

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

Monday, August 12, 2019

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 Wendy Jacobs, Vice-Chair James Hill and Commissioners Heidi Carter and Brenda Howerton

Excused Absence: Commissioner Ellen Reckhow

Presider: Chair Wendy Jacobs

Opening of Regular Session - Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Adjustments

Chair Jacobs read the following statement on behalf of the Board:

"My Board colleagues and I would like to make a brief statement in response to the traumatic events in the past 2 weeks. The mass shootings in Gilroy, El Paso and Dayton and the large-scale arrest by ICE of more than 680 people in Mississippi. These events have been horrific and senseless, but they have been especially devastating for the immigrant and refugee Latinx communities who have been the specific target of a hate crime and ICE raids.

Durham County Government is dedicated to the well-being of all people in our community. The motto outside out Health and Human Services building reaffirms that the vitality and success of our community is based on the health and well-being of all people in Durham.

We understand that gun violence and mass shootings made possible by access to semi-automatic weapons are public health issues. We understand that violence and the physical, emotional and psychological harm it brings to children, adults and families can lead to negative educational employment and health outcomes. We understand that targeting Latinx immigrant workers who are the backbone of a local economy, on the first day of school, does not make our country any safer. In fact, it undermines the well-being of every person in each community as the social fabric and economy are ripped apart and orphaned children are now left to the care of their teachers, church members and county social service staff.

On behalf of the Durham County Board of Commissioners, I applaud our governor and delegation who are taking action to move forward common-sense gun laws. We stand in solidarity with Durham residents taking action and speaking out so that all people can be

safe from violence and our Latinx neighbors know they are loved, supported and valued as we work to create the strong and resilient community that we all need.”

County Manager Davis stated a Closed Session would be added to the end of the meeting.

Announcements

Chair Jacobs read the following announcements:

1. **DCo Rocks for City Hall Selfie Day on August 15th** - Durham County Government is taking part in the Engaging Local Government Leaders (ELGL) #CityHallSelfie Day – an annual worldwide celebration of ALL local government employees and service and we want to show that Durham County Rocks!

Durham County citizens and staff can show their love of local government on Thursday, August 15th by snapping a SELFIE on the steps of the Administration Building I at 200 E. Main Street or at any of your favorite Durham County facilities or buildings!

Once you have your selfie, share it by tagging us on Twitter (@DurhamCounty), Facebook (@DurhamCountyGov) or Instagram (@DurhamCountyGov) along with the hashtags #CityHallSelfie & #DCoRocks to get recognized locally and nationally!

2. **Have your say on GoDurham Plans to Restructure Routes** – GoDurham buses will be visible more often in January. The latest transit improvement plan calls for additional routes during the day and night.

Customers can view the proposed service changes or leave additional feedback until August 19th at www.godurhamtransit.org/service-changes; by email: serviceplanning@gotriangle.org or by phone at 919-485-7526.

3. **MBK Durham Stakeholder Call** – My Brother’s Keeper Durham is excited to host a network call to provide updates on the mini-grant process, partnerships and other programs on Tuesday, August 27th at 2:00pm.

Interested participants are asked to RSVP by email to mybrotherskeeper@dconc.gov. At that time the call-in information will be provided.

4. **Bull City 150 Uneven Ground Exhibit on Display** - The Bull City 150 *Uneven Ground: The Foundations of Housing Inequality in Durham, NC* exhibit will be displayed at the Durham County Department of Public Health, 414 E. Main St., second floor mezzanine until early September 2019. The Partnership for a Health Durham and the Department of Public Health are hosting the exhibit in recognition of the top health priority identified in the 2017 Community Health Assessment, affordable housing.

The exhibit is free and open to visitors Monday-Friday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Minutes

Commissioner Carter moved, seconded by Commissioner Howerton to approve the May 21, 2019 Budget Work Session minutes, May 29, 2019 Budget Work Session

minutes and June 10, 2019 Regular Session minutes.

The motion carried unanimously.

Ceremonial Items

Paris Declaration to End the AIDS Epidemic and the Durham-Specific Fast Track Cities Resolution

Dr. Jose M. Zuniga, President/CEO of the International Association of Providers of AIDS Care (IAPAC) provided an overview of the initiative and read the declaration. Ace Robinson, Senior Director, Fast-Track Cities Stakeholder Engagement and Tammeka Evans, Director of Global Health Care and Innovation, ViiV Healthcare thanked the Board for adopting and supporting the resolution. Gayle Harris, General Manager stated it was amazing that at the start of her career AIDS was new and causing deaths in the community; whereas now, at her retirement AIDS was on a different side where medication and services could help to end the epidemic.

Chair Jacobs read the following resolution:

AFFIRMING DURHAM COUNTY’S COMMITMENT TO THE PARIS DECLARATION ON FAST-TRACK CITIES ENDING THE AIDS EPIDEMIC

- WHEREAS,** the Board of Commissioners of Durham County has adopted “all people are healthy” as a strategic priority, and has allocated resources to the prevention and treatment of HIV; and
- WHEREAS,** Durham County ranks among 6th among counties in North Carolina and the state ranks 14th among U.S. states for new HIV diagnoses; and
- WHEREAS,** the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has reported that the Southeast region experiences the greatest burden of HIV infection, illness and death in the United States and lags far behind in providing quality HIV prevention care and treatment; and
- WHEREAS,** people of color are disproportionately affected by HIV/AIDS - most notably black gay and bisexual men, black women and transgender women; and
- WHEREAS,** on World AIDS Day 2014 (December 1, 2014) 26 world cities signed the Paris Declaration on Fast-Track Cities Ending the AIDS Epidemic (“Paris Declaration”), in an effort to galvanize action in and solidarity among cities across the world, encourage sharing of best practices and tackling stigma and discrimination; and
- WHEREAS,** the Fast-Track Cities initiative is a partnership between high HIV burden cities worldwide and four core partners – the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), International Association of Providers of AIDS Care (IAPAC), United Nations Human Settlement Programme (UN-Habitat), and the City of Paris; and
- WHEREAS,** Durham County Government has prioritized the prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS as a part of its overall health strategy; and
- WHEREAS,** Durham County’s strategic approach to ending HIV/AIDS aligns with the commitments of the Fast-Track Cities Ending the AIDS Epidemic Initiative; and
- WHEREAS,** Durham County currently either provides or partners with community agencies to provide: HIV, Hepatitis, and other sexually transmitted infections testing and counseling in a variety of settings including the Durham County Detention Center; Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP), Housing for People with AIDS (HOPWA), advocacy for all people knowing their

HIV status through the Durham Knows campaign, safe syringe kits according to the State’s Safer Syringe Program (SSP), and

WHEREAS, Durham County funded a full-time HIV Coordinator/Navigator position and operational expenses in the adopted FY 20 Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners ratifies and approves the action of the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Durham County in signing on to the Fast-Track Cities Ending the AIDS Epidemic on behalf of Durham County, and the same is hereby in all respects approved, ratified and confirmed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Durham County Board of Commissioners requests that the Durham County Department of Public Health work with community partners to meet the goals of the Fast-Track Cities Ending the AIDS Epidemic Initiative, including to continue working to exceed the United Nation’s 90:90:90 HIV targets, which ensure that 90 percent of people living with HIV know their status, 90 percent of people with diagnosed HIV are on treatment, 90 percent of people on treatment have suppressed viral loads; end new HIV infections by 2030; end HIV related stigma and discrimination; stop preventable deaths from HIV-related causes; and work to improve the health, quality of life and well-being of people living with HIV; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Durham County will seek to work with federal, state, nonprofit and local partners in pursuit of this; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption, and that all resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.

This 12th day of August 2019.

Wendy Jacobs, Chair

James Hill, Jr., Vice-Chair

Heidi Carter

Brenda A. Howerton

Ellen Reckhow

Following the reading of the proclamation, Chair Jacobs and Dr. Zuniga signed the Durham County specific Paris Declaration. Chair Jacobs shared the City of Durham would also sign a Joint Declaration showing their support during the Tuesday, August 13, 2019 Joint City-County Committee Meeting.

Proclamation – Honoring “Algonquin Week” in Durham County

Vice-Chair Hill read the following proclamation.

