

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

Monday, March 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. **Announcements** 5 min.

4. **Minutes**

5 min.

a. March 6, 2006 Worksession

b. March 13, 2006 Regular Session

5. **Resolution Celebrating April 2-8 as ?Week of the Young Child?**

5 min.

Durham?s Partnership for Children, a Smart Start Initiative, along with local collaborating organizations, will celebrate April 2-8 as ?Week of the Young Child?. These organizations are working in a coordinated fashion to support families of young children, to increase the quality and quantity of childcare programs, and to increase school readiness for pre-kindergarten students to help close the achievement gap.

Resource Person(s): Marsha Basloe, Executive Director of Durham?s Partnership for Children, A Smart Start Initiative, and Jeremy Evans, Community Development Coordinator, Durham?s Partnership for Children

County Manager's Recommendation: The Manager's recommendation is that the Board approve the resolution and present it to Ms. Basloe and Mr. Evans

6. **March Anchor Award Winner?Brenda Childress**

5 min.

Brenda Childress, a Computer Operations Supervisor in the IT Department, was selected to receive the March Anchor Award. Ms. Childress was recognized for this honor because of superior work, and particularly for her thoroughness in maintaining mainframe systems and critical backup technology.

- Brenda has been a faithful county employee for 9 years, routinely working weekends, early mornings, and late nights.

- Brenda has cross-trained her staff as the need for computer operators decreased and the need for network and applications support increased. She has prepared her staff to transition positions keeping these valued employees, while increasing their knowledge base.

County Manager's Recommendation: The Manager recommends that the March Anchor Award be presented to Brenda Childress along with congratulations of the entire organization.

7. **Consent Agenda** 20 min.

a. Property Tax Releases and Refunds for Fiscal Year 2005-2006 (accept the property tax release and refund report for February 2006 and authorize the Tax Assessor to adjust the tax records as outlined by the report);

b. Durham City-County Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Inspections (approve the revisions and authorize the Manager to execute);

c. Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 06BCC000048?The Durham Center (approve an increase of \$4,464,000 for the Medicaid budget for FY 2005-06 from \$22,052,000 to \$25,552,000 (a difference of \$3,500,000) and \$964,000 to support the facility based crisis unit at Durham Center Access);

- d. Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 06BCC000049?Social Services?Recognize Additional Revenue (approve a total increase of \$1,424,022 which represents funding changes in various programs);
- e. Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 06BCC000050?Recognize \$73,000 from the Durham County Library Foundation and \$25,280 from the Aid to Public Libraries fund for a total of \$98,280; and Capital Project Amendment No. 06CPA000010? Increase the Stanford L. Warren Library Capital Project by \$73,000 and the North Regional Library Project by \$25,280); and
- f. Change in Time for the Monday, May 1, 2006 Worksession (approve the time change for the worksession from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.).

8. Public Hearing?Zoning Map Change?US Hwy. 70 Property (Z06-07)

15 min.

The Board is requested to approve a request for a zoning map change for 0.742-acre site located on the south side of US 70 and west of Page Road Extension (PIN 0759-04-54-7393), with a condition of rezoning property to the east of the site (PIN 0759-04-64-0249). Request: RR and CG to CG
To approve as support for its action on the above ordinance amendment the findings that the ordinance is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and that the request is reasonable and in the public interest considering the determination and facts as set forth in the accompanying staff report. Staff recommends approval, based on the consistency with the Comprehensive Plan and the information contained within the staff report. The Durham Planning Commission conducted a public hearing on February 14, 2006 and recommended approval with a vote of 9-2, based on the consistency with the Comprehensive Plan and the information contained within the staff report and testimony provided at 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 to Consider Allocating Economic Development Investment Funds to United Therapeutics

15 min.

United Therapeutics is a biopharmaceutical company focused on the development and commercialization of therapeutic products that address chronic, life threatening illnesses. The company is headquartered in Silver Spring, Maryland, but currently houses its 25 research employees in Research Triangle Park, where it was initially founded. United Therapeutics is considering buying a parcel of property in the Durham County portion of RTP and building a 125,000-square-foot facility for research and development and solid dose manufacturing. The new facility would house 175 employees in the areas of clinical research, regulatory affairs, quality assurance/control, administration, purchasing, and manufacturing. Additional expansion plans for a fill/filling operation could add another 100,000 to 150,000 square feet of manufacturing space and more jobs to support that operation.

The proposed new investment for the RTP campus is estimated to be approximately \$54.3 million, with an estimated net depreciated taxable value of approximately \$30 million. Upon completion, United Therapeutics would manufacture a new solid dose medication that is used in the treatment of pulmonary arterial hypertension.

United Therapeutics is in the process of making the final decision as to where to locate the new manufacturing facility. Staff is aware that the company is also considering Silver Spring, Maryland, as property has already been purchased for the plant. United Therapeutics has communicated to Deputy County Manager Carolyn Titus that Durham County's financial support for this project will be a key consideration in the final decision. United Therapeutics is requesting that the County participate in the costs of site preparation activities, such as site clearing and grading, and extension of utilities.

Staff is recommending that the County participate in this economic development project by reimbursing United Therapeutics up to six hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$650,000.00) for the costs of site preparation activities and extension of utilities.

This public hearing was advertised on Friday, March 17, 2006, as required by Statute.

Resource Person(s): Carolyn P. Titus, Deputy County Manager

County Manager's Recommendation: The Manager recommends that the Board hold the public hearing, and based upon the information received, approve the reimbursement contract between the County of Durham and United Therapeutics to allow for the reimbursement of costs associated with the site preparation, such as site clearing and grading, and the extension of utilities in the amount of \$650,000 over five years.

10. Public Hearing on Two-Thirds Bonds for Holton School

10 min.

On February 27, 2006, the Board of Commissioners opened the public hearing on the issuance of two-thirds bonds for the Holton School project. The public hearing was continued until tonight's meeting in order to receive additional information from the Durham Public Schools Board of Education, which is meeting on Thursday, March 23, 2006, to adopt a resolution asking for the issuance of these bonds. Adoption of this resolution by the School Board is a conditional precedent to the Board of Commissioners adopting the Order Authorizing \$4,022,000 School Bonds.

Resource Person(s): Chuck Kitchen, County Attorney, and Glen Whisler, County Engineer

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION: PROVIDED THE SCHOOL RESOLUTION HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY THE COUNTY, HOLD THE PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPT THE BOND ORDER IF DESIRED BY THE BOARD BASED ON COMMENTS RECEIVED.

11. Board and Commission Appointments

10 min.

Vonda Sessoms, Clerk to the Board, will distribute ballots to make appointments to the following boards and commissions:

- Adult Care Home Community Advisory Board
- Area Mental Health Board
- City-County Appearance Commission
- Library Board
- Raleigh-Durham Airport Noise Abatement Committee

Resource Person(s): Vonda Sessoms

County Manager's Recommendation: The Manager recommends that the Board of County Commissioners vote to appoint members to the above-mentioned boards/commissions.

1 hr. 40 min.