



Wake County

301 South McDowell Street
Raleigh, NC

Meeting Minutes Board of Commissioners

Tuesday, September 6, 2022

5:00 PM

Wake County Justice Center

Regular Meeting

Meeting Called to Order: Chair Sig Hutchinson

Chair Hutchinson called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Present: 7 - Chair Sig Hutchinson, Vice-Chair Shinica Thomas, Commissioner Vickie Adamson, Commissioner Matt Calabria, Commissioner Maria Cervania, Commissioner Susan Evans, and Commissioner James West

Staff present: Duane Holder, Deputy County Manager; Ashley Jacobs, Deputy County Manager; Danya Perry, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Director; Emily Lucas, Deputy County Manager; Scott Warren, Attorney; Toni Womack, Senior Executive Assistant; Portia Johnson, Senior Executive Assistant; Tanika Cooper, Senior Executive Assistant; Yvonne Gilyard, Deputy Clerk; Ellen Meder, Communications Consultant; Tim Maloney, Planning, Development and Inspections, Director; Terry Nolan, Planner III; and Denise Foreman, Assistant County Manager.

Others Present: Dr. Kasey Ashton, Wake Tech and Sandra Dubose, Wake Invests in Women, Program Coordinator.

Invocation: Commissioner Matt Calabria

Items of Business

1. Approval of Agenda

Vice-Chair Thomas moved, seconded by Commissioner Calabria, to approve the agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Hutchinson, Vice-Chair Thomas, Commissioner Adamson, Commissioner Calabria, Commissioner Cervania, Commissioner Evans, and Commissioner West

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Work Session of August 8, 2022

Commissioner Evans moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Thomas, to approve the Minutes of the Work Session of August 8, 2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Hutchinson, Vice-Chair Thomas, Commissioner Adamson, Commissioner Calabria, Commissioner Cervania, Commissioner Evans, and Commissioner West

3. Retiree Recognition

Attachments: [Retiree Recognition 09-06-22.docx](#)

Ms. Emily Lucas, Deputy County Manager shared the retirees.

The following employees retired on September 1, 2022:

Gloria Busch - Health and Human Services

- 25 years of service
- Gloria began working for Wake County as a Child Protective Services social worker. A few years later, she was promoted to supervisor, where she led and coached a team of social workers.
- She has served on various committees assisting with the implementation of new policies in Child Welfare.
- Gloria's team of social workers has been consistent throughout the years, and they have established a long-lasting bond under her leadership.
- She will be remembered for her work ethic, dedication, dependability, and willingness to do what it takes to succeed.

Robert Mitchener - Wake County Sheriff's Office

- 30 years of service
- Sergeant Deputy Mitchener began his career with the Sheriff's Office in 1992.
- In 1999, he was named First Class Deputy Sheriff and became Master Deputy Sheriff six years later. He was part of the TRT work group and was also a certified detention officer. In 2018, he became a Sergeant Deputy Sheriff where he helped train and mentor many colleagues.

- As a native to Wake County, Sergeant Deputy Mitchener helped bring forth much change through his outreach work. He has also received numerous awards and letters throughout his career, including the Advanced Service Award. He will be greatly missed by his colleagues.

4. Recognition of Recent Awards

Attachments: [09.06.22 BOC Awards Recognition Agenda Item FINAL.docx](#)

Ms. Emily Lucas shared the Recognition of Recent Awards.

2022 NACo Achievement Awards

The National Association of Counties (NACo) has announced the winners for the [2022 Achievement Awards](#) <https://www.naco.org/resources/featured/2022-naco-achievement-awards>, which recognize innovative programs in county government.

This year, NACo recognized 844 entries from counties and state associations in 28 states, and four Wake County initiatives were selected for this national recognition.

Children and Youth Category

Child Welfare Father Engagement Services (Health and Human Services)

While the involvement of fathers is critical to a child's development and growth, child welfare agencies have historically been primarily focused on engaging mothers to ensure the permanency, safety and well-being of the children they serve.

In 2020, the Wake County Health and Human Services Child Welfare Division developed the Father Engagement Service model to provide culturally relevant, father-friendly services aimed at increasing reunification rates between fathers and their children, promoting self-sufficiency among fathers and spurring the engagement of fathers in the lives of their children.

Since the program's inception, Wake County has increased the number of fathers engaging in services and the rate of reunification with their children, as well as grant revenue and community partnerships.

- Dar'Ron Anderson
- Tony Craddock
- Jason Mahoney
- Justin Ravizee

Human Services

Best Babies Zone (Health and Human Services)

The Best Babies Zone initiative is a place-based, community-driven effort to reduce racial inequities in infant mortality and birth outcomes. The program's goal is to connect and mobilize community residents and organizational partners to address the social, structural and economic determinants of health and promote health equity.

While facing the COVID-19 pandemic, the Best Babies Zone program created sustainable partnerships with community organizations to target populations in two specific ZIP codes. They collaborated to address safe sleep environments and provided nearly 200 families in Southeast Raleigh with free portable cribs for infants. They also worked to close the gap in internet connectivity and provide more than 300 families with PPE, food, clothing, prenatal and postpartum education, and safety-approved baby items, as well as resources related to employment, housing and transportation.

- Consuelo Gardner
- Laura Harris
- Carol Hood
- Suzanne LeDoyen
- Tai Bryant Rochelle
- Dauline Singletary
- Mamie Smith

Health

Online Reporting of Septic System Malfunctions Improves Customer Response (Environmental Services)

Until recently, residents had to call the Wake County Water Quality Division Customer Support Center to report a malfunctioning septic system. This initiated a multi-day, multi-division response that required additional steps from customers and manual completion of an application that included right-of-entry authorization.