HONORING “ALGONQUIN WEEK” IN DURHAM COUNTY | 2019

WHEREAS, in December of 2018, the North Carolina Division of Archives approved the application put forth by Dr. E. Victor Maafo for a Highway Historical marker honoring the Algonquin Tennis Club; and

WHEREAS, this marker will commemorate the 1922 establishment of the Algonquin Tennis Club by African Americans in Durham during the era of racial segregation; and

WHEREAS, this marker will be the 24th historical state marker to be erected in Durham County; and

WHEREAS, the Algonquin Tennis Club was associated with the American Tennis Association and sponsored numerous competitions that featured such legendary tennis players as Althea Gibson, Arthur Ashe, and many of Durham’s top tennis players; and

WHEREAS, the Algonquin Tennis Club reached out and introduced the world of tennis to a wide array of young people in Durham for half a century; and

WHEREAS, the Algonquin Tennis Club also provided space for civic, entrepreneurial, social, and political ventures in Durham’s African American community; and

WHEREAS, both the Durham Committee on Negro Affairs in 1935 and the Durham Business and Professional Chain in 1937 were founded at the Algonquin Tennis Club; and

WHEREAS, several activities will accompany the official unveiling of Algonquin Tennis Club marker on Thursday, August 15 at 6:30 PM at the W.D. Hill Recreation Center on Fayetteville Street in Durham.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, I, Wendy Jacobs, Chair of the Durham Board of County Commissioners and on behalf of the Durham Board of County Commissioners, hereby proclaim August 11 – 17, 2019 to be

“ALGONQUIN WEEK”

in Durham County, North Carolina.

This the 12th day of August 2019.

Wendy Jacobs, Chair
Durham Board of County Commissioners

Dr. E. Victor Maafo thanked the Board for the proclamation and invited everyone to attend the official unveiling of Algonquin Tennis Club marker on Thursday, August 15, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the W. D. Hill Recreation Center in Durham. He introduced Melissa Roberts, Evelyn Roberts, Wanda Garrett and Nathan Garrett, Former Durham County Commissioner. He also introduced and thanked Eddie Davis, Durham City Public Historian for his help and involvement with the honoring and marker.

Purple Heart Recipient Proclamation

Commissioner Howerton read the following resolution.

PURPLE HEART RECIPIENT | 2019

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart medal, an American decoration that is awarded in the name of the President of the United States, is the oldest military decoration in the world in present use; and

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart was established by General George Washington at Newburgh, New York, on August 7, 1782, during the Revolutionary War, as an incentive to the Continental Army; and

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart is awarded directly or posthumously to members of the Armed Forces who are wounded, or die from wounds received, in armed conflict with an enemy force or while held by an enemy force as a prisoner of war, or are wounded or killed as a result of friendly fire, or as otherwise designated by the President of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart may also be awarded to a civil or foreign service employee from a U.S. Government Agency or Department attached to a military unit performing intelligence, counter-terrorist, or other duties, with the military unit wounded by international terrorists; and

WHEREAS, a new design of the Purple Heart medal was issued on February 22, 1932; and

WHEREAS, the recipients of the Purple Heart have known the meaning of sacrifice in the preservation of the United States of America and the preservation of national interests at home and abroad; and

WHEREAS, the sacrifices made on our behalf will forever be an inspiration to all citizens of Durham County, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Durham County, North Carolina was proclaimed a Purple Heart County on August 11, 2014 and pledges its ongoing commitment to and support for the men and women who so honorably serve our nation.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, I, Wendy Jacobs, Chair of the Durham Board of County Commissioners and on behalf of the Durham Board of County Commissioners, hereby salutes the valiant men and women who are recipients of the Purple Heart and recognizes the support and sacrifice of their loved ones.

This the 12th day of August 2019.

Wendy Jacobs, Chair
Durham Board of County Commissioners

Lois Harvin-Ravin, Director of Veterans Services thanked the Board for honoring Durham’s County’s Purple Heart recipients with a proclamation. Ms. Harvin-Ravin introduced Jonathan Crooms, Veterans Service Officer who invited the community to attend the First Annual Triangle Purple Heart Dinner on August 17, 2019 at the McKimmon Center on North Carolina State University Campus. Mr. Crooms added any Veteran could attend for free and general admission tickets were \$25 each.

