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November 6, 2018

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

The Town of Davidson Board of Commissioners held its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, November 6, 2018 at the Hurt Hub at Davidson College. Present were Mayor Rusty Knox and Commissioners Jane Campbell, Jim Fuller, Matthew Fort, Autumn Rierson Michael and David Sitton. Town Manager Jamie Justice, Assistant Town Manager Dawn Blobaum, Communications Director Cristina Shaul, Parks and Recreation Director Kathryn Spatz, Police Chief Penny Dunn, 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 6:03 p.m.

- **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Communications Director Cristina Shaul announced the following:

The Town of Davidson kicked off the What's Next Davidson process to create a new comprehensive plan and the video was shared.

The grand opening Celebration for the new Plum Creek Park, near Bailey Springs, will be held on November 10th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. TreesDavidson needs volunteers to plant 70 trees that day (sign-up and there will be have activities for families and kids.

Town of Davidson ceremony to commemorate Veterans Day will be held on the Davidson Town Hall steps on Monday, November 12 at 11:00 a.m. The program will feature keynote speaker Robert Lutz, the Hough High School Wind Ensemble and Junior ROTC, and participation of many community members.

On Wednesday, November 28, there will be a meeting at 6:00 p.m. at the Davidson United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall on the expansion of the town's local historic district.

- **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

No changes to the agenda.

- **DISCUSSION**

(a) Public Works Director Doug Wright and Park at Beaty Task Force Officers Denise Beall and Dave Cable presented the second status report to the Board of Commissioners. They presented two conceptual plans for the park, none of which include commercial space. One plan shows a building for community uses and the other shows a restroom structure. The next steps are to finalize the conceptual plan. They will host one last public input session and present their recommendation to the Davidson Board of Commissioners at a future meeting.

(b) Assistant Town Manager Dawn Blobaