

INCENTIVES

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"High-tech sustainable technology businesses like Optimal Technologies is an example of the type of businesses we would want to attract," Klein said.

Some of the methods tentatively discussed by town officials include grants for businesses that locate in economic development zones, job training, tax abatements and funds to aid certain types of businesses, such as those committed to energy efficiency, officials said.

But none of these are set in stone.

"What it isn't is large cash payments or based on vague promises for job creation or tax revenue. I personally would not support what I would consider a traditional economic development approach," Klein said. "I don't think that incentives that are a big pot of money are the best use of taxpayers' dollars."

So Chapel Hill's incentives may look a little different from, say, Wake County's, which according to Atkins allows businesses to earn back 2.25 percent of their property taxes if they create \$100 million of new tax revenue.

This system is meant to attract businesses with the potential to create thousands of jobs, such as pharmaceutical companies, Atkins said.

Chapel Hill is probably looking to attract companies that will create anywhere from five to 500 jobs, Klein said.

Officials raised incentives as a possibility at an Orange County development meeting a few weeks ago.

But the ideas of how to go about doing that are preliminary and do not necessarily have the support of all Chapel Hill Town Council members and business representatives, said Brad Broadwell, director of the Orange County economic development commission.

"It's an issue that deserves discussion because it's a precarious road that you go down when you talk about incentives," he said. "Do you just want to incentivize green companies? How much is too much? How many resources do you have?"

"All of these have to be considered. We're just not there yet."

The town hired Dwight Bassett, the town's first-ever economic development officer, about a year ago to start proactively answering those questions.

Finding money to use for attracting businesses is one of his tasks, council member Bill Strom said.

In addition to incentives, Bassett also suggested local business partnerships with the

Potential incentives Chapel Hill could implement:

Economic Development Zones: The town is looking to move businesses into specific areas. If a businesses decided to locate in one of these predetermined zones, it may receive a "reward." For example, if a business rented a space on Franklin Street, the town might pay a portion of its rent for a set number of years, allowing the business to establish itself.

Tax abatements: Businesses would not have to pay property taxes for a period of time.

Job training: The town would pay for employee training, giving the company and the county a more effective work force.

Funds for specific types of businesses: The town is considering establishing funds that would financially benefit certain kinds of businesses, such as "green" companies.

Research Triangle Regional Partnership and UNC — something Chapel Hill never has utilized.

The regional partnership does the dirty work, researching prospective businesses and marketing the town, Broadwell said.

"None of us can do it by ourselves," he said. "Our budgets aren't big enough."

The town also plans to collaborate with existing businesses to learn how to more efficiently meet their needs, council member Mark Kleinschmidt said.

"We need to craft solutions that are responsive to their real needs — not solutions that may only have political expediency," he said.

And Kleinschmidt said the town has room for improvement when dealing with new and existing businesses.

"We need to be clearer about what we want," he said. "What we can do is to make sure that we know what our goals are and that they're clearly articulated and that we have someone in place that can help convey those needs to the community."

He added that streamlining approval processes and responding quickly to business's needs are two other ways the town could be more efficient.

"We are aware that the business community has options about where to do their business," he said. "We want to make sure that Chapel Hill remains an attractive place to do that."

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Troops, Veterans, Foreign Policy and Immigration: What the U.S. Senate Candidates Have to Say

U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Dole, R-N.C.



Salisbury; first elected to U.S. Senate in 2002; Committees: Aging, Armed Services, Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs, Small Business and Enterprise; former secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation and Department of Labor

Veterans: Will implement health care improvements required by the Wounded Warrior legislation (which she cosponsored) in a timely manner; wants to reduce delays in processing VA claims and in accessing primary and specialty care.

Troops: Secured funding for military technology, rehabilitation programs for service members and the development of improved helmets and field dressing that would immediately halt bleeding.

Immigration: Will continue to support 287(g); wants to enforce laws that require employees to be legal residents; opposes amnesty for undocumented immigrants.

Wars in Afghanistan and Iraq: Supports drawing down troops in Iraq as the situation improves; in Afghanistan, she supports bringing in more troops to stabilize the situation; she wants to increase training efforts for the Afghan National Army so that it can take on a larger role; believes the U.S. should coordinate more with

Pakistan's to secure the Afghan-Pakistan border and capture terrorists.

Record: Played a key role in implementing 287(g) in North Carolina and bringing additional troops to the state through the base realignment and closure efforts, which shut down many military bases across the country.

Endorsements: Americans for Legal Immigration PAC, The Minute Men, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Veterans' Vision Magazine.

N.C. Sen. Kay Hagan, D-Guilford



Greensboro; first elected to N.C. Senate in 1998; Committees: Appropriations, Education/Public Instruction, Commerce, Small Business and Entrepreneurship, Health Care; Guilford County campaign manager for former Gov. Jim Hunt

Veterans: Supports equal employment protections for veterans; wants to hold employers accountable when they prevent active-duty reservists from returning to their jobs after their service; will authorize a joint Veterans Affairs-Labor Department study to help veterans find employment; make funding for veterans' health care mandatory; mandate universal mental health screening before and after combat; make suicide prevention a priority.

Troops: Ensure that soldiers have adequate equipment and armor by requiring the Pentagon to report equipment expenditures and prove that funds are being correctly allocated; increase the size of the military by improving recruitment and retention practices.

