



Legislation Text

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Item:

Discussion on the Joint Durham Community Safety & Wellness Task Force (30min)

Date of BOCC Meeting: July 13, 2020

Request for Board Action:

The Board is requested to discuss the bylaws for the Joint Durham Community Safety & Wellness Task Force. A task force which consists of partnership with the City of Durham and Durham Public Schools.

In the Spring of 2019, during conversations about the Durham Police Department's budget, community members requested that the City of Durham create a task force to explore and recommend community-based public safety models and interventions. City council members and staff believe that this effort will be best served by the participation of both Durham County, which administers and funds public health initiatives, and Durham County Public Schools. As a result, this proposal will create a joint task force with the City of Durham, Durham County, and Durham County Public Schools as partners. This joint community-led task force will be charged with examining the public safety & wellness needs of Durham residents and communities, educating residents on existing safety and wellness resources, and providing recommendations for additional programs to enhance public safety and wellness by focusing on community-based prevention, intervention, and re-entry services.

After multiple discussions, the City Council approved the bylaws at their March 2, 2020 meeting. Mayor Pro Tempore Jillian Johnson stated the Council agreed to commit \$1 million dollars towards investments that the task force recommends that would fall under the City's purview.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with Strategic Goal 2: Health and Well Being for All and Goal 3: Safe Community

Resource Persons: Wendy Jacobs, Chair, Board of County Commissioners

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board discuss the bylaws for the Joint Durham Community Safety & Wellness Task Force and provide direction to staff.

County Manager: _____