Chair Jacobs thanked Mr. Crooms for his leadership role with the Planning Committee for the Purple Heart recipients and asked him to forward any information about the dinner to the Clerk to the Board.

Directive: Chair Jacobs asked Jonathon Crooms to send the Triangle Purple Heart Dinner information to the Clerk to the Board for an addition to the announcements.

SNAP Resolution

Commissioner Carter read the following resolution.

A JOINT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SNAP AND OTHER FEDERAL NUTRITION PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, the USDA is proposing a rule change to close and limit the SNAP automatic eligibility by restricting broad based “categorical eligibility” that states have implemented to reduce food insecurity within the United States. The proposed rule change would impact eligibility to over 3 million Americans who represent the working poor, disabled, seniors, families, and children. In addition, this rule change would create an added workload to Social Service departments and impact the USDA school lunch program by reducing eligible children who rely on the school lunch program to receive a balanced and nutritious meal; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is the 8th hungriest state in the nation¹. While average monthly SNAP benefits are nominal, about \$131 per household, the program is vital to helping people access nutritious food²; and Durham County is the fourth most expensive county to live in North Carolina and is only growing more expensive³. With 32,787 residents of Durham County relying on SNAP benefits to help pay for their groceries, food insecurity still persists with a rate of 17.9%^{4,5}. According to the 2016 Durham County Health Assessment Survey, 15.8% of residents reported they cut the size of or skipped meals because there was not enough money for food⁶; and

WHEREAS, SNAP helps those most vulnerable. In Durham County, SNAP benefits are provided predominantly to households with children, seniors, or people with disabilities². About half of those receiving SNAP benefits are employed²; and

WHEREAS, SNAP participation is shown to improve nutrition and promote positive long-term health outcomes. Participation for six months can increase food security in a household by up to 10%⁷. Furthermore, individuals who had access to food stamps in early childhood have a lower risk of obesity, high blood pressure, heart disease, and diabetes as adults^{8,9}. Additionally, access to SNAP is associated with increased utilization of preventative care, which can contribute to lower overall healthcare costs¹⁰. A national level study found that SNAP participation was associated with a \$1400 reduction, per household, in yearly healthcare expenditures¹⁰; and

WHEREAS, SNAP improves the state's economy. In 2016, SNAP benefits contributed \$2.2 billion to North Carolina's economy¹¹. These economic benefits were especially impactful in the agricultural and retail sectors. In Durham County, innovative programs such as Farmer's Market Double Bucks program allow SNAP participants to access nutrition and improve the local economy; over \$55,000 of SNAP/Double Bucks was spent on nutritious foods at Durham Famers' Market since its inception in 2014¹². Research from Moody's Analytics show that for every dollar spent on SNAP, \$1.70 is put back into the U.S. economy¹³. Furthermore, each year from 2009-2012, SNAP benefits helped keep 338,000 North Carolinians out of poverty, including 150,000 children¹¹. SNAP dollars encourage economic growth by supporting grocers, paying workers, and increasing the purchase of goods. SNAP allows families to participate in their local economies and helps to make our communities stronger; and

WHEREAS, SNAP is effective and efficient. SNAP's entitlement structure allows the program to expand in times of greater need, such as the 2008 recession, and contract in times of economic prosperity. Furthermore, every penny of monthly SNAP benefits for North Carolinians comes from the federal government, and the state of North Carolina is only responsible for half of the administrative costs of the program. The SNAP program therefore brings in billions of dollars of economic activity for North Carolina. SNAP also has one of the most rigorous quality control systems of any public benefit program, which results in lower frequency of fraud or abuse, and an error rate of just 2%¹⁴; and

WHEREAS, food insecurity remains an issue for families and seniors receiving SNAP benefits, especially towards the end of the month; and

WHEREAS, 59.8% of children receive the National School Lunch program which allows students to receive a healthy and substantial meal to enhance learning and education. The USDA school lunch program is connected to SNAP eligibility which will increase food insecurity for families that lose benefits through loss of categorical eligibility, impacting children's education and wellbeing; and

