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March 22, 2016

**PRE MEETING
THE TOWN OF DAVIDSON BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

The Town of Davidson Board of Commissioners held its regularly scheduled pre meeting on Tuesday, March 22, 2016. The Mayor called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Present were Mayor John Woods and Commissioners Anderson, Cashion, Jenest and Fuller. Commissioner Graham was absent. Town Manager Jamie Justice, Assistant Town Manager Dawn Blobaum, Planning Director Jason Burdette, Public Information Officer Cristina Shaul, Economic Development Manager Kim Fleming, Public Works Director Doug Wright, Parks and Recreation Director Kathryn Spatz, Police Chief Jeanne Miller, Fire Chief Bo Fitzgerald and Town Clerk & Human Resources Coordinator Heather James were also present.

- **Planning Board Update**

Planning Board Chair Mickey Pettus explained the planning board's public engagement guidelines, formalities surrounding timing recommendations from the planning board to the Board of Commissioners, consistency statements, recent rezoning of property and text amendments board updates.

- **Livability Update**

Livability Board Chair Marty Metzger explained the current status of officers and members, recent accomplishments including: new sub-committee organizational structure, planning for new Bailey Springs/River Run parks, Arbor Day event and others. Additionally he explained, 2016-2017 priorities for trees and natural assets, joint-use agreement between all three North Mecklenburg towns and complete the new Bailey Springs/River Run park.

- **Public Art Commission Update**

Public Art Chair Sherry Malushizky presented the Public Art Master Plan which identified top priorities for future public art, future funding, community engagement process and maintenance of the current artwork in place. The Board of Commissioners will be asked to consider the Public Art Master Plan at the April 12, 2016 regular meeting. The request for alternative funding will be considered through the budget process.

- **Fire Station #2 Update**

Deputy Fire Chief Joel Cherry showed the board the latest set of drawings of the second fire station. The drawings included a few minor updates. The following will occur in 2016, the Design Review Board (DRB) will review and make recommendations for the building, presentation for construction estimate and rendering in will occur in May, July bids will be sent out for the project, permitting will occur in August, loan documents will be processed by Local Government C in September and consideration for the financing and contract will brought to the board in October.

- **Closed Session**

Commissioner Fuller made the motion to go into closed session at 5:07 p.m. for an issue regarding NCGS §143-318.11(6). The motion passed unanimously (4-0). Commissioner Cashion made the motion to come out of closed session at 6:03 p.m. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

**REGULAR MEETING
THE TOWN OF DAVIDSON BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

The Town of Davidson Board of Commissioners held its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, March 22, 2016. Present were Mayor John Woods and Commissioners Anderson, Cashion, Fuller and Jenest. Commissioner Graham was absent. Commissioner Anderson left the meeting at 6:49 p.m. and returned at 7:26 p.m. Town Manager Jamie Justice, Assistant Town Manager Dawn Blobaum, Planning Director Jason Burdette, Public Information Officer Cristina Shaul, Economic Development Manager Kim Fleming, Public Works Director Doug Wright, Parks and Recreation Director Kathryn Spatz, Police Chief Jeanne Miller, Fire Chief Bo Fitzgerald and Town Clerk & Human Resources Coordinator Heather James were also present.

- **Commissioner Reports**

Commissioner Fuller reported that Ada Jenkins continues to be in the middle of a fundraising efforts and building renovations. Additionally, Commissioner Fuller noted that the Police Benefits Fund is seeking local business support for fundraising. Commissioner Cashion had no report for Lake Norman Chamber (LNC). She reported that Visit Lake Norman (VLN) recently hosted the Carolina Bass Challenge qualifier with 225 boats, VLN announced it will host Carolina Bass Classic in late September, 2016 and INGITE will have a stand-up paddleboard race to support for autism. Commissioner Anderson reported that the Arts & Science Council (ASC) will host a public art tour in Charlotte, Studio 345 (program for at risk students in the Charlotte-Metro) is continuing to be successful with helping students graduate from high school and the Gaston County Arts Council is presenting Spiral Bound. Commissioner Jenest attended the CRTPO meeting and noted that Ramah Church Road will receive a traffic light, flashing beacons will be installed on Appolinaire Drive and Davidson-Concord Road. Additionally, discussions have started about an alternative route outside of HWY 115 and HWY 21. Commissioner Graham was absent and did not report on the EDC. Mayor Woods noted there is no report for CCOG. The blue line extension construction continues and he will be visiting Denver, CO to see the new transit hub.

- **Catalyst Project**

Economic Development Manager Kim Fleming presented the data from the seven round table sessions. A total of 277 residents participated. Ms. Fleming narrowed the feedback into specific themes including: public safety, parking, residential housing, hotel, commercial space, public space and town administration. Additionally, the feedback was not specific to the catalyst project, but considered the entire downtown. Ms. Fleming will bring financial information and additional drawings that show more specific architectural design to an upcoming meeting.

- **Affordable Housing Steering Committee**

Affordable Housing Manager Cindy Reid explained the affordable housing programs short term and long term goals. Ms. Reid presented suggestions for payment in lieu funds and the timeline for building the affordable homes in the Bailey Springs neighborhood. The affordable housing survey RFP has been advertised and three firms have submitted bids for the survey project. All bids were higher than expected and Ms. Reid will pursue alternative avenues to decreasing the costs of the survey.

- **Capital Projects / Financing Review**

Town Manager Jamie Justice presented a list of projects, including the history of project and the way in which it relates to the town's game plan. He explained options for funding the projects including: general obligation bonds, installment financing and regular budget allocations. Finance Director Piet Swart presented information about the number of ways to show the increase to the tax structure if general obligations bonds are approved. Representatives from First Tryon presented information about credit rating agencies and the way in which indicative ratings are derived for general obligation bonds. Public Information Officer Cristina Shaul explained education and citizen engagement to help make the best decision about financing options.

The meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

John M. Woods,
Mayor

Attest:

Heather B. James
Town Clerk