



April 22, 2025

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

The Town of Davidson Board of Commissioners held its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, April 22, 2025 in the Town Hall and Community Center Council Chamber. Present were Mayor 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**

Town Clerk Betsy Shores announced the following:

Meet Up and Move is gaining momentum! Last night there were 17 participants ranging in age from 9 to 75! Join us on Monday, April 28 at 6:00 p.m. at Roosevelt Wilson Park. No registration required and all experience levels are welcome.

We invite the community to join us for a ribbon cutting to celebrate the new playground, picnic shelter, and fitness stations at Roosevelt Wilson Park (420 Griffith Street). The ribbon cutting will take place tomorrow, Wednesday, April 23, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. The renovations of the park were funded by the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund through the Accessibility for Parks Grant.

Reminder to join us this weekend 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 – 9:00 p.m. 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. Due to the ongoing work on the library stage that isn't completed yet, the Concert on the Green scheduled for this Sunday, April 27, featuring the Davidson College Jazz Ensemble, has been canceled.

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. In alignment with the Climate Action Plan, which calls for encouraging the planting of native plants, and in an effort to provide more sustainable giveaway items at events, Town staff will be giving away native pollinator seed packets to Earth

Day eventgoers. The seeds are from a native plant nursery in North Carolina, the paper bags are made from 100% recycled material, and the ink is made from algae waste cells.

The Annual Town Day event will take place on Saturday, May 3 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on the Town Green. This year's event will include family-friendly activities, educational opportunities, and information booths by local organizations. In celebration of Bike Month, the Town will host the annual Lake Norman Bike Expo, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., in conjunction with Town Day. Bring your bike and join a guided 10-mile community ride at 10:30 a.m. or a 2-mile family bike ride at 11:00 a.m.

Davidson students, families, and community members will join students from across the world to celebrate International Walk and Bike to School on Wednesday, May 7. Davidson Police officers and community volunteers will be at key locations around town to support students as they travel to school. 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.

Mark your calendars for SpringFest 2025 on Tuesday, May 20 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the River Run Athletic Park, 13007 Robert Walker Drive. This family-friendly community event will include a community dinner, an opportunity to chat with the Mayor and Board of Commissioners, and feature demonstrations from Davidson Police and Fire, along with other area first responders.

Mayor Knox and the Board of Commissioners recognized **Retiring Police Chief Kimber Davidson**. Chief Davidson was appointed in January 2023. Under his leadership, he oversaw the completion of the Russell B. Knox Public Safety Building, the Co-Responder became a full-time position, the Department received a Department of Justice Grant to address domestic violence response and prosecution, retained a new Police Chaplain to support police personnel, and successfully completed the North Carolina League of Municipalities (NCLM) risk review assessment and the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) assessment.

Mayor Knox read proclamations for **Affordable Housing Month, Bike Month, and Municipal Clerks Week**.

- **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).

- **PUBLIC COMMENT**

The public comment period opened at 6:29 p.m. and closed at 6:42 p.m. Three people spoke during the public comment period.

Per the Town of Davidson Rules of Procedure, a designated spokesperson for a group of three or more may be allocated 6 minutes to speak.

Christine Pandolf was given 6 minutes to speak on behalf of herself, Janice Bell, John Petti, and Larry Cantley. She spoke about parking and safety concerns on Southwest Drive in Davidson Landing and their request for a No Parking Zone.

Steve Sonnenberg spoke about the Climate Action Plan.

Craig White spoke about the dumpster and grease containers on Knox Court.

- **PUBLIC HEARING**

Commissioner Fay made a motion to open the public hearing at 6:43 p.m. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

The Board of Commissioners held a public hearing on the question of **annexing the property of Summit Farms Holdings, LLC**, 19300 Shearer Road and 19128 Shearer Road (Parcel #00723103, 00723115, 00723116, and 00723121), Davidson, NC 28036, containing 59.26 acres. No one signed up to speak at the public hearing.

Commissioner Rierson Michael made a motion to close the public hearing at 6:46 p.m. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

- **CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval of March Meeting Minutes

Approval of Resolution 2025-11 Contiguous Annexation Petition for 621 Catawba Avenue - Set the Public Hearing Date

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

- **BUSINESS ITEMS**

(a) Planning Director Jason Burdette reviewed 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 and April 8 meetings.

Commissioner Rierson Michael made a motion to confirm the preferred location for Davidson's Future Red Line Station at 260 Griffith St. (PID #00326111). The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

(b) Town Manager Justice reviewed the **voluntary contiguous annexation** petition to extend the corporate limits of the Town of Davidson to include the property of **Summit Farms Holdings, LLC**, 19300 Shearer Road and 19128 Shearer Road (Parcel #00723103, 00723115, 00723116, and 00723121) Davidson, NC 28036, containing 59.26 acres.

Commissioner Fay made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2025-04 Extend the Corporate Limits of the Town of Davidson to include Summit Farms. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

- **SUMMARIZE MEETING ACTION ITEMS**

Town Manager Justice summarized the meeting action items.

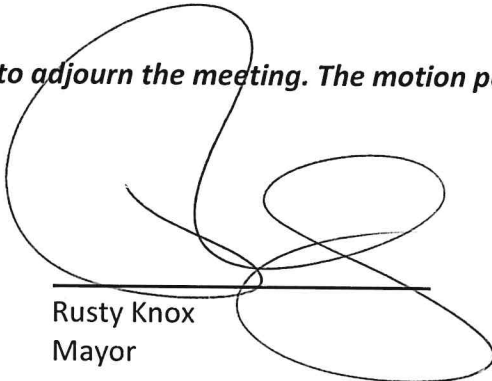
- **ADJOURN**

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Attest:


Elizabeth K. Shores
Town Clerk


Rusty Knox
Mayor