



Chatham County, NC

Meeting Minutes

Board of Commissioners

Monday, February 7, 2022

5:00 PM

Historic Courthouse Courtroom

Work Session - 5:00 PM - Historic Courthouse Courtroom

Present: 3 - Chair Mike Dasher, Vice Chair Diana Hales and Commissioner Franklin Gomez Flores

Absent: 1 - Vice Chair Karen Howard

CLOSED SESSION

[21-4173](#)

Vote on a request to go into closed session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) to consult with an attorney in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege.

A motion was made by Chair Dasher, seconded by Vice Chair Hales, to go into closed session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) to consult with an attorney in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Chair Dasher, Vice Chair Hales, and Commissioner Gomez Flores

Absent: 1 - Vice Chair Howard

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End of Work Session

Regular Session - 6:00 PM - Historic Courthouse Courtroom

Present: 3 - Chair Mike Dasher, Vice Chair Diana Hales and Commissioner Franklin Gomez Flores

Absent: 1 - Vice Chair Karen Howard

INVOCATION and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dasher called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA and CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hales, seconded by Chair Dasher, that the agenda and consent agenda be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Chair Dasher, Vice Chair Hales, and Commissioner Gomez Flores

Absent: 1 - Vice Chair Howard

[21-4167](#)

Vote on a request to approve an additional \$266,989.00 from the State of NC for Low Income Household Energy Assistance Program funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (LIHEAP - ARPA).

Attachments: [Funding Authorization - LIHEAP ARPA SFY 2021-22](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Hales, seconded by Vice Chair Dasher, that this Agenda Item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Chair Dasher, Vice Chair Hales, and Commissioner Gomez Flores

Absent: 1 - Vice Chair Howard

[21-4168](#)

Vote on a Request to Approve the 2021 Tax Lien Advertisement

A motion was made by Commissioner Hales, seconded by Vice Chair Dasher, that this Agenda Item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Chair Dasher, Vice Chair Hales, and Commissioner Gomez Flores

Absent: 1 - Vice Chair Howard

[21-4169](#)

Vote on a request to accept \$9,302 Smart Start funds from Chatham County Partnership for Children to support Child Care Health Consultant and Focus on Fathers Programs.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hales, seconded by Vice Chair Dasher, that this Agenda Item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Chair Dasher, Vice Chair Hales, and Commissioner Gomez Flores

Absent: 1 - Vice Chair Howard

[21-4163](#)

Vote on a request to accept \$500,000 Blue Cross Blue Shield Infant and Maternal Health Equity Grant Funds.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hales, seconded by Vice Chair Dasher, that this Agenda Item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Chair Dasher, Vice Chair Hales, and Commissioner Gomez Flores

Absent: 1 - Vice Chair Howard

[21-4170](#)

Vote on a request to approve reappointments to the Chatham County Board of Adjustment.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hales, seconded by Vice Chair Dasher, that the Appointments be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Chair Dasher, Vice Chair Hales, and Commissioner Gomez Flores

Absent: 1 - Vice Chair Howard

[21-4179](#)

Vote on a request to approve appointments to the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC)

A motion was made by Commissioner Hales, seconded by Vice Chair Dasher, that the Appointments be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Chair Dasher, Vice Chair Hales, and Commissioner Gomez Flores

Absent: 1 - Vice Chair Howard

[21-4174](#)

Vote on a request to approve Sheriff Vehicle Purchase (Animal resource Center) 2021-2022.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hales, seconded by Vice Chair Dasher, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Chair Dasher, Vice Chair Hales, and Commissioner Gomez Flores

Absent: 1 - Vice Chair Howard

[21-4178](#)

Vote on a request to approve Sheriff Vehicle Purchase for law enforcement 2021-2022.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hales, seconded by Vice Chair Dasher, that this Agenda Item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Chair Dasher, Vice Chair Hales, and Commissioner Gomez Flores

Absent: 1 - Vice Chair Howard

[21-4175](#)

Vote to approve a request by Nicolas Robinson, on behalf of NNP-Briar Chapel, LLC, and Chatham County to reduce and modify the Perimeter Buffer for Commercial Parcel #20, SD-West, Briar Chapel, pursuant to Section 9.2 of the Compact Communities Ordinance.

Attachments: [More information from the Planning department website](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Hales, seconded by Vice Chair Dasher, that this Agenda Item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Chair Dasher, Vice Chair Hales, and Commissioner Gomez Flores

Absent: 1 - Vice Chair Howard

End of Consent Agenda

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

No one signed up to speak.

BOARD PRIORITIES[21-4171](#)

Discuss applications and vote to appoint a commissioner to the District 4 vacancy.

Liz Guinan, Chair of the Chatham Democratic Party was asked to speak about the Party's recommendation.

The Party voted overwhelmingly to recommend Robert Logan to fill the District 4 County Commissioner Seat. Ms. Guinan thanked the Board.

Commissioner Hales thanked the Democratic Party for the work they did in order to make this recommendation.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hales, seconded by Chair Dasher, that this Agenda Item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Chair Dasher, Vice Chair Hales, and Commissioner Gomez Flores

Absent: 1 - Vice Chair Howard

[21-4172](#)

Chatham County COVID-19 Update

Mike Zelek gave an update to the Board.

Mr. Zelek said there have been one hundred and three deaths in Chatham County due to COVID-19. Case rates have continued to lower in the county and vaccines have become available for anyone over the age of five years old. Staff have administered over ten thousand vaccines. Chatham County's Vaccine Coordinator, Laura Parks, was recognized as the COVID vaccine relief provider of the week in the state of North Carolina. Mr. Zelek has requested an additional supply of masks for distribution. He thanked the Board and staff.

Commissioner Hales asked if Mr. Zelek would acquire more masks. Mr. Zelek said he had put in a request today. Staff must show the mask supply had been exhausted.

Commissioner Hales thanked the Health Department staff. She would like there to be information about COVID-19 to be included in the time capsule at the upcoming Chatham 250 celebration.

Vice Chair Gomez Flores thanked the Health Department staff.

CLERK'S REPORT

Ms. Ray congratulated Mr. Logan. When she was Deputy Clerk, Mr. Logan was Superintendent. She had a checklist to update Mr. Logan on after the meeting.

She planned to meet with Commissioner Hales about the time capsule.

She thanked Carolyn Miller, Elizabeth Plata, and Lacey George for their assistance in her absence last week.

She said Lacey had been doing a great job and she would begin sending out the weekly updates to the commissioners beginning next week.

Ms. Ray reminded the Board that they would have an agenda item at the next meeting to vote on the delegate for TJCOG.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. LaMontagne congratulated Mr. Logan and said he was looking forward to working with him.

Mr. LaMontagne, Ms. Miller, and Mr. Thompson attended the City and County Manager's Association conference last week and it was very informative and a great opportunity to network with other managers in the state.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Hales attended a TJCOG Board of Delegates Meeting as the alternate.

Commissioner Dasher had nothing to report.

Vice Chair Gomez Flores welcomed Mr. Logan. He was Vice Chair Gomez Flores' former superintendent. He wanted the Board to be aware of fees for development. He saw a chart at the Board of Health meeting that compared Chatham's fees to other counties. Chatham's septic fees were significantly lower than some surrounding counties. He also wanted the Board to be mindful of staffing concerns as a result of development. He was appointed to hospital trustees.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Chair Dasher, seconded by Vice Chair Hales, that this meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Chair Dasher, Vice Chair Hales, and Commissioner Gomez Flores

Absent: 1 - Vice Chair Howard