



April 8, 2025

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

The Town of Davidson Board of Commissioners held its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, April 8, 2025 in the Town Hall and Community Center Council Chamber. Present were Mayor Rusty Knox, Commissioners Ryan Fay, Tracy Mattison-Brandon, Autumn Rierson Michael, and Ted Stauffer. Commissioner Steve Justus was absent. 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**

Town Clerk Betsy Shores announced the following:

Reminder to join the Board of Commissioners for a Chat on Tuesday, April 15 from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Davidson Town Hall and Community Center. Commissioner Chats are public meetings designed to be informal ways for residents to discuss current issues and projects in the Town.

Town of Davidson municipal offices, including the Davidson Town Hall and Community Center and the Davidson Public Safety Building will be closed on Friday, April 18, 2025 in observance of Good Friday. All offices will re-open on Monday, April 21 for regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Mark your calendars for April 25 – April 27 to celebrate April is for Arts in the Town of Davidson. April is for Arts kicks off on Friday, April 25 with the annual Gallery Crawl from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Artists will show their work in Davidson's establishments from our historic Main Street down to South Main Street. Art on the Green, Davidson's largest annual arts festival, will be held on Saturday, April 26 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, April 27, from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. This juried art show spotlights many of the region's finest artists in a weekend-long celebration. Over 30 artists from the Lake Norman region, North Carolina, Virginia, Massachusetts, and Maine will be joining us to showcase and sell their creations. April is for Arts weekend concludes with a Concert on the Green, Sunday, April 27 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m, featuring the Davidson College Jazz Ensemble.

The Town of Davidson, Davidson College Sustainability Office, and Davidson Lands Conservancy will host an Earth Day Festival on Saturday, April 26, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at 35 Lorimer Road, adjacent to the Town Green. The celebration includes music, food, a Learning Village, games, prizes, electric vehicles, and more.

Mayor Knox read proclamations for **Earth Day**.

Town of Davidson Human Resources Department received the 2025 Public Sector Human Resource Association (PSHRA) North Carolina Chapter Recognition Award for Excellence in Organizational Development and Leadership for the Town of Davidson Health and Wellness Program. Assistant Town Manager Austin Nantz spoke on behalf of Human Resources Director Amber Levi about the benefits the Town staff has received from participating in the Wellness Program.

- **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 (4-0).

- **BUSINESS ITEMS**

(a) Planning Director Jason Burdette discussed with the Board **the Red Line Commuter Rail Station Location Recommendation**. The Red Line Commuter Rail Project is a proposed 25-mile commuter rail project using the existing Norfolk Southern O-line connecting Lake Norman communities with Charlotte. This item was previously discussed at the March 25 meeting, where the Board reviewed the Red Line Public Engagement Report. Three station options were shared with the public during Public Information Sessions in January and February. Staff received feedback from the public as to what was most important in identifying a Davidson station location. All three locations are viable options. However, staff recommends confirming that Site A ("Fire Station Site") as the preferred option so that CATS and their consultant team can advance to 15% design. The Board will be asked to confirm the station location at the April 22 meeting.

(b) Fire Chief Ryan Monteith reviewed the proposed **Fire Station #1** project and the next step to **request qualifications for Design Services**. This item was previously discussed at the March 25 meeting.

Commissioner Stauffer made a motion to Authorize the Town Manager to issue the RFQ for Design Services for Fire Station #1. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

(c) Sustainability Manager Kayla Kovach presented an overview of the **Climate Action Plan 2024 Annual Report**. The Town of Davidson adopted a Climate Action Plan (CAP) in April 2024, which included numerous goals related to municipal operations, energy & buildings, transportation & mobility, resource conservation, green community, and climate resilience. An FY 25-26

Implementation Strategy was developed, and the Board of Commissioners requested an annual progress report be presented each year to show CAP progress for the previous calendar year. The Sustainability Board reviewed and approved the 2024 Annual Report before the presentation to the Board of Commissioners.

- **CLOSED SESSION**

Commissioner Rierson Michael made a motion to move to closed session pursuant to NCGS §143-318.11. (a) (6) – Personnel at 6:52 p.m. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

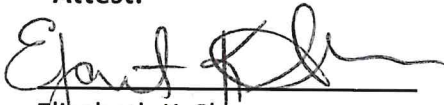
Commissioner Mattison-Brandon made a motion to end the closed session at 7:50 p.m. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

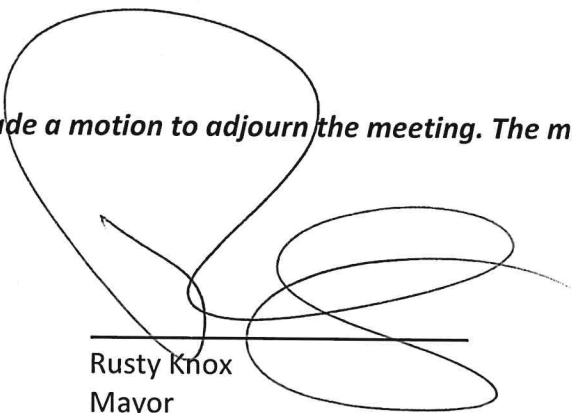
- **ADJOURN**

Commissioner Mattison-Brandon made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Attest:


Elizabeth K. Shores
Town Clerk


Rusty Knox
Mayor