



August 13, 2024

**SECOND TUESDAY MEETING
TOWN OF DAVIDSON BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

The Town of Davidson Board of Commissioners held its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, August 13, 2024 in the Town Hall and Community Center Board Room. Present were Mayor Rusty Knox, Commissioners Ryan Fay, Steve Justus, Tracy Mattison Brandon, Autumn Rierson Michael, and Ted Stauffer. Town Manager Jamie Justice, Town Attorney Karen Wolter, and Town Clerk Betsy Shores were also present.

- **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Knox called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

- **ANNOUNCEMENTS/PROCLAMATION**

Communications Director Jessica Johnson announced the following:

The managers of Mecklenburg County government, the City of Charlotte government, and a majority of the six towns within Mecklenburg County have successfully concluded meetings leading to the preparation of draft legislation which would enable a countywide referendum on a one-percent local sales tax to fund mobility initiatives countywide, and the ability to establish a regional transit authority.

Elected officials for each jurisdiction will now consider the draft legislation and pass a resolution supporting its advancement to the North Carolina General Assembly. Once the Towns confirm support, the legislation will be formally submitted to the N.C. General Assembly for consideration. Local government, business, and community leaders hope to gain adoption of enabling legislation which will give the voters of Mecklenburg County an opportunity to determine their transportation future by making a choice for increased regional transportation infrastructure investments for both roads and transit.

If the referendum is authorized, local leaders will engage the broader community about how previous mobility plans, including those for expansion of our public transit network, may be modified to match available resources and support the continued growth our region is experiencing. That process will be essential to winning broad public support for the mobility plan. This is a vital step toward meeting our region's numerous mobility needs over the coming decades. More information on this proposal will be discussed at the upcoming August 27 and September 10 Town Board meetings and will include opportunities for the public to comment.

Last Saturday's 'Stuff the Truck' event hosted by the Davidson Fire Department in partnership with the Police Department and local non-profit, FeedNC was a huge success. Our community contributed eight hundred and sixty-six (866) pounds of back-to-school items for those in need. This year's total was over 500 pounds more than last year's collection! Every donation, no matter how small, contributes to a larger mission of ensuring that no child goes hungry as they embark on their educational journey.

The Town of Davidson is now accepting applications from nonprofits for grant funding for Fiscal Year 2025. The deadline for submission is Friday, September 6. For additional details and to apply, please visit the Town's website.

Davidson Police Department will host their second Dog Walker Watch training sessions on Thursday, September 19 at 6:00 p.m. in the Briefing Room of the Davidson Public Safety Building at 216 S. Main Street. The deadline to register for this session is Monday, September 16 by 5:00 p.m.

Christmas in Davidson will take place from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. nightly Thursday, December 5 through Saturday, December 7. Applications to participate as a vendor at this year's Christmas in Davidson are now being accepted. To participate in Christmas in Davidson as a food vendor, artisan vendor, or to provide official entertainment, applications are required. The following schedule applies to all three categories:

1. All applications are due by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 1.
2. All applicants will be notified of your acceptance via email by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 15.
3. All accepted applicants will be notified of their event location and participation information via email by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 1. Additional event information and applications are available on the Town's website.

Applications to participate in the 42nd Annual North Mecklenburg Holiday Parade are now being accepted. The parade will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 7, 2024.

The Annual Lake Norman Fondo Cycling Event for LKN Area Charities will take place on Sunday, August 18. Each of the bicycle rides originates on Lorimer Road near Davidson Town Green (119 S. Main Street) and heads east out of Town on Concord Road. Please exercise caution when traveling around Town as approximately 500 participants are anticipated to attend this year's event. Lorimer Road will be closed from the CVS parking lot at 127 S. Main Street to Concord Road beginning Saturday, August 17 at 6:00 p.m. through Sunday, August 18 at 4:00 p.m. Line up for the rides will begin at 7:00 a.m. Participating cyclists are asked to park in the public lots along Jackson Street. Please note due to Sunday's church services, available parking Downtown may be limited. Lake Norman Fondo event related activities will take place on the Davidson Town Green throughout the day.

