative Extension, and DSS (appropriate reserved fund balance [previously classified in prior years as deferred revenue] in the amount of \$1,229,299);
- e. Capital Project Amendment No. 07CPA000004—Appropriation of Approved Capital Project Funds (appropriate \$500,000 to the Wastewater Treatment Plant project, \$500,000 to the Collection System Rehabilitation project, and \$400,000 to the Reused Wastewater Facility project);
- f. Durham Public Schools Telecommunications Lease-Purchase Agreement (approve the continuation of an existing lease; will require no additional funding);

- g. Approval of the Interlocal Agreement for Results Based Accountability; and
- h. **Award of Contract for Purchase of Vehicles for Various Departments (authorize the Manager to enter into a contract with University Ford Inc. for \$1,089,090).**

8. **Public Hearing—Zoning Map Change—I-85 MTC Overlay (Z06-56)**

15 min.

The Board is request to approve a zoning map change for all property located 1,250 feet (2,500 feet at intersections) on either side of the I-85 right-of-way, from Avondale Drive to the Granville County line. Request: Major Transportation Corridor Overlay (-MTC).

To adopt as support for its action on the proposed zoning map change the determinations that the action is consistent with the *Comprehensive Plan* and is reasonable and in the public interest in light of information presented in the public hearing and in the accompanying agenda materials.

Alternatively, in the event that a motion to approve the item fails, the Commissioners adopt as support for their actions on the proposed zoning map change the determination that, notwithstanding its consistency with the *Comprehensive Plan*, the request is neither reasonable nor in the public interest in light of information presented in the public hearing and in the accompanying agenda materials.

Staff Recommendation: Approval, based on consistency with the *Comprehensive Plan* and considering the information contained in this report.

Planning Commission Recommendation and Vote: Approval, 11-0 on October 10, 2006. The Planning Commission finds that the ordinance request is consistent with the adopted *Comprehensive Plan*. The Commission believes the request is reasonable and in the public interest and recommends approval based on the information in the staff report and comments received during the public hearing.

Resource Person(s): Frank M. Duke, AICP, City-County Planning Director

County Manager's Recommendation: The Manager recommends that the Board conduct a public hearing on the proposed zoning map change and approve it, if appropriate, based on the comments received.

9. **Public Hearing—Zoning Map Change—Fayetteville Road Assemblage (Z05-41)**

30 min.

The Board is requested to approve a zoning map change for a 144.72-acre site located on the east side of Fayetteville Road and north of Scott King Road. PINs 0717-02-55-7412, 0717-02-65-5887, 0717-02-66-8774, -6354, 0717-02-67-8912, -7189, 0717-02-75-4622, -1252, 0717-02-77-1635. Request: RR to PDR 2.000.

To adopt as support for its action on the proposed zoning map change the determinations that the action is consistent with the *Comprehensive Plan* and is reasonable and in the public interest in light of information presented in the public hearing and in the accompanying agenda materials.

Alternatively, in the event that a motion to approve the item fails, the Commissioners adopt as support for their actions on the proposed zoning map change the determination that, notwithstanding its consistency with the *Comprehensive Plan*, the request is neither reasonable nor in the public interest in light of information presented in the public hearing and in the accompanying agenda materials.

Staff Recommendation: Approval, including approval of 90 lots within the TUA, based on consistency with the *Comprehensive Plan* and considering the information contained in this report.

Planning Commission Recommendation and Vote: Approval, 12-0 on September 12, 2006. The Planning Commission finds that the ordinance request is consistent with the adopted *Comprehensive Plan*. The Commission believes the request is reasonable and in the public interest and recommends approval based on the information in the staff report, comments received during the public hearing, and additional committed elements proffered by the applicant at the meeting.

Resource Person(s): Frank M. Duke, AICP, City-County Planning Director

County Manager's Recommendation: The Manager recommends that the Board conduct a public hearing on the proposed zoning map change and approve it, if appropriate, based on the comments received.

10. **Public Hearing—Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) Text Amendment—I-85 MTC Overlay (TC 06-02)**

10 min.

The Board is requested to receive public comments and approve Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) Text Amendment—I-85 MTC Overlay (TC 06-02) incorporating revisions to Article 4 into the UDO.

Resource Person(s): Frank M. Duke, AICP, City-County Planning Director

County Manager's Recommendation: The Manager recommends that the Board conduct a public hearing on the proposed UDO text change and, if appropriate based on the comments received during the hearing, approve the change.

11. **Public Hearing—Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) Text Change—Temporary Use Permit Timeframes (TC06-11)**

10 min.

The Board is requested to receive public comments and approve Text Change—Temporary Use Permit Timeframes (TC06-11) to the Unified Development Ordinance.

Resource Person(s): Frank M. Duke, AICP, City-County Planning Director

County Manager's Recommendation: The Manager recommends that the Board conduct a public hearing on the proposed UDO text change and, if appropriate based on the comments received during the hearing, approve the change.

12. **Public Hearing—Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) Text Change—Minimum Lot Sizes for New Lots with On-Site Wastewater Disposal Systems (TC06-10)**

10 min.

The Board is requested to receive public comments and approve Text Change—Minimum Lot Sizes for New Lots with On-Site Wastewater Disposal Systems (TC06-10) to the Unified Development Ordinance, which establishes one acre as the minimum lot size for new lots proposing to utilize on-site wastewater disposal systems.

Resource Person(s): Frank M. Duke, AICP, City-County Planning Director

County Manager's Recommendation: The Manager recommends that the Board conduct a public hearing on the proposed UDO text change and, if appropriate based on the comments received during the hearing, approve the change.

2 hrs. 15 min.