



May 13, 2025

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

The Town of Davidson Board of Commissioners held its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, May 13, 2025 in the Town Hall and Community Center Council Chamber. Present were Mayor Rusty Knox, Commissioners Ryan Fay, Steve Justus, and Autumn Rierson Michael. Commissioners Tracy Mattison-Brandon and Ted Stauffer were 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:

The Town of Davidson will host SpringFest 2025 on Tuesday, May 20 from 6:00 p.m. – 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.

Town of Davidson municipal offices, including the Davidson Town Hall and Community Center and the Davidson Public Safety Building will be closed on Monday, May 26, 2025 in observance of Memorial Day. All offices will re-open on Tuesday, May 27 for regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. According to Waste Pro, garbage pick-up will be on a one-day delay the week of May 26.

The Town of Davidson will host a groundbreaking ceremony to celebrate the rehabilitation of the Historic Davidson Gymnasium on Tuesday, May 27, 2025 at 5:00 p.m., prior to the next Board of Commissioners Meeting. The Davidson School Gymnasium, located behind the Davidson Town Hall and Community Center at 251 South Street, is a locally designated historical landmark. The Town selected the design-build team of Balfour-Beatty and Creech & Associates for this project. Construction is scheduled to break ground in June 2025, with completion expected by Spring 2026.

Davidson Police Chief Philip Geiger was sworn in during the May 13 meeting. Chief Geiger has served the Town of Davidson Police Department for 14 years. His law enforcement career includes tenures in patrol operations, investigations, the FBI Cyber Crimes Task Force, and command staff.

Mayor Knox recognized Parks & Recreation Director Leslie Willis and Sustainability Manager Kayla Kovach for receiving the 2025 Sustain Charlotte Inspiring Government Agency Award for working to advance smart growth and sustainability through the adoption and implementation of the Town's Climate Action Plan.

Mayor Knox recognized Assistant Town Manager Austin Nantz for receiving the Affordable Housing for the Carolinas 2025 Sankofa Award for the Affordable Housing Program. The Sankofa bird, symbolized by a bird looking backward while moving forward, teaches us the power of remembering the past in order to shape a more just and vibrant future.

Mayor Knox read proclamations for **Historic Preservation Month, Small Business Week, National Police Week, Public Works Week, Apraxia Awareness Day, and the 250th Anniversary of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence.**

- **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 (3-0).

- **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

Community Capital and Bond Committee - Commissioner Ryan Fay

Metropolitan Transit Commission - Mayor Rusty Knox

Visit Lake Norman - Commissioner Steve Justus

Town Manager Justice announced that the Lake Norman Economic Development Corporation has ceased operations, and the North Mecklenburg Towns will conduct economic development in a different fashion, more suitable to the specific needs of each town. The Town is fortunate to have an Economic Development Director on staff to continue supporting the businesses and events in Davidson.

- **BUSINESS ITEMS**

(a) Finance Director Piet Swart, Assistant Town Manager Austin Nantz, and Town Manager Justice presented the **Manager's Recommended FY2026** budget for review by the Board of Commissioners. A public hearing is scheduled for May 27, 2025, and final approval is scheduled for June 10, 2025.

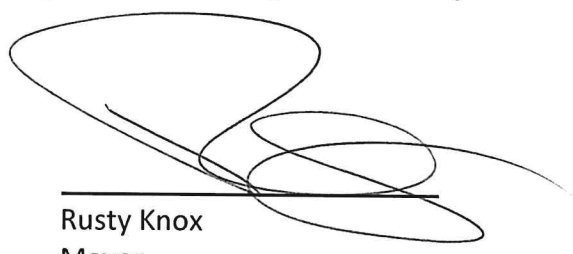
- **ADJOURN**

Commissioner Justus made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Attest:


Elizabeth K. Shores
Town Clerk


Rusty Knox
Mayor