In mid-2021, Water Quality implemented an online form for the reporting of septic system malfunctions. Residents can use the form to submit septic complaints and repair requests at any time, as well as digitally authorize Water Quality staff to access and investigate the septic issue.

This new process has facilitated a 50% reduction in staff response time and helps protect our public health and natural resources by reducing potential exposure to harmful bacteria.

- Phelecia Cooper
- Nancy Daly
- Jie Liu
- Pendra Lundy
- Jill Perkins

Personnel Management, Employment and Training

Wake County Builds a Foundation for Managers and Supervisors (Human Resources)

In 2018, Wake County noticed a gap in the core management competencies of managers and supervisors and discovered that some departments offered leadership development while others did not. This meant there was no consistent county-wide training and development for managers and supervisors hired or promoted into leadership roles.

Human Resources was tasked with delivering the training needed to create consistency and a shared leadership philosophy. Through a needs assessment and focus groups, HR identified the issues, needs and training topics that would become the Foundations of Supervision curriculum. All new and current managers and supervisors, regardless of their experience or years in a leadership role, are required to complete the Foundations of Supervision training.

Since the first pilot in 2019, 89 percent of all Wake County managers and supervisors have completed the program. The average course rating is 4.53 out of 5, and pre and post-test reveal a 14-point increase in knowledge gained.

- Angela Crawford
- Paige Dosser
- AnnMarie Gordon
- Trinija Martin
- Rich Ponte
- Rochelle Whitaker

Wake County Recognized for Excellence in Technology

The Center for Digital Government and the National Association of Counties have ranked Wake County as the No. 7 digital county of its size in the country in the annual [Digital Counties Survey](https://www.govtech.com/dc/digital-counties/digital-counties-survey-2022-winners-announced). This is Wake County's ninth consecutive top 10 finish.

The survey is conducted each year to recognize counties across the U.S.

that have the best technology practices, including initiatives that streamline the delivery of government services, encourage open data, collaboration and shared services, enhance cybersecurity and contribute to disaster response and recovery efforts.

This year, Wake County was recognized for the minimum cybersecurity standards we established for vendor partners with access to county data, the required IT review on all Request for Proposals, and our efforts to retain and recruit top talent by offering cash and other incentives.

Leadership Team

- Mike Bass
- Jackie Brady
- Bonnie Danahy
- Lisa Jones
- Sara Mazurak
- Jim Pollina
- Mike Roberts

Angela Crawford Receives IPMA's Edwin L. Swain Award

In May, Chief Human Resources Officer Angela Crawford received the prestigious Edwin L. Swain Award at the International Public Management Association for Human Resources' Southern Region Conference for her achievements in Human Resource Management (HRM).

The Edwin L. Swain Award recognizes and encourages innovation and high standards in human resources management and celebrates successful leaders with notable and distinguished HRM careers.

Throughout her Wake County career, Angela has led the implementation of programs and projects that illustrate forward-thinking, proactive principles, ideas and long-term strategy. This award recognizes Angela's innovative leadership and successful initiatives to transform and elevate Human Resources to a strategic business partner and celebrates the extensive, lasting and exceptionally positive impacts of her work at Wake County.

5. Wake Invests in Women Update

Attachments: [Wake Invests in Women Item Summary 09-06-22.docx](#)
[8.31.22 WIIW BOC Slide Deck.pdf](#)

Dr. Kasey Ashton, Wake Tech, shared updates on Wake Invests in Women (WIIW). She introduced Ms. Sandra Dubose, Program Coordinator for Wake Invests in Women.

Dr. Ashton, shared what is the WIIW challenge.

WHAT IS THE WIIW CHALLENGE?

An employer collective dedicated to closing gender wage & representation gaps in Wake County & the Research Triangle Park (RTP)

- Tight Labor Market
- Changing Workforce Needs Unfilled high demand positions
- Great Resignation
- Talent Drain
- Burnout
- Attracting Talent
- Engaged Collective of Employers
- Impactful Best Practices & Resource Tools
- Wake County/Triangle Labor Market Data
- Benchmarking
- Support Resources

She shared the Challenges to Opportunities.

She shared the WIIW Challenge Components and Supports.

WIIW Challenge Components & Supports**RESOURCE TOOLS**

- Internal Equity Scorecard
- Area Labor Market Data
- Best Practices Database

GENDER EQUITY SURVEY

- Mercer (3rd party vendor) Disseminates, Analyzes, & Distributes aggregate report

COLLABORATION SPACE SESSIONS

- Bi-Monthly sessions to engage with Content Experts to discuss best practices & challenges

RECONGNITION CELEBRATION

- Annual event to highlight & celebrate

She shared employer commitment.

Employer CommitmentExamine

- Equity Scorecard
- Self-Assessment

Contribute

- Annual Gender Equity Survey

Engage

- Collaboration Space Sessions

She shared the WIIW Challenge annual cycle.

WIIW CHALLENGE - Annual Cycle

1. Recruitment - Ongoing Targeted Outreach & Enrollment
2. Collaboration Spaces - Bi-Monthly Working Group Sessions
3. Resource Tools - Equity Scorecard, Labor Market Data, Best Practices
4. Gender Equity Survey - Annual Survey in Q4, Equity Scorecard Tool for Survey
5. Gender Equity Report - Survey Results & Recommendations
6. Recognition - Showcase Participating Employer Successes, Open Enrollment

She shared that the enrollment is still open.

