



July 10, 2018

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

The Town of Davidson Board of Commissioners held its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, July 10, 2018 in the Town Hall Board Room. Present were Mayor Rusty Knox and Commissioners Jane Campbell, Jim Fuller, Matthew Fort, Autumn Rierson Michael and David Sitton. Town Manager Jamie Justice, Town Attorney Cindy Reid, Finance and Town Clerk Betsy Shores were also present.

- **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Knox called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

- **CLOSED SESSION**

Commissioner Fuller made a motion to go into closed session per NCGS § 143-318.11 (a) (5) – 251 South Street and NCGS § 143-318.11 (a) (6) – Personnel. The motion passed unanimously (5-0)

At 5:55pm, Commissioner Fuller made a motion to end the closed session. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

The Town of Davidson Board of Commissioners returned to the Town Hall Board Room for the regularly scheduled meeting at 6:05pm. Assistant Town Manager Dawn Blobaum, Town Attorney Cindy Reid, Finance Director Pieter Swart, Planning Director Jason Burdette, Police Chief Penny Dunn, Parks & Recreation Director Kathryn Spatz and Public Works Director Doug Wright were also present.

- **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Public Information Officer Cristina Shaul announced the following:

The Finance Department is pleased to announce that they have partnered with ClearGov, a leading municipal transparency and benchmarking platform to launch an infographic-based financial transparency center on the town's website - <http://townofdavidson.org/1162/Financial-Transparency>. This new tool provides the public with an easy-to-understand visual breakdown of the town's finances, as well as insights into the town's demographics. The site also provides budgetary comparisons to peer communities.

Charlotte Water is doing some work at the intersection of Woodland Street and Lorimer Road, requiring a detour for the rest of the week, so please plan your bike and motor vehicle route accordingly.

The Arts and Science Council presents Culture Bites on August 16 from 6:00-8:30 p.m. on the Village Green. Admission is free and all are welcome. Following the success of Culture Feast, a four-year tradition in the streets of uptown Charlotte, ASC is previewing a new concept to bring a little bit of arts, culture, food and family fun to Davidson. The event will feature singers, dancers, actors, poets and artists, providing short pop-up performances and experiences for all to enjoy. Food and drinks will be available for purchase.

The Davidson Police Department's celebration of our community, National Night Out, is Tuesday, August 7 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Roosevelt Wilson Park.

- **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The public comments period opened at 6:10 p.m. and was closed at 6:23 p.m. Five (5) citizens spoke.

- **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

No changes to the agenda.

- **PUBLIC HEARING**

Commissioner Campbell made a motion to open the Public Hearing on the Proposed Annexation of the Kenmare Subdivision. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

The public hearing opened at 6:25 p.m. and was closed at 6:25 p.m. No citizens spoke. Commissioners discussed improving the annexation process and the proposed annexation of the Kenmare Subdivision.

Commissioner Fort made a motion to close the Public Hearing. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Commissioner Campbell summarized the public comment.

- **CONSENT AGENDA**

Consider Approval of June 5 and June 12 Draft Meeting Minutes

Consider Approval of Budget Amendments 2019-02, 2019-03, and 2019-05

Consider Approval of Tax Levy Adjustments for refunds from Solid Waste Fund

Commissioner Rierson Michael made a motion to approve the consent items. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

- **OLD BUSINESS**

First item discussed was the public facilities project. Assistant Town Manager Dawn Blobaum and Finance Director Pieter Swart reviewed the status of project (renovating the former IB school for town hall, and the existing town hall for the police and fire departments) including alternative cost estimates

and the estimated financial impact on taxpayers.

The second item presented by Finance Director Pieter Swart was a General Obligation Bond Order for Public Facilities.

Commissioner Campbell introduced a Bond Order authorizing the issuance of \$16,335,000 General Obligation Public Facilities Bonds of the Town of Davidson, North Carolina.

Commissioner Fort moved to approve Resolution 2018-19 of \$16,335,000. There was a discussion that the approval of this resolution is part of the process in moving forward with the General Obligation Bond process. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

The Commissioners discussed moving the Tuesday, August 14, 2018 Board of Commissioners Meeting to Tuesday, August 7, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. to have all Commissioners in attendance and quorum.

Commissioners Fuller and Rierson Michael requested staff to work on the proposed costs of the public facilities project and look at cost saving alternatives. Town Manager Justice stated there will be an Open House at the IB School on Thursday, July 19 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and tables at the Farmers Market to share information with the public.

The third item presented was the Proposed Watershed Ordinance Text Amendments by Ellen Donaldson, a member of the planning board and planning board ordinance committee and Planning Director Jason Burdette. The Town of Davidson has been considering changes to the Davidson Planning Ordinance (DPO) 17 - Watershed Protection Overlay District for several months.

Commissioner Fort made a motion to modify the draft text changes to the watershed ordinance with the exception of sections 17.6.1, 17.6.2, and 17.6.3 with further discussion at the August 28, 2018 meeting. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

The fourth item was an update on the Comprehensive Plan request for proposals (RFP) presented by Town Manager Justice and Public Information Officer Cristina Shaul and the process to hire a consultant. In August, with a recommendation from the consultant-selection committee, Commissioners will select a consultant to help with this plan. A steering committee of residents, staff and elected officials will then work with the consultant for potentially 12-18 months with citizen engagement and a variety of tools to create a Comprehensive Plan. More information is available at www.townofdavidson.org/ComprehensivePlan2018

The fifth item presented by Public Works Director Doug Wright was an update on the pedestrian safety flashing beacons project. These flashing beacons are activated by pedestrians who want to enter the crosswalk and provide yellow flashing signals for vehicles to yield to the pedestrians. The town will install flashing beacons at the following crosswalks - Beaty/Magnolia, Concord/Baker, Eugenia/Main, Glasgow/Main. The total cost will be \$113,420. Thank you to Davidson College for contributing to this project.

Commissioner Campbell made a motion to approve the appropriation of \$75,000 from fund balance and recognize \$38,420 of revenue donated by Davidson College for the pedestrian safety flashing beacons project. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

The last item presented was Ordinance 2018-02 to Extend the Corporate Limits of the Town of Davidson to include the Kenmare Subdivision. Town Manager Justice stated this is voluntary annexation request for this property and this is the statutory last step in the process to include them in the town limits effective July 10, 2018. Commissioner Fort questioned the location of the current Davidson Town Limit sign on Concord Road heading into town. Town Manager Justice explained that the state controls the placement of the signs due to right of way but we can look into having it relocated. Commissioner Campbell asked for updated speed limit signs to reflect 25 miles per hour unless otherwise posted.

Commissioner Fort made a motion to approve Ordinance 2018-02. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

- **NEW BUSINESS**

Town Manager Justice shared the during the last legislative session, the NC General Assembly approved three grants for projects in the Town of Davidson:

\$100,000 for Downtown Park/Farmers' Market area site improvements

\$100,000 for police equipment

\$100,000 for fire equipment

Commissioners discussed opening up for public input the process of receiving funding from the NC General Assembly and transparency of how the money will be spent. Commissioners would like to extend an invitation to local representatives to share the past session and future legislative agenda and budget process.

Commissioner Campbell made a motion to open a discussion regarding the grants on the open town hall forum or other feedback to allow the citizens of Davidson to provide input on the nature of this \$300,000 coming to the Town of Davidson. The motion passed (3-2) in favor. Commissioners Campbell, Fuller and Sitton voted yes and Commissioners Fort and Rierson Michael voted no.

The second item presented was an Amendment to the Town Manager's Contract. The only amendment to the current employment agreement is a salary increase of 3.5% to his base salary effective July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. Commissioner Fort commended Manager Justice on his leadership during the time of transition with a new board. Mayor Knox recognized Manager Justice and thanked him for his work and leadership.

Commissioner Fuller made a motion to grant the raise as suggested and that it be tendered with an earnest request that Town Manager Justice stay and lead another year. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

- **SUMMARIZE ACTION ITEMS**

Town Manager Jamie Justice summarized action items.

- **ADJOURN**

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Attest:

Rusty Knox
Mayor

Elizabeth K. Shores
Town Clerk

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