



August 22, 2017

**WORK SESSION
THE TOWN OF DAVIDSON BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

The Town of Davidson Board of Commissioners held its regularly scheduled work session on Tuesday, August 22, 2017. The Mayor called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m. Present were Mayor John Woods and Commissioners Cashion, Graham and Jenest. Commissioner Fuller was absent and Commissioner Anderson was present via Video Conference. Town Manager Jamie Justice, Assistant Town Manager Dawn Blobaum, Town Attorney Cindy Reid, 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 Penny Dunn, Fire Chief Bo Fitzgerald, Human Resources Manager Heather James and Town Clerk Carmen Clemsic were also present.

- **Local Historic District Expansion - Senior Planner Chad Hall**

Mr. Hall explained the steps required for the expansion of the Local Historic District. The process consists of community involvement, inventory and map the area, submit the draft report to State Historic Preservation Office for review and comment. Additionally, a map amendment would need to be made to the Planning Ordinance which would require a public hearing at the Planning Board and Town Board meetings.

- **Sidewalk Projects - Public Works Director Doug Wright**

Mr. Wright explained that there are a variety of widths for the right-of-way on Gray Road. Some of the right-of-way is located in the payment of the road. It may take additional time to work out the easements. He also presented several other updates on sidewalk projects including: Spring Street, North Main Street, Watson Street, Delburg Street, Catawba Avenue and Mock Road/Circle. The board liked to move forward with all the projects presented.

- **Parks/Open Space - Town Manager Jamie Justice and Parks and Recreation Director Kathryn Spatz**

Presented all the parks that town owns, maintains or leases within the town and/or ETJ. The board asked for additional layers on the map to be added.

- **Solid Waste Fee and Tax Exemptions - Town Manager Jamie Justice and Public Works Director Doug Wright**

Mr. Wright presented the ordinance that established the solid waste fee. The fee excludes homes in the affordable housing program and homestead exemption program. Mr. Justice explained the homestead exemption which includes several exclusions: low-income (\$29,500 or less), disabled veterans and property

tax deferral for the elderly or total and permanently disabled. Mecklenburg County handles the application for this program.

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

The Town of Davidson Board of Commissioners held its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, August 22, 2017. The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m. Present were Mayor John Woods and Commissioners Cashion, Fuller, Graham and Jenest. Commissioner Anderson was present via Video Conference. Town Manager Jamie Justice, Assistant Town Manager Dawn Blobaum, Town Attorney Cindy Reid, 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, Human Resources Manager Heather James and Town Clerk Carmen Clemsic were also present.

- **Commissioner Reports**

Mayor John Woods, Centralina Council of Governments and Metropolitan Transit Commission
Commissioner Stacey Anderson, Arts & Science Council
Commissioner Beth Cashion, Visit Lake Norman and North Mecklenburg Alliance
Commissioner Fuller, Lake Norman Chamber
Commissioner Graham: Lake Norman Regional Economic Development Organization
Commissioner Jenest, Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization and Lake Norman Transportation Commission

- **Announcements**

Leaders from places of worship in Davidson and Cornelius are hosting a candlelight vigil on Davidson's town green on Wednesday, August 23 at 7:30 p.m. to come together as a community.
The next Concert on the Green is Sunday, August 27 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. and features Kids in America, an 80s band. It's a make-up from when the concert was rained out earlier in the summer.
There is another Concert on the Green on Sunday, September 3 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. and features "Chicago Rewired," a Chicago tribute band.
The Town of Davidson is working with NCDOT -- they have agreed to make changes to the exit 30 south bound and north bound ramp intersections with Griffith Street. Please pay attention to the signage on the ramps -- NCDOT says changes will likely be in place on Monday.

Planning Director Jason Burdette recognized Chad Hall who received his AICP Certification.

- **Presentation**

Design Review Board Chairman Bob Lauer provided a Bi-Annual Report on the

- **New Business**

Consider approval of resolution 2017-23 Requesting Department of Transportation Secretary Address Town of Davidson regarding I-77 responses.

The Board agreed to send the resolution as written and follow-up with a call to the Secretary of Transportation as well.

- **Discussion**

Planning Director Jason Burdette and Senior Planner Trey Akers provided a summary of recent stakeholder meetings to solicit citizen feedback concerning the Hyatt Place proposal.

Affordable Housing Manager Cindy Reid discussed the Affordable Housing Strategy and the way ahead.

Planning Director Jason Burdette and Senior Planner Chad Hall provided a project status update on WestBranch.

The meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

John M. Woods
Mayor

Attest:

Carmen Clemsic
Town Clerk