She thanked the Board for their commitment to WIIW.

Vice-Chair Thomas shared that she and Commissioner Cervania co-chair the policy committee for WIIW. She shared that the opportunities being created by this work is amazing. She commended Dr. Ashton for her work with WIIW. She shared comments on the Boston project. She shared her excitement for Wake County for being a part of WIIW. She shared that staff from Wake Tech were present. She invited women and employers in Wake County to get involved and sign up to participate. She highlighted the importance of STEM opportunities for women of color.

Commissioner Cervania thanked the Wake Tech team for their commitment to WIIW. She shared that the community worked together. She shared that Dr. Ashton took the baton and made it fly. She shared the discovery during this process that women are making 59 cents for the same work that men are receiving 1.00 with the rate being even lower for women of color, this was devastating to realize. She shared that they are committed to equity and the project has been extended to the African American and Hispanic communities.

Commissioner Adamson shared the history of the deep dive into the discrepancies between men and women and the difference was in the trades that were selected. She shared that she attended a tour and was fascinated to see women in mechanics.

Chair Hutchinson shared that Wake Tech is the best community college in the country. He shared that the programs are awesome. He shared that they take an idea and make it thrive.

Dr. Ashton shared that she wants Wake County to be the best county for all women to work in.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner West moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Thomas, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Hutchinson, Vice-Chair Thomas, Commissioner Adamson, Commissioner Calabria, Commissioner Cervania, Commissioner Evans, and Commissioner West

6. Approval of Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Grant Funds for the Raleigh-Durham Airport Authority (RDU)

Attachments: [FAA Final Item Summary.docx](#)
[Wake Co Ltr - FAA Grant 60 offer 2022-08-25.pdf](#)
[FAA Grant Agreement.pdf](#)

7. Accept and Appropriate Additional Funds and Establish One Full-Time Position for the Wake County Refugee Health Clinic

Attachments: [Refugee Clinic Item Summary.docx](#)
[Division of Public Health Agreement Addendum Refugee Clinic.pdf](#)
[Refugee Clinic Operating Budget Memo.pdf](#)
[Refugee Clinic Personnel Budget Memo.pdf](#)

8. Accept and Appropriate Grants and Donation Funds for the Project Lifesaver Project for Wake County Sheriff's Office (WCSO)

Attachments: [BOC Agenda Item - FY23 Project Lifesaver Donations.docx](#)
[Budget Memo - FY 2023 Grants and Donations Fund.pdf](#)

9. Approve the Wake County Sheriff's Office to File an Application for Funding to the North Carolina Department of Transportation for Year 2 of a Governor's Highway Safety Program Grant

Attachments: [FY23 GHSP Application Agenda Item.docx](#)
[WCSO FY23 GHSP Resolution.pdf](#)
[Approved Application.pdf](#)
[Blank Agreement of Conditions Rev 2018-05-14.pdf](#)

10. Accept and Appropriate Additional Financial Relief through State of North Carolina Associated with COVID-19 for Emergency Rental Assistance
Attachments: [Additional ERA-1 funds -final.docx](#)
[Budget Memo - FY 2023 HACR Fund 2200.pdf](#)
11. Subordination of an Affordable Housing Loan for Silver Spring Apartments in Zebulon, NC
Attachments: [Silver Spring Subordination v.1.docx](#)
[Draft Subordination Agreement](#)
[Commitment Letter.pdf](#)
12. Affordable Housing Loan Adjustment for New Bern Crossings in Raleigh, NC
Attachments: [NBC Gap V.1.docx](#)
[New Bern Funding Request 07.28.2022w.Rev. Mod.pdf](#)
13. Affordable Housing Development Interest Transfer Request from Evergreen Construction Company for Autumn Trace Housing Associates, LLC
Attachments: [Autumn Trace Interest Transfer v.1.docx](#)
[Autumn Trace Request.pdf](#)
14. Consent and Subordination in Granting a Deed of Easement for Sanitary Sewer Purposes to the City of Raleigh on Property Secured by a Wake County Housing & Community Revitalization Loan
Attachments: [Agenda Item_Wakefield SS Esmt-3rd.docx](#)
[Deed of Trust \(DB 13629 PG 336 & DB 13231 PG 105\).pdf](#)
[Sanitary Sewer Easement & Capacity Agreement DB 18581 PG 1032.pdf](#)
[Deed of Easement & Subordination.docx](#)
[Sanitary Sewer Easement-Exhibit A.pdf](#)
15. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with Town of Rolesville for Preliminary Planning of New Library on Town Campus Property
Attachments: [BOC Rolesville Lib MOU.docx](#)
[Rolesville Campus Library MOU v5.docx](#)
16. Multi-Year Contract for Dental Plan
Attachments: [Item Summary.docx](#)
17. Resolution Supporting the Preservation and Enhancement of Tree Canopy within North Carolina Department of Transportation Highway Corridors in Wake County

Attachments: [Item Summary.docx](#)
[Resolution.docx](#)

18. Approval of Resolution of Support for North Carolina's Bid for 2027 World University Games

Attachments: [WUG Agenda Item Summary.docx](#)
[WUG Resolution.docx](#)
[WUG Bid Summary.docx](#)
[WUG Sponsorship.docx](#)
[WUG Potential Impacts GRCVB.pdf](#)

