

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
and  
DURHAM CITY COUNCIL**

**DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA**

Monday, August 7, 2000

5:30 P.M.

Public Hearing on Proposed Charter for City/County Merger

**MINUTES**

Place: Commissioners' Room, second floor, Durham County Government Administrative Complex, 200 E. Main Street, Durham, NC

Present: Chairman MaryAnn E. Black, Vice-Chairman Ellen W. Reckhow, and Commissioners William V. Bell, Joe W. Bowser, and Becky M. Heron

Absent: None

Present: Mayor Nicholas J. Tennyson, Mayor Pro Tem Howard Clement III, and Council members Brenda B. Burnette, Dan Hill III, Angela V. Langley, Erick W. Larson II, Floyd B. McKissick Jr., Thomas A. Stith III, and Jacqueline D. Wagstaff

Absent: Council members Pamela L. Blyth, Mary D. Jacobs, Lewis A. Cheek, and Tamra M. Edwards

Presider: Chairman Black

Chairman Black commented that anyone wishing to speak should sign a speaker's card located in the hall outside the Commissioners' Chambers. Any written comments could be given to the Clerk to the Board for later distribution to elected officials.

Chairman Black said each speaker would be given three minutes for comments.

Chairman Black called on Mayor Tennyson to speak. Mr. Tennyson announced a special Council meeting to be held tomorrow morning, August 8, 2000 at 8:30 a.m. at City Hall to consider the ability to call the referendum. Council would have the opportunity to make a motion. No specific motion would be on the agenda.

Chairman Black asked each speaker to state his name and address. If a speaker is a Charter Commission member, please state that, also.

The following citizens spoke in favor of the proposed charter for City/County merger. (Asterisks indicate Charter Commission members):

1. \*Jack Steer, 2416 Dawn Trail, 27712;
2. Phillip Vereen, 300 W. Morgan Street, Suite 1400, 27701; representing Chamber of Commerce
3. Richard Harkrader, 1310 Shepherd Street, 27707
4. \*Scott Gardner, 4212 Thetford Road, 27707
5. \*Julie Linehan, 3437 Dixon Road, 27707
6. Royce Hardin, 1005 Iredell Street, 27705
7. Harry Dawley, 1313 N. Gregson Street, 27707
8. Terry McCabe, 112 Weathersfield Drive, 27713
9. Rick Adams, 3740 Saint Marks Road, 27707
10. \*Sylvia Kerckhoff, 1511 Pinecrest Road, 27705

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11. \*Asa Spaulding Jr., 103 Gatehouse Lane, 27707
12. Joe Kilsheimer, 9 Kimberly Drive, 27707
13. \*David Smith, 2510 Lanier Place, 27705
14. \*Bill Brian, 239 Country Club Drive, 27717
15. \*Alice Sharpe, 104 W. Parrish Street, 27701
16. \*Sandy Ogburn, 9 Pinyon Place, 27707
17. \*Patrick Byker, 2614 Stuart Drive, 27707

The following spoke in opposition to the proposed charter for City/County merger. (Asterisks indicate Charter Commission members):

1. \*Larry Holt, 5121 Old Well Street, 27704
2. Sara Terry, 5406 Middleton Road, 27713, representing Peoples' Alliance
3. Lynn Van Scoyoc, 404 Shetland Road, Rougemont, NC 27572
4. William McKee, 1505 Duke University Road, Apt. 7F, 27701
5. John Parrish, 2704 Burton Road, 27704
6. Paul T. Glenn, 2612 Burton Road, 27704
7. \*Charles W. Rogers, 1110 Sandlewood Drive, 27712
8. \*Joseph F. Haenn, 404 Shetland Road, Rougemont, 27572-9338
9. Harris C. Johnson Sr., 2401-A-Nation Avenue, 27707
10. Jesse H. Gibson, PO Box 649, 27702
11. Steve Bocckino, 7340 Abron Drive, 27713
12. Emma T. Pope, 7019 Kemp Road, Raleigh, 27613
13. Willie E. Pope Jr., 7019 Kemp Road, Raleigh, 27613
14. Victoria Peterson, PO Box 101, 27702
15. Deborah George Giles, 1015 Benning Street, 27703, representing the Political Committee of the Durham Committee on the Affairs of Black People
16. Raymond Pennell, 3006 Burton Road, 27704
17. Eunice Pennell, 3006 Burton Road, 27704
18. Carol F. Roycroft, 2620 Ardsley Drive, 27704
19. Ralph McKinney, 500 Fairfield Road, 27704
20. Stephen Hopkins, 526-A Barnes Avenue, 27703
21. Jackie Brown, 3005 Davie Drive, 27704
22. John Dunn, 1108 Infinity Road, 27712

Chairman Black said the Board of County Commissioners would convene on Wednesday, August 9, 2000 at noon to discuss and vote on this issue.

Chairman Black thanked Charter Commission members for their hard work.

### Adjournment

Chairman Black adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Garry E. Umstead, CMC  
Clerk to the Board