WHEREAS, broad based categorical eligibility allows for connectivity of SNAP benefits to other public

assistance programs which creates a streamlined process in determining eligibility for Social Service departments by not requiring excessive verifications of incomes and assets which create additional workloads for employees determining benefits.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Durham County Board of Commissioners that the USDA reject the propose rule change to revise categorical eligibility (FNS-2018-0037) to that will reduce SNAP beneficiaries by as many as 3.1 million low income/working households as well as 30,000 North Carolina residents, including many seniors, children, and families. Such a revision of this rule would create potential food insecurities for millions of individuals, families, disabled persons, and seniors that communities are not equipped to face. In addition, the revision of categorical eligibility will create undue hardships on local and state Social Service agencies charged with determining eligibility for SNAP by creating extra verifications and resource tests that will add to already stressed workloads to a burdensome process for applicants and staff.

The 12th day of August 2019.

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Wendy Jacobs, Chair, Durham County Board of Commissioners

Tara Fikes, Chair, Durham County Social Services Board

Dr. F. Vincent Allison, III, Chair, Durham Board of Public Health

Chair Jacobs stated the Board adopted a similar resolution in March 2019, but Congress did not adopt the changes of the Legislative proposal. She added the new Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) resolution addressed the USDA proposed rule change that could impact many of Durham citizens.

Commissioner Howerton asked if there was any difference in the purpose of the new resolution versus

the resolution in March 2019. William Rose, Director of Social Services responded the USDA could not eliminate broad based categorical eligibility for the SNAP Program but was trying to increase the restrictions on a select number of applicants that would cause the poor working household and seniors to not qualify for the program. Vice-Chair Hill added the proposed rule change was unfortunate and subject to allow 3.1 million people to face hunger or food insecurity. Chair Jacobs added the proposed changed would impact the public school lunch program.

Directive: Chair Jacobs asked to send the SNAP Resolution to Federal and State Delegations.

Introduction of the new Tax Administrator, Timothy Dwane Brinson

The Board recognized Timothy Dwane Brinson, Tax Administrator and stated how delighted they were to have him at Durham County.

Mr. Brinson expressed how excited his was to be working for Durham County. He thanked Teresa Hairston, Deputy Tax Administrator and Claudia Hager, General Manger for a smooth transition and stated he would do all he could to contribute to the success of Durham County.

Durham County Government has been recognized as a national leader by another Top 10 finish in the annual Digital Counties Survey conducted by the Center for Digital

The Board congratulated Gregory Marrows, Chief Information Officer and the Information and Technology (IS&T) staff for being recognized as a national leader by the Center for Digital. The Board asked Mr. Marrows to share details about the award. Mr. Marrows thanked the Board, County Manager Davis and General Managers for the recognition. He added the award was a recognition for counties that maximized the use of technology to deliver better services to citizens. He introduced Rebecca Hartigan, IS&T Project Manager and thanked all his staff for their hard work and use of technology.

Recognizing Macio Carlton, new Deputy Clerk to the Board

The Board recognized Macio Carlton, Deputy Clerk to the Board and shared highlights on working with him. Mr. Carlton introduced his family to the Board and provided his background. He thanked the Board and the Clerk for the opportunity of advancement and stated he was excited to work with the Board, County Manager, the Clerk staff and County staff as the Deputy Clerk.

Consent Agenda

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

Vice-Chair Hill commented on item 19-0365, asking how many laptops were needed for the Board of Elections computer rental. Derek Bowens, Director of the Board of Elections responded 181 laptops were needed per event for the 2019 cycle. He added he was not sure how many would be needed in the upcoming 2020 election events and would provide the figures in a memo to the Board.

Directive: Vice-Chair Hill asked Derek Bowens to provide the figures of how many rental laptops

in a memo to the Board.

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

Commissioner Howerton moved, seconded by Commissioner Carter to approve all items on the Consent Agenda.

The motion carried unanimously.

*19-0214 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 20BCC000003 – Recognize Durham County Grant Revenue: “ULC Partners for Middle School STEM.”

*19-0322 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 20BCC000004 – Recognize Durham County Library Grant Revenue: “LSTA Practicing Inclusivity.”

