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May 22, 2018

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

The Town of Davidson Board of Commissioners held its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, May 22, 2018 in the Town Hall Board Room. Present were Mayor Rusty Knox and Commissioners Jane Campbell, Matthew Fort, Jim Fuller, Autumn Rierson Michael and David Sitton. Town Manager Jamie Justice, Assistant Town Manager Dawn Blobaum, Town Attorney Cindy Reid, Finance Director Pieter Swart, Planning Director Jason Burdette, Human Resources Manager Heather James, Fire Chief Bo Fitzgerald, Police Chief Penny Dunn, Public Works Director Doug Wright, Parks and Recreation Director Kathryn Spatz and Town Clerk Betsy Shores were also present.

- **Call to Order**

Mayor Knox called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.

- **Announcements**

Town Clerk Betsy Shores announced the following events:

On Friday, May 18 the Town of Davidson received an award from the Congress for the New Urbanism on our Rural Area Plan. Planning Director Jason Burdette, Senior Planner Trey Akers, and Stantec Consultant & Davidson resident Craig Lewis were present to accept the award on behalf of the town. We're proud of earning this recognition!

Join us for two more days of the Davidson Mobility Plan charrette on Wednesday, May 23 - Thursday, May 24, when citizens will be able to provide input to people working in the all-day design studio and then attend summary sessions each evening. All of the details including locations and times are posted on www.davidsonmobilityplan.com

Town of Davidson offices will close on Monday, May 28 in observance of Memorial Day. Garbage collection will operate on a one-day delay.

We'll host a grand opening for Fire Station 2 on Davidson-Concord Road on Saturday, June 9 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Please join us for food, tours, and activities for kids.

The Davidson Police Department will host a "Custard with a Cop" event on Saturday, June 16 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Whit's Frozen Custard located at 428 S. Main Street to talk about safety. Please join us!

Mayor Knox read a proclamation in observance of Memorial Day on May 28, 2018 and remembrance of Davidson citizens who lost their lives serving our country in the armed forces.

Mayor Knox proclaimed June 4, 2018 as Tourette Syndrome Awareness Day as a special day to promote understanding, compassion, and acceptance for all of our fellow citizens who deserve and need our support to break the stigma that is related to Tourette Syndrome.

Mayor Knox recognized the Lotta Foundation and proclaimed June 7, 2018 as Lotta Good Day encouraging people to volunteer and donate to organizations that help others in our community.

- **Changes/Adopt Agenda**

There were no changes to the agenda.

- **Commissioner Reports**

Commissioners gave reports on the following organizations:

Commissioner Autumn Rierson Michael - Centralina Council of Governments

Commissioner Matthew Fort - Lake Norman Chamber

Commissioner Jim Fuller - Visit Lake Norman

Commissioner David Sitton - Lake Norman Regional Economic Development Organization & North Mecklenburg Alliance

Commissioner Jane Campbell - Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization & Lake Norman Transportation Commission

Mayor Rusty Knox - Metropolitan Transit Commission

Mayor Knox, Commissioners Campbell and Rierson Michael and Town Manager Justice attended the Mecklenburg County Legislative Breakfast. They expressed the need for a magistrate in the northern part of the county with the Mecklenburg delegation that was in attendance.

- **Advisory Board Report**

Planning Board Chair Mickey Pettus provided a bi-annual update to share the Planning Board's work over the last six months.

- **Discussion**

Assistant Town Manager and Project Manager Dawn Blobaum and Brent Green of Architect Creech & Associates presented a **Public Facilities Report**. Creech shared their findings regarding the former IB school buildings on South Street and information about their re-design process for the existing town hall. Mechanical and structural consultants have investigated both buildings on the school site. Staff is also looking at costs to re-design the existing town hall for a 20-year growth scenario for the police and fire departments

Public Works Director Doug Wright provided a **Main Street/Concord Road Intersection Update** including an evaluation of extending a left-turn queue for southbound traffic on Main Street at the intersection with Concord Road. Since this is a state road, the town will work with the North Carolina Department of Transportation and engineer Kimley Horn to continue to review the benefits of potentially removing 10

parking spaces along the northeast side of Main Street and adding a left-turn lane to improve traffic flow. The Board will continue the discussion and consider approval at the June 12 meeting.

Mayor Knox, Commissioner Fuller, and Commissioner Sitton reviewed twenty-six (26) applications for the Beaty Street Park Task Force and made their recommendations for membership. The board of commissioners voted to select Meredith Allen, Ellyn Baeszler, Denise Beall, John Burke, Leah Chester-Davis, Dave Cable, Heidi Dietrich, Gary Fagan, Peter Grisewood, Janet Makee, Bill Maloney, Karen Manfredi, Jason Parker, Gabriel Schoen, and Alice Sudduth. We are so pleased that numerous citizens applied, and that this group will soon meet to select a chairperson and get to work.

Commissioner Fuller motioned to approve the recommended members of the Beaty Street Task Force. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Finance Director Pieter Swart and Town Manager Justice discussed the proposed **FY 2018-2019 Budget**.

Commissioner Campbell motioned to temporarily suspend the rules of procedure in order to hear public comments during the FY2018-2019 Budget agenda discussion item. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

The public comments period was opened at 8:08 p.m. and was closed at 8:11 p.m. Two (2) citizens spoke.

Commissioner Campbell motioned to give authority to the Town Manager to execute the Solid Waste Contract. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Manager Justice presented **House Bill 514** which has been introduced in the North Carolina legislature. The bill would permit the Towns of Matthews and Mint Hill to apply to open charter schools, grant priority enrollment to students living in those towns, and to use property tax revenue to support the charter schools. The Towns of Cornelius and Huntersville have both requested to be added to this legislation for the same authority.

Commissioner Fuller motioned to temporarily suspend the rules of procedure in order to hear public comments during the House Bill 514 agenda discussion item. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

The public comments period was opened at 8:18 p.m. and was closed at 8:26 p.m. Four (4) citizens spoke. The Commissioners each discussed their view on House Bill 514.

Commissioner Campbell motioned that there is no support from the Board for the Town of Davidson to join House Bill 514. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Economic Development Manager Kim Fleming provided an update on the Davidson **Economic Development Strategic Plan (EDSP)** to provide guiding principles for economic development, demographic analyses, economic assessments, land use strategy, and an Economic Development Strategic Work Plan. The EDSP was updated in 2016 to provide an additional 5-year work plan that focuses on business attraction, business retention, small business & entrepreneurship, and tourism. Historic preservation activities were added to the work plan matrix in 2018 based on feedback from the current board of commissioners.

- **Summarize Actions Items**

Town Manager Jamie Justice summarized the meeting action items.

- **Closed Session**

Commissioner Fort motioned to go into closed session per NCGS § 143-318.11 (a) (3) and NCGS § 143-318.11 (a) (6). The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

- **Adjourn**

Commissioner Fuller motioned to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 p.m.

Attest:

Elizabeth K. Shores
Town Clerk

Rusty Knox
Mayor