



September 24, 2024

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

The Town of Davidson Board of Commissioners held its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, September 24, 2024 in the Town Hall and Community Center Board Room. Present were Mayor Rusty Knox, Commissioners Ryan Fay, Steve Justus, Tracy Mattison Brandon, Autumn Riersen Michael, and Ted Stauffer. Town Manager Jamie Justice and Town Clerk Betsy Shores were also present. Town Attorney Karen Wolter was present via zoom.

- **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Knox called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

- **CLOSED SESSION**

Commissioner Fay made a motion to move to closed session per NCGS §143-318.11. (a) (5) – Personnel at 5:00 p.m. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Commissioner Stauffer made a motion to end the closed session at 5:48 p.m. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

- **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Knox resumed the open session at 6:00 p.m. Communications Director Jessica Johnson announced the following:

The 19th Annual Run for Green will take place on Saturday, September 28, 2024. Three courses will be set up throughout Town to accommodate the 1/2 marathon, 10k, and 5k events.

Due to inclement weather, the Town of Davidson and Davidson Youth Baseball Association (DYBA) have rescheduled the Battle of the Badges Charity Softball Game to Sunday, October 13, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. at McEver Fields, located at 626 South Street. The Davidson Fire Department will take on the Davidson Police Department in a friendly charity softball game. Gates will open at 2:30 p.m., with Mayor Rusty Knox tossing the first pitch at 3:45 p.m. The game will begin immediately after.

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 Police Department invites the community to celebrate Davidson's National Night Out (NNO). This year's local event will be held at Ada Jenkins Center located at 212 Gamble Street on Tuesday, October 1 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. There is no cost for the public to attend. Parking will be available yet limited; residents are encouraged to walk or ride their bikes to the event. National Night Out (NNO) is an annual crime prevention and community-building event sponsored by the Davidson Police Department to promote involvement in crime prevention activities, police-resident partnerships, and neighborhood cohesiveness.

The Town of Davidson is now accepting applications for 2025 appointments to its Advisory Boards:

- Affordable Housing & Equity Board
- Design Review Board/Historic Preservation Commission
- Livability Board
- Planning Board
- Public Art Commission
- Sustainability Board

Advisory Board applications must be received by Friday, October 4, 2024 by 5:00 p.m. to be considered. A nominating committee reviews applications and nominates residents for each available position to be voted on by the Board of Commissioners. 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.

Davidson community members will join students from around the world in walking, biking, and rolling to school celebrating International Walk to School Day on Wednesday, October 9. This event is organized in partnership with the North Carolina Safe Routes to School Program. It seeks to raise awareness for pedestrian safety, environmental conservation, the importance of physical activity, and the Town of Davidson's commitment to being a walking and bicycle-friendly community.

Mayor Knox read proclamations for **International Walk to School Day** and **Fire Prevention Week**.

- **CHANGES/ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

There were no changes to the agenda.

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

- **PUBLIC COMMENT**

The public comment period opened at 6:09 p.m. and closed at 6:15 p.m. Two people spoke during the public comment period.

Steve Sonnenberg spoke about the Resurfacing Contract, Housing Authority and Affordable Housing Implementation Program, Real Estate and the Town's Non-Discrimination Ordinance, Essential Home Repair, and the proposed Red Line.

Donna Pollack spoke about Town Owned Land for Affordable Housing and the recent Employer/Employee Housing Survey.

- **CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval of August Meeting Minutes

Approval of Resolution 2024-22 Allocation of 2017 GO Bond Orders Issued in 2021 and Gymnasium Remediation Costs

Approval of Resolution 2024-23 Interlocal Agreement for Assignment of Street Addresses

Approval of Firefighter Relief Fund Board of Trustee Appointment for Richard Reid Effective September 25, 2024

Approval of Access and Temporary Construction Easement Granted by Mecklenburg County for Construction of the Kincaid Trail Greenway

Approval of Resolution 2024-24 Authorizing the Parkside Commons Purchase Agreement

Approval of Resolution 2024-25 and Budget Amendment 2025-09 Authorizing the Conveyance of 916 Mary Max Drive to an Income-Qualified Buyer

Approval of Municipal Agreement #13009 with the North Carolina Department of Transportation for the Beaty Street - North Main Street Intersection Improvements Project HL-0111

Approval of Municipal Agreement #12957 with the North Carolina Department of Transportation for Maintenance of Town-Owned Traffic Signals

