

MINUTES OF MECKLENBURG COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MARCH 7, 2007

5:00 P.M.

**NORTH CAROLINA
MECKLENBURG COUNTY**

The Board of Commissioners of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, met in Informal Session in the Meeting Chamber Conference Room of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center located at 600 East Fourth Street at 5:00 p.m. and in Formal Session in the Meeting Chamber of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 7, 2007.

ATTENDANCE

Present: Chairman Jennifer Roberts and Commissioners
Karen Bentley, J. Daniel Bishop, Dumont Clarke
H. Parks Helms, Bill James, Norman A. Mitchell, Sr.
Dan Ramirez and Valerie C. Woodard
County Manager Harry L. Jones, Sr.
County Attorney Marvin A. Bethune
Clerk to the Board Janice S. Paige

Absent: None.

-INFORMAL SESSION-

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Roberts, after which the matters below were addressed.

(1) STAFF BRIEFINGS – NONE

(2) CLOSED SESSION – A) CONSULT WITH ATTORNEY AND B) PERSONNEL MATTER

Prior to going into Closed Session, Attorney Bethune announced that one of the Consult with Attorney matters had to do with the Adelpia Bankruptcy Proceedings. It was noted also that it was not necessary for the Board to go into Closed Session for Personnel Matter.

Motion was made by Commissioner Ramirez, seconded by Commissioner James and unanimously carried with Commissioners Bentley, Bishop, Clarke, Helms, James, Mitchell, Ramirez, Roberts, and Woodard voting yes, to go into Closed Session to Consult with Attorney.

The Board went into Closed Session at 5:16 p.m. and came back into Open Session at 5:50 p.m.

(3) REMOVAL OF ITEMS FROM CONSENT

The Board did not identify any items they wanted removed from consent and voted upon separately.

The Board then proceeded to the Meeting Chamber for remainder of the meeting.

-FORMAL SESSION-

Invocation was given by Commissioner Clarke, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and then introductions; after which, the matters below were addressed.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

PROCLAMATIONS AND AWARDS

(1A) STEPHEN ELLIOTT NATIONAL RECOGNITION

The Board recognized Stephen Elliott, Manager Yard Waste Operations, LUESA – Solid Waste, as the 2007 recipient of the Composter of the Year Award presented by the U. S. Composting Council.

Mr. Elliott was introduced by Bruce Gledhill, PE, LUESA – Director of Solid Waste.

(1B) SOCIAL WORK APPRECIATION MONTH

Motion was made by Commissioner Woodard, seconded by Commissioner James and unanimously carried with Commissioners Bentley, Bishop, Clarke, Helms, James, Mitchell, Ramirez, Roberts, and Woodard voting yes, to adopt a proclamation designating the month of March 2007 as “Social Work Appreciation Month” in Mecklenburg County.

The proclamation was read by Commissioner Woodard and received by Richard Jacobsen, Director of Social Services. Director Jacobsen was joined at the podium by several social workers. There were a number of social workers in the audience as well.

A copy of the Proclamation is on file with the Clerk to the Board.

(1C) ROBERT B. FURR NATIONAL RECOGNITION

The Board recognized Robert (Robbie) B. Furr as recipient of the Individual National Winner of 2006 for Excellence in 4-H Club Support from the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents.

Mr. Furr was introduced by Lola Massad, Division Director, Department of Park and Recreation.

(1D) YOUTH HOMELESS AWARENESS WEEK

Motion was made by Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Woodard and unanimously carried with Commissioners Bentley, Bishop, Clarke, Helms, James, Mitchell, Ramirez, Roberts, and Woodard voting yes, to adopt a proclamation designating March 11 -17, 2007 as Youth Homeless Awareness Week in Mecklenburg County.

The proclamation was read by Chairman Roberts and received by Brennon Graham, Executive Director of The Relatives.

A copy of the Proclamation is on file with the Clerk to the Board.

(2) PUBLIC APPEARANCE

The following persons appeared to speak during the Public Appearance portion of the meeting:

Patrice Ognodo informed the Board of an upcoming symposium open to the public on illegal immigration and its effects on Americans to be held March 17 at Eastway Church of God, 1131 Eastway Drive, from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Larry Baumgardner asked the Board to support efforts to have March 22, 2007 proclaimed John Rhodes Day.

Chairman Roberts thanked those that appeared to speak.

