

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

Monday, March 5, 2007

9:00 A.M. Worksession

MINUTES

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

Present: Chairman Ellen W. Reckhow, Vice-Chairman Becky M. Heron, and Commissioners Philip R. Cousin Jr. and Michael D. Page

Absent: Commissioner Lewis A. Cheek

Presider: Chairman Reckhow

Motion to Excuse

Commissioner Cousin moved, seconded by Vice-Chairman Heron, to excuse Commissioner Cheek from the March 5, 2007 Worksession.

The motion carried with the following vote:

Ayes: Cousin, Heron, Page, and Reckhow

Noes: None

Absent: Cheek

Citizen Comments—Reverend Melvin Whitley

Reverend Melvin Whitley requested to speak to the Board about including the Bullet Ownership Bill (BOB) in the legislative agenda. He expressed concern about the state law permitting criminals to legally purchase firearm ammunition.

Rev. Whitley believed that the BOB will be the best way to promote and protect the health, safety and welfare of the public by providing a system of identifying persons who are not qualified to acquire or possess firearms and firearm ammunition in the state of North Carolina.

Rev. Whitley asked that the Board join efforts to address gun violence in Durham.

Chairman Reckhow informed the Board that the City of Durham has included the BOB in its legislative agenda. She referred to G. S. 14-402 that states that a county sheriff is authorized to issue a pistol permit after verifying that the applicant is not disqualified due to prior

criminal convictions of a specific nature, among other grounds. In contrast, relatively few restrictions apply to the purchase of ammunition, even on persons ineligible to purchase firearms.

County Attorney provided legal advice about adding the BOB to the County's legislative agenda.

Directive

1. Add a provision to the legislative proposal that would require a permit associated with the issuance of the bullet owner's registration card.
2. Deborah Craig-Ray to inform Senator Bob Atwater that the consensus of the Board is to support the Bullet Ownership Bill.
3. Place on the March 12 consent agenda.

TROSA Presentation

Barker French, Board Member, TROSA, gave a presentation about TROSA's impact on the Durham community. The presentation included data from a recent community impact study. TROSA's impact on the following areas was discussed:

- Human Services
- Economic
- Neighborhood
- Community Service

Mr. French concluded his presentation by asking that the Board continue to support TROSA.

In response to Vice-Chairman Heron's concern about TROSA qualifying under the new surplus policy for nonprofits regarding housing rehabilitation, County Attorney stated that TROSA would need to apply in order to qualify.

Commissioner Page inquired about Durham residents being accepted in TROSA.

Mr. French stated that Durham residents are accepted and in FY 2005/06, 63% of the TROSA program involved Durham residents.

Keith Artin, Chief Operating Officer, TROSA, responded to questions from the Board.

Presentation of Pandemic Influenza Planning

Brian Letourneau, Public Health Director, introduced this item.

Dr. Arlene Sena, Medical Director, Durham County Health Department, provided an update on the status of pandemic influenza planning. She discussed the following:

- Current Status of Avian Influenza
- Global and National Events

- Community Strategy for Pandemic Influenza Mitigation
- Local Planning Activities
- Planning Group Participants
- Pandemic Influenza Planning Subcommittees
- Education and Communications Subcommittee
- Vaccination and Medication Distribution Subcommittee
- Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) Plan
- Mental Health Subcommittee
- Pan Flu Planning National and Local Challenges

In response to Vice-Chairman Heron's concern about the amount of help received from the Federal Government, Mr. Letourneau stated that the approximate amount would be \$130,000.

Jeff Batten, Emergency Management, briefed the Board about the emergency management perspective regarding pandemic influenza planning.

County Manager Mike Ruffin stated that in the event of an outbreak, a plan will be developed to designate responsibilities for employees to assist medical personnel; individuals will need to train for initial response.

Chairman Reckhow thanked Dr. Sena for the "excellent" presentation.

Revisions to County's 10-Year Capital Improvements Program (CIP)—FY 2008-FY 2017

County Manager Mike Ruffin introduced this item. He stated that as part of the biennial update of the County's 10-Year CIP, staff has commenced a review of the previously adopted 10-Year CIP for FY 2006-2015, with the following goals:

- Review all project estimates for accuracy and ensure that all costs have been included to bring each project to fruition;
- Review Durham Public Schools revised Long-Range Facilities Plan;
- Consider any new projects that may have surfaced since the last revision;
- Revise project scheduling and funding to accommodate the completion of several projects and the inclusion of a General Obligation Bond Referendum in November 2007 (FY2008); and
- Revise revenue estimates for property taxes, sales taxes, and other dedicated revenues for the Capital Finance Plan which support the CIP.