Approval of Tax Levy Adjustments

Approval of Budget Amendment 2025-11 - Art Park Feasibility Study Grant from Arts & Science Council (ASC)

Commissioner Justus made a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

- **BUSINESS ITEMS**

(a) Economic Development Director Kim Fleming presented an update on the **Davidson Veterans Monument**. The Town Board formed the Davidson Veterans Committee in December 2022 with the purpose of exploring options for the design, location and funding of a Davidson Veterans Monument. Along with the Davidson Public Art Commission, Douwe Blumberg's design "Flames of Honor" was selected as the committee's selection for the Davidson Veterans Monument. The monument will be located in Nancy MacCormac Plaza in front of the Davidson Post Office. Members of the Davidson-Huntersville Lions Club presented a check for \$13,000 for the Veterans Monument from the 2024 Russell Knox Memorial Golf Tournament. The Davidson Veterans Committee has established a fundraising goal of \$250,000 for the

monument and landscaping of the surrounding area with a project completion date of November 11, 2024.

(b) Parks and Recreation Director Leslie Willis discussed with the Board the **Fiscal Year 2025 Non-Profit Grant Recommendation from the Livability Board**. The Board of Commissioners has historically appropriated \$50,000 for non-profit grants as part of the annual budget process. Non-profits serving Davidson residents applied for funding to support activities that meet a public purpose that the Town government does not directly provide but could if facilities and staffing were available. Michael Murray, Chair of the Livability Board, presented their recommendations on how the Fiscal Year 2025 Non-Profit Grant funds should be allocated. The Board will consider approval of the Fiscal Year 2024 Non-Profit Grants at the October 8 meeting.

(c) Planning Director Jason Burdette discussed with the Board a **resident proposed text amendment to Davidson Planning Ordinance (DPO) 4.3.1.D** specific to fencing regulations in the front yard and on corner lots. Proposed text amendments will follow the process described in DPO 14.23, Amendments Generated by Petition. A public hearing is scheduled for the October 8 Board of Commissioners Meeting.

(d) Affordable Housing and Equity Director Alexander Cahill presented an update on **153 Mock Road**. The Board approved the initial purchase of 153 Mock Road along with 4 other properties in 2018 and authorized the rehabilitation of these properties. Built2Last stepped in to help finish rehabbing 153 Mock Road and the Town will plan to sell the unit to an income-qualified buyer in mid-October.

Commissioner Rierson Michael made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-26 Authorizing the conveyance of 153 Mock Road to an income-qualified buyer through the Town's Affordable Housing Program. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

(e) Finance Director Piet Swart presented the **Grant Review, Application and Selection Project (GRASP)** to the Board. GRASP will combine internal staff expertise with an external grant consultant, the Ferguson Group, to enhance the Town's grant program. Grant focus areas will be: Affordable Housing; Agricultural Corridor & Food Systems - USDA; Public Safety; and Sustainability. Staff requested funding the contract with Budget Amendment 2025-10 for \$9,000 from fund balance for emerging grant opportunities through the Federal Fiscal Year 2025 beginning October 1.

Commissioner Justus made a motion to approve Budget Amendment 2025-10. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

(f) Assistant Town Manager Austin Nantz presented an update on the **2024-2025 Strategic Plan**. The Board of Commissioners and Town staff met in February to develop the 2024-2025 Strategic Plan and the draft plan was approved at the March 26, 2024, meeting. The Strategic Plan includes seven strategic goal areas and corresponding priorities.

- **SUMMARIZE MEETING ACTION ITEMS**

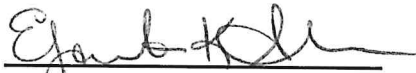
Town Manager Justice summarized the meeting action items.

- **ADJOURN**

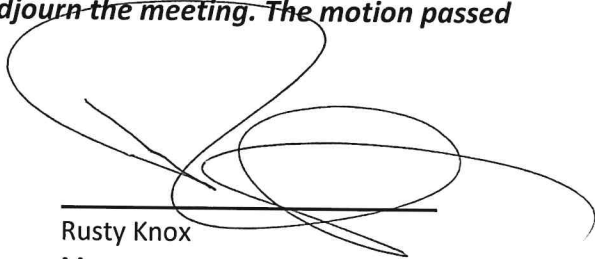
Commissioner Fay made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

The meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Attest:



Elizabeth K. Shores
Town Clerk



Rusty Knox
Mayor