



September 10, 2024

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

The Town of Davidson Board of Commissioners held its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, September 10, 2024 in the Town Hall and Community Center Board Room. Present were Mayor Rusty Knox, Commissioners Ryan Fay, Steve Justus, Tracy Mattison Brandon, and Ted Stauffer. Commissioner Autumn Rierson Michael was present via zoom. 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. and held a moment of silence in remembrance of all those who passed away on 9/11.

- **ANNOUNCEMENTS/PROCLAMATION**

Communications Director Jessica Johnson announced the following:

The Town is currently accepting nominations for the 2024 G. Jackson Burney Community Service Award through Monday, September 30. This award honors individuals who, like Jack Burney, have made outstanding contributions to our community.

The Town of Davidson is now accepting applications for 2025 appointments to its Advisory Boards. Deadline to apply is Friday, October 4. Appointees begin service on their respective board(s) in January 2025. New members will serve a three-year term from January 2025 to December 2027, with the possibility of a second term.

The Town is offering the Davidson Main Street Business Grant for the eleventh year. The Davidson Board of Commissioners approved \$15,000 to fund this grant program for Fiscal Year 2025. The goals of the program are to provide direct financial benefit to small businesses, retain and create jobs in association with small businesses, and to spur private investment in association with small businesses located in our business districts. Small businesses may apply now through Friday, October 31, 2024.

The annual Downtown Fall Arts Festival will take place this Saturday, September 14 from 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. with over 50 participating local artists setting up on the Town Green (119 S. Main Street) in Historic Downtown Davidson. In addition to the fine art, attendees will be able to purchase handmade gifts, food at local restaurants, and enjoy live music performed by the Blue Dogs Trio that evening.

The Town of Davidson is pleased to announce the fall Commissioner Chat will be held on Tuesday, September 17 from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Davidson Pointe Pool Cabana located at 128 Sweet Magnolia Court, Mooresville, NC 28115 . This outdoor drop-in event is open to all Davidson residents.

There are still spots available to attend the second Dog Walker Watch training session on Thursday, September 19 at 6:00 p.m. in the briefing room of the Davidson Public Safety Building located at 216 S. Main St. The Dog Walker Watch program encourages neighbors to support local law enforcement by acting as additional eyes and ears while walking their dogs in Town.

The Town of Davidson is thrilled to announce a new all-day Ramble On Music Festival being held on Saturday, September 21. Performing artists from around the country will converge on the vacant 2.5-acre lot in downtown Davidson at 405 S. Main Street (the old carwash) from noon until 10:00 p.m.

Mayor Knox read proclamations for **National Preparedness Month** and **Constitution Week**. Members of the Daughters of the American Revolution Alexandriana Chapter were present at the meeting to receive a copy of the Constitution Week proclamation.

- **CHANGES/ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

No changes to the agenda.

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

- **QUARTERLY COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

Each board member provided an update of the outside Board to which they have been appointed.

Centralina Regional Council - Commissioner Autumn Rierson Michael

Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization – Mayor Knox

Lake Norman Transportation Commission – Mayor Knox

Lake Norman Chamber of Commerce - Commissioner Tracy Mattison Brandon

Lake Norman Economic Development Corporation – Commissioner Ryan Fay

Municipal Education Advisory Committee - Commissioner Autumn Rierson Michael Metropolitan

Transit Commission - Mayor Rusty Knox

Visit Lake Norman - Commissioner Steve Justus

- **BUSINESS ITEMS**

(a) Economic Development Director Kim Fleming introduced Liz Brigham, Director of Innovation and Entrepreneurship from the Hurt Hub at Davidson College to provide an update on **Amplify Davidson**. Amplify Davidson seeks to support small business owners in town with a focus on women and minority-owned businesses. The presentation included a recap of the first year of the program.

(b) Town Manager Justice reviewed the proposed **Resolution 2024-20 in Support of Legislation Authorizing Referendum**. The Town of Davidson is a member of the Metropolitan Transit Commission established in 1999, and is supportive of providing diverse roadway infrastructure and public transportation options to its citizenry. The town, city, and county managers have been working for many months to draft legislation that would, if approved by the North Carolina General Assembly, allow the citizens of Mecklenburg County to decide by referendum whether they will authorize an additional sales tax for investment in roadway and public transportation systems. This item was previously discussed at the August 27 meeting.

