

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

Tuesday, October 3, 2006

Durham County Government Administrative Complex, Commissioners' Room (2nd Floor)
200 E. Main Street, Durham, NC 27701

9:00 A.M. Worksession

AGENDA

1. **Citizens Comments**

15 min.

The following citizens have requested to be placed on the agenda:

1. China Townsend—representing McDougald Terrace to discuss the possibility of extending the hours of operation for the McDougald Terrace Branch of the Durham County Public Library to six days per week.
2. Chief Chris D. Wagstaff—regarding the ABC Law Enforcement Chief selection.
3. Betty Sampson and Donald Booker—representing United Youth Parent Group.

2. **Resource Conservation and Development**

15 min.

The Durham Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) requests that the BOCC allow a 15-minute presentation on becoming a member of the Piedmont Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Council. The purpose of the RC&D program is to accelerate the conservation, development, and utilization of natural resources, improve the general level of economic activity, and enhance the environment and standard of living in designated RC&D areas. RC&D projects relate to land conservation, water management, economic development, and community sustainability. Projects are implemented with grant money.

In 2003, the BOCC approved that the Durham SWCD become a member of the proposed Tar-Neuse RC&D Council. Due to the lack of federal funding, the proposed council did not develop. Since then, the Durham District has requested that the Piedmont RC&D Council adopt the Durham SWCD into its council. At its May 10, 2006 Board of Directors meeting, the Piedmont RC&D Council agreed to do so tentatively. Along with the Durham SWCD request, the Piedmont RC&D Council requests the support of the Durham BOCC as well.

Resource Person(s): Eddie Culberson, Director of Soil and Water; Talmage Layton, Chairman, Durham SWCD; and Rudy Langley, RC&D Council, Piedmont Council

County Manager's Recommendation: The Manager recommends that the Commissioners receive the presentation and at the October 9, 2006 Regular Session, enter into a resolution on becoming a member of the Piedmont RC&D Council.

3. **Sales Tax Contract with Durham Public Schools**

15 min.

The County and Durham Public Schools staffs have been working on a contract for the County to construct school buildings due to the inability of the school system to recover sales taxes paid by the system. Durham Public Schools would act as the construction manager for the County on the school building and would recommend the design and contracts for construction. After construction, the buildings and land would be transferred to the school system. With the County doing the construction, the sales taxes paid on materials would be refunded to the County. The proposal is for these taxes to then be transferred to the schools for their needs.

Resource Person(s): Chuck Kitchen, County Attorney

County Manager's Recommendation: Receive the information and give direction to staff.

4. **Agreement to Implement the 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness in Durham**

15 min.

Durham County, the City of Durham, and the Triangle United Way have made an unprecedented commitment to end homelessness in Durham. On June 12, 2006, Durham County became one among 200 cities and counties across the country to adopt a plan toward ending homelessness.

The City Council and the County Commissioners adopted this plan with a commitment to identify funding and begin implementation of the plan over the coming months. The City Manager and the County Manager earmarked \$56,000 in each respective budget to assist in plan implementation. A memorandum of agreement has been brought before the Board for review to outline the tasks and responsibilities of implementation in partnership with the Triangle United Way, Durham County, and the City of Durham.

The Triangle United Way will coordinate implementation efforts by working with the Executive Team consisting of community leaders and County and City staff including members of The Durham Center, the Department of Social Services, and the City's Department of Community Development, to name a few. Triangle United Way will enter into a contract with a third party contractor (Implementing Agency) selected through a competitive RFP process to meet the measurable and time-bound deliverables of the 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness. For the first year of implementation, these deliverables include, but are not limited to:

- Expanding Durham County's successful System of Care model, defined in the Plan, to include homeless individuals and families;

- Ensuring that the four results teams have leadership and are meeting regularly to define priorities and implement some of the most immediate strategies and tactics of the Plan;
- Completing the annual application for the Continuum of Care;
- Organizing the annual point-in-time count of homeless individuals;
- Developing a long-term strategy to finance housing that will be presented to City and County officials; and
- Working with Durham County's Department of Social Services and Information Technology Department to: a) increase the number of agencies participating in the Community Assistance Database/Homeless Management Information System; and b) identify baseline data points that might serve as an evaluation mechanism for the Plan.

Upon receipt of proposals, the City and County Managers will determine any financial impacts of the contract and will bring the contract before the Board of Commissioners and the City Council for review and approval.

Triangle United Way will serve as a pass-through for funding from the County and City to the contracted Implementing Agency and will monitor activities of the Implementing Agency.

The Executive Team, with assistance from Triangle United Way, will provide both a mid-year and an annual report to the County Commissioners and City Council.

Resource Person(s): Stan Holt, Triangle United Way; Heidi York, Assistant County Manager; Carol Hammett, Assistant County Attorney; and Reginald Johnson, Senior Assistant to the City Manager

County Manager's Recommendation: The Manager recommends that the Board review the Memorandum of Agreement and place it on the consent agenda for the October 9, 2006 regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners.

5. **Report on the Availability of Industrial Designated Lands in Durham County**

30 min.

In response to the comments heard by the Board of Commissioners at its January budget workshop, Planning staff and representatives of the Chamber of Commerce met several times to evaluate the existing industrial sites in the County. The analysis indicated that only a handful of sites met the location requirements identified by the Chamber as being important for industrial development; the information was presented to the Joint City-County Planning Committee (JCCPC) on February 1, 2006. After receiving that information, the JCCPC directed that staff and the Chamber work on a more detailed analysis of industrial sites in Durham County. Earlier this summer, the Chamber completed an analysis of 55 different existing or potential industrial sites. A summary of that information, along with Planning staff's evaluation, was presented to the JCCPC

on September 6. Staff is requesting direction from the Board of Commissioners regarding how to proceed.

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

County Manager's Recommendation: The Manager recommends that the Board of Commissioners hear the presentation and provide direction as to how the Board would like staff to proceed.

6. **Development Plan Guidelines**

30 min.

At their August 28 meeting, the Commissioners directed that staff develop guidelines for the submittal of development plans and committed elements in order to ensure adequate time for their review by staff. On September 6, the Joint City-County Planning Committee approved the guidelines and directed their use in future zoning map change cases using development plans. The material is being provided to the Board of Commissioners as an informational item consistent with the Board's direction on August 28.

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

County Manager's Recommendation: The Manager recommends that the Board of Commissioners receive the guidelines as approved by the Joint City-County Planning Committee on September 6, 2006.

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