Immigration: Supports the intent of the 287(g) program, but thinks immigration enforcement should be left to the federal government and a regional approach would be more effective than a local approach; says she will focus on securing borders

and making sure employers hire only legal immigrants.

Wars in Afghanistan and Iraq: Supports ending the war safely and responsibly; wants to redeploy troops to Afghanistan and focus efforts on capturing Osama bin Laden and other terrorists.

Record: Supported the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act (21st Century GI Bill) and the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 2004.

Endorsements: NC Vets.

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DV8

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"Everyone thought things were going OK for gay people and then all of a sudden, a number of things started rearing their head," Newson said.

He said the resurgence of worldwide religious fundamentalism denouncing homosexuality was one event that spawned his decision to create "To Be Straight With You."

Newson specifically cited the Anglican church's controversial 2008 Lambeth Conference, which some Anglican primates refused to attend due to the appointment of Rev. Gene

Robinson of New Hampshire, the church's first openly gay bishop.

"I was just fascinated by why they were so upset over what two men or two women do in bed when there are so many other issues to deal with," Newson said.

Nine performers act out the stories of 85 people interviewed for the piece. Newson said they spoke with not only homosexuals but also religious fundamentalists opposed to homosexuality.

"It's a piece in which all viewpoints are represented and nothing is really judged," said Kara Larson, director of marketing for Carolina Performing Arts. "The intent of the piece is not

to offend; it's very inclusive."

The group utilizes dance, movement, voice and various multimedia effects to tell the stories.

DV8's performance falls into "The Gender Project" — CPA's yearlong analysis of gender and sexuality.

Larson, who saw the performance in March in Oxford, said it was an obvious choice to bring DV8 to UNC.

"Gender and sexuality are enormous parts of the piece," she said. "It seemed like an obvious thing to link up with 'The Gender Project.'"

It is the group's first trip to the U.S. since 1997. They will only play three venues along the East Coast,

with Memorial Hall their final stop.

Larson said although North Carolina and the Southeast are far more socially conservative than the Chapel Hill area, all will benefit from the controversial performance.

"There are folks here who aren't anywhere on the scope from liberal to conservative," she said. "I hope they will feel like there was something in this they agreed with and something they disagreed with."

"If everybody has both of those experiences, then we will know that this was done right."

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SAFE OPTIONS

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will be dramatically reduced," Raynor said. "Usually it's in the 30- to 45-minute range, but on Halloween night, it will be in the 15- to 20-minute range."

Raynor added that the Halloween night bus routes will be posted on the student government Web site when they are finalized in a few days.

Tom Koester, co-chairman of student government's town and external relations committee, said the altered routes will cater to UNC students living off campus.

"We know where the big student complexes are off campus," Koester said. "The student government has been helping with the decision where the best places would be to drop off and pick up students."

With the peer escort program, the student government has worked independently from the town to help University students arrive home safely.

Student government will look to service-oriented organizations in recruiting volunteers.

"Ideally, it will be a system where students who don't want to drink a lot and have a toned-down time can help students who have drank more and help them get home," Koester said.

Raynor said the program will complement police efforts.

"We know that right now we've got a ratio of about 2,000 people per police officer, and that ratio can't really be changed because we're already taking as many police officers as we can from around the area," Raynor said. "So we said, 'what about having 'student service spotters?'"

Those peer escorts would alert the police or emergency medical services in the event of a crisis, Raynor said.

Beyond busing and escorting, student government is also looking to reserve on-campus parking for students and to host programs stressing the importance of traveling in groups, Raynor said.

"The goal is to make sure people are getting home safely," she said.

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PALIN

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cut your taxes."

While the Alaska governor came to promote McCain, Charlotte Mayor and Republican gubernatorial candidate Pat McCrory traveled east to be a cheerleader for Palin.

He told the crowd that it takes a mayor to clean up corruption problems in government and that McCain chose his running mate wisely.

The crowd agreed, chanting her name back and forth and waving signs that read "Read my lipstick"

and "ECU loves high heels."

Despite the distance between eastern North Carolina and Palin's Alaskan hometown of Wasilla, some voters said Palin relates better to working-class residents than either of the candidates on the Democratic presidential ticket.

"She speaks her mind, she gets the job done," said Tasha Hardison, 32, of Greenville.

"She sounds like she's from North Carolina."

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CONGRESS

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reviews what happened.

Charissa Lloyd, the ethics committee's chairwoman, said the committee will look at the conflicting stories and decide if McClendon embellished the request to Congress.

"We would like to give the group a chance to defend themselves," she said.

She also said Congress will look into ways to better scrutinize funding requests to prevent similar incidents in the future.

"We would like to see how the finance committee can better investigate the numbers given by any group, not just this group," Lloyd said.

Mike Morrill, chairman of the finance committee, said the group's request seemed reasonable at last week's finance committee meeting.

McClendon's actions also could have academic consequences.

Deputy Undergraduate Student

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CHARISSA LLOYD, CHAIRWOMAN OF THE ETHICS COMMITTEE

Attorney General Andrew Pham said the usual sanction for academic dishonesty is one semester suspension with a minimum sanction of one semester probation.

McClendon said she did not find out until about 6 p.m. Tuesday that Congress had questions about the request.

Visibly emotional at the Congress meeting, McClendon said she regretted her actions.

"It was dumb," she said. "I shouldn't have done it."

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