

October 23, 2018

REGULAR MEETING TOWN OF DAVIDSON BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Town of Davidson Board of Commissioners held its regularly scheduled meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 23, 2018 at Davidson Town Hall. Present were Mayor Rusty Knox, Mayor, Commissioners Jane Campbell, Matthew Fort, Jim Fuller, Autumn Rierson Michael and David Sitton. Town Manager Jamie Justice, Assistant Town Manager Dawn Blobaum, Economic Development Manager Kim Fleming, Finance Director Pieter Swart, Fire Chief Bo Fitzgerald, Human Resources Director Megan White, Parks and Recreation Director Kathryn Spatz, Planning Director Jason Burdette, Police Chief Penny Dunn, Communications Director Cristina Shaul, Public Works Director Doug Wright, Town Attorney Cindy Reid and Town Clerk Betsy Shores were also present.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Knox called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Communications Director Cristina Shaul shared the following announcements:

The November 6 Board of Commissioners Meeting will be held at The Hurt Hub since Town Hall is a polling location for the election.

The Halloween March on Main Street has been moved to Tuesday, October 30th at 5:00pm due to the weather forecast on October 26th.

The North-South Parkway Study Public Input Session is scheduled for Tuesday, October 30 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Hopewell Baptist Church located at 18841 Davidson-Concord Road.

The Davidson Cookie Crumb Trail event is scheduled for November 3 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and tickets are \$20.

The grand opening of the new park at Bailey Spring will be held on Saturday, November 10 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. There will be family activities, food, and TreesDavidson will plant 70 trees that day.

The Town of Davidson Veteran's Day Celebration will take place on Monday, November 12 at 11:00 a.m. on the steps of Town Hall. The program will feature keynote speaker Robert Lutz, the Hough High School Wind Ensemble and Junior ROTC.

Town Manager Jamie Justice announced that the Town of Davidson has been awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association. This is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment for the town's government and its management. Town Manager Justice recognized Finance Director Piet Swart, Accountant Mary Jo Gardner, and Accounting Technician Katherine Faust. Mayor Knox presented Piet Swart with the plaque from the Government Finance Officers Association.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Town Manager Jamie Justice removed 335 Sloan Street from the closed session agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The public comments period opened at 6:08 p.m. and was closed at 6:40 p.m. Ten (10) citizens spoke. The comments were summarized by Commissioner Fort.

PRESENTATIONS

Planning Director Jason Burdette, Senior Planner Trey Akers, and Communications Director Cristina Shaul gave an update on the comprehensive plan and kicked off the "What's Next?" process to gather public input for a vision for Davidson. The "What's Next?" process will gather input from community members at events around town, special workshops scheduled for January 17 and March (dates TBD), and via surveys. This will be a multi-phased approach to gather public input over the next 12 months.

Warren Cooksey, Director of Outreach and Community Affairs with the Turnpike Authority and NC Department of Transportation, presented an overview of the NC Quick Pass and how it will work on the Monroe bypass and the I-77 Express lanes.

Jean Leier, Director of Corporate Affairs for I-77 Mobility Partners, provided an update on the I-77 Express lanes project.

PUBLIC HEARING

Commissioner Fuller made a motion to open the public hearing. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Finance Director Pieter Swart presented the proposed financing for 251 South Street. The public hearing was held as required by NCGS § 160A-20.

The public hearing opened at 7:36 p.m. and closed at 7:38 p.m. One (1) citizen spoke.

Commissioner Campbell made a motion to close the public hearing. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Fort made a motion to remove Consent Agenda Item (a) Consider Approval of Amending Rules of Procedure for Remote Participation for further discussion and add the item to Old Business (d). The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Consider Approval of Draft Meeting Minutes from September 4, September 11, September 25 Consider Approval of Ordinance 2018-06 Floodplain Ordinance Amendments and Consistency Statement

Consider Approval of Tax Levy Adjustments from the Solid Waste fund totaling \$3,895.98

Commissioner Campbell made a motion to approve consent items (b) through (d). The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

OLD BUSINESS

(a) Parks and Recreation Director Kathryn Spatz presented the Livability Board's recommendation for the FY2019 Non-Profit Grant Funding of \$45,500. During the Public Comment period earlier in the meeting, nine (9) speakers requested adding the Davidson Village Network's request for \$10,000, which was not included in the Livability Board's recommendation to the Board.

Commissioner Fort made a motion to add \$10,000 for the Davidson Village Network. The Board discussed the Davidson Village Network and the Non-Profit Grant Funding process.

Commissioner Fuller made a motion to excuse Commissioner Rierson Michael from voting on the Non-Profit Grant Funding due to her position as Executive Director of Davidson Lands Conservancy, who is a recommended recipient of a grant. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

Commissioner Fort made a motion to approve the Non-Profit Grant Funding as recommended with the amendment of adding \$10,000 for the Davidson Village Network. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

(b) Finance Director Pieter Swart presented **Resolution 2018-27** directing staff to apply to the Local Government Commission (LGC) for approval of financing for the purchase of 251 South Street for \$2.55 million, as well as make certain findings of fact as required by NCGS § 160A-20.

Commissioner Rierson Michael made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-27. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

(c) The Board of Commissioners discussed the Rules of Procedure for Remote Participation.

Commissioner Fuller made a motion to amend the Rules of Procedure to allow for voting by Remote Participation only if there is a physical quorum present at the meeting. Board members may only use this remote voting privilege once in a six-month period. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

SUMMARIZE ACTIONS ITEMS

Town Manager Justice summarized the board requested action items.

CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Campbell made a motion to move to closed session pursuant to NCGS § 143-318.11 (a) (5) for land acquisition of 615 Walnut Street and NCGS § 143-318.11 (a) (6) for personnel. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Commissioner Fort made a motion to end closed session. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Rusty Knox Mayor

Attest:

Elizabeth K. Shores

Town Clerk