Due to the importance of this item, the Board of Commissioners allowed for a public comment period. The public comment period opened at 7:02 p.m. and closed at 7:21 p.m. Seven (7) people spoke during the public comment period.

Commissioner Mattison Brandon made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-20 in Support of Legislation Authorizing Referendum. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

(c) Project Manager Doug Wright presented an update on the **2024 resurfacing project**, that will take place in the "East Central" area of Town. This project is Year 4 of a 5-Year resurfacing plan for all town-maintained streets. A formal bid opening was held on August 28, 2024, with Red Clay Industries being the low bid at \$658,617 and the bid and contract have been vetted for approval.

Commissioner Justus made a motion to approve the 2024 Resurfacing Project and Budget Amendment 2025-07. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

(d) Affordable Housing and Equity Director Alexander Cahill reviewed the establishment of an **Urgent Home Repair Pilot Program**. This program falls under the "preserve" pillar of the affordable housing strategic framework. 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. This item was previously discussed at the August 13 meeting.

Commissioner Stauffer made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-21 Establishing an Urgent Home Repair Pilot Program. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

(e) Finance Director Piet Swart presented an update on voter approved **General Obligation (GO) Bonds issued in 2021 from the 2017 Parks, Mobility and Greenways GO Bond orders**. The cost of the projects has varied from the original projection, a grant was received to offset the cost of Beaty Park, and interest was earned on the bond proceeds. Additionally, hazardous materials testing identified lead paint at the 251 South Street gymnasium. Remediation of the lead paint will cost \$135,000. The Board will consider approval of a Resolution to allocate funds from the 2017 GO Bond orders on the September 24 consent agenda.

(f) Parks and Recreation Director Leslie Willis reviewed the **2024 Parks and Recreation Master Plan**. This item was previously discussed at the August 27 meeting. The presentation included amendments from the original presentation. In January 2024, the Town contracted with LandDesign to administer a Parks and Recreation Master Plan update. The current plan was completed in 2014 and an update to the Master Plan was necessary for future grant funding. Over the course of 8 months, 5 public-input sessions, and 2 surveys were administered to gather the current needs within the community. The current needs and national trends will be used to guide and make decisions regarding new and existing park amenities, recreational programs and investments.

Commissioner Fay made a motion to adopt the 2024 Parks and Recreation Master Plan as amended. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

(g) Public Works Director Jesse Bouk presented an opportunity to **replace an F-150 truck**. Staff researched and compared a typical replacement with a gasoline engine and a hybrid option. The total cost of the hybrid option is roughly 30% more than the gasoline option, with a total cost of \$62,000.

This purchase aligns with the following goals from the Climate Action Plan:

- Goal M1: Reduce Mobile Source Emissions in Town Operations Strategy
- Goal M1.1: Convert 100% of the Town fleet to EVs, hybrids, or use clean fuels by 2037.
- Goal M1.1.2: Ensure all newly acquired vehicles for town use are either EVs, hybrids, or use clean fuels.

Commissioner Stauffer made a motion to approve Budget Amendment 2024-08 to fund the purchase of the first hybrid truck for Public Works. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

- **SUMMARIZE MEETING ACTION ITEMS**

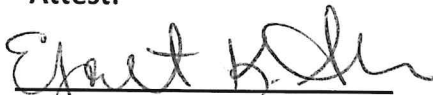
Town Manager Justice summarized the meeting action items.

- **ADJOURN**

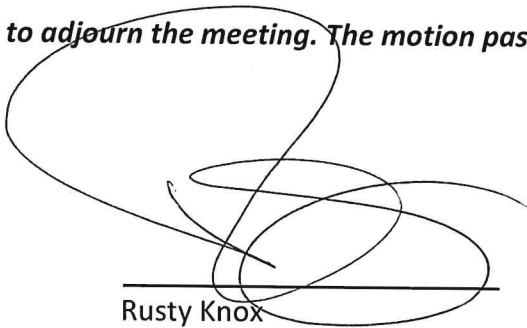
Commissioner Fay made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Attest:



Elizabeth K. Shores
Town Clerk



Rusty Knox
Mayor