19. Proclamations for September 6, 2022

Attachments: [Proclamations Item Summary 09-06-22.docx](#)
[Preparedness Month Proclamation Background.docx](#)
[Preparedness Month Proclamation.docx](#)
[Guatemala Day Proclamation 9.15.22.docx](#)
[Resolution in Honor of Officer Ryan Hayworth-October-3 2022.docx](#)

20. Tax Committee Recommendations for Penalty Waivers, Refund Requests and Various Reports

Attachments: [Tax Collections Item Summary.docx](#)
[Tax Committee Agenda Process.docx](#)
[Executive Summary 1.doc](#)
[Executive Summary 2.doc](#)
[Sept 2022 Refunds Under 500.pdf](#)
[Sept 2022 Refunds Over 500.pdf](#)
[Daily Updates For Penalties.pdf](#)
[Daily Updates For Special Situations.pdf](#)
[Municipal Collection Report](#)
[Wake County Collection Report](#)
[Monthly In-Rem Foreclosure Report](#)
[PFB Summary Report.pdf](#)

General Public Comments

21. General Public Comments

Mr. Steve Rao, Morrisville Councilman, congratulated Chair Hutchinson for receiving the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) Commissioner of the Year award. He shared comments on sporting events. He shared comments on Cricket. He shared that the USA

Cricket team trained in the park in Morrisville. He invited the Board to an event at the Hindu Temple on September 22.

Mr. Deonte L. Thomas, Chief Public Defender of Wake County, shared that there is a need for Social Workers in the Public Defender's office. He shared that this would help with housing, mental abuse, etc. He shared that they have interns from NC State and Meredith but they leave for jobs after graduation. He asked the Board for assistance.

Mr. and Mrs. Looks, Willow Spring, shared comments on the treatment of deputies in the Sheriff's office. She asked the Board to research the issues specifically relating to the following officers: Deputy Devon Richardson and Deputy Roy Wilburn along with their canine partners Poppy and Gracie. They are appalled by the disrespectful treatment they have received. She asked that the demotions be lifted. She shared that there was a misuse of power.

Regular Agenda

22. Public Hearing on Wake County Comprehensive Plan Amendment 02-22

Attachments: [Item Summary - Comp. Plan.docx](#)
[Comp Plan Presentation.pdf](#)
[Comp Plan Text Amendment.pdf](#)
[Map Amendment Plan MUDs.pdf](#)
[CPA Resolution.docx](#)
[Planning Board Minutes 7-20-22.pdf](#)

Ms. Terry Nolan, Planner III, shared the Activity Center-Multiuse District (MUD)

Activity Center → Multi-Use District (MUD)

- Planning Board recommends name change from Activity Center to Multi-Use District (MUD), which is easier to understand.
- In county land use plans, MUDs identify the most appropriate location for commercial development to help serve the daily needs of the surrounding area.
- The county uses MUDs to guide decisions on rezoning requests and development permits.
- Preserve opportunities for non-residential development as municipalities expand.

She shared the background.

Background

- Some MUDs located at Historic Crossroads
- 1 to 2 stories
- Common uses: convenience store, gas station, fires station, storage
- Typical store less than 3000 s.f.

She shared the summary of the changes to guidelines.

Summary of Changes to Guidelines

- Two-tiered system based on PLANWake (see map next slide)
 - County design standards for Rural and Community Reserve
 - Process and design expectations for Community and Walkable Centers
- Name change from Activity Center to Multi-Use District
- Revised Map reflecting the name change and two-tiered system
- Added text about public involvement
- Added evaluation criteria for amendments

She shared the PlanWake Development Framework Map.

She shared the Multi-Use District Determination.

Multi-Use District Determination

Development standards and process are determined by where the MUD falls on the PLANWake Development Framework Map.

She shared a chart showing the Multi-Use District Levels.

She shared Municipal/County Design Collaboration.

Municipal/County Design Collaboration

The document provides guidance for determining how “municipal” the county tries to make the development:

1. Municipal and county plans, Capital Improvement Program
2. Development demand
3. Municipal developability

Municipal/County Design Collaboration

1. More municipal standards in Walkable Centers and/or Regional level districts
 - Mass transit infrastructure, connectivity, site design, community branding
2. Fewer standards in farther out areas or if it is expected to be a less intensive district (i.e., neighborhood retail)

- Utility easements, landscaping, buffers

She shared the examples - Highway 64 & Interstate 87

Example - Highway 64 & Interstate 87

- Walkable Center designation on Development Framework
- Regional level Multi-Use District
- Municipality is close
- Utilities are close

She shared the example - Old Stage & Mt. Pleasant Church.

Example - Old Stage & Mt. Pleasant Church

- Community designation on Development Framework
- Neighborhood level Multi-Use District
- Rural surroundings
- Far from utilities

She shared the example -Smithfield & Poole.

Example - Smithfield & Poole

- Community designation on Development Framework
- Community level Multi-Use District
- Development demand
- Rural surroundings & working lands

She shared Staff findings.

Staff Findings

1. The proposed amendment is consistent with the policies set forth within the Comprehensive Plan, PLANWake.
2. The proposed amendment aligns the development of non-residential uses with the land use types and intensities desired in the Development Framework map.
3. The proposed amendment does not create any non-conforming situations.
4. The proposed amendment has been reviewed by municipal planning staff. Municipal staff supported the collaborative process and had no edits on the amendment.
5. The boundaries of existing Multi-Use Districts are not changed.

She shared the Staff recommendation.

