



# Board of Commissioners Work Session Agenda

**Monday, October 11, 2021 - 2:00 PM**

**Meeting Held Remotely**

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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Chair Matt Calabria

**I. Upward Mobility: Partnership Update**

*Danya Perry, Wake County Economic Development, and program partners*

Wake County Economic Development, along with Capital Area Workforce Development, Wake Tech, and County staff, have partnered to create the Upward Mobility initiative. The partners will share a programmatic overview of the initiative. Commissioners will receive the information and have an opportunity to ask follow-up questions.

Attachments:

1. Presentation

**II. Ordinance Prohibiting Discrimination in Public Accommodations and Employment**

*Allison Cooper, County Attorney's Office*

At Commissioner request, staff have drafted an ordinance that would prohibit discrimination in public accommodations and employment. Staff will summarize the ordinance and identify next steps for implementation. Commissioners will discuss the ordinance and provide guidance to staff regarding any potential changes. Commissioners anticipate consideration of this ordinance during the regular meeting on October 18, 2021.

Attachments:

1. Draft Ordinance



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### **III. Bonds for Parks, Greenways, Recreation and Open Space**

*Emily Lucas, County Manager's Office*

Wake County voters approved a bond for parks, greenways, recreation, and open space (PGROS) in 2018. The approved general obligation bond included \$120 million for an array of projects over six years. In this briefing, staff will review use of the bond funds to date, then discuss financing options for future PGROS projects. Commissioners will receive the information, including current assumptions, but will not need to make any decisions or provide additional guidance at this time.

Attachments:

1. Presentation

### **IV. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding**

*Emily Lucas, Ashley Jacobs, Chris Dillon, County Manager's Office*

As part of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), Wake County has been allocated over \$200 million for eligible recovery projects and services. Many of these funds have been committed to the County's highest priority, the public health response to COVID-19 and vaccine distribution. Significant funding remains for recovery projects. Staff have received and prioritized many project proposals. Staff will brief the Commissioners on the selection process, next steps, and specifically, a planned community engagement process to prioritize funds set aside for community funding. Commissioners will have the opportunity to ask clarifying questions and provide guidance on the process to date. Staff anticipate requesting an appropriation of ARPA funds during the regular meeting on October 18, 2021.

Attachments:

1. Presentation
2. List of Funding Requests

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