



# **TOWN OF CORNELIUS**

Cornelius Town Hall

## **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

February 20, 2017

Agenda

### **PRE-MEETING - 5:45 PM**

- Sailing Center Building Project
- DCCDC Grant Request
- FY2017 Goals Update

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### **TOWN BOARD - 7:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
4. MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
5. CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS
6. MAYOR/COMMISSIONERS/MANAGER REPORTS
7. PRESENTATIONS
  - A. Black History Month Celebration
  - B. MI-Connection Update - Mark McDowell
  - C. Town GO Bonds
8. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL
  - A. Historic Preservation Committee Appointment
  - B. FY17 Budget Amendment
9. CONSENT AGENDA
  - A. Approve Minutes - Regular Meeting
  - B. Approve Minutes - Closed Session
  - C. Tax Refunds
10. NEW BUSINESS
  - A. House Bill 64 Opposition
11. COMMISSIONER CONCERNS
12. CLOSED SESSION
  - A. Economic Development Project
13. ADJOURNMENT

Please note that to speak during **CITIZENS CONCERNS/COMMENTS** or **PUBLIC COMMENT**, please use the signup sheet provided before the Board meeting and list your name, address and topic. Each speaker will be allowed 3 minutes to speak. A "hard stop" will occur after 3 minutes for each speaker. Any information displayed must be submitted to the Town Clerk within 48 hours prior meeting.

## REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

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**Date of Meeting:** February 20, 2017

**To:** Mayor and Board of Commissioners

**From:** Anthony Roberts, Town Manager

**Action Requested:**

Sean O'Donnell will give an update on the Sailing Center.

**Manager's Recommendation:**

Hear update.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Name:	Description:	Type:
No Attachments Available		

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## REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

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**Date of Meeting:** February 20, 2017

**To:** Mayor and Board of Commissioners

**From:** Anthony Roberts, Town Manager


**Action Requested:**

Hear a presentation from Ellen Donaldson on the planned expansion of the Davidson-Cornelius Child Development Center.

**Manager's Recommendation:**

Hear presentation.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Name:	Description:	Type:
 <a href="#">DCCDC_Request_2-20-17.pptx</a>	DCCDC	Presentation

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# **Support for DCCDC Expansion and Remodeling: Presentation to Cornelius Town Board February 20, 2017**

# Brief Overview of DCCDC

1. **Founded in 1969; originally housed at Cornelius Elementary**
2. **Mission:** To provide high-quality, affordable early education and care for any child of our community without regard to race, ethnicity, religion or socioeconomic status, and to embrace and foster diversity in a safe learning environment
3. **DCCDC: Only center in North Meck area that offers 5-star, full-time, affordable early education and child care with scholarship support for children ages 6 weeks to pre-K**
4. **About 40-50% of our children receive sliding-scale scholarship support**
  - a. Based on HUD family size and income criteria
  - b. Ranging from 35–75% of total tuition cost

# Where We Are Now Vs 5 Years Ago

Measure	February 2012	February 2017
State licensing status	2 star	5 star (yearly since May 2012)
Enrollment	23 children	60 children – at capacity with waiting list of 35-40
Ages served	2 years to pre-K	6 weeks to pre-K
# Classrooms	3	6
Scholarship program	Inconsistent; lack of funds	Consistent based on HUD; CDBG and other grants
Revenue / net income	\$310,723 / (\$39,280)	\$666,974 / \$78,073 (audited)
Grants / fundraising	18% of revenue	30% of revenue
Viability	Possibility of closure	Financial, enrollment, parent, leadership & staff strength

# Needs Assessment/Rationale

- 1. Explosive growth continues in North Meck/LKN area**
- 2. Expected growth 2000–2030 (Urban Land Institute):**
  - a. Cornelius – 24,985 → 41,755 – 67%
  - b. Davidson – 12,137 → 20,666 – 70%
- 4. Dearth of high-quality, FULL-TIME, AFFORDABLE early education and child care facilities in North Meck/LKN area**
- 5. 40-50% of DCCDC children are from Cornelius; 75-85% of these receive scholarship support**
- 6. When we invest in children's first 2,000 days we create the best outcomes in education, health and economic well-being for everyone in North Carolina\*...**



# Needs Assessment/Rationale (2)

## 7. Investment in early childhood education critical to national security, economic prosperity, and safe communities\*

- a. 70% of Americans ages 17-24 cannot meet military's eligibility requirements (didn't graduate from HS, can't meet physical requirements, criminal record)
- b. 80-90 M American adults, about half of the workforce, do not have the basic education and communication skills required to acquire and advance in jobs
- c. Decades of research shows high quality early learning programs reduce crime

## 8. Early child development is an investment that pays off\*

- a. Nobel Laureate James Heckman's research shows that dollars invested in early years have greatest impact, and majority of returns are to the community, not just the individual
  - i. Participants in high-quality early childhood education programs have **higher earnings, pay more taxes**, and are **less likely to rely on government assistance**
  - ii. They have **better jobs, better education, and better lives**, and in terms of dollars returned from the investment, it is **society that is the big winner**

# Needs Assessment/Rationale (3)

**9. DCCDC has been operating at capacity of 60 children with waiting list of 35-40 children over past year +**

**10. Expansion on existing footprint will allow:**

- a. 4 additional classrooms – 40 more children (total 100)
- b. Therapy room for children with special needs
- c. General purpose room for parent conferences, parent/teacher educational programs, indoor play, and more
- d. Necessary office space, restrooms, and additional parking
- e. Additional 4200 sf (existing 4600 sf) = total 8800 sf

**11. Remodeling will allow critical updates to aging facility**

- a. Kitchen, Playground, Flooring, Intercom, Restroom
- b. Removal/replacement of unhealthy trees – significant safety issue

# Kitchen: 48 Years Old





# Playground: 26 Years Old



# Architectural Design Concept



Design concept.pdf

# Capital Campaign Budget/Timeline

- **Phase 1 – \$200,000 – 3 months**
  1. Address immediate needs (safety, sanitation)
    - a. Removal of 2 large unhealthy trees; replacement with trees of sufficient spread for shade/canopy
    - b. Complete renovation of kitchen
    - c. Replacement of floors – existing space
    - d. Renovation of restroom
    - e. Addition of intercoms – all classrooms
    - f. New playgrounds (2 areas, based on age groups)
  2. Prepare for expansion and community outreach
    - a. Campaign focus groups
    - b. Updated brochure and presentation materials

# Capital Campaign Budget/Timeline (2)

- **Phase 2 – \$1,000,000 – 12 to 18 months**
  - Site demolition, building pad
  - Expansion construction – all elements
  - Renovations (paint, fixtures, new windows, etc.)
  - Equipment, furniture, materials for classrooms/new space
  - New fencing
  - Parking lot expansion
  - Landscaping
  - Must raise  $\geq$ \$800,000 before moving ahead with expansion
- **Total = \$1.2 million**



# Request for Support from Town of Cornelius

- **Special circumstances**
  - First major expansion/renovation since inception
  - Significant community needs for affordable, workforce early education and child care
- **Respectfully request \$25,000 for Phase I – immediate safety, sanitation and planning**
- **Met with Town of Davidson on February 14**



# Questions? Thank You!!!



## REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

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**Date of Meeting:** February 20, 2017

**To:** Mayor and Board of Commissioners

**From:** Anthony Roberts, Town Manager

**Action Requested:**

Manager Roberts and Finance Director, Julie Niswonger will give an update on the FY2017 goals.

**Manager's Recommendation:**

Hear presentation.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

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 <a href="#">FY_2017_Goals_Update-Revised.pdf</a>	FY2017 Goals Update	Presentation

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**Town of Cornelius**  
**Operating Budget Goals Update**  
**For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017**

<u>Dept</u>	<u>Goal Description</u>	<u>Mgr Recommends</u>
Planning	<b>Land Development Code Update</b> <i>LDCAB is done; PB-April 2017; BOC-Sept. 2017</i>	-
Planning	<b>Implementation of UPWP Grants (Torrence Chapel and NC 115)</b> <i>TC intersection (25% Town match of \$17,575)-expect BOC final comments by March 2017</i> <i>NC 115 (25% Town match of \$37,025) held two stakeholder meetings; expect final recommendations to the Town Board in March</i>	43,680
Planning	<b>Modernize GIS System</b> <i>GIS Intern continues to update mapping system</i>	10,000
<b>Planning Total</b>		<b>53,680</b>
Pub Works	<b>Investigate reinstating bulk item pickup</b> <i>Determined the cost outweighed benefit at this time</i>	-
Pub Works	<b>Manage and design construction of new Public Works Facility</b> <i>Construction Plans-March; Bids-April; start construction May/June-2017</i>	-
<b>Pub Works Total</b>		<b>-</b>
Finance	<b>Manage compliance with new open records statute</b> <i>Waiting on State IT Department to finalize recommendations</i>	-
Finance	<b>Coordinate an update to the personnel policy and employee evaluation system</b> <i>Will be presented to the Board in March</i>	-
Finance	<b>Prepare comparison of Cornelius pay ranges to market</b> <i>Completed and implemented January 1, 2017</i>	-
<b>Finance Total</b>		<b>-</b>
Police	<b>Address retention issue</b> <i>Completed and implemented January 1, 2017</i>	80,000
Police	<b>Establish data connection between LinX and Town RMS</b> <i>Currently working with both LinX and Spillman to establish the connection</i>	20,000
<b>PD Total</b>		<b>100,000</b>
PARC	<b>Improve/expand indie &amp; docs movie program at Arts Center</b> <i>installed new audio visual equipment in Studio C</i> <i>Staff evaluating movie offerings in order to compliment and not directly compete with the Warehouse movie program. Additionally, will offer family movie programming to encourage families to visit the Arts Center.</i>	-
PARC	<b>Add maintenance staff and operation impact to support new facilities</b> <i>Complete-hired a new full time park maintenance technician, purchased new vehicles and park maintenance equipment, assumed maintenance management operation of Smithville splash pad and James Hoyt Wilhelm Park, finalized contract for additional Robbins Park maintenance management responsibilities.</i>	100,000
PARC	<b>Increase program participation at annual special events</b> <i>In progress-Jazz Fest participation increased to 2000 up 400% from 2015</i> <i>1800 attended dedications to Smithville splash pad, Cornelius Elementary School, and 9/11 monument. Laketoberfest participation increase up 17% and Light Up Cornelius increased by 45%, and the Symphony participation levels were 75% higher.</i>	8,900

**Town of Cornelius**  
**Operating Budget Goals Update**  
**For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017**

<b>PARC/Art Total</b>		<b>108,900</b>
<b>Fire</b>	Increase firefighter pay \$1 per hour <i>Complete</i>	65,000
<b>Fire</b>	Address aging fleet / new emissions impact on truck maintenance <i>Complete</i>	10,000
<b>Fire Total</b>		<b>75,000</b>
Electric	Zero vehicle accidents and personal injuries <i>One minor accident to date, no effect on current fiscal year budget.</i>	-
Electric	Achieve Average System Availability Index (ASAI) at least 99% <i>Meeting goal</i>	-
Electric	Implementation of bill print outsourcing <i>Due to existing mail equipment lease an integration with CIS system this has been put on hold.</i>	-
Electric	Main Street Utility Line Burial Phase 2 <i>In progress, continue to work relocating services to back lots.</i>	-
Electric	Investigate electric system study for fuse coordination <i>This study has changed to a Pole Attachment audit as required by contract.</i>	-
<b>Electric Total</b>		<b>-</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>337,580</b>

## REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

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**Date of Meeting:** February 20, 2017

**To:** Mayor and Board of Commissioners

**From:** Anthony Roberts, Town Manager

**Action Requested:**

Hear the Black History Celebration "Sharing Our Heritage" presentation from Jan Blodgett.

**Manager's Recommendation:**

Hear presentation.

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## REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

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**Date of Meeting:** February 20, 2017

**To:** Mayor and Board of Commissioners

**From:** Anthony Roberts, Town Manager


**Action Requested:**

Hear update on MI-Connection from the Town's representative Mark McDowell.

**Manager's Recommendation:**

Hear update.

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 <a href="#">MIC_Update_to_Cornelius_Town_Council_-_Feb_2017.pptx</a>	MI-Connection Update	Presentation

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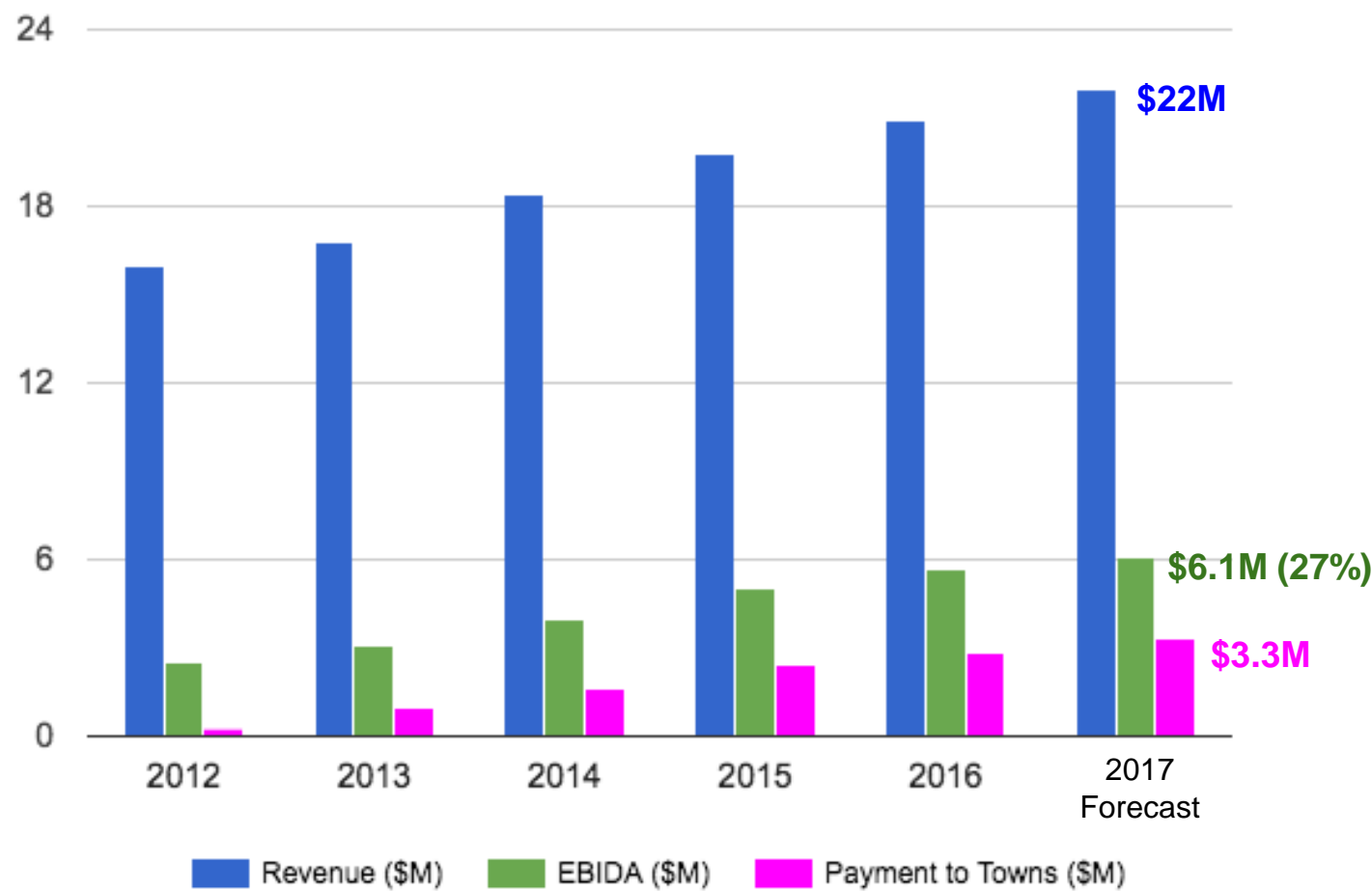
# MI-Connection Communications System (A North Carolina Interlocal Agency)

Status Update to Cornelius Town Council

Mark McDowell  
February 20, 2017



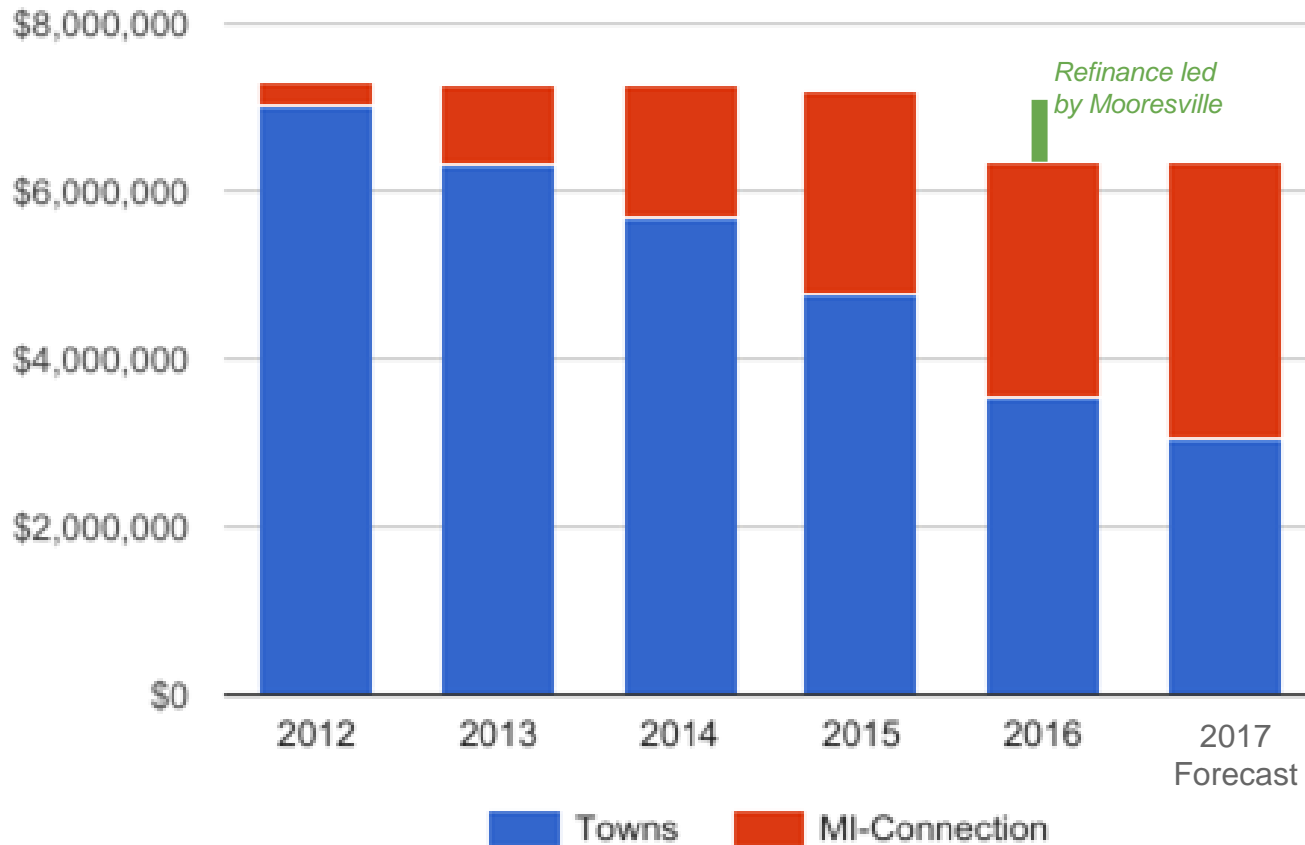
# Financial Highlights



*July 1 - June 30 Fiscal Year*



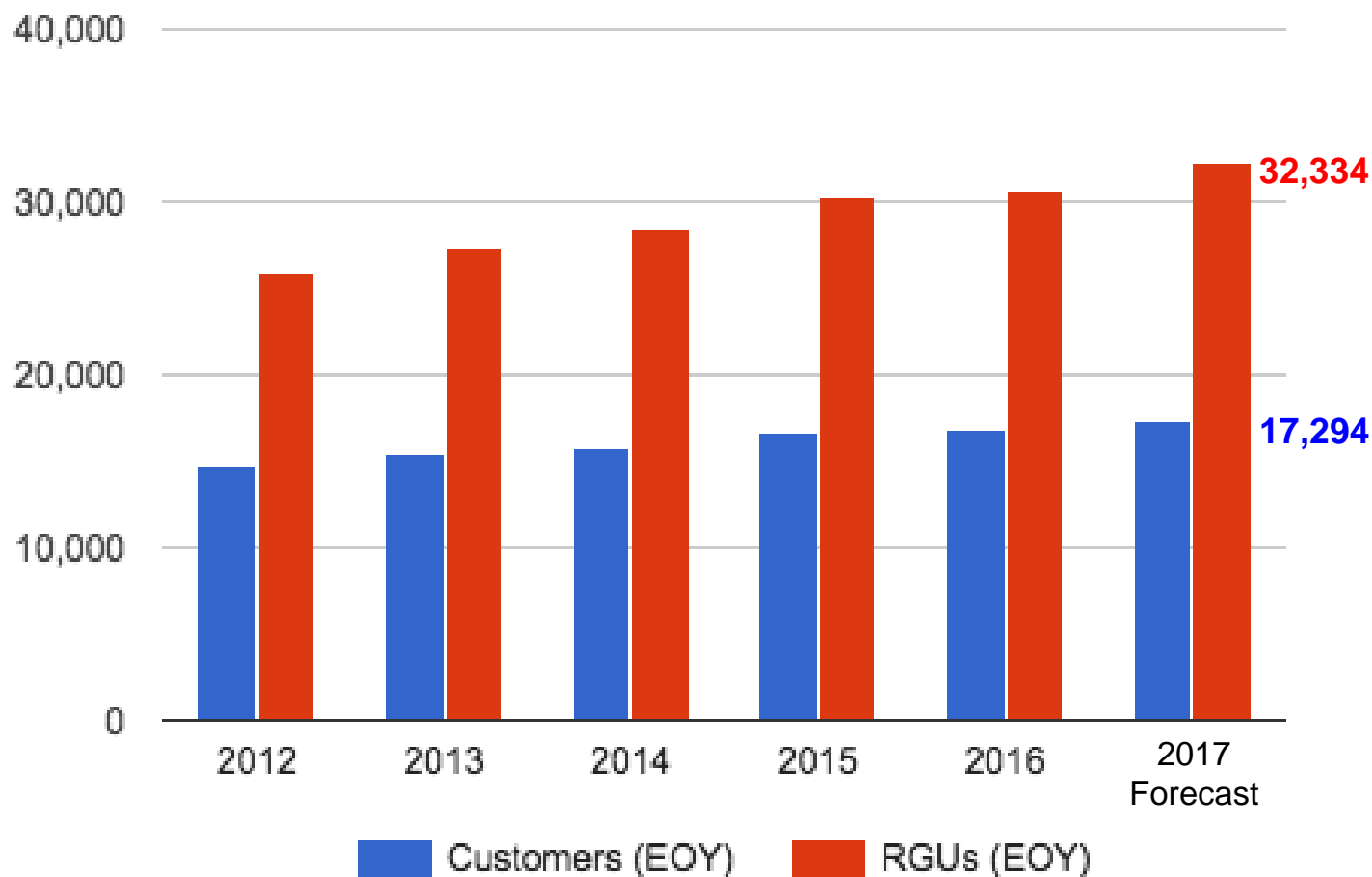
# Debt



Total debt **\$68,544,221** as of June 30, 2016

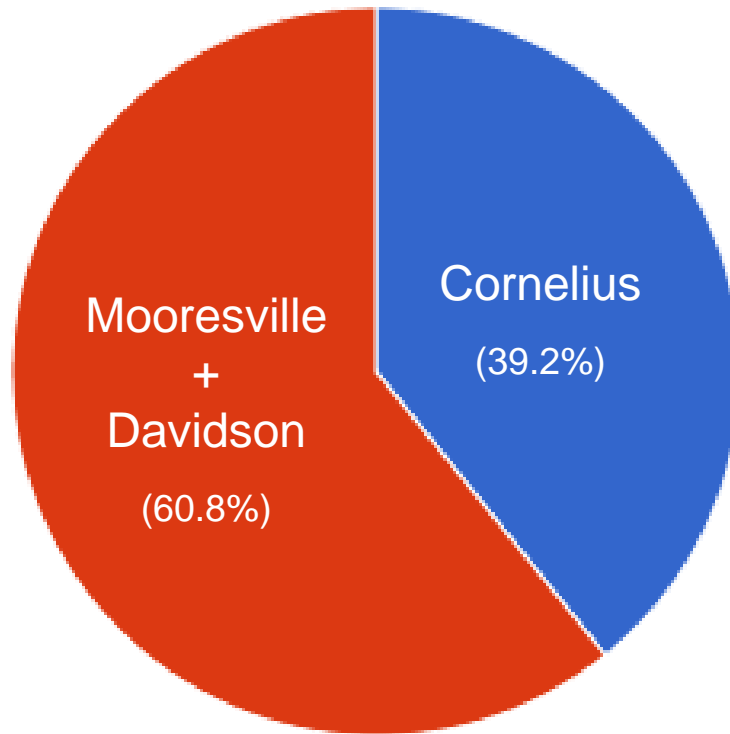
Town debt payment is split between Mooresville and Davidson 70-30%, respectively.  
Davidson is capped at \$1M annually.

# Customer Base

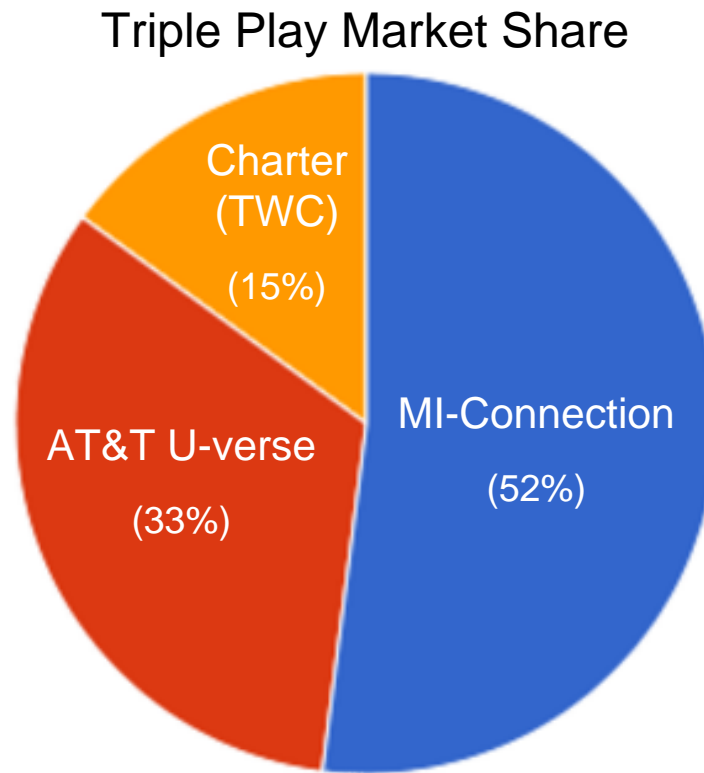


*Average Revenue Per Customer (12/31/16) - \$102.98*  
*RGU = Revenue Generation Unit*

# Customer Distribution



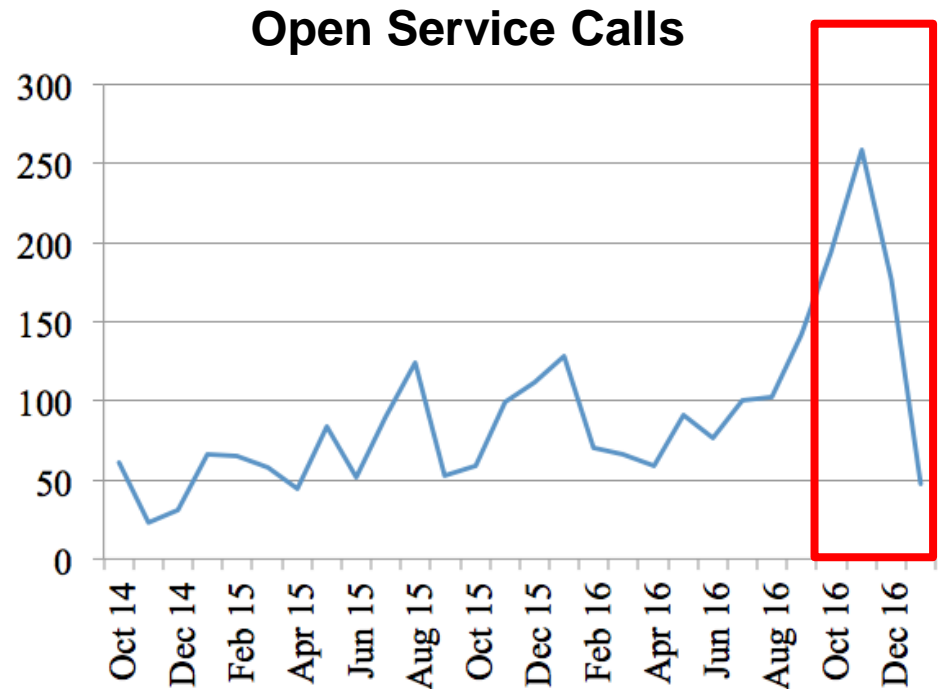
# Competitive Positioning



\* *DirectTV (AT&T) and DISH compete with cable TV*

# Degraded Performance - Fall 2016

- Oct 11, 2016 - New CMTS installed in Davidson hub (“nerve center” serving Davidson and Cornelius)
- Sporadic outages affecting ~30% of customers in Davidson & Cornelius
- Engineers from Cisco and CMTS manufacturer consulted
- System parameters had to be reset across about 50% of 192 nodes
- Problem cured by mid-Jan



*High water mark was 376 open service calls.*

# Management Discussion

MI-Connection continues to “punch above its weight class”

- Excellent competitive positioning
- System wide Internet speed enhancements (fall 2015)
- Substantial pure fiber deployments
- Whole Home DVR platform extremely popular

CEO David Auger will depart July 1, 2016

- Search process well underway; short list candidates identified

Exciting marketing programs in-process

Seeking input from Cornelius Commissioners and staff

- Enhanced cooperation with Planning Board

## REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

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Date of Meeting: February 20, 2017

To: Mayor and Board of Commissioners

From: Anthony Roberts, Town Manager

**Action Requested:**



Hear presentations on the following:

- Phase 2 bond sale
- Identify projects for future bond referendum

**Manager's Recommendation:**

Discuss next bond sale and future bond referendum.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

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 <a href="#">Monday_Phase_II_February_20_2017.pptx</a>	Bond Sales, Phase 2	Presentation
 <a href="#">New_Bonds_2.20.17.pptx</a>	New Bond Referendum Projects	Presentation

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**Town of Cornelius  
Bond Phase II  
February 20, 2017**



# Phase II Bonds

Street Bonds	Park Bonds	Town Center Redevelopment Bonds
\$5,665,000	\$1,050,000	\$4,000,000
Bailey Rd. Realignment/Misc. Projects	Smithville Park/JV Washam Elementary Greenway	Cornelius Arts & Community Center

# Tentative Phase II Bond Sale Calendar

May 20, 2018	Information due from the Town to LGC
June 1, 2018	LGC forwards 1 <sup>st</sup> draft of official statement to working group
June 6, 2018	Due diligence conference call
June 21,2018	Finalize preliminary official statement
June 22,2018	Forward electronic preliminary official statement to LGC
July 2, 2018	Sale date
July 23, 2018	Closing/delivery

# Bailey Road Realignment

- Scope: Realignment of Bailey Road
- Budget: \$5.75 million
- Total Spent: \$41,473 (Conceptual Design)
- Schedule: Construction 2019/2020

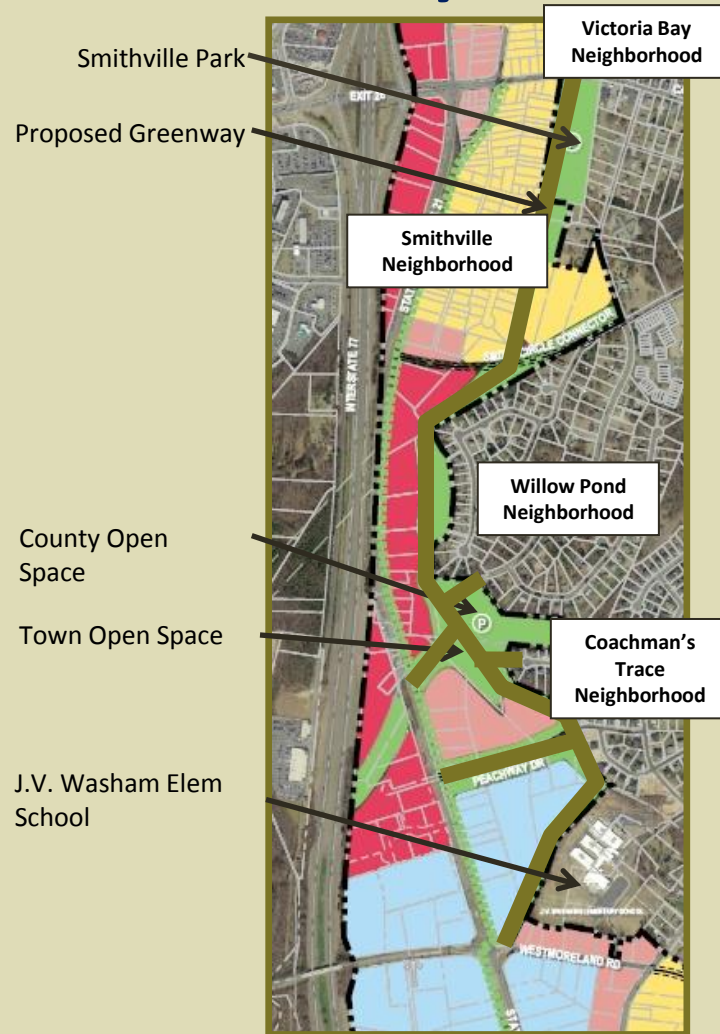


# Potential Phase II Road Bond Projects

- Bailey Rd. Realignment (\$5.75M)
- West Catawba Phase II local match (\$1.2M)
- Highway 21 Roundabout local match (\$452K)
- Northcross Dr. Extension local match (\$2.5M)
- Torrence Chapel/West Catawba shortfall (\$3.7M)
- I-77 Service Rd. to Westmoreland (\$736K)
- Jetton Rd. Extension/Sefton improvements (\$460K)
- Westmoreland Interchange (TBD)

# Smithville Park/JV Washam Elementary School Greenway

- Scope: 1.8 miles of greenway from North Zion Ave to South Prong Greenway
- Budget: \$3.2M (\$1.4M grant, \$1M Phase II bonds)
- Total Spent: \$0
- Schedule: **COMPLETE FALL 2020**





# Cornelius Arts & Community Center



- Scope: Arts and Community Center
- Budget: \$4,000,000 Phase II bonds
- Total Spent: \$0
- Schedule: **FY 2019**



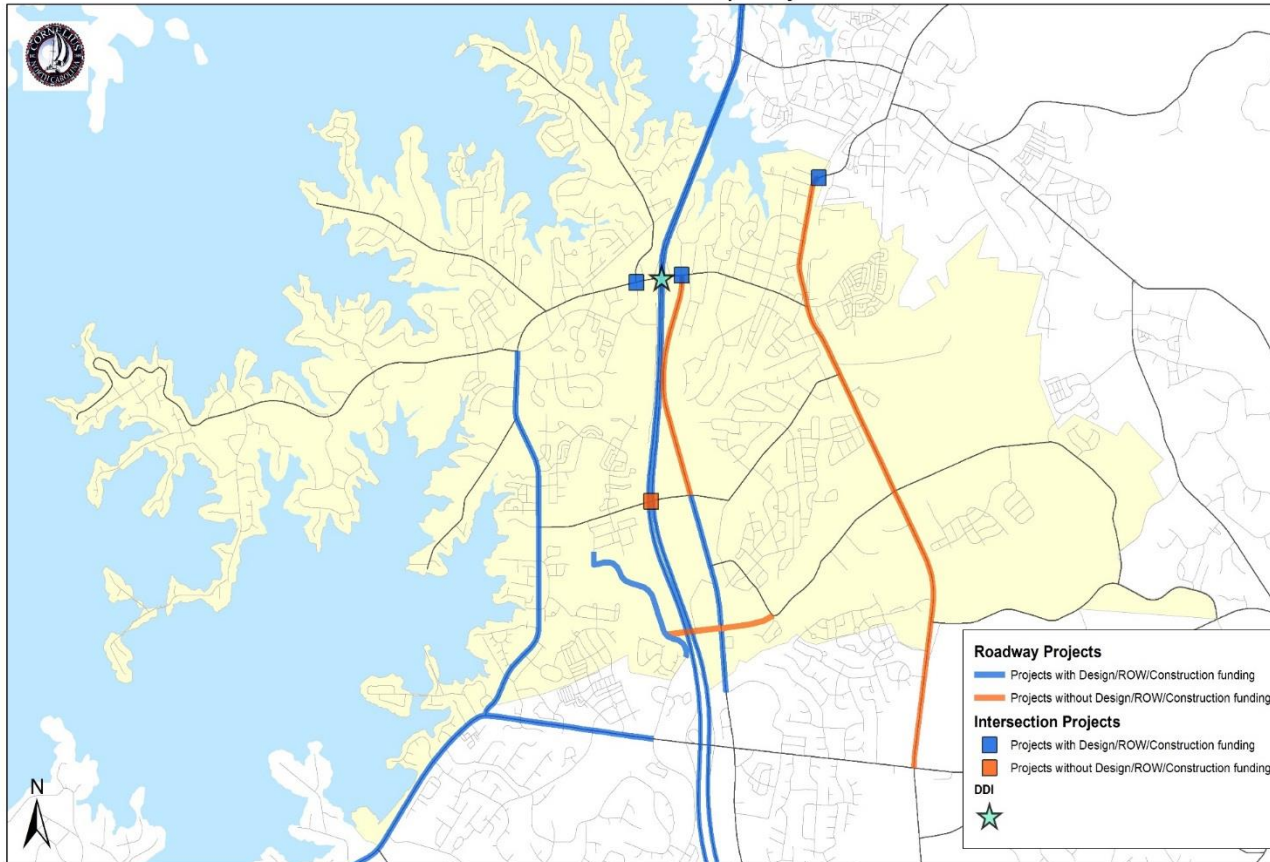
**Town of Cornelius**  
**New Bonds**  
**February 20, 2017**

**TOWN OF CORNELIUS  
SCHEDULE FOR GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND REFERENDUM  
NOVEMBER 2018**

7/18/18	Board adopts (1) Resolution directing publication of notice of intent to apply to the Local Government Commission (the “LGC”); (2) Resolution authorizing the Finance Director to apply to the LGC; and (3) Resolution making certain findings of fact
7/20/18	Publish Notice of Intent in <i>Newspaper of General Circulation</i> [have to wait 10 days after publication of Notice of Intent before applying to the LGC]
8/1/18	File Application with LGC and prepare Sworn Statement of Debt [receive letter from LGC confirming receipt of Application which must occur before the Bond Order is introduced]; File Statement of Estimated Interest
8/1/18	Board (1) Introduce the Bond Order at the Board Meeting; (2) adopts the Resolution setting a public hearing on the Bond Order on 8/09/18
8/2/18	File Sworn Statement of Debt with the Town Clerk [before public hearing]
8/2/18	Publish Notice of Public Hearing on the Bond Order in <i>Newspaper of General Circulation</i> [at least 6 days before public hearing]
8/08/18	Board (1) holds public hearings on adoption of the Bond Order; (2) adopts the Bond Order at the conclusion of the public hearing and (3) adopts the Resolution setting a Special Bond Referendum
8/9/18	Town Clerk delivers certified copy of the Resolution setting a Special Bond Referendum to the County Board of Elections
8/10/18	Town publishes Bond Order as adopted in <i>Newspaper of General Circulation</i>
8/15/18	File Notice with Joint Legislative Commission
by 9/30/18	Publish first Notice of Special Bond Referendum in <i>Newspaper of General Circulation</i> [Not less than fourteen days before last day to register to vote for Bond Referendum]
by 10/7/18	Publish second Notice of Special Bond Referendum in <i>Newspaper of General Circulation</i> [Not less than seven days before last day to register to vote for Bond Referendum]
11/08/18	Referendum
After 11/08/18	Adoption of Certificate of Canvass by the County Board of Elections  Board adopts Resolution Certifying and Declaring Results of Special Bond Referendum  Publish Statement of Result in <i>Newspaper of General Circulation</i>



## Active NCDOT Roadway Projects



# Active NCDOT Roadway Projects

Project	EST. Construction Commencement	Non-Town Funds Roadway	Type of Funds	Town Funds Roadway	Town Funds Bike/Ped. Betterment	Total Town Funds Spent To Date*****	Total Project Funds (All Sources)
Northcross Dr. Ext.	FFY19	\$5,720,000	STP-DA	\$2,511,577	\$2,250,000	\$0	\$12,481,577
		\$2,000,000	BA				
Hwy 21 Roundabout	FFY19	\$2,006,000	CMAQ	\$502,000	\$2,250,000	\$50,000	\$11,458,000
		\$6,700,000	BA				
Torrence Chapel/West Catawba Ave Intersection Improvement	FFY19	\$5,000,000	BA	\$1,000,000*	\$1,305,000	\$0	\$7,305,000
Hwy 115/Davidson/Potts Intersections Improvement	FFY19	\$6,000,000	BA	\$0	\$950,000	\$0	\$6,950,000
West Catawba Ave Phase II	FFY20	\$31,000,000	Traditional STI funds	\$1,200,000	\$32,341,406 (U)	\$0	\$64,541,406
Hwy 21 Widening (A) (Northcross Ctr. Ct. to Westmoreland)	FFY20	\$23,800,000	Traditional STI funds	\$0	\$3,741,818	\$0	\$27,541,818
Hwy 73 Widening (Beatties Ford Rd to West Catawba)	FFY21	\$20,130,000	Traditional STI funds	\$0	TBD**	\$0	\$20,130,000
Hwy 73 Widening (West Catawba to Northcross)	FFY21	\$28,100,000	Traditional STI funds	\$0	TBD**	\$0	\$28,100,000
Hwy 115 Corridor Improvement (Washam Potts to Potts)	Future****	\$0	N/A	TBD***	TBD**	\$0	\$0
Westmoreland Interchange	Future****	\$0	N/A	TBD***	TBD**	\$0	\$0
Bailey Rd. Flyover	Future****	\$0	N/A	TBD***	TBD**	\$0	\$0
Hwy 21 Widening (B) (Westmoreland to Catawba)	Future****	\$0	N/A	TBD***	TBD**	\$0	\$0
Hwy 115 Widening (Hwy 73 to Washam Potts)	Future****	\$0	N/A	TBD***	TBD**	\$0	\$0
		\$130,456,000		\$5,213,577	\$42,838,224	\$50,000	\$178,507,801

(U) Includes West Catawba Ave., Phase II Utility Burial (\$26,186,406)

\*Contingency if pending roadway cost estimates exceed \$5M of Bonus Allocation Funds.

\*\*At this time, betterments are not programmed; however, as design development progresses, it may be determined that betterments are appropriate.

\*\*\*P5.0 process to determine if Town funding is appropriate.

\*\*\*\*Construction estimated to commence greater than 5 years from now.

\*\*\*\*\*Costs for CIP items only. Does not refer to costs expended by Town for studies, preliminary planning, reports, conceptual design.

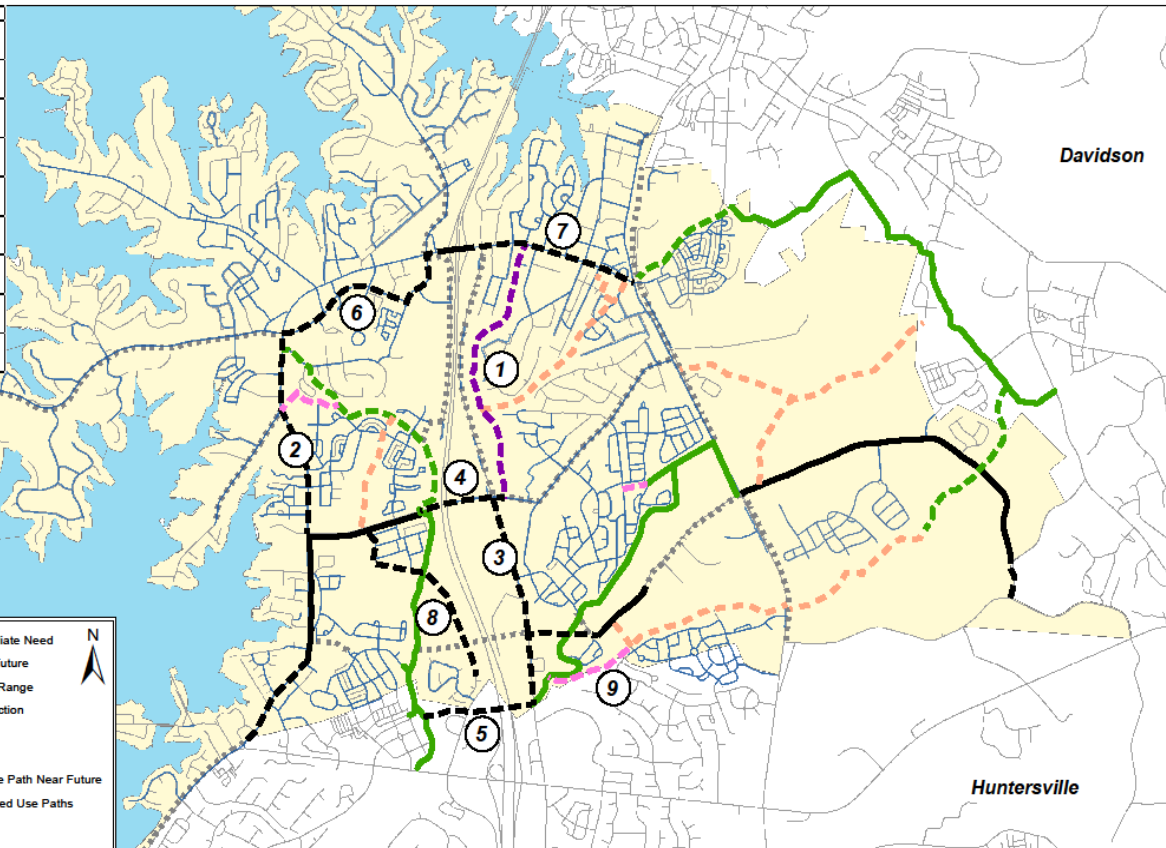
Projects with Roadway Construction Funding

Projects without Roadway Construction Funding

Subtotal Town Funds (Roadway + Betterments) \$48,051,801

## Potential Greenway and Shared Use Projects

Map #	Name	Miles
1	JV Washam - Smithville Greenway	1.6
2	W Catawba Phase II Shared Use Path	2.4
3	Highway 21 Widening Shared Use Path	1.15
4	Westmoreland Rd Bridge Shared Use Connection	0.45
5	Caldwell Station Creek - McDowell Creek Connector	0.6
6	Jetton Rd Extension Shared Use Path	1.2
7	Catawba Avenue Shared Use Path	0.93
8	Northcross Drive Extension Shared Use Path	1.1
9	Caldwell Station Neighborhood Connection	0.5



Town of Cornelius  
2018-2022 Capital Improvement Plan Summary  
February 15, 2017

DEPT	DESCRIPTION	Source	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Future	Total
Fire	Replace Chief's Truck	Debt	-	55,000	-	-	-	-	55,000
Fire	Replace Engine 3	Debt	625,000	-	-	-	-	-	625,000
Fire	Fire Station #3-Land and Potential Training Center	Debt	-	-	-	-	-	3,000,000	3,000,000
Fire	Replace Engine 4	Debt	-	-	-	700,000	-	-	700,000
Fire	Replace Truck 4	Debt	-	-	-	-	1,000,000	-	1,000,000
PD	Vehicle Replacement Program	Both	230,000	235,000	240,000	245,000	250,000	-	1,200,000
PD	Video Surveillance Program	Fund Bal	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	-	250,000
PD	Police Substation	Fund Bal	-	-	-	-	-	300,000	300,000
IT	Computer Replacement Program	Fund Bal	45,000	45,000	45,000	45,000	45,000	-	225,000
Planning	Planning Truck	Debt	30,000	-	-	-	-	-	30,000
PW	Hwy 21 Roundabout- Bike/Ped Accommodations, aesthetics/utility burial	FB/F Bond	-	-	2,250,000	-	-	-	2,250,000
PW	Bailey Road Extension	Bonds Ph-1-2	400,000	5,798,000	-	-	-	-	6,198,000
PW	DDI Aesthetics	Fund Bal	390,000	1,000,000	-	-	-	-	1,390,000
PW	Hwy 21 Roundabout-Local Match	Fund Bal	250,000	202,000	-	-	-	-	452,000
PW	Hwy 21 Widening (A)- Bike/Ped Accommodations, Aesthetics	FB/F Bond	-	-	-	-	3,741,818	-	3,741,818
PW	Hwy 115- North Corridor- Bike/Ped Accommodations, Aesthetics	FB/F Bond	-	-	-	-	-	3,275,000	3,275,000
PW	Hwy 115/Potts St/Davidson St Intersection Improvement-Aesthetics	FB/F Bond	-	-	950,000	-	-	-	950,000
PW	I-77 Service Road to Westmoreland	Debt	-	-	-	-	-	736,250	736,250
PW	Jetton Road Extension	Debt	-	-	460,000	-	-	-	460,000
PW	Live Work Unit Streetscape	Debt	-	-	1,000,000	-	-	-	1,000,000
PW	Northcross Dr. Extension- Bike/Ped Accommodations	FB/F Bond	-	-	2,250,000	-	-	-	2,250,000
PW	Northcross Drive Extension-Local Match	Fund Bal	289,000	2,222,577	-	-	-	-	2,511,577
PW	Public Works Equipment	Debt	75,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	-	-	225,000
PW	Sidewalks (includes Bike Cornelius Signage Route #1)	FB Powell	300,000	-	300,000	-	300,000	-	900,000
PW	Stream Restoration Project- Upper McDowell Creek	Debt	-	-	-	-	-	176,000	176,000
PW	Stream Restoration Project- Willow Pond	Debt	30,000	60,000	510,000	-	-	-	600,000
PW	Road Resurfacing	FB Powell	-	800,000	-	800,000	-	-	1,600,000
PW	Torrence Chapel Rd/West Catawba Ave Intersection-Local Match	FB/F Bond	-	700,000	-	-	-	-	700,000
PW	Torrence Chapel Rd/West Catawba Ave Intersection-Bike Ped, Aesthetics	FB/F Bond	-	-	1,345,000	-	-	3,600,000	4,945,000
PW	West Catawba Ave, Phase II- Bike/Ped, Aesthetics	FB/F Bond	-	-	-	6,155,000	-	-	6,155,000
PW	West Catawba, Phase II-Local Match	FB/F Bond	-	-	-	1,200,000	-	-	1,200,000
PW	West Catawba Ave, Utility Burial- Phase IIA (Jetton to Nantz)	FB/F Bond	-	-	-	2,284,345	2,284,345	-	4,568,690
PW	West Catawba Ave, Utility Burial- Phase IIB (Nantz to Westmoreland)	FB/F Bond	-	-	-	3,844,387	3,844,388	-	7,688,775
PW	West Catawba Ave, Utility Burial- Phase IIC (Westmoreland to Hwy 73)	FB/F Bond	-	-	-	6,964,470	6,964,470	-	13,928,940
PW	Westmoreland Bridge Reconfiguration-Local Match ***	FB/F Bond	-	-	540,000	-	-	-	540,000
PARC	Bailey Road North Neighborhood Park	Debt	1,000,000	-	-	-	-	2,800,000	3,800,000
PARC	Bailey Road Park Expansion	Debt/F Bond	-	-	2,000,000	-	-	-	2,000,000
PARC	Bailey Road Park Major Renovations	Debt/F Bond	-	-	835,000	-	-	1,130,000	1,965,000
PARC	Bailey Road Park Tennis/Pickleball Complex	Debt	-	-	-	-	-	555,000	555,000
PARC	Bailey Road Park Track Renovation & Synthetic Turf Field	Debt	1,100,000	-	-	-	-	-	1,100,000
PARC	Caldwell Station Creek Greenway (South) Phase II	Debt	-	-	-	-	-	1,750,000	1,750,000
PARC	Community/Art Center	Bonds Ph-2	-	4,000,000	-	-	-	-	4,000,000
PARC	Washam Neighborhood Park	Debt	-	-	-	-	-	1,000,000	1,000,000
PARC	Field Grooming Equipment & Utility Vehicle	Both	40,000	-	-	-	-	-	40,000
PARC	Facility Renovation & Expansion	Fund Bal	128,500	87,000	70,000	146,000	212,000	225,000	868,500
PARC	Glen Oak Green Park Connector	Debt/F Bond	-	-	518,000	-	-	-	518,000
PARC	Jetton Neighborhood Park Major Renovations	Debt/F Bond	-	-	300,000	-	-	-	300,000
PARC	Legion Park Major Renovations	Debt	-	-	-	-	-	450,000	450,000
PARC	Mini Park Land Acquisitions & Development	Debt	-	-	-	-	-	2,000,000	2,000,000
PARC	Nantz Road Connector Greenway	Debt/F Bond	-	-	518,000	-	-	-	518,000
PARC	North Bailey Road Greenway	Debt	-	-	-	-	-	2,558,000	2,558,000
PARC	North Bailey Road to Bailey Road Greenway	Debt	-	-	-	-	-	750,000	750,000
PARC	Old Cornelius to Statesville Road Greenway	Debt	-	-	-	-	-	2,035,000	2,035,000
PARC	Robbins Park	Debt/F Bond	-	210,000	2,300,000	-	-	2,300,000	4,810,000
PARC	Synthetic Turf Multi-Purpose Field- Smithville Park	Debt	-	-	-	-	850,000	-	850,000
PARC	Smithville Park Major Renovations	Debt	-	-	-	-	430,000	-	430,000
PARC	Smithville Park to JV Washam ES Greenway	Bonds Ph-2	560,000	1,300,000	-	-	-	-	1,860,000
PARC	South Bailey Road Greenway Phase III	Debt	-	-	-	-	-	2,250,000	2,250,000
PARC	Southeast Cornelius Neighborhood Park	Debt	1,000,000	-	-	-	-	2,800,000	3,800,000
PARC	Spray Park	Debt	-	-	-	-	-	500,000	500,000
PARC	Stratford Forest Greenway	Debt/F Bond	-	-	690,000	-	-	-	690,000
PARC	Torrence Chapel Park Major Renovations	Debt	-	-	-	-	650,000	-	650,000
PARC	Victoria Bay Greenway	Debt	-	-	-	-	-	2,411,000	2,411,000
PARC	Village Center Neighborhood Park	Debt	-	-	-	-	-	3,200,000	3,200,000
PARC	Waterfront Park	Debt	-	-	-	-	-	2,500,000	2,500,000
PARC	Westmoreland/McDowell Creek Neighborhood Park	Debt	-	-	-	-	-	3,400,000	3,400,000
PARC	Westmoreland Park Greenway	Debt	-	-	-	-	-	1,210,000	1,210,000
			4,414,000	16,727,577	17,151,000	9,245,000	7,316,818	41,086,250	100,479,335

No Collateral Projects (must use fund balance or consider future bonds)

Potential Projects for Phase II bond issuance

\*\*\*Committed Local Match

## REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

 [Print](#)

Date of Meeting: February 20, 2017

To: Mayor and Board of Commissioners

From: Will Washam, Senior Planner



**Action Requested:**

The Historic Preservation Chair and Staff have interviewed Ron Potts and recommend he be appointed to seat 4 of the Historic Preservation Commission. His term will expire in 2019.

**Manager's Recommendation:**

Appoint Ron Potts to the Historic Preservation Commission.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Name:	Description:	Type:
 <a href="#">Ron_Potts_HPC_application.pdf</a>	Ron Potts Application	Backup Material
 <a href="#">2017_HPC_appointment.xlsx</a>	HPC Roster	Backup Material

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**Lori Harrell**

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**From:** noreply@civicplus.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 16, 2016 2:53 PM  
**To:** Lori Harrell  
**Subject:** Online Form Submittal: Committee Appointment Form

## Committee Appointment Form

### Contact Information

First Name	Ronald
Last Name	Potts
Residence Address	20717 Vivian Lane
Mailing Address (if different from above)	P O Box 1103
Contact Number	7044082803
Description	Cell
Email Address	<a href="mailto:ronleepot@gmail.com">ronleepot@gmail.com</a>
I Live:	Inside the Town of Cornelius
I Am Interested In Serving On The Following Board(s)	Historic Preservation Committee
Please list qualifications and/or reasons why you would like to serve.	As a long time resident, I am interested in seeing that memories of the past are preserved.
Additional Information (*optional)	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Date	11/16/2016
Signature	RPotts

**Note:**

*You may fax this form to the Town Clerk at 704-896-2462 or mail to PO Box 399, Cornelius, NC 28031*

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## Historic Preservation Committee

### Draft Member List 2017

Seat #	Name	Term	Address	Phone #	Email	Officers
1						
2						
3						
4	Ron Potts	7/17-7/19	20717 Vivian Lane	704-408-2803	<a href="mailto:ronleepot@gmail.com">ronleepot@gmail.com</a>	
5	Jessica Boye	7/16-7/17	21325 Catawba Avenue	980-253-7475	<a href="mailto:jboye@bellalove.org">jboye@bellalove.org</a>	
6	Kathryn McClelland	7/16-7/18	17828 Largo Place	704-996-0997	<a href="mailto:kathrynmcclelland@gmail.com">kathrynmcclelland@gmail.com</a>	Vice-Chair
7	Julie Miller	7/16-7/17	20308 Val Circle	704-609-7452, 704-997-5660	<a href="mailto:dotrain4u@yahoo.com">dotrain4u@yahoo.com</a>	Chair
8	Joe Purdy	7/16-7/18	8615 Creek Trail Ln Apt 803	704-929-9054	<a href="mailto:Joe_purdy@yahoo.com">Joe_purdy@yahoo.com</a>	
9	David Stockwell	7/16-7/17	20339 Christofle Drive	336-253-7782	<a href="mailto:dstockwell@stockwellrec.com">dstockwell@stockwellrec.com</a>	

## REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

 [Print](#)

**Date of Meeting:** February 20, 2017

**To:** Mayor and Board of Commissioners

**From:** Julie Niswonger, Finance Director

**Action Requested:**

There are two items included in this budget amendment:

1. This amendment increases the Police Department budget by \$1,718 for insurance proceeds. These funds represent cost associated with restoring our property. There is no cost to the Town as these expenses are reimbursed through insurance proceeds.
2. The Planning Department has received \$37,000 from QuikTrip Corporation to fund a Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA) study. This amendment allocates the offsetting expenditures to complete the study with no impact to fund balance.

**Manager's Recommendation:**

Approve an Ordinance to amend the FY2017 Budget.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

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 <a href="#">Amendment__5.pdf</a>	FY 2017 Budget Amendment	Cover Memo

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**TOWN OF CORNELIUS**  
**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING**  
**THE OPERATING BUDGET FOR**  
**FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWN OF CORNELIUS:**

**SECTION 1.** The following amounts are hereby authorized for all appropriations, expenditures and inter-fund transfers necessary for the administration and operation of the Town of Cornelius for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017 in accordance with the following schedule of accounts heretofore established for this Town:

SCHEDULE A: GENERAL FUND

	Original Budget	Previous Amendment 1/17/2017	This Amendment 2/20/2017	Change
<b>General Fund Revenues</b>				
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 13,569,495	13,569,495	13,569,495	-
Local Option Sales Tax	2,976,700	2,976,700	2,976,700	-
Utility Franchise Tax	1,747,600	1,747,600	1,747,600	-
Powell Bill Allocation	760,000	760,000	760,000	-
Other Taxes and Licenses	552,200	552,200	552,200	-
Unrestricted Intergovernmental	990,100	990,100	990,100	-
Restricted Intergovernmental	733,770	828,110	828,110	-
Permits and Fees	708,288	708,288	745,288	37,000
Sales and Services	140,000	140,000	140,000	-
Investment earnings	45,500	45,500	45,500	-
Donations	20,000	40,100	40,100	-
Micellaneous	10,100	10,100	11,818	1,718
Debt Issued	442,600	442,600	442,600	-
Appropriated Fund Balance	29,500	1,777,278	1,777,278	-
<b>Total General Fund Revenues</b>	<b>\$22,725,853</b>	<b>\$24,588,071</b>	<b>\$24,626,789</b>	<b>\$ 38,718</b>
<b>General Fund Expenditures</b>				
Governing Board	\$ 80,702	80,702	80,702	-
General Government	1,524,073	1,524,073	1,524,073	-
General Services	372,030	372,030	372,030	-
Police	6,222,376	6,312,876	6,314,594	1,718
Communications	590,324	590,324	590,324	-
Fire Operations	1,500,559	1,500,559	1,500,559	-
Animal Control	173,361	173,361	173,361	-
Public Works	1,706,935	1,714,213	1,714,213	-
Powell Bill	924,000	924,000	924,000	-
Solid Waste/Recycling	2,034,404	2,034,404	2,034,404	-
Stormwater	220,000	220,000	220,000	-
Planning / Land Development	620,857	715,197	752,197	37,000
Tourism	558,601	558,601	558,601	-
Art Center	352,980	1,873,080	1,873,080	-
Parks, Arts, Recreation, and Culture	2,075,222	2,225,222	2,225,222	-
Transfer to Capital Project Funds/ 911 Fund	765,000	765,000	765,000	-
Debt Service	3,004,429	3,004,429	3,004,429	-
<b>Total General Fund Expenditures</b>	<b>\$22,725,853</b>	<b>\$24,588,071</b>	<b>\$24,626,789</b>	<b>\$ 38,718</b>

	Original	Previous	This	
	Budget	Amendment	Amendment	Change
		1/17/2017	2/20/2017	

SCHEDULE B: ELECTRIC FUND

**Electric Fund Revenues**

Sales and Services	\$ 5,928,239	5,928,239	5,928,239	-
Fund Balance	467,657	467,657	467,657	-
Miscellaneous	10,000	75,692	75,692	-
<b>Total Electric Fund Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 6,405,896</b>	<b>\$ 6,471,588</b>	<b>\$ 6,471,588</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

**Electric Fund Expenditures**

Electric Department	\$6,405,896	\$6,471,588	\$6,471,588	-
<b>Total Electric Fund Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 6,405,896</b>	<b>\$ 6,471,588</b>	<b>\$ 6,471,588</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

SCHEDULE C: 911 FUND

**911 Fund Revenues:**

911 Fee Revenue	\$141,796	141,796	141,796	-
Fund Interest Earnings	1,200	1,200	1,200	-
911 Appropriated Fund Balance	51,489	51,489	51,489	-
<b>Total 911 Fund Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 194,485</b>	<b>\$ 194,485</b>	<b>\$ 194,485</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

**911 Fund Expenditures:**

911 Department	\$194,485	194,485	194,485	-
<b>Total 911 Fund Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 194,485</b>	<b>\$ 194,485</b>	<b>\$ 194,485</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

**SECTION 2.** An ad valorem tax rate of \$.255 per \$100 of assessed valuation is hereby established as the official tax rate for the Town of Cornelius for the fiscal year 2016-17. This rate is based on an estimated valuation of \$5,258,437,557 and an estimated 98.6% percent collection rate, which is at least the collection rate expected during the 2015-16 fiscal year.

**SECTION 3.** In accordance with G.S. §159-9 and G.S. §159-15, the Town Manager shall serve as the budget officer and is hereby authorized to reallocate appropriations among the objects of expenditure under the following conditions:

- a. The Town Manager may transfer amounts between line-item expenditures even among departments as believed to be necessary and prudent.
- b. He may not transfer any amounts between funds, except as approved by the Board of Commissioners in the Budget Ordinance as amended.

Adopted this the 20th day of February, 2017.

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Charles L. Travis III, Mayor

SEAL

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Lori A. Harrell, Town Clerk

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Karen Wolter, Town Attorney

## REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

 [Print](#)

Date of Meeting: February 20, 2017

To: Mayor and Board of Commissioners

From: Lori Harrell, Town Clerk



**Action Requested:**

Approve the Regular Meeting minutes for Jan. 17th & Feb. 6th.

**Manager's Recommendation:**

Approve minutes.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Name:	Description:	Type:
 <a href="#">01-17-17_Regular_Meeting_draft.docx</a>	Jan. 17th Minutes	Backup Material
 <a href="#">02-06-17_Regular_Meeting_draft.docx</a>	Feb. 6th Minutes	Backup Material

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## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

January 17, 2017  
Minutes

### PRE-MEETING – 5:45PM

- Cornelius School Principals Forum

Mayor Travis welcomed the CMS school representatives Matt Hayes, North Learning Community Superintendent, Ann Stalnaker, North Learning Community Executive Director, Jessica Savage, Hough High Asst. Principal, Chad Thomas, Bailey Middle School Principal, Paula Rao, JV Washam Elementary Principal and Jessica Holbrook, Cornelius Elementary Principal. He asked that they give the Board an update on topics of interest and projects that the Town might be able to partner on.

Dr. Hayes stated that CMS is currently transitioning out Superintendent Ann Clark and transitioning in the new Superintendent Dr. Wilcox. The CMS Board is currently reviewing the Student Assignment Plan which is required to be reviewed every 7 years and that they will be holding a meeting on February 6<sup>th</sup> (6PM-8PM) at Hopewell High School to study Phase 2 – Feeder Patterns. He explained the criteria in studying school locations and nearby homes for student assignment. Dr. Hayes invited the Board to attend the February 6<sup>th</sup> meeting and stressed the importance of giving their feedback to the CMS Board before they make their final decision. He thanked the Town for its support and partnership with traffic improvements along Bailey Road, newly tiled floors at Cornelius Elementary School and the new park behind it.

Commissioner Gilroy questioned if there was any expectation to change the rights of Cornelius elementary students to move forward and attend Hough High. Dr. Hayes stated at this time there is nothing on the table to change that. Commissioner Duke stated that people are paying a premium to live in Cornelius so their children can attend Cornelius schools. Principal Rao stated that she has heard parents say that they had chosen a house because of its proximity to JV Washam Elementary.

Manager Roberts questioned the capacity of each school and the probability of future schools. Dr. Hayes stated that each Cornelius school is over capacity except for Cornelius Elementary (Hough HS 2,700/Bailey MS 1,700/JV Washam Elem 1,040/Cornelius Elem 640). Dr. Hayes agreed that there is a need for additional schools in the northern end of the county but the problem is acquiring the land and the cost of building. He also noted that there will come a time when Cornelius Elementary will need to be rebuilt instead of the continuous temporary fixes. Commissioner Duke asked how much land is required to build a high school. Dr. Hayes stated that a high school like Hough would need approximately 12-15 acres and building it would cost approximately \$18M. He did mention that a K-8<sup>th</sup> grade school is scheduled to open in Davidson in 2019.

Principal Holbrook explained that Cornelius Elementary fluctuates between 620-640 students and scored 95% in expected performance growth rate according to the state standards for school year 2015-2016. The teachers are tremendous and have focused on structural teaching and classroom dynamics that has provided 1-to-1 attention which has shown to lower behavioral issues. She did re-emphasize the building issues that continue to plague the school (water leaking, plumbing, HVAC, etc.) and the need for a new facility.

Principal Rao explained that JV Washam Elementary currently has 1,040 student enrolled (projected enrollment was 940/actual enrollment is 1,040) and is supported greatly by the community. Many of the teachers live in the community and their children attend JV Washam. Last year JV Washam was designated A+NG school performance grade. She stated that building size is their biggest challenge (finding enough room to put students) and finding long term subs for teachers on maternity leave. Commissioner Gilroy asked how many students are on the free-reduced lunch program. Principal Rao stated approximately 20%; however, the backpack of food program provided by Ada Jenkins and surrounding churches seems to be dramatically increasing (20 requests last year/up to 40 requests this year).

Principal Thomas stated that Bailey Middle School is the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest middle school in the state and also trending the highest in growth and academics. They enjoy the great partnership with the PARC Department and are working on getting turf fields in the future. He thanked the Town for changing the Land Development Code to allow digital signage so that Bailey could have their sign. Commissioner Gilroy asked how the school was ranked in the state. Principal Thomas stated that Bailey was ranked in the top 15 of the state. Commissioner Duke thanked Principal Thomas for working so well with the Town and PARC Department in sharing their fields.

Asst. Principal Savage stated the Hough High was also designated as an A+NG school for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time. This year's focus is to build a comprehensive secondary literacy program and to teach students how to tackle complex science text or historical documents, know how to question and talk about them. The school has a great fundraising partnership with Bailey's Glen and has raised over \$20K this year which then goes directly to students and teachers through grants applications and various other things (internet access, laptops, clothing for students, etc.). Mayor Travis asked if the improvements with traffic control and calming efforts made by the Town have been beneficial. Asst. Principal Savage and Principal Thomas both agreed that the Town's efforts in implementing those changes have greatly improved the traffic issues.

The Board thanked the school principals for sharing their individual updates.

#### **REGULAR MEETING – 7:00PM**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Travis called the meeting to order at 7:04PM.

**2. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

All commissioners were present with the exception of Commissioner Washam who was out of town.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*Commissioner Miltich made a motion to amend the agenda by allowing those citizens signed up under Item 5 to be placed after Item 7B's specific topic and approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Ross seconded the motion and it passed unanimously, 4-0.*

**4. MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Police Chief, Bence Hoyle led the pledge after a moment of silence was observed.

**5. CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS**

CMS Community Superintendent, Dr. Matthew Hayes explained that CMS is now getting into phase 2 of the Student Assignment Plan that is required to be reviewed every 7 years. Phase 2's focus is on school feeder patterns. Dr. Hayes invited the community to participate in a meeting being held on February 6<sup>th</sup> (6PM-8PM) at Hopewell High School to study the feeder patterns and

express their thoughts with school board representatives that will ultimately be making the final decision.

Cornelius Elementary Principal, Jessica Holbrook invited the community to the “Coffee with Ann” event to be held in the media center at Cornelius Elementary on January 25<sup>th</sup> (4:30PM-6:00PM). It will be an opportunity to voice your opinions/concerns to CMS Superintendent, Ann Clark regarding the Student Assignment Plan.

## 6. MAYOR/COMMISSIONERS/MANAGER REPORTS

Commissioner Miltich reported on the following:

- Attended the North Mecklenburg Alliance meeting on Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>

Commissioner Duke reported on the following:

- Queen’s Feast Week will be held Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>
- 2017 Disc Golf tournament will be held in the Lake Norman area this year; 750 participants anticipated
- PARC Commission – the Carolina Rapids are interested in partnering with the Town on additional turf fields

Commissioner Ross reported on the following:

- Chamber – Focus Friday event will be held on Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:30AM; annual Awards Banquet will be held Friday evening and is sold out

Mayor Travis reported on the following:

- Thanked Town staff for their snow clearing efforts during the recent snow event
- Thanked Republic Waste Services for their continued service during the snow event
- Nantz Road/W. Catawba intersection light – AT&T will have all lines down and replaced this week
- Arts and Science Council – Free Day to Connect with Culture will be held on Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>

## 7. PRESENTATIONS

### A. Recognition of Outgoing PARC Commission Chair Karen Tovar

Mayor Travis and the Board of Commissioners recognized Karen Tovar for her 9 years of service on the PARC Commission and serving as chairperson since 2015.

### B. Torrence Chapel/West Catawba Intersection Improvement Study

Asst. Manager Grant explained the study timeline before introducing Scott Cole and Jim Dunlop with NCDOT and their consultants Jason Gorrie and Katelyn Purnell with WSP Parsons Brinckerhoff.

Mr. Gorrie gave a presentation (*Exhibit Book 30*) on the improvement study conducted for Torrence Chapel/West Catawba. He outlined the history of the study, the process, key issues and project goals before presenting the approach options of doing nothing at all, keeping left turns or taking them out. Alternative 1 redirects left turns from Liverpool and Torrence Chapel with no other improvements. Alternative 2 redirects left turns from W. Catawba Avenue on to Liverpool and Torrence Chapel and proposes roundabouts along both roads. Alternative 3 creates a superstreet along the W. Catawba Avenue corridor with U-turns beyond the Liverpool/Torrence Chapel intersection. Alternative 4 creates a One-way pair using W. Catawba as one-way for west bound traffic and Jetton/Sefton Park as one-way for east bound traffic. Mr. Gorrie stated that after studying all of the options they are recommending a Preferred Alternative using parts of Alt. 1 and parts of Alt. 2 to address the majority of the projects criteria. The Preferred Alternative redirects left turns from



Liverpool/Torrence Chapel, adds roundabouts on Liverpool, Torrence Chapel and Knox Road, re-aligns Knox Road to One Norman Drive, as well as adding an exclusive right turn lane from Liverpool to the south bound I-77 ramp. After presenting the analysis results of the Preferred Alternative, Commissioner Gilroy stated there was no way the counts could be accurate. Mr. Dunlop stated that NCDOT has reviewed and concurred with the work done by WSP and explained that keeping the queue short between the DDI and Torrence Chapel decreases the backups into the intersection and that the capacity improvements along Liverpool will provide a better operation of the intersection. Commissioner Gilroy re-emphasized that he did not believe the numbers were accurate. Mr. Gorrie completed his presentation and explained that the scope of the project was to deliver a project that could be used with the bonus allocation funds of \$5M and that this project estimated cost is \$5.1M.

Commissioner Duke stated that he agreed with Commissioner Gilroy as he believes the improvements will create a negative impact on the businesses along the corridor so regardless of the costs it's just not going to work.

Commissioner Gilroy stated that the proposed improvements are just too disruptive to the residents along Torrence Chapel.

Commissioner Miltich said he would love to see the data on the travel times because it's hard to believe that the longer travel distance will take half the time.

Commissioner Gilroy said that there are a lot of good recommendations within the proposal it's just the elimination of left turns from Torrence Chapel and Liverpool he does not support.

Mayor Travis stated that the overall framework is good it's just the elimination of left turns that is the major issue. He thanked the representatives from WSP and NCDOT for holding several meetings with the businesses and residents within the project area.

Mayor Travis then invited the public to comment.

The following residents and business owners expressed their objection to the proposed elimination of left turns and creating additional traffic on Knox Road. Most were receptive to the other improvements proposed in the Preferred Alternative:

- Angelo Laruso – 768 Southwest Drive, Davidson
- Bruce Silberman – 19726 Beneteau Court, Cornelius
- Thomas Broolsma – 21104 Crealock Place, Cornelius
- Kenyon Stanley – 8812 Magnolia Estates, Cornelius
- Joel Pfyffer – 20920 Torrence Chapel, Cornelius
- Jayne Eve – 22548 John Gamble, Cornelius
- Jenna Davis – 20329 Turnbull Way, Cornelius
- Chris Walsh – 20900 Norman Shores Drive, Cornelius
- Laura Renten – 19520 Trintella Lane, Cornelius
- Rick Monroe – 20328 Christofle Drive, Cornelius
- Robert Monroe – 20328 Christofle Drive, Cornelius
- Fred Locke – 19942 Scanmar Lane, Cornelius
- Jennifer Woodle – 21450 Harken Drive, Cornelius
- Mary Johnson – 19919 Catamaran Court, Cornelius
- Jill Solomon – 21118 Crealock Place, Cornelius
- Jeff Johnson – 19919 Catamaran Court, Cornelius
- Chris Micolucci – 21201 Baltic Drive, Cornelius
- Kristen Powell – 19803 Schooner Drive, Cornelius

- Erik Powell – 19803 Schooner Drive, Cornelius
- Russ Lane – 20319 Berry Circle, Cornelius
- Charlene Walsh – 21336 Blakely Shores Drive, Cornelius
- Robert Parker – 19916 Catamaran Court, Cornelius
- Hesham Sharawy – 21314 Olde Quarry Lane, Cornelius
- William Rakatanski – 21136 Norman Shores Drive, Cornelius
- Ronda Freese – 21315 Sandy Shore Lane, Cornelius
- Nate Davis
- Diane Gilroy – 22836 Torrence Chapel Road, Cornelius
- Kristen Schumacher – 19909 Catamaran Court, Cornelius
- Blaine Tober – 21415 John Pines Drive, Cornelius
- Gwen Sink – 21221 Baltic Drive, Cornelius
- Bill Russell – LKN Chamber Executive Director
- Cynthia Team – 9550 Glenashley Drive, Cornelius

Mayor Travis asked that the 5 following items be further addressed:

1. Smart Signal Light Technology – Mr. Cole with NCDOT stated that they are pursuing the smart signal lighting; however, it will offer a marginal solution but not a fix.
2. Knox Road Improvements (what's included) – Mr. Gorrie stated that the \$5.1M does not include the additional widening of Knox Road for multi-modal use.
3. How were peak hours determined – Mr. Gorrie stated that the PM peak hours were analyzed because it showed the most improvement.
4. Roundabout consideration for the intersection of Torrence Chapel and West Catawba – Mr. Gorrie explained that the roundabout at Hwy. 21 and Catawba only works because of the minimal traffic off of Holiday Lane. The traffic volume is too great for a roundabout at Torrence Chapel and West Catawba.
5. Turn lane into shopping center – Mr. Gorrie stated that the removal of that turn lane is included in the recommended improvement plan.

Commissioner Gilroy asked if any of the modeling considered a future Exit 27 interchange. Mr. Gorrie stated it was not looked at. Mr. Dunlop explained that the traffic forecast based on land use did not show a significant reduction in traffic at Exits 25 or 28.

Manager Roberts asked if there was an option that would work if money was no object. Mr. Dunlop stated there were but there was no way to build it.

Asst. Manager Grant asked if the group studied rerouting traffic behind the shopping center. Mr. Gorrie stated it was but was not feasible due to cost and the detention area used for runoff located behind the shopping center.

*Mayor Travis recommended that the Board's motion include the Town's desire to continue working with NCDOT to maintain left turns from Torrence Chapel and Liverpool, implement the smart light technology, and the improvements along Knox Road. Commissioner Miltich made the motion, Commissioner Duke seconded it and the motion passed unanimously, 4-0.*

## 8. PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL

### A. Historic Properties Designation – Sherrill-Robbins House

Mayor Travis called for a motion to open the public hearing on the historic designation of the Sherrill-Robbins house.

*Commissioner Miltich made a motion to open the public hearing. Commissioner Ross seconded the motion and it passed unanimously, 4-0.*

Stewart Gray with Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission gave a presentation (*Exhibit Book 30*) on the request for historic preservation designation of the Sherrill-Robbins house located on Zion Avenue. Mr. Gray stated that the home was identified during the 2014 survey of historic resources throughout Cornelius. He gave an overview of the family history and the importance of preserving the house. Mr. Gray stated that the Mecklenburg Historic Landmark Commission voted unanimously on the designation.

Mr. David Stockwell, chairman of the Historic Preservation Committee stated that they worked closely with Mr. Gray's group on designations. Mrs. Susan Irvin, home owner, stated that she just loves the house and being a part of Cornelius.

Mayor Travis invited the public to comment. There being no comments he called for a motion to close the public hearing.

*Commissioner Gilroy made a motion to close the public hearing. Commissioner Ross seconded the motion and it passed unanimously, 4-0.*

*Commissioner Gilroy made a motion to approve Ordinance #2017-00638 designating the Sherrill-Robbins house located at 19726 Zion Avenue as a historic landmark. Commissioner Miltich seconded the motion and it passed unanimously, 4-0.*

**Ordinance #2017-00638 is hereby made part of the minutes by reference.**

9. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL

A. PARC Commission Appointments

Manager Roberts explained that after the applications were reviewed and interviews were conducted it is recommended that Karina Baril and David Rusak be appointed to fill the vacant seats and Denis Bilodeau be reappointed for another term.

*Commissioner Gilroy made a motion to reappoint Denis Bilodeau and appoint Karina Baril and David Rusak to the PARC Commission. Commissioner Miltich seconded the motion and it passed unanimously, 4-0.*

B. Standing Committee Appointments

Manager Roberts explained that annually the various standing committee appointments change. The noted changes included: the removal of the Arts/Community Strategic Working Group; the removal of LNTC; the new appointment to the Ada Jenkins Center; and the addition of the North Mecklenburg Alliance with the recommended appointments.

*Commissioner Gilroy made a motion to approve the revised standing committees and appointment changes. Commissioner Miltich seconded the motion and it passed unanimously, 4-0.*

C. FY17 Operating Budget Amendment

Manager Roberts explained that the amendment to the FY17 operating budget allocates \$20,100 in donations to the Cornelius Arts and Community Center and \$90,500 for various police department items.

*Commissioner Ross made a motion to approve Ordinance #2017-00639 amending the FY17 operating budget as presented. Commissioner Ross seconded the motion and it passed unanimously, 4-0.*

**Ordinance #2017-00639 is hereby made part of the minutes by reference.**

**D. Smithville/Washam Greenway**

Manager Roberts explained that the \$1.4M block grant with NCDOT will be a key part of the greenway projects in phase 2 of bond sales 4120. He stated that additional project details will be discussed during the Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> planning session.

*Commissioner Ross made a motion to approve the NCDOT \$1.4M Surface Transportation Block Grant for the development of the Smithville to JV Washam Greenway. Commissioner Gilroy seconded the motion and it passed unanimously, 4-0.*

**10. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approve Minutes – Regular Session (Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>) (Approved 4-0)
- B. Tax Refunds = \$2171.62 (Approved 4-0)

*Commissioner Miltich made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Ross seconded the motion and it passed unanimously, 4-0.*

**11. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Board Call-in Policy Amendment**

Manager Roberts explained the proposed changes to the current Call-in Policy are to clear up any ambiguities and suggestions made by the Institute of Government.

*Commissioner Gilroy made a motion to approve Resolution #2017-00833 amending the Board Call-in Policy as presented. Commissioner Ross seconded the motion and it passed unanimously, 4-0.*

**Resolution #2017-00833 is hereby made part of the minutes by reference.**

**12. COMMISSIONER CONCERNS**

There were no concerns expressed.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

*There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Duke made a motion to adjourn at 10:08PM. Commissioner Miltich seconded the motion and it passed unanimously, 4-0.*

Approved this 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2017.

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Charles L. Travis, III, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Lori A. Harrell, Town Clerk



## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

February 6, 2017  
Minutes

### PRE-MEETING – 5:45PM

- Ada Jenkins Center Update  
Jane Cacchione gave an update on the Center (*Exhibit Book 30*) and invited the Board to come tour the Ada Jenkins Center to see all of the programs and services being provided to the residents of Huntersville, Cornelius, Davidson and Mooresville. She asked the Board to consider their continued support of \$15K in the FY17-18 budget.
- Safe Alliance Update  
Cori Goldstein and Shawna Pagonio gave an update on Safe Alliance and the Victims Advocacy program (*Exhibit Book 30*). She asked the Board to consider their continued support of \$15K in the FY17-18 budget.
- Closed Session  
Mayor Travis called for a motion to go into closed session to discuss a potential real estate acquisition.

*Commissioner Gilroy made a motion to go into Closed Session at 6:45PM. Commissioner Duke seconded the motion and it passed unanimously, 5-0.*

Upon return to the Pre-meeting, Mayor Travis dismissed everyone to the Assembly Room for the 7:00PM regular meeting.

### REGULAR MEETING – 7:00PM

1. CALL TO ORDER  
Mayor Travis called the meeting to order at 7:04PM.
2. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM  
All commissioners were present for the meeting.
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
*Commissioner Miltich made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Ross seconded the motion and it passed unanimously, 5-0.*
4. MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE  
Mayor Travis led the pledge after a moment of silence was observed.
5. CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS  
Denis Bilodeau – 18102 Watercraft Place, stated that he currently serves as treasurer for the PPOA and that in his observation of the discussions regarding Jetton Road safety improvements, the PPOA does not support No Left Turns or the U-turn approach but do believe that reducing the speed limit to 35MPH in the study area, trimming bushes or trees to improve site distance along with better lighting will improve the safety issues.

Brian Adams, Chris Hoffman and Matthew Clatworthy representing the residents along North Beatties Ford Road stated that they were all in favor of changing the name of their road to Lakehouse Pointe Drive in an effort to improve GPS identification, deliveries, and emergency services to their homes which often gets confused with similar roads in Huntersville and Charlotte.

Larry Cook – 17800 John Connor Road, expressed his concerns with the proposed safety improvement options for Jetton Road. He suggested lowering the speed limit to 35MPH for the entire Jetton corridor for consistency and safety before considering other options that cost over \$100K.

## 6. MAYOR/COMMISSIONERS/MANAGER REPORTS

Asst. Manager Grant reported on the following:

- Northcross Drive Extension – NCDOT is holding a public input meeting on February 13<sup>th</sup>

Commissioner Ross reported on the following:

- Chamber – Business Works “Using Social Media to Grow Your Business” will be held on February 14<sup>th</sup> at the Chamber (8:30AM-10:00AM); Business Afterhours will be held on February 16<sup>th</sup> at CycleBar Lake Norman (5:30PM-7:00PM); PowerLuncheon – guest speaker the new CMS Superintendent Dr. Clayton Wilcox will be held on March 16<sup>th</sup> at NorthStone Country Club (11:45AM)

Commissioner Washam reported on the following:

- EDC – 14 active projects in Cornelius
- CRTPO – public input on the Metropolitan Transportation Plan is open until February 10<sup>th</sup>

Commissioner Gilroy reported on the following:

- Attended the joint committee meeting held on January 30<sup>th</sup> to discuss the planning of an arts district
- Attended the Pre-development Review Committee meeting to review and discuss a proposed development project along Washam Potts Road

Commissioner Duke reported on the following:

- Attended the Home Grown exhibit
- PARC – summer camp registration opens in 22 days; Black History Month celebration will be held on February 18<sup>th</sup> at Town Hall
- VLN – 2017 Pro Disc Golf tournament will be played at Bailey Road Park and Bradford Park with 750 participants anticipated
- Coffee Chat – was held in the morning and Asst. Manager Grant gave an update on current bond projects

Commissioner Miltich reported on the following:

- CRTPO – attended the January 18<sup>th</sup> meeting where the Silver Line to Matthews was discussed
- Cornelius Corner – will be held on February 7<sup>th</sup> at Brooklyn South (6:00PM)

Mayor Travis reported on the following:

- Nantz Road Intersection – AT&T lines are down and the project should be completed by mid-February
- Westmoreland Interchange – conversations continue with the Augustalee property owners
- Attended the Home Grown exhibit on February 3<sup>rd</sup> (*Exhibit Book 30*)

- Black History Month celebration will be held at Town Hall on February 18<sup>th</sup>

## 7. PRESENTATIONS

### A. Town GO Bonds

Asst. Manager Grant gave an overview on bond authorization given by voters in 2013 and what has been spent to date. He then identified the roads, park and greenway projects and gave a status update on each. Commissioner Gilroy stated that every road connection added helps to relieve the congestion along the Catawba corridor.

## 8. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL

### A. Resolution to Change Road Name

Asst. Manager Grant explained that the residents along North Beatties Ford Road submitted a petition requesting the name of their road be changed to Lakehouse Pointe Drive in an effort to improve GPS identification, deliveries, and emergency services to their homes which often gets confused with similar roads in Huntersville and Charlotte. He stated that Mecklenburg County's Addressing Department have approved changing the road from North Beatties Ford Road to Lakehouse Pointe Drive.

*Commissioner Ross made a motion to approve Resolution #2017-00834 changing the name of North Beatties Ford Road to Lakehouse Pointe Drive. Commissioner Miltich seconded the motion and it passed unanimously, 5-0.*

**Resolution #2017-00834 is hereby made part of the minutes by reference.**

### B. Resolution Declaring Surplus Property

Asst. Manager Grant explained the miscellaneous Town items that are no longer in use or beyond repair that will be listed and sold on GovDeals.

*Commissioner Washam made a motion to approve Resolution #2017-00835 to surplus the miscellaneous items listed. Commissioner Duke seconded the motion and it passed unanimously, 5-0.*

**Resolution #2017-00835 is hereby made part of the minutes by reference.**

## 9. OLD BUSINESS

### A. Jetton Road Safety Study

Asst. Manager Grant gave a brief overview of the safety study conducted by WSP (*Exhibit Book 30*) before going over the survey results received by the residents and business owners in the area (*Exhibit Book 30*).

Police Chief Hoyle gave his perspective about the suggested speed limit recommendations and explained that with frequent speed changes "multiple transition zones" within a short distance is hard to prosecute; therefore, he recommends setting a consistent speed limit throughout the corridor but was indifferent to it being 35MPH or 45MPH. He did raise concern with the 45MPH speed limit by the park but stated that evidence does not show for sure that 45MPH creates more accidents.

Mayor Travis asked Mr. Grant if he had a recommendation. Mr. Grant stated that there is a good engineering recommendation to remove left turns and install signage for a U-turn at West Catawba and Jetton Road.

Commissioner Gilroy stated that there better be a compelling reason why the Board would not side with the majority of those surveyed who said they were okay with eliminating the left turns and reducing the speed limit.

Commissioner Duke stated that he has spent many hours studying the intersections and that the recommendations just do not make sense because you're closing one intersection to fix one issue and creating a new issue at another intersection. He believes that the speed limit should be lowered in the commercial area because that is where the accidents occur.

Commissioner Miltich stated once again we do not have an obvious good solution; however, if you're going to preserve the left turns then the site distance should be improved by removing some of the Crepe Myrtles within the medians and lower the speed limit.

Commissioner Duke suggested that if the Board's desire is to cut down trees he would strongly suggest having that conversation with the PPOA as they paid for the trees and he did not agree with Commissioner Miltich's site distance comments.

Commissioner Ross stated that he supports putting safety first so if eliminating left turns or removing trees to improve the site distance then they should be considered, as well as lowering the speed limit along the corridor.

Commissioner Washam stated that he agrees with Commissioner Duke but stressed that making the right decision is critical. He believes that the changes should be done incrementally and would start with lowering the speed limit.

Commissioner Gilroy stated that reducing the speed limit to Jetton Park makes sense.

Mayor Travis stated that an overwhelming majority that attended the meeting held at the Peninsula Club do not want to see the businesses in the study area negatively impacted; therefore, he would not support eliminating left turns. He does support the other options of making the intersection safer (i.e. tree removal, improved lighting).

*Commissioner Duke made a motion to reduce the speed limit to 35MPH through the commercial area (West Catawba Avenue to Charles Towne) and review the change in six months. Commissioner Washam seconded the motion.*

Commissioner Gilroy stated that the speed limit should be 35MPH throughout the corridor. Commissioner Miltich agreed with Commissioner Gilroy and would do a substitute motion to add a lighting improvement study. Commissioner Gilroy encouraged the other commissioners not to support this motion and take the Chief's advice on making the entire corridor a consistent speed limit.

Commissioner Washam stated that he was still okay with reducing the speed limit through the commercial area; however, he is not totally opposed to doing the whole thing but adjust it incrementally. Commissioner Gilroy argued that Chief Hoyle stated just the opposite. Commissioner Ross stated that he would support reducing the speed limit to Jetton Park. Commissioner Duke stated that he would support going to the park with it. Commissioner Gilroy questioned if the lighting study was going to be added to the motion. Commissioner Miltich stated that he would support the speed limit reduction to the park.

*Commissioner Duke amended his motion to reduce the speed limit to 35MPH to Jetton Park and have staff study lighting improvements.*



Mayor Travis stated that it didn't make sense to make the speed change at the entrance to the park where one side of the road is increasing their speed and the other side is decreasing theirs and pedestrians are trying to cross the road to and from the park. Commissioner Miltich agreed with Mayor Travis.

Commissioner Duke pointed out that there is a signalized crosswalk and questioned if anyone has ever been hit there. The answer is NO! Let's not get carried away. Commissioner Washam stated that it is a good idea that cars approaching the entrance to the park should be going 35MPH.

Chief Hoyle stated that it would not be a good idea to make the transition zone in front of park at the crosswalk. He asked the Board to again consider making the speed consistent throughout the corridor. Commissioner Duke stated that he has the utmost respect for Chief Hoyle and amended his motion as follows:

*Commissioner Duke made a motion to establish a speed limit on Jetton Road of 35MPH throughout the entire corridor, study the lighting in the commercial area and revisit the decision in 6 months to 1 year. Commissioner Gilroy seconded the motion and it passed unanimously, 5-0.*

#### 10. COMMISSIONER CONCERNS

##### A. Ramsey Creek Swim Beach

Commissioner Washam questioned if staff is in good communication with the County on planning and dates for the next swim season. PARC Director, Troy Fitzsimmons stated that staff has not had any additional discussion since the County's last presentation; however, he believed they are going to do a soft opening the weekend before Memorial Day. Chief Hoyle stated that he anticipates the County using Cornelius PD during high volume holidays to help with traffic.

#### 11. CLOSED SESSION

##### A. Real Estate Acquisition

Closed Session was held during the Board's pre-meeting.

#### 12. ADJOURNMENT

*There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Gilroy made a motion to adjourn at 8:52PM. Commissioner Ross seconded the motion and it passed unanimously, 5-0.*

Approved this 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2017.

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Charles L. Travis, III, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Lori A. Harrell, Town Clerk

## REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

 [Print](#)

**Date of Meeting:** February 20, 2017

**To:** Mayor and Board of Commissioners

**From:** Lori Harrell, Town Clerk

**Action Requested:**

Approve the Closed Session minutes for Feb. 6th.

**Manager's Recommendation:**

Approve minutes.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Name:	Description:	Type:
 <a href="#">02-06-17_Closed_Session_draft.docx</a>	Feb. 6th Closed Session Minutes	Backup Material

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## REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

 [Print](#)

**Date of Meeting:** February 20, 2017

**To:** Mayor and Board of Commissioners

**From:** Julie Niswonger, Finance Director

**Action Requested:**


Please find the attached list of proposed refunds based upon the information received from the County Assessor.

The list is necessary as a result of value adjustments as performed by the Mecklenburg County Assessor and/or Board of Equalization and Review and corrections as determined by the Mecklenburg County Assessor. Those refunds total = \$306.00 (tax) + \$59.65 (interest) = \$365.65. As required by Statute, please approve refunds. There are no Board member refunds in this group.

**Manager's Recommendation:**

Approve tax refunds.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Name:	Description:	Type:
 <a href="#">22017T1_Cornelius_BER_12-3-16_(002).pdf</a>	County Refund #1	Cover Memo

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Bill Number	Parcel #	Adj #	Adj Reason	Refund Recipient Name	Refund	Interest	Total
0008079248-2016-2016-0000-01		557313	BER Decision	ELLIOTT, MICHAEL THOMAS	18.00	0.12	18.12
0001439685-2012-2012-0000-02	00519301	548441	BER Decision	MEDLEY, KAREN M	288.00	59.53	347.53
					306.00	59.65	365.65

## REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

 [Print](#)

**Date of Meeting:** February 20, 2017

**To:** Mayor and Board of Commissioners

**From:** Anthony Roberts, Town Manager

**Action Requested:**

Discuss a Resolution opposing HB64 which will move municipal elections to even numbered years.

**Manager's Recommendation:**

Approve the Resolution if the Board is in opposition of HB64.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Name:	Description:	Type:
 <a href="#">RES-H64_Municipal_Elections.pdf</a>	HB64 Opposition	Resolution Letter

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**RESOLUTION OPPOSING HOUSE BILL 64**

**WHEREAS**, Municipalities in North Carolina have a long standing history of being well managed - with no election improprieties or gross mismanagement of power; and

**WHEREAS**, we as local officials care for the health, safety and well-being of our citizens and the property encompassed within our municipalities; and

**WHEREAS**, we believe local officials, who live and work daily in the communities they represent, can best determine the specific needs of our citizens and our communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Municipal Elections are purposely held in odd numbered years and in the Town of Cornelius these elections are held every two years and are nonpartisan and of North Carolina's 533 cities, only eight have chosen to have partisan elections; and

**WHEREAS**, Municipal Elections are held in odd years with National and State Elections held in even years, in order to separate national elections from local government elections; and

**WHEREAS**, Sanitary District, Fire District and some School Board Elections are held in odd years; and

**WHEREAS**, the separation of National and State Elections from Municipal Elections allow citizens to focus on the issues and candidates that are of singular importance to their individual neighborhoods and communities.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Cornelius is opposed to House Bill 64 which would move Municipal Elections to even number years due to the following reasons:

1. Elections in odd numbered years allows people to be informed regarding local issues and municipal candidates who can best serve their communities;
2. This bill is not necessary as citizens currently have the ability to move their elections to even numbered years if they choose to do so by requesting local Legislative action;
3. There would be no cost savings as Municipal Governments pay for Municipal Elections;
4. Citizens should retain local control of their municipalities and Municipal Elections without the interference of National and State influences;
5. If moved to even number years to coordinate with National and State Elections, Municipal Elections would become driven by national issues and candidates.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution is recorded in the official minutes of the meeting of the Town of Cornelius Board of Commissioners and a copy be provided to the State and Local Government II, House Standing Committee Members: Chairman John R. Bradford, II, Representatives: Jay Adams, John Autry, Cynthia Ball, James L. Boles, Jr., Beverly G. Boswell, Charles Graham, George Graham, Joe John, Phillip A. Lehman, Stephen M. Ross, John Sauls, Mitchell S. Setzer, Bob Steinburg, Sam Watford and Linda Hunt Williams.

Adopted this 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2017.

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Charles L. Travis, III, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Lori Harrell, Town Clerk

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Karen Wolter, Town Attorney

## REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

 [Print](#)

**Date of Meeting:** February 20, 2017

**To:** Mayor and Board of Commissioners

**From:** Anthony Roberts, Town Manager

**Action Requested:**

Hold a closed session to discuss 2 economic development projects.

**Manager's Recommendation:**

Hold a Closed Session.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Name:	Description:	Type:
No Attachments Available		

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