Staff Recommendation

That the Wake County Board of Commissioners adopt the Comprehensive Plan amendment as presented.

Mr. Asa Fleming, Chair of Planning Board, shared the Planning Board recommendation.

Planning Board Recommendation

The Planning Board voted unanimously at their July 20, 2022 meeting, to recommend that the Wake County Board of Commissioners adopt the Comprehensive Plan amendment as presented.

Commissioner Cervania asked why the change in names. Is this a statutory requirement.

Ms. Nolan shared that it was the desire of the Planning Board for the name change from activity center to multi-use district.

Commissioner West shared comments from a resident in Knightdale that wasn't receiving service. He asked if long term or short term services are being provided. He shared comments on rural and municipal activity centers. He asked if the goal is to make the process seamless and less difficult to understand.

Ms. Nolan shared comments relating to the items on the map. It takes the place of long-term and/or short-term services.

Vice-Chair Thomas asked for confirmation of the requirement of a one-mile distance between "community centers and multi-use districts" as well as the application of current policies and practices with Board approval.

Chair Hutchinson opened the public hearing.

No one came forward.

Chair Hutchinson closed the public hearing.

Chair Hutchinson shared additional comments on the growth of urban centers. He thanked Mr. Fleming and the Planning Board on their guidance.

Commissioner Evans moved, seconded by Commissioner Cervania, that the Board of Commissioners hold a public hearing and adopt the attached resolution to amend the Wake County Comprehensive Plan (PLANWake) related to multi-use Activity Centers. The motion carried

by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Hutchinson, Vice-Chair Thomas, Commissioner Adamson, Commissioner Calabria, Commissioner Cervania, Commissioner Evans, and Commissioner West

23. Public Hearing to Consider Adoption of Amendments to the Wake County Code of Ordinances Chapter 130 Firearms (First Reading)

Attachments: [Item Summary.docx](#)
[Firearms Ordinance Presentation.pdf](#)
[Firearms Ordinance Text Amendment.docx](#)

Mr. Tim Maloney, Planning, Development and Inspections Director, shared the two ways the County regulate the use of firearms.

Two Ways We Regulate The Use Of Firearms**Private Use of Firearms***

- County Code of Ordinances: Title XIII Chapter 130.
- Regulates the private use of firearms in County unincorporated area (includes ETJ).
- Enforced by Wake County Sheriff's Department

Commercial Use of Firearms

- Wake County Unified Development Ordinance.
- Regulates the commercial use of firearms as it relates to zoning (ex: commercial firing range).
- Enforced by Wake County Planning.

*Item being discussed in today's meeting

He shared the background.

Background

- The current ordinance was established in 1981 and last updated in 2001.
- This item was discussed at the Board's August 22nd Public Safety Committee.
- The Committee discussed regulations within the current firearms ordinance in comparison to other North Carolina counties.
- The committee also considered concerns from residents.
- Pursuant to State law, public notification of today's hearing was posted in the News & Observer.

He shared the Wake County Firearms Ordinance.

Wake County Firearms Ordinance

- No discharge on/from public street or highway
- No discharge within 100 yards (300') of a dwelling, public building, or livestock.
- The projectile may not leave the property from which it is lawfully discharged on.
- Penalty for violation is a class 3 misdemeanor and \$50 fine.
- There is no restriction on the time of day a firearm may be discharged.

He shared the State Law.

State Law

- Local jurisdictions cannot regulate the discharge of firearms when used for hunting animals or birds (§153A-129).
- It is unlawful to willfully or wantonly discharge a firearm into an occupied dwelling, building or vehicle, and doing so may result in a Class C, D, or E felony. (§14-34.1).
- Statutory limit for a violation is a class 3 misdemeanor and a \$500 fine (§14-4).

He shared the Residents Concerns.

Resident Concerns

- The County receives several concerns a year.
- Concerns are related to safety and noise.
- Concerns are generally from established neighborhoods.
- Reports of incidents where projectiles are leaving the property from which it was discharged.
- Enforcement concerns between adjacent jurisdictions.

He shared a chart detailing the Wake County regulations compared to the following counties: Durham, Forsyth, Johnston, Mecklengurg, Harnett.

He shared the Proposed Amendments.

Proposed Amendments

1. Increase the minimum distance from a dwelling, public building or livestock in which a person may discharge a firearm from 100 yards to 300 yards.
2. Require a backstop or other method of containment that adequately contains the projectile on the property from which it was discharged.

3. Prohibit the discharge of a firearm beginning two hours after sunset until one hour before sunrise.
4. Increase the maximum fine for violation from \$50 to the statutory limit of \$500.

He shared Staff Findings.

Staff Findings

The proposed amendments:

1. Align with other North Carolina County ordinances.
2. Address concerns expressed by residents.
3. Enhance public safety in response to the rapid growth and urbanization across Wake County.
4. Have no impact on the regulations or operations of the County's Firearms Education and Training Center (FETC).

He shared Next Steps.

Next Steps

- The County will hold a listening session for this topic on Tuesday September 13, 2022, at the Knightdale Town Hall.
- This item will be placed on the September 19, 2022, Board of Commissioners meeting for a second reading and consideration of adoption.

Commissioner Adamson asked about the State Law re: willfully or wantonly.

County Attorney Scott Warren clarified that the terms go to a standard burden of proof. If it is demonstrated that someone was intentionally reckless and not using due diligence it would lean toward criminal offence rather than civil offence. There is a distinction of intention that is considered.

Commissioner Adamson shared comments on the incident in Knightdale. Does this incident raise to the limits of this statute.