19-0327 Acceptance of \$26,149.00 CFAT Grant to the Engineering and Environmental Services Department Supporting Replacement of Nine Electric Vehicle Charging Stations.

*19-0350 Property Tax Releases and Refunds for June 2019.

*19-0352 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 20BCC000002 to Appropriate General Fund fund balance for the purchase of 10 Public Health Replacement Vehicles.

*19-0353 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 20BCC000005 – Recognize \$24,5090 from the Durham County Alcoholic Beverage Control Board for the Durham Drug Treatment Court.

19-0354 Approval of Service Contract for Psychiatric Services at the Durham County Detention Facility.

19-0355 Approval of Service Contract for Electronic Monitoring Services.

19-0356 Award Contract for the Security Access Control and Video Management Systems at various County Buildings.

19-0357 Award of Contract to Schneider Electronic for Regular Preventative Maintenance Services on the BAS and Security Access System.

19-0359 Contract Renewal for Westaff.

19-0360 Appointment to the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee.

19-0361 Removal of Citizen Board Member Due to Poor Attendance.

*19-0362 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 20BCC000006 – Recognize \$9,500 in Grant revenue from NC Tier II Grant from NC Emergency Management.

19-0365 Board of Elections Computer Rental Contract Approval.

19-0366 Board of Elections Voting Equipment Maintenance Contract Approval.

19-0367 Execution of the Contract Amendment with CBRE/Heery, for Additional Services for the Moving Consulting and GovDeals Process Services for the Administrative Building II, 7th floor Upfit Renovation (former Judicial Building) Project No.: DC073

19-0368 Execution of the Contract Amendment with Cameron & Cameron for Additional Services for the Moving Services for the Administrative Building II, 7th floor Upfit Renovation (former Judicial Building) Project No.: DC073.

Consent Agenda Item #19-0214

**Durham County, North Carolina
2019-2020 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 20BCC000003**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2019-2020 budget ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

Revenue:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<u>General Fund</u>			
Intergovernmental	\$43,908,719	\$10,000	\$43,918,719

Expenditures:

<u>Function</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<u>General Fund</u>			
Cultural and Recreation	\$12,985,559	\$10,000	\$12,995,559

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

Approved August 12, 2019

Consent Agenda Item #19-0322

**Durham County, North Carolina
2019-2020 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 20BCC000004**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2019-2020 budget ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

Revenue:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<u>General Fund</u>			
Intergovernmental	\$43,918,719	\$106,062	\$44,024,781

Expenditures:

<u>Function</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<u>General Fund</u>			
Cultural and Recreation	\$12,995,559	\$106,062	\$13,101,621

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

Approved August 12, 2019

Consent Agenda Item #19-0350

Due to property valuation adjustments for over assessments, listing discrepancies, duplicate listings and clerical errors, etc. The attached report details releases and refunds for the month of June 2019.

Releases and Refunds for 2019

Personal Property	\$ 1,261.62
Real Property	\$ <u>70.59</u>
TOTAL	\$ 1,332.21

Releases and Refunds for 2018 Taxes

Real Property	\$.00
Personal Property	\$ 1,977.82
Motor Vehicle	\$ 0.00
Solid Waste	\$ 158.81
VTS Refunds	\$ <u>13,669.53</u>
TOTAL	\$ 15,806.16

Prior Year Refunds

Personal Property	\$ 0.00
Real Property	\$ 0.00
Solid Waste	\$ <u>0.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 0.00

GRAND TOTAL **\$ 17,138.37**

Consent Agenda Item #19-0352

**Durham County, North Carolina
2019-2020 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 20BCC000002**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2019-2020 budget ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

Revenue:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<u>General Fund</u>			
Other Financing Sources	\$21,652,990	\$248,780	\$21,901,770

Expenditures:

Function
General Fund

Human Services \$81,859,393 \$248,780 \$82,108,173

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

Approved August 12, 2019

Consent Agenda Item #19-0353

**Durham County, North Carolina
2019-2020 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 20BCC000005**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2019-2020 budget ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

Revenue:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<i>General Fund</i>			
Other Financing Sources	\$21,901,770	\$24,500	\$21,926,270

Expenditures:

<u>Function</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<i>General Fund</i>			
Public Safety	\$65,703,543	\$24,500	\$65,728,043

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

Approved August 12, 2019

Consent Agenda Item #19-0362

**Durham County, North Carolina
2019-2020 Budget Ordinance
Amendment Number 20BCC000006**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DURHAM COUNTY that the 2019-2020 budget ordinance is hereby amended to reflect budget adjustments.