(3) APPOINTMENTS

INFORMATION SERVICES & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

The vote was taken on the following nominee for appointment to the Information Services & Technology Committee:

Dave Clarke	Commissioners Bentley, Bishop, Clarke, Helms, James, Mitchell, Ramirez, Roberts, and Woodard
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Chairman Roberts announced that Dave Clarke was appointed to the Information Services and Technology Committee for a three-year term expiring March 7, 2010.

He is filling a vacant slot.

MOUNTAIN ISLAND LAKE MARINE COMMISSION

The vote was taken on the following nominees for appointment to the Mountain Island Lake Marine Commission:

Round One

Tom Alligood	Commissioners Bishop, Clarke, Ramirez, and Roberts
Kevin Bachleda	None
Tim Bishop	Commissioners Bentley, James, and Woodard
Robert "Gary" Keith	Commissioners Helms and Mitchell

Round Two

Tom Alligood	None
Kevin Bachleda	None
Tim Bishop	Commissioners Bentley, Bishop, Clarke, James, Ramirez and Woodard
Robert "Gary" Keith	Commissioners Helms and Mitchell

Chairman Roberts announced that Tim Bishop was appointed to the Mountain Island Lake Marine Commission to fill an unexpired term expiring October 1, 2007.

He is replacing Gregory Shelton.

PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

The vote was taken on the following nominees for appointment to the Park and Recreation Commission as a North Park District representative:

John Probst	None
Samuel R. Spencer	Commissioner Mitchell

Jeffery P. Tarte

Commissioners Bishop, Bentley, Clarke, Helms, James, Ramirez,
Roberts, and Woodard
Voting Ceased

Christopher Willingham

Chairman Roberts announced that Jeffery P. Tarte was appointed to the Park and Recreation Commission as a North Park District representative to fill an unexpired term expiring June 30, 2009.

He is replacing Stephanie Taylor.

(4) PUBLIC HEARINGS – NONE

(5) ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS – NONE

MANAGER’S REPORT – A) CMS PREDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT B) SPIRIT SQUARE UPDATE

(6B) SPIRIT SQUARE UPDATE

The Board received an update on Spirit Square.

County Manager Jones reminded the Board that on June 20, 2006, staff presented three options with respect to Spirit Square. The options outlined were:

- Extend existing contract with Blumenthal Performing Arts Center
- Negotiate with the City of Charlotte regarding ownership and potential land transactions; and
- Determine the highest and best use of the Spirit Square property.

The Board voted to authorize staff to pursue the following options with respect to the Spirit Square Property:

- Negotiate with the City of Charlotte regarding ownership and potential land transactions; and
- Determine the highest and best use of the Spirit Square property.

County Manager Jones said there are some Spirit Square tenants that are finding it difficult to find suitable and perhaps even affordable replacement space, and as such, they are seeking dialogue regarding possible options to preserve the Spirit Square culture and presence at the current site.

County Manager Jones informed the Board that Spirit Square is scheduled for discussion at the Board’s Budget/Public Policy meeting on March 13. He said this would be the only matter on the agenda.

County Manager Jones commented on the linkage between Spirit Square and the Land Swap proposal. He reminded the Board that in November 2006, he asked for permission to negotiate a land swap deal that would result in \$7.8 million from the sale of Spirit Square being used for infrastructure at the proposed baseball site.

County Manager Jones said those agreements were still being negotiated and that staff does not know how a change in the Spirit Square strategy would ultimately impact the County’s ability to complete the land swap transactions. He said an update on the land swap will be given at the Board’s March 20 meeting.

County Manager Jones recommended that the Board move forward with hearing from citizens that signed up to speak to this matter at tonight’s meeting.

County Manager Jones said between now and the Budget/Public Policy meeting on March 13

that staff would work with the Arts and Science Council, the Blumenthal Performing Arts Center, Charlotte Center City Partners and other stakeholders to define the options and a process for resolving the Spirit Square issue.

Commissioner Bishop asked that consideration be given to televising the Budget/Public Policy meeting on March 13.

Chairman Roberts suggested the meeting be held in the Meeting Chamber rather than in Conference Center Room 267, so that it can be televised.

County Manager Jones said his position is that it's important to hear from all sides and that he wants to hear that. Further, that he is proceeding based on the Board's direction regarding consummation of the land swap proposal.