Mayor Knox read a proclamation **Honoring Davidson Wildcat Olympic Medalists Evy Leibfarth (Class of 2025) and Stephen Curry (Class of 2010).**

- **CHANGES/ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

No changes to the agenda.

Commissioner Mattison Brandon made a motion to adopt the agenda. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

- **BUSINESS ITEMS**

(a) Sustainability Manager Kayla Kovach presented the **Climate Action Plan Implementation Strategy for FY 25, 26**. In 2020, the Town of Davidson adopted a Comprehensive Plan which included numerous sustainability and energy-related items. Between 2020 and 2022, the Davidson Board of Commissioners added sustainability as a goal to their Strategic Plan and a municipal operations goal of carbon neutrality by 2037 was adopted. In 2021, a sustainability committee was formed and a sustainability framework was adopted. The Town has shown dedication to sustainability and has developed several sustainability initiatives over the past few years. Town Staff worked with Blue Strike Environmental to develop a Climate Action Plan. This Plan provides a roadmap of goals, strategies, and actionable steps to drive emission reductions for both municipal operations and the community.

The Climate Action Plan was adopted by the Board of Commissioners on April 9, 2024. An implementation strategy has now been developed with a list of priority action items from the Climate Action Plan for the next two years. Kayla Kovach, Sustainability Manager, presented an overview of action items that were identified as priorities based on the priority scores assigned to the items during Plan development, Sustainability Committee recommendations, various Town Department and Plan priorities, the Board of Commissioner's Strategic Plan, and availability of funding and resources.

(b) Affordable Housing & Equity Director Alexander Cahill discussed with the Board a **draft Resolution authorizing the Town of Davidson to exercise the powers of a Housing Authority per NCGS §157**. In the event the Town Board designates itself to exercise the powers, duties, and responsibilities of a housing authority, it may assign the administration of the housing programs, developments, and policies to any existing or new department of the Town. Following a public hearing at the August 27 meeting, the Town Board will be asked to approve this resolution. All interested parties are invited to present comments at the public hearing.

(c) The Town of Davidson is proposing to establish an **Emergency Home Repair program**. This program falls under the "preserve" pillar of the affordable housing strategic framework. Affordable Housing & Equity Director Alexander Cahill presented an overview of the program pilot that is being launched with pilot funding from the Davidson Community Foundation (DCF). Any vendor that can meet the program requirements, is a HUB-certified vendor, and aligns with the Town's mission, strategic plan, and core values will be considered.

The Town Board will be asked to consider approval of establishing an Emergency Home Repair Pilot Program at the September 10 meeting.

(d) Assistant Town Manager Austin Nantz reviewed with the Board the draft 2024-2025 County, State, and Federal Advocacy Agenda. The Town of Davidson has historically created a legislative advocacy agenda to further the Town's goals and advocate for the best interests of Davidson. The Board will be asked to approve the advocacy agenda at the August 27 meeting.

- **SUMMARIZE MEETING ACTION ITEMS**

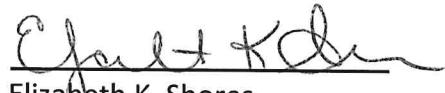
Town Manager Justice summarized the meeting action items.

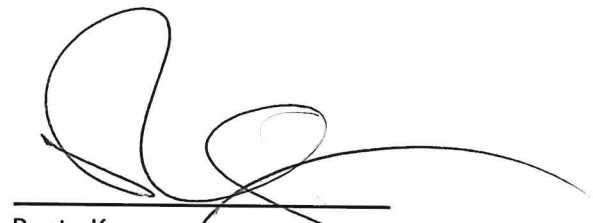
- **ADJOURN**

Commissioner Rierson Michael made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Attest:


Elizabeth K. Shores
Town Clerk


Rusty Knox
Mayor