Revenue:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<i>General Fund</i>			
Intergovernmental	\$44,024,781	\$9,500	\$44,034,281

Expenditures:

<u>Function</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
<i>General Fund</i>			
Public Safety	\$65,728,043	\$9,500	\$65,737,543

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

Public Hearings

19-0375 Public Hearing to Consider Allocating Economic Development Funds to Merck

Andrew Miracle, Economic Development Officer shared information with the Board about Merck's plan to invest more than \$650 million at its Durham plant and create 391 new jobs with an average wage of \$73,382. He added the Economic Development Investment funds were subject to certain performance goals being met by Merck, related to timing and the amount of investment, employment creation and maintenance of the created jobs as well as partnership engagement criteria.

The Board asked about the required trainings for the new jobs. Mr. Miracle responded he would get the specific required trainings for each job from Merck and put the information together to provide to the public; he added several training opportunities were available at Durham Technical Community College (DTCC). The Board asked if at least \$3 million would be generated in new tax revenue from the Merck expansion. Mr. Miracle replied yes; based on investments criteria and not just jobs. He added part of the new evaluations for economic development would look at the tax projections done by the tax department and the awarded amount would not exceed 50 percent of those projections. The Board asked if Merck had a policy on hiring minority contractors. Mr. Miracle responded he would provide the information on the minority contractors to the Board. The Board asked if they would review and approve the contract before execution. Mr. Miracle replied the Board could request to view the contract.

Hearing no additional comments, Chair Jacobs opened the public hearing.

Bryan Fox, Vice President of Public Policy at the Greater Durham Chamber of Commerce thanked Durham County for their support for Merck and the performance-based grant that would help leverage state resources in addition to Merck's significant investment in property and people.

The Board inquired about the new jobs at Merck not requiring an advanced degree. Mr. Fox responded Merck was creating several jobs that did not require an advance degree and they were already supported by DTCC, the BRITE Center and community resources with a yearly salary range of \$61,000 - \$80,000.

The Board inquired about Merck closing the chickenpox manufacturing division and laying off 150 employees. Mr. Miracle replied Merck was working with the state to help employees find other jobs, take training courses at community colleges and would replace 150 positions before the new 391 new jobs were filled. The Board asked if the laid off employees were Durham residents and if so, how many. Mr. Miracle replied he was unsure; but assumed some were Durham residents and others from surrounding communities. The Board asked who would be responsible for facilitating the relationship and communications with Merck. Mr. Miracle responded the process would start with the contract and then annual verification of information. The Board added they wanted to create a system to make sure Durham citizens would be in the pipeline to benefit from the new jobs and thanked Mr. Miracle and staff for all their hard work with the economic development.

Chair Jacobs closed the public hearing and asked to entertain a motion.

Commissioner Howerton moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Hill to allocate a total of \$3,000,000 in Economic Development Investment funds to Merck that will invest a minimum of \$650 million and create 391 jobs.

The motion carried unanimously.

Directive: The Board requested to review the contract with Merck before execution.

Closed Session

Chair Jacobs stated the Board was requested to adjourn into Closed Session pursuant to:

- 1) G.S. 143-318(a)(3) to consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged.
- 2) G.S. 143-318.11(a)(7) to plan, conduct, or hear reports concerning investigations of alleged criminal misconduct.

Commissioner Carter moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Hill to adjourn to Closed Session.

The motion carried unanimously.

Reconvene to Open Session

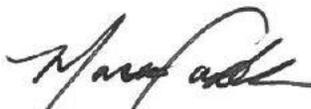
Chair Jacobs stated the Board met in Closed Session and provided direction to staff.

Adjournment

Commissioner Howerton moved, seconded by Commissioner Carter to adjourn the Regular Session meeting at 9:04 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Macio Carlton
Deputy Clerk to the Board