County Manager Jones said if he learns of some information that he believes should lead him to recommend an alternative approach, then he would bring that back to the Board for consideration.

County Manager Jones said if the Board wants the March 13 Budget/Public Policy meeting televised, then the meeting can be held in the Meeting Chamber with the stipulation that the meeting has to end at 5:00 p.m. because the Board of Education is scheduled to be in the Chamber at 6:00 p.m. for its meeting.

Motion was made by Commissioner Ramirez, seconded by Commissioner James, to defer discussion of this matter until the March 20, 2007 meeting at which time a public hearing could be held.

Substitute Motion was made by Commissioner Clarke, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell, to follow the County Manager's recommendation, which was to hear from speakers tonight and to have further discussion of the matter at the Board's Budget/Public Policy meeting on March 13.

Motion was made by Commissioner Bishop, seconded by Commissioner James and carried 7-2 with Commissioners Bentley, Bishop, Clarke, James, Ramirez, Roberts, and Woodard voting yes and Commissioners Helms and Mitchell voting no, to amend the substitute motion with the addition that the Budget/Public Policy meeting on March 13 be held in the Meeting Chamber and televised.

The vote was then taken on the substitute motion as amended and carried 7-2 with Commissioners Bentley, Bishop, Clarke, James, Ramirez, Roberts, and Woodard voting yes and Commissioners Helms and Mitchell voting no, to hear from speakers tonight and to have further discussion of the matter at the Board's Budget/Public Policy meeting on March 13 and that the meeting be held in the Meeting Chamber and televised.

The following persons appeared to speak regarding the preservation of Spirit Square:

Eugenia and Elizabeth Holtz (sisters), who currently are taking ballet at Spirit Square, asked that Spirit Square remain available.

Jason Ward on behalf of The Light Factory, asked that they be given an extension until January 2008 because of events that have already been planned. Mr. Ward said The Light Factory did not receive official notice that expressly stated the date of June 30, 2007 as the last day of their occupancy. He also asked that there be a public forum on the disposal of Spirit Square that would hopefully result in a RFP process that would save the McGlohon Theatre and provide permanent exhibition & performance space for The Light Factory and their other Spirit Square neighbors.

Commissioner James asked for clarification with respect to the notices that went out to Spirit Square tenants, in light of Mr. Ward's comment. The response was that staff would answer this and other questions at a later date and that the focus now was to hear from citizens.

Reeves McGlohon, son of the late Loonis McGlohon, spoke in support of preserving Spirit Square in light of its meaning to the community. Mr. McGlohon said he was Superintendent of Schools for Gaston County and noted that his teachers and students use Spirit Square also. He asked the Board to find a way to maintain the facility.

Aaron George (teacher at N.W. School of the Arts) and 12 students from N.W. spoke in support of preserving Spirit Square, which is used extensively by the N. W. School of the Arts. They asked that consideration be given to turning the facility over to someone who would be willing to use the facility as an arts location and possibly a satellite campus for N.W.

Kelsey McNeil, Katelyn, (student #3 name not given), Lindsey Birch, China Buffet, (student #6 name not given), (student #7 name not given), Kelly Fry, McKenzie Hollow, Rachael Bradley, Avery Hall, and Phillip Pacer

Phillip Gerdes (former County Commissioner 72-76) said it would be a tragedy to lose Spirit Square as a community resource for the arts. He asked that the Board consider moving the deadline from June 30, 2007 to June 30, 2008. He said this would give the community and the Schools an opportunity to further study the sale of the property and to develop a RFP that would save the cultural components of Spirit Square. Mr. Gerdes was joined at the podium by his granddaughter, Anna Blythe Moore.

Lynn Weis on behalf of Friends of Fourth Ward Neighborhood Association, said they were opposed to the demise of Spirit Square. He hopes the County can find a developer that's willing to incorporate Spirit Square in their development. He said deed restrictions may be a way of preserving it as well.

Joel Shytle a member of Charlotte Church, which uses Spirit Square on Sundays for worship and some Wednesdays, asked that the lease be extended as long as possible, which would give his church time to find an alternate location if necessary.

Moira Quinn on behalf of Michael Smith of Charlotte Center City Partners, expressed support for the preservation of Spirit Square and the uninterrupted operation of the McGlohon Theatre. Also, that Charlotte Center City Partners supports the County's redevelopment of Spirit Square as a mixed-use project with continued cultural activity as part of the project. Charlotte Center City Partners believes the timeline of the redevelopment does not need to be accelerated to achieve the objectives of the land swap proposal. Ms. Quinn said the two projects can be cooperative, but that they can operate on independent timelines. Ms. Quinn said Charlotte Center City Partners believes that a thoughtful process with public input is an "exceptional" opportunity for the community to identify community goals for the redevelopment of Spirit Square. Charlotte Center City Partners recommends the following for consideration: 1) preserve cultural activity at the Spirit Square site, 2) preserve community funding for the arts that's currently dedicated for Spirit Square operations and activities, 3) continue uninterrupted operations of the McGlohon Theatre and 4) retain the N. C. Blumenthal Performing Arts Center as the operator of the McGlohon Theatre.

Bea Quirk asked why does the County believe that it's necessary to sell Spirit Square? Ms. Quirk referenced the baseball stadium connection. She asked about the needed infrastructure, what it involves and how much money is needed. She questioned matters of this type being in the County's "core" mission vs. others. She referenced funds needed to upfit the old courthouse in order to move CMS officials out of the Education Building. She asked where was all of this money going to come from. Ms. Quirk said she hopes the Board will direct staff to be creative and to think outside the box and to go to outside partners to come up with a creative way to save Spirit Square.

Robin Cochran, a resident of Fourth Ward, said there would be no uptown redevelopment if it wasn't for Spirit Square and Discovery Place. She said residents don't want a condominium on every corner, that they want an arts center as well as living space. Ms. Cochran said it's appalling that there was no public input last year when the Board made its decision about Spirit Square. She urged the Board to think about the "total component" of uptown.

Judy Lynn asked the Board to preserve Spirit Square. She asked the Board to consider a way to

increase tax revenue that doesn't include the lost of the McGlohon Theatre or the space that is used for the other art organizations that are in Spirit Square. She asked that the lease be extended. She asked the Board to reconsider its decision.

Anne Lambert, Managing Director of Bare Bones Theatre Group, asked the Board to reconsider the decision to sell Spirit Square without making some provision for the many artists and arts groups that currently use Spirit Square.

Rosalyn Arnold, an actress and independent theatre producer, asked the Board to reconsider its decision to sell Spirit Square.

Larry Farber asked the Board to preserve the McGlohon Theatre and to extend the lease.

Cyndee Patterson (former City Councilmember) asked the Board to "step back" to give itself and the community time to talk about the historic preservation of the McGlohon Theatre, and to discuss rebuilding or keeping the existing classroom and performance gallery space through a RFP process.

Lee Keesler, on behalf of the Arts and Science Council, asked the Board to consider the following as it moves forward: 1) Pursue a course of sale leading to redevelopment that preserves the McGlohon Theatre and as much cultural programming activities and spaces as possible and assures the greatest possibility of building on Spirit Square's history and legacy as a place for the arts. They believe a RFP process can accomplish this. 2) That the timeline for evacuating the facility be synchronized with the timeline of the sale and ultimate redevelopment of the property.

Bailey Lane Helms (six grade student) asked the Board to sell Spirit Square to Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools.

This concluded the speakers.

Commissioner James asked Attorney Bethune to describe the law governing this site if the County owned it. Commissioner James said the law states that the property is to be sold to the highest bidder, no restrictions.

Attorney Bethune explained that under the current agreement that if the City of Charlotte were to "simply" transfer the property over to the County and nothing more, and if the County were to try and sale the property, it would need to be sold to the highest bidder.

Attorney Bethune said the County could, if it wanted to use the RFP process, rearrange its agreement with the City and have the City sell it for the County and then split the proceeds.

Attorney Bethune noted that the County has asked its legislative delegation to introduce legislation on the County's behalf giving the County the same private sale authority that the City of Charlotte has.

Attorney Bethune said there were a number of options available to the Board depending on the way the transaction is structured.

Chairman Roberts noted that this matter was "not over yet." She said more detailed discussion would take place at the March 13 meeting.

Commissioner Clarke suggested that Charlotte City Council be invited to attend the March 13 meeting, so that they will have the benefit of the information that the County will receive.

It was the consensus of the Board that Charlotte City Council be informed of the March 13 meeting.

No action was taken or required at this time.

Commissioner Ramirez left the dais and was away until noted in the minutes.

(6A) CMS PREDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Helms, seconded by Commissioner James and carried 8-0 with Commissioners Bentley, Bishop, Clarke, Helms, James, Mitchell, Roberts, and Woodard voting yes, to approve a pre-development agreement for public private partnership between Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools (CMS) and Place Properties, LLC.

Note: The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education has approved a pre-development agreement with Place Properties, LLC. Approval by the Board of County Commissioners also is required to take the next steps, which will be to enter into a final Build to Suit Capital Lease Agreement with Place Properties.

The pre-development agreement will include renovation projects at Idlewild and Long Creek Elementary Schools and Harding University and South Mecklenburg High Schools. Also, the pre-development agreement will have an option to include the New Hucks Road and Providence Road West (Lancaster Highway) Elementary Schools for lease/purchase. All facilities will, at a minimum, be designed and constructed in accordance with applicable laws, ordinances and regulations and CMS baseline standards.

County Manager Jones informed the Board that although the Board of Education has voted to include the two elementary schools as an option in the pre-development agreement, it is unlikely that a public private partnership agreement can be finalized and approved by the Local Government Commission in time for the two new elementary schools (New Hucks Road and Providence Road West/Lancaster Highway) to be completed by the targeted date of August 2008. As a result, County Manager Jones has suggested that the Superintendent ask the Board of Education to request the Board of County Commissioners to authorize \$32 million in Certificates of Participation (COPs) for the construction of these schools. This request for authorization should occur as soon as possible to enable CMS to enter into construction agreements. Fortunately, it's believed the cash flow required between now and January 2008, when the County would issue the COPs, can be managed within existing funds without changing the schedule of other projects.

Guy Chamberlain with CMS addressed this matter.

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion was made by Commissioner Woodard, seconded by Commissioner James and carried 8-0, with Commissioners Bentley, Bishop, Clarke, Helms, James, Mitchell, Roberts, and Woodard voting yes, to approve the following item(s):

(7) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approve minutes of Regular meeting held February 20, 2007 and Closed Session minutes of February 20, 2007.

(8) MCLEOD ADDICTIVE DISEASE CENTER PROPERTY

1) Adopt Resolution entitled: Mecklenburg County Board Of Commissioners Resolution Authorizing Sale Of 102 Lancaster Street To Mcleod Addictive Disease Foundation, Inc. And Making A Grant To The Mcleod Additive Disease Foundation, Inc.

2) Recognize \$378,000 proceeds from the sale of property and appropriate said amount for the McLeod Addictive Disease Foundation.

Resolution recorded in full in Minute Book 43-A, Document # _____.

(9) TAX REFUNDS

Approve refunds in the amount of \$6,929.62 to be made by the Finance Department as requested by the Tax Assessor, resulting from clerical errors, audits and other amendments.

(10) SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT FUNDING - DSS

Amend the Department of Social Services' FY07 budget to recognize, receive and appropriate funds in the amount of \$100,000 from Buncombe County for the joint development of the Computer-Based Training module for Integrated Social Services Information – Child Welfare.

(11) SHERIFF'S SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

Recognize and appropriate \$100,000 for the Sheriff's Special Revenue Fund for Inmate Commissary.

(12) APPOINTMENT OF REVIEW OFFICERS

Amend "Resolution Designating Review Officers to Review Each Map and Plat Recorded in the Register of Deeds Office Pursuant to N.C.G.S. 47-30.2" to add the names of David Peete and Bradley D. Priest.

Resolution recorded in full in Minute Book 43-A, Document # ____.

(13) WOMEN'S COMMISSION - NOVA PROGRAM LEASE RENEWAL

Authorize the County Manager to execute a lease extension with LiWiKa Partners for space on Latrobe Drive.

Note: The NOVA program of the Women's Commission has occupied rental space on Latrobe Drive for the past several years, and would like to continue at its present site.

(14) DESTRUCTION OF DOCUMENTS – LUESA

Approve the disposal of LUESA (Code Enforcement Department) records and plans in accordance with North Carolina records retention policies. These records are comprised of:

- Disposal of housing and junk vehicle case files closed in 2000 and earlier.
- 241 commercial plans permitted Dec 2005.
- Nine (9) boxes of permitting and inspections records. These records have been imaged, stored and migrated to an online system for secure retrieval over the Internet.

(15) GREENWAY DONATIONS

Accept donation of a portion of Tax Parcel 143-031-05 from the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association and a portion of Tax Parcel 143-031-06 from Childress Klein Properties on Irwin and Sugar Creeks for greenway assemblage along Irwin and Sugar Creeks.

(16) OLD FIRE STATION #10 AT DOWD HOUSE SITE

Approve accepting Tax Parcels 067-061-01 & 067-061-02 from the City of Charlotte to expand the historic Dowd House site.

(17) 2004 CDBG SCATTERED SITE HOUSING PROGRAM CLOSEOUT – SET PUBLIC HEARING

Schedule a public hearing on March 20, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. to receive public comment on the Closeout of the 2004 Community Development Block Grant Scattered Site Housing program.

(18) 2007 CDBG SCATTERED SITE HOUSING PROGRAM APPLICATION SUBMITTAL – SET PUBLIC HEARING

Schedule a second public hearing on March 20, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. to receive public comment on the Submittal of the 2007 Community Development Block Grant Scattered Site Housing program application.

THIS CONCLUDED ITEMS APPROVED BY CONSENT

Commissioner Ramirez returned to the dais.

STAFF REPORTS AND REQUESTS

Commissioner Bishop left the dais and was absent for the remainder of the meeting.

(19) ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP POLICY & ACTION PLAN

Cary Saul, Director of LUESA presented a report on the County's Environmental Leadership Policy & Action Plan for fiscal year 2008.

Commissioner Clarke left the meeting at the end of the presentation and was absent for the remainder of the meeting.

Motion was made by Commissioner Helms, seconded by Commissioner James and carried 7-0 with Commissioners Bentley, Helms, James, Mitchell, Ramirez, Roberts, and Woodard voting yes, to receive a report on the County's Environmental Leadership Policy & Action Plan for fiscal year 2008 and direct the County Manager to proceed with implementation throughout all County Departments and Outside Agencies that receive County capital funding.

A copy of the report is on file with the Clerk to the Board.

(20) ACCEPTANCE OF DEDICATED ELEMENTARY SCHOOL/PARK SITE (PALISADES AREA)

Motion was made by Commissioner James, seconded by Commissioner Ramirez and carried 7-0 with Commissioners Bentley, Helms, James, Mitchell, Ramirez, Roberts, and Woodard voting yes, to 1) Confirm intent to fund an elementary school and park in accordance with Zoning Petition No. 2001-016(c).

2) Authorize the County Manager to approve an agreement for dedication of land for a joint elementary school/park site in the Palisades area.

Note: Lee Jones, Park and Recreation and Mike Raible CMS Director of Facilities Planning and Real Estate addressed the above matter.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORTS AND REQUESTS

(21) REPORT – MAYOR’S IMMIGRATION STUDY COMMISSION

Motion was made by Commissioner Helms, seconded by Commissioner Ramirez and carried 7-0 with Commissioners Bentley, Helms, James, Mitchell, Ramirez, Roberts, and Woodard voting yes, to receive the Mayor’s Immigration Study Commission final report with appreciation to Mr. Alan Gordon and the entire committee; and to refer the report to the Board’s Community Building Committee for further assessment and review. Also, that the Committee report back to the Board with recommendations for implementing the recommendations of the Mayor’s Immigration Study Commission Report.

The report was presented by Alan Gordon, chair of the Study Commission.

A copy of the report is on file with the Clerk to the Board.

(22) CAPITAL PROJECT ORDINANCE

Motion was made by Commissioner Helms, seconded by Commissioner James and carried 7-0 with Commissioners Bentley, Helms, James, Mitchell, Ramirez, Roberts, and Woodard voting yes, to amend the Court Facilities Approved in November 2, 1999 Referendum capital project ordinance.

Note: This ordinance amendment will provide additional budgetary authorization and allow for settlement of additional costs and claims related to construction of the new Courthouse. The source of funding at this time is anticipated to be Certificates of Participation.

Ordinance recorded in full in Minute Book 43-A, Document # ____.

COMMISSION COMMENTS – General comments were made at this time by various Commissioners regarding upcoming events and/or events they attended, as well as, other matters which they deemed note worthy.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner James, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell, and carried 7-0, with Commissioners Bentley, Helms, James, Mitchell, Ramirez, Roberts, and Woodard voting yes, that there being no further business to come before the Board that the meeting be adjourned at 10:12 p.m.

Janice S. Paige, Clerk

Jennifer Roberts, Chairman