To assist the Commissioners in their review, County Manager Ruffin provided information about the following:

- Total Recommended CIP--\$893,974,167

- Requested CIP vs. Recommended CIP
Requested--\$942.8 million
Recommended--\$894.0 million
- Requested Projects Not Recommended
Museum of Life and Science--\$35.3 million
Mental Health Access Program--\$3.8 million
Fiber Optic WAN (IT)--\$935,000
- New Projects in Recommended CIP
County Stadium--\$2.7 million
Administrative Building Renovation--\$5.2 million
Main Street Parking Deck--\$16.2 million
Main Storage Facility--\$5.4 million
Civic Center--\$2.0 million
- Existing Projects in CIP
Human Services--\$103 million
New Justice Center--109.6 million
American Tobacco Deck--\$19.9 million
Judicial Bldg. Renovation--\$14.7 million
IT-ERP Finance System--\$6.5 million
IT-PC Replacement--\$21.2 million
IT-VOIP Telephone System--\$2.5 million
Animal Control Facility--\$1.4 million
EMS-Station #5--\$1.3 million
Sheriff Training Center--\$5.9 million
CJRC Renovation--\$3.9 million
Timberlake Rail Trail--\$2.4 million
Open Space/Farmland--\$9.8 million
DTCC Newton Bldg--\$4.0 million
DTCC Campus Improvement--\$8.2 million
DTCC N. Durham Exp.--\$1.0 million
DTCC Main Campus Exp.--\$2.0 million
Durham Public Schools--\$706.1 million
Main Library Renovations--\$11.6 million
South Regional Branch--\$9.8 million
Southwest Branch--\$5.7 million
Timberlake Rail Trail--\$2.4 million
BOCC Boardroom Tech.--\$770,000
New Hope Creek--\$1.6 million
NCMLS--\$15.1 million
Detention Center Addition--\$22.0 million
- Enterprise Fund Projects
WWTP Phase III--\$51.1 million
Collection System Rehab--\$6.4 million
Reuse of Wastewater--\$6.1 million

- 2007 Bond Referendum
 - Durham Public Schools--\$186,770,058
 - NCMLS--\$4,170,812
 - County Stadium--\$2,729,435
 - DTCC-Main Campus Exp.--\$2,000,000
 - Total--\$195,670,305
- DPS Projects in 2007 Referendum
 - New Facilities
 - New Elementary School
 - New Middle School
 - New High School
 - Land for Second New Elementary
 - Land for Second New High School
 - Expansion
 - Creekside Elementary
 - Renovations
 - Easley Elementary
 - Glenn Elementary
 - Harris Elementary
 - Parkwood Elementary
 - Bethesda Elementary
 - Powe Elementary
 - Club Blvd Elementary
 - Smith Elementary
 - Mangum Elementary
 - Hillandale Elementary
 - Burton Elementary
 - Merrick-Moore Elementary
 - Holt Elementary
 - Carrington Middle
 - Neal Middle
 - Durham School of the Arts
 - Lakeview School
 - Hillside High
 - Jordan High
 - Southern High
 - Riverside High
 - Fuller Building
- 2009 Bond Referendum
 - Durham Public Schools--\$112,007,586
 - Main Library Renovations--\$10,854,251
 - Total--\$122,861,837
- Finance Ratios
- Capital Finance Model

- Worksession Issues
 - Financing
 - Durham Public Schools
 - Durham Technical Community College
 - Museum of Life and Science
 - County Stadium
 - Administrative Building
 - Main St. Parking Deck
 - Civic Center
 - Main Storage Facility
 - Boardroom Technology

Commissioner Page asked would the Board have to request information regarding the CIP projects or would an explanation be given. He also inquired about visiting the renovated sites.

County Manager stated that discussions regarding the CIP projects would be scheduled at the Board's discretion.

Chairman Reckhow assured Commissioner Page that visiting the renovated sites would be arranged.

Commissioner Cousin apologized for the inability to coordinate his schedule to view the CIP prior to the meeting. He expressed concern about land acquisition for new schools.

The Board held a discussion regarding the Capital Improvement Program.

After the discussion, the Commissioners agreed to hold a CIP Worksession on the following dates:

- March 19 (9:30-12 noon)
- March 29 (9:00-12 noon)
- April 3 (9:00-12 noon; **holding date**)

Directives

1. Survey surrounding counties regarding Information Technology replacement; look at a four or five-year schedule.
2. Inform the Board about the training location regarding the Sheriff's Office Training Center and Driving Range; inform the Board about future plans to joint venture with other counties; consider creative approaches.
3. Inquire about innovative funding for the Timberlake Rail Trail.
4. Consider General Obligation Bonds for the South Regional Branch and the Southwest Branch Libraries.
5. Review the accomplishments relating to Boardroom Technology Upgrade.
6. Provide more details regarding the proposed amount for the Administrative Building.

7. Devise a comprehensive parking plan for the County with a focus on transportation management; establish a parking fee for the new courthouse parking.
8. Review other options regarding the main storage facility; look at using existing storage space.
9. Express concern with Legislators about changes in the lottery distribution and the governor's proposal about reducing lottery proceeds for school construction.
10. Send draft CIP to Legislators; indicate reasons for alternative revenue; identify the projects that would benefit from the prepared foods tax.
11. Plan a survey to receive citizens comments about the fall 2007 bond referendum.
12. Check the enrollment impact regarding new developments surrounding Creekside Elementary.

Closed Session

Commissioner Page moved, seconded by Vice-Chairman Heron, to adjourn to closed session to discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of business or industry pursuant to G. S. 143-318.11(a)(4).

The motion carried with the following vote:

Ayes: Cousin, Heron, Page, and Reckhow
Noes: None
Absent: Cheek

Reconvene to Open Session

Chairman Reckhow announced that the Board met in closed session; direction was given to staff; no action was taken.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Reckhow adjourned the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela M. McIver
Staff Specialist
Clerk to the Board's office