



February 11, 2025

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

The Town of Davidson Board of Commissioners held its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, February 11, 2025 in the Town Hall and Community Center Council Chamber. Present were Mayor Rusty Knox, Commissioners Ryan Fay, Tracy Mattison-Brandon, Autumn Rierson Michael, Steve Justus, and Ted Stauffer. Town Manager Jamie Justice, Assistant Town Manager Austin Nantz, 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**

Communications Director Jessica Eggimann announced the following:

The Town of Davidson hosted three public information sessions about the proposed Red Line Commuter Rail Station location options. Additional information about the proposed Red Line project and a recording from the January 30 session is available on the Town's website.

The Town of Davidson Police Department invites the community to have coffee and conversations with officers on Monday, February 17 from 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. at Waterbean Coffee (428 S Main St A). Coffee with a Cop is a national program that aims to bring police officers and the community members they serve together—over coffee—to discuss issues and learn more about each other.

The next Davidson Board of Commissioners Chat will be held on Tuesday, February 18 from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at St. Alban's Church, 301 Caldwell Lane. Commissioner Chats are public meetings designed to be informal ways for residents to discuss current issues and projects in the Town. All are welcome to attend!

The Charlotte Area Transit System (CATS) will host an in-person town hall meeting on Tuesday, February 18 from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. in the Lower Level of the Davidson Town Hall & Community Center to educate and engage with the public regarding its new microtransit service, CATS Micro. These meetings will include a live presentation by CATS staff followed by an open house format where attendees can learn more about this new CATS service. CATS staff will share information about how to use the service and guide attendees through the booking process. CATS

Micro is set to launch Monday, Feb. 24, 2025. CATS Micro is an on-demand, shared-ride service that gets you where you need to go, for the same fare as a local bus or rail trip. CATS Micro operates point-to-point within a designated zone and will initially serve the Northern Mecklenburg County Area. Microtransit is one of the key initiatives outlined in the Envision My Ride: Bus Priority Study, adopted by the Metropolitan Transit Commission in May 2022. It is part of the larger goal to build a further reliable, connected and accessible mobility network for the CATS service area.

The Parks & Recreation Department is excited to announce the 2025 Summer Camp Season! Over twelve weeks, the Davidson Town Hall & Community Center hosts a variety of programs for all ages, from sewing classes to tennis camp, mahjongg, and more. Resident registration opens on Monday, February 24 at 9:00 a.m., with non-resident registration beginning Monday, March 3 at 9:00 a.m.

On Saturday, March 1, Davidson Parks & Recreation, Town of Cornelius Parks & Recreation, and Huntersville Parks & Recreation will host Dadgum Play Outside Day from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on the Town Green. The Dadgum Play Outside Day is being held on the same day as National Play Outside Day, Global Day of Unplugging, and National Dadgum That's a Good Day. Join us on the Davidson Town Green for sports, games, art, and a whole lot of fun. There is no cost for members of the community to attend. It's going to be a dadgum good day to unplug and play outside!

Mayor Knox read a proclamation for **Black History Month**.

- **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).

- **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
Community Capital and Bond Committee - Commissioner Autumn Rierson Michael
Metropolitan Transit Commission - Mayor Rusty Knox
Visit Lake Norman - Commissioner Steve Justus

Commissioner Rierson Michael noted the passing of Salisbury, NC Mayor Karen Alexander.

- **PRESENTATION**

(a) **Leading on Opportunity**, an entity of the Foundation For The Carolinas, supports Charlotte on its generations-long journey to improve economic mobility for all. Using strategy, policy and data, they help partners across Charlotte-Mecklenburg solve complex social challenges that no single person or organization can tackle on their own. Tonya Jameson, Director of Civic Engagement, and AJ Calhoun, Director Research and Impact, presented an overview of the latest economic mobility data and discussed with the Board of Commissioners how current Town priorities and programs support this initiative.

- **BUSINESS ITEMS**

(a) Assistant Town Manager Austin Nantz presented an update on the **Historic Storytelling Committee**. Several long-standing members of the West Davidson Community generously agreed to serve. This group pulled from their own lived experience and gathered input from others in the community to decide on the Lakeside Park Historic Neighborhood sign locations and the message that is inscribed. Three signs are completed and will be placed in the next few weeks. An unveiling is scheduled for Saturday, March 1 at 2:00 p.m. at Griffith Street and Lakeside Drive.

(b) The General Assembly of North Carolina enacted a **charter for the Town of Davidson** in 1891 and approved amendments since that date. The Town Charter is outdated and Resolution 2024-19, the 2024-2025 County, State, and Federal Advocacy Agenda, prioritizes legislative support for necessary Town charter updates. The Board of Commissioners have received and reviewed the suggested language to amend and restate the Town Charter to modernize the same consistent with the North Carolina General Statutes.

Commissioner Mattison Brandon made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-04 Requesting North Carolina General Assembly Approve Recommended Charter Revisions for the Town of Davidson. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

- **SUMMARIZE MEETING ACTION ITEMS**

Town Manager Justice summarized the meeting action items.

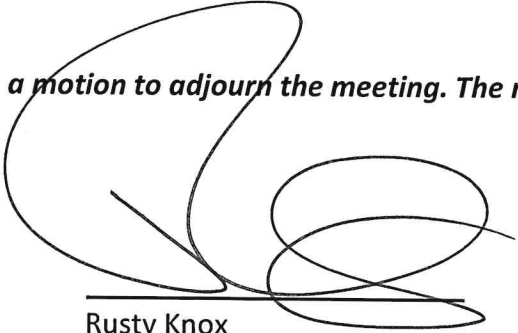
- **ADJOURN**

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Attest:


Elizabeth K. Shores
Town Clerk


Rusty Knox
Mayor