



Board of Commissioners

Work Session Agenda

Monday, October 8, 2018 – 2:00 p.m.

Wake County Justice Center, Conference Room 2800

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Chair Jessica Holmes

I. Economic Development Update – *Chris Dillon, Assistant County Manager and Wake County Economic Development Staff*

The Chamber of Commerce's Economic Development program focuses on five key areas of Economic Development: regional competitiveness and cooperation, new business attraction and job creation, existing industry support, innovation and entrepreneurship, talent attraction and development, and quality of place and sustainability.

During this briefing, economic development staff will review key successes from the last year's program, present their program of work for 2019, and discuss plans to share more frequent updates with the Board. Throughout the presentation, staff will focus on efforts to address vulnerable populations and efforts to develop performance metrics.

Action Requested: That the Board of Commissioners receive the information and provide feedback.

Attachments:

1. Presentation

II. Proposed Resolution Establishing 2050 Energy Goals – *Dave Goodwin, Director, General Services Administration*

During 2018, the Growth, Land Use and Environment Committee (GLUE) has considered a potential resolution adopting a county, state, and national goal of 100% clean energy by 2050 and the creation of green jobs. In early 2018, the committee referred the draft resolution to staff for feasibility analysis. Staff presented findings at the June GLUE Committee meeting and provided a feasibility review on the resolution to achieve 100% clean energy by 2050. The GLUE Committee recommended an endorsement of the goal of Clean Energy by 2050 and requested that Staff brief the full Board of Commissioners. At this work session, staff will share background information and analysis of the resolution, and discuss the proposed draft.

Action Requested: That the Board of Commissioners receive the presentation from staff, consider the proposed resolution, and provide direction to staff for next steps.



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1. Presentation
2. Proposed Resolution Endorsing the Goals of Achieving Clean Energy by 2050

III. Proposed Wake County Native Plants Initiative – *Eric Staehle, Senior Project Manager, Facilities Design & Construction*

The rapid growth experienced by the Triangle brings with it numerous development concerns. One concern is the loss of the natural landscape in exchange for non-native varieties of plants in the landscape. Some invasive species can quickly take over our native landscape. The use of native plants is an important initiative of the Growth, Land Use and Environment (GLUE) Committee of the Board. Native plants help restore natural diversity, create a natural sense of place and encourage stewardship of the land among other benefits. Facilities Design & Construction staff provided an update of recommended actions to promote and increase the use of native plants to the GLUE committee at the September 10, 2018 meeting. The GLUE committee requested staff brief the full Board of Commissioners at a work session. Staff will present background on the benefits of native plants, opportunities for impact and provide preliminary recommendations on how to incorporate native plants on all Wake County projects.

Action Requested: Receive the information and provide feedback on the proposed initiative.

Attachments:

1. Presentation

IV. Proposed Well Rules – *Evan Kane, Water Quality Manager, Environmental Services*

Wake County's rules regarding private water supply wells were last revised in 2003. Updating these rules is necessary to adapt to changes in state regulations and better understanding of drinking water quality issues in the county. The Department of Environmental Services convened a review group with broad public and private representation to provide input on the rules. On August 24, 2018, staff presented potential new well permitting rules to the GLUE committee. The proposed changes include enhance testing requirements for selected identified risks. The proposed changes would have some economic impact on the homebuilding sector.



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Action Requested: That the Board of Commissioners provide review and comment on the proposed revisions to the County's Well Regulations.

Attachments:

1. Presentation
2. Home Builders Association Letter
3. Proposed revisions to the Wake County Well Regulations