Chair Hutchinson opened the public hearing.

Mr. Stein, Southeast Director for Guns Against America, shared the suggested changes are arbitrary and unenforceable. He shared that no additions are needed for honest gun owners.

Mr. Tanner Ray, Raleigh, not in favor of the firearms ordinance.

Mr. Harry Parrish, Holly Springs, shared comments from a news station. Not in favor of the ordinance.

Mr. Shawn Hankinson, NA

Mr. David Hartman, NA

Mr. Joe Matthews, Southwest Wake County, shared the stories that he saw on news. He shared that there is no substance to these news stories. He shared that there should be a deep dive before decisions are made.

Mr. Stephen Porter, NA

Mr. Denis Oleynik, Cary, shared that no action should be taken on the ordinance. He shared that it's an attack to the right to bear arms.

Mr. Fred Burt, SW Raleigh, retired farmer, gun safety trainer. He shared that he agrees with most of the ordinance. He shared that a proper backstop would help

Mr. David Bristol, NA

Mr. John Burt, farmer, shared that people are not comfortable in shooting at the range. He shared that he has concerns with the 900 feet rule. He shared he is not opposed to written permission for people to use for shooting.

Ms. Denice Durant, Knightdale, shared that she is afraid for she and her family. Her home was one of the homes hit by a bullet. She wants to ensure that her family is safe. She asked the Board for a solution for all.

Ms. Shannon Hardy, Knightdale, experienced stray bullets while working in her yard. July 19th, a bullet lodged into the fence but passed her and her partner. She shared that the Knightdale Police and County Sheriff shared that they do not have enough evidence. She shared that this is recreational shooting.

Mr. Roger Howard, reading a letter for a neighbor that was fearful to attend the meeting. She wants to speak with Commissioners in private.

Mr. Alan Smith, shared an audio on behalf of a neighbor that was in fear of attending the meeting.

Mr. Boone, Knightdale, supports the right to own firearms on private property. He shared that he agrees with the backstop. He said that noise

won't kill you but, bullets will.

Mr. Will Douglas, supports the rights of gun owners. Not in favor of changing the amendment. He shared that the change will only affect the responsible gun owners.

Mr. Shawn Sorrentino, Grassroots NC, shared comments on supporting backstops. He shared comments on opposing several items in the ordinance.

Mr. Eric Daley, Cary, shared that passing the ordinance will do more damage than good. He shared that the ordinance will hurt a lot of people.

Mr. Terrance Terouse, Rolesville, competitive shooter, built range to improve his skills. He shared that backstop is the solution. He shared that the ordinance would cost him his range.

Mr. Dexter Tart, Knightdale, competitive shooter, asked before voting on item ask others for advice. He shared that passing the ordinance will not solve the problem.

Mr. Michael Hope, Navy Veteran, shared that what is being proposed will not fix the problem. He asked the Board to do a deep dive and research the consequences.

Mr. Chris, Northern Wake County, shared the the people that are shooting will not obey the law. In support of the backstop. Is in support of the increase in fines.

Mr. John Walby, Wake Forest, shared that he trains with Mr. Terouse along with his children. Shared that he has had threats so he had his children trained on gun safety.

Mr. Mike Alexander, Southern Wake County, shared that the ordinance will take away his right to use his firearm on his property.

Mr. Richard Ferningham, Wake County, shared that changing ordinances will not help those that are law abiding.

Chair Hutchinson closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Evans thanked the citizens for their feedback. She shared the Board is dedicated to finding solutions. She shared that this item is not fine tuned enough to provide an answer. She suggested a Work session before moving to the September 19th meeting.

Attorney Warren shared that a motion should be taken to table the item.

Commissioner West, shared comments on backstops and ways to create a win-win. He shared that he is not comfortable with moving forward. He shared that the Listening Session would provide more information. He shared that there are latent hidden consequences.

Commissioner Adamson agreed to bringing the item to a Work session.

Ms. Lucas shared that the Listening Session is Tuesday and the next meeting will take them into October.

There was Board discussion on when to bring the item back to a regular meeting.

Vice-Chair Thomas suggested September 12th. Commissioner West shared that he will not be in attendance.

Commissioner Calabria shared that he is heartened by the dialogue. He shared that there are elements of what staff has proposed. He is in favor of tabling the item, but there is a sense of urgency. He shared that this is not just a Knightdale problem, but the present situation. He proposed getting information from law enforcement to help law enforcement move forward with supporting the issue. He shared that he wants to be careful with having more meetings. He shared that he would like to hear from experts and gather feedback.

Commissioner Evans shared that the way it is set up does not give the Board an opportunity to have a conversation on what they will hear at the Listening Session.

Ms. Lucas shared that she will connect with the Board tomorrow to find a good time for everyone.

Commissioner Cervania shared that the primary focus is the safety of the neighborhood. She shared that she wants to hear what the Sheriff has to say about a resolution. She shared that the Board is not taking away the Second Amendment. She shared comments on the backstop and if installing them would reduce the distance requirement.

Mr. Maloney said that, as it is currently drafted, it would not allow adjustment to the distance requirement based on backstops.

Commissioner Cervania asked if the backstops would be aligned with other jurisdictions. She shared that experts have volunteered to share their knowledge with the Board.

Chair Hutchinson shared that the board could accept a motion to table this and keep the Knightdale meeting in place.

Commissioner Evans provided the motion, seconded by Commissioner Thomas.

Original motion: That the Board of Commissioners hold a public hearing and consider adoption of amendments to the Wake County Code of Ordinances Chapter 130 Firearms and places the item on September 19, 2022 Board of Commissioners agenda for a second reading.

The Board amended the motion to read:

Commissioner Evans moved, seconded by Commissioner Cervania, that the Board of Commissioners having held a public hearing on potential amendments to the Wake County Code of Ordinances Chapter 130 Firearms continue with their listening session in Knightdale on September 13, 2022, but table any additional action on this item until we have further discussion to be determined.

Aye: 7 - Chair Hutchinson, Vice-Chair Thomas, Commissioner Adamson, Commissioner Calabria, Commissioner Cervania, Commissioner Evans, and Commissioner West

24. Approval of Wake County Opioid Settlement Funding Plan FY23-FY24

Attachments: [Opioid Settlement Item Summary.docx](#)
[Opioid Settlement Presentation.pdf](#)
[Opioid Plan for Board Approval.pdf](#)
[Settlement Disbursement Schedule.pdf](#)
[Budget Memo.pdf](#)

Ms. Denise Foreman, Assistant County Manager, shared the overview.

Overview

- Review of settlement
- Impact for Wake County
- Planning process
- Findings and survey results
- Recommendations

She shared the National Opioid Settlement.

National Opioid Settlement

- Nationwide settlements have been reached to resolve all Opioid litigation brought by states and local political subdivisions against the three largest pharmaceutical distributors and manufacturer.
- These \$26B settlements will provide substantial funds to states and subdivisions for abatement of the Opioid epidemic across the country and will impose transformative changes in the way the settling defendants conduct their business.
- Funds began flowing to states in April 2022
 - NC will receive approximately \$750M over 18-year term
- NC has approved and signed the settlements
 - Established Memorandum of Agreement to guide use and management of funds
- Wake County agreed to the settlement in November 2021

Shared a chart reflecting the amounts and timing of funds over the 2022-2038 time-period

She shared the Plan Principles.

Plan Principles

1. Draw from existing Behavioral Health Plan and Overdose Coalition plan, developed in partnership with the community.
2. Be responsive to community priorities, especially for those experiencing health disparities.
3. Focus investments based upon their potential impact and measurable outcomes.
4. Adopt a collective impact approach that leverages other funding sources and is sensitive to sustainability.
5. Complement and enhance existing programs while avoiding unnecessary duplication of effort.

She shared the Wake County Planning.

Wake County Planning

- Process developed to be compliant with requirements of MOA
- Build from strategies and structures currently in place:
 - Wake County Behavioral Health Plan
 - Board of Commissioner 2022 Goals
 - Wake County Drug Overdose Prevention Initiative Action

Plan

- NC Opioid and Substance Use Action Plan
- Engaged community and stakeholders
- Received prioritization through survey
- Focus on FY23 and FY24 (September 2022 - June 2024)

She shared that there was a Community Meeting.

Community Meeting

- Held in-person and on-line
- More than 250 attendees
- Representatives included:
 - Advocates/self/family
 - Community providers
 - Criminal justice
 - Education
 - Health care
 - Housing
 - Human Services
 - Other
- Meeting material and video available at www.wakegov.com/opioidsettlement

She shared the Community Meeting key takeaways.

Key Takeaways

- Addiction is a chronic, relapsing disease.
- Treatment works, but far too few people can access it.
- Opioid treatment services are available, but not readily accessible in all areas of Wake County.
- The highest growth in rates of overdose deaths during the past two years have been in Black and Hispanic populations, which have seen over 220 percent increases.
- Critical supports for people seeking treatment should include recovery supports such as housing, employment assistance, transportation, and other assistance.
- Our children are at risk.
- Teachers, counselors, and coaches can be trained as mentors to help youth feel secure and confident, speak up when they feel alone and conflicted, and develop emotional intelligence
- Recovery is a journey, not a destination. Supports need to be available for the long term.

She shared the Survey Results.

Survey Results

- Web-based survey provided an opportunity for the public to vote and rank their top five priorities to be included in the initial plan
- The survey was open August 2 through the close of business, August 5
- Received 272 responses
- Top five selections
 - Criminal justice diversion
 - Evidence based addiction treatment
 - Early intervention
 - Recovery support services
 - Recovery housing support

She shared the Recommended Strategic Initiatives for FY23-FY24.

Recommended Strategic Initiatives for FY23-FY24

- **Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) Treatment (FY23 through FY24 = \$2M)**
 - Provide funding for Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) for uninsured or underinsured individual with any medication approved for this purpose by the FDA and assist continuity of care for these individuals among community providers.
 - Provide flexible resources to support needs of individuals while engaged in OUD treatment.
- **Care Navigation (FY23 through FY24 = \$1.5M)**
 - Establish and equip team of navigators to support three target populations to help individuals access addiction treatment, recovery support, harm reduction services, primary healthcare or other services or supports they need to improve their health or well-being.
 - Geographically identified communities
 - Criminal justice involved
 - Youth and their families
 - Provide flexible resources to navigators to prevent harm and to help individuals overcome barriers to accessing and continuing with treatment services.
- **Early Identification and Intervention (FY23 through FY24 = \$600,000)**

- Expand education and training programs for youth, parents, community groups, coaches, youth ministers, employers, and others who encounter young people. Training would include Youth Mental Health First Aid, Adverse Childhood Experiences and other educational programs targeting early identification and intervention of problematic use of drugs or mental health conditions.
- **Housing Access and Support (FY23 through FY24 = \$750,000)**
 - Provide access to housing for people with OUD including supportive housing, recovery housing, housing assistance programs, training for housing providers or recovery housing program that allow or integrate FDA-approved medication with other support services.

Shared a chart on Strategic Initiatives for FY23-FY24.

She shared the Funding Request.

Funding Request

- Approve Wake County Opioid Settlement Funding Plan for FY23 - FY24
- Appropriate \$4.85M funding from settlement funds to special revenue fund
- Uncommitted funds will remain in special revenue fund for future year appropriations

She shared Next Steps-Funding Plan.

Next Steps - Funding Plan

- Develop implementation plans for approved strategies
- Establish reporting structures to meet MOA requirements and determine impact of investments

Commissioner West shared comments on the LiveWell retreat and shared that there is alignment with the strategic initiatives that Ms. Foreman presented.

Commissioner Adamson shared that opioid treatment is dear to her heart. She shared that it is a complex problem and we can't forget where it started. She shared that she is uncomfortable with the terms "the only evidence based approach". She shared that she would like for the initiative to be heavy on the support side. She read what her hope is for Wake County and her family members. She read the AA promises.

Chair Hutchinson shared comments on processes. He shared that the document is excellent and the approach is great. He thanked Ms. Foreman for all of her work on this initiative.

Commissioner West moved, seconded by Commissioner Cervania, that the Board of Commissioners:

1. Approve the Wake County Opioid Settlement Funding Plan for FY23 and FY24, and

2. Accept and appropriate \$4,850,000 from the NC Department of Justice's National Opioid Settlement into the Wake County Opioid Settlement Fund. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Hutchinson, Vice-Chair Thomas, Commissioner Adamson, Commissioner Calabria, Commissioner Cervania, Commissioner Evans, and Commissioner West

Appointments

25. Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee

Attachments: [ACHCAC_Item Summary 8.26.22.pdf](#)
[ACHCAC Member List 8.26.22.pdf](#)
[ACHCAC_Sarah Johnston CAC Removal 7-27-22.pdf](#)
[ACHCAC_Mary Clair Hashagen CAC Removal.pdf](#)
[ACHCAC_Edythe McKinney CAC Removal 7-28-22.pdf](#)
[ACHCAC App. Roster 8.26.22.pdf](#)
[ACHCAC App. Packet 8.26.22.pdf](#)
[ACHCAC Board Choices 8.26.22.pdf](#)

No appointments for September.

26. Capital Area Workforce Development

Attachments: [CAWD Item Summary 8.26.22.pdf](#)
[CAWD Member List 8.26.22.pdf](#)
[CAWD Reappointment Request Gail McDougal.pdf](#)
[CAWD Craig Sullivan Appointment letter.pdf](#)
[CAWD Chatham EDC CAWD Board Nomination Letter Sullivan.pdf](#)
[CAWD Patrick Townsend Appointment letter.pdf](#)
[CAWD Chatham EDC CAWD Board Nomination Letter Townsend.pdf](#)
[CAWD Marsha Mebane Appointment letter.pdf](#)
[CAWD Chatham EDC M. Mebane Board Nomination Letter - 3M.pdf](#)
[CAWD App. Roster 8.26.22.pdf](#)
[CAWD App. Packet 8.26.22.pdf](#)
[CAWD Board Choices 8.26.22.pdf](#)
[CAWD Meeting Attendance final.pdf](#)

Reappointment:

Ms. Gail McDougald

Appointments: Chatham County

Mr. Craig Sullivan, Private Sector

Mr. Patrick Townsend, Private Sector

Ms. Marsha Mebane, Private Sector

27. Open Space and Parks Advisory Committee

Attachments: [OSAPAC Item Summary 8.25.22.pdf](#)
[OSAPAC Member List 8.26.22.pdf](#)
[OSAPAC E. Durham Resignation.pdf](#)
[OSAPAC App. Roster 8.26.22.pdf](#)
[OSAPAC App. Packet 8.26.22.pdf](#)
[OSAPAC Board Choices 8.26.22.pdf](#)

No appointments for September.

28. Wake County Water Partnership

- Attachments:** [Water Partnership_Item Summary_ 8.30.22.pdf](#)
[Water Partnership Member List 8.26.22.pdf](#)
[Water Partnership App. Roster 8.26.22.pdf](#)
[Water Partnership App. Packet 8.26.22.pdf](#)
[Water Partnership Board Choices 8.26.22.pdf](#)
[2022 Water Partnership Attendance Record.pdf](#)

Appointment:
Mr. Michael Wagner, Town of Fuqua (Municipality)

29. Upcoming Vacancies for October

- Attachments:** [Upcoming Vacancies for October 2022.pdf](#)

Citizens Energy - 1 Vacancy
Fire Commission - 4 Vacancies
** Reappointments
 Mr. Robert Overton
 Mr. Robert Stagg
 Chief Todd Wright

** Recommendation:
 Mr. Jeff Silver, Subject Matter Expert

Other Business

Commissioner West shared appreciation to the Board for providing funding to support the African American Arts Festival.

Closed Session

Attorney Warren shared that there was a need for a Closed Session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11a(3), Attorney Client Privilege.

No action was taken.

Commissioner West moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Thomas, to go into Closed Session. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Hutchinson, Vice-Chair Thomas, Commissioner Adamson, Commissioner Calabria, Commissioner Cervania, Commissioner Evans, and Commissioner West

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Yvonne C. Gilyard, NCCCC
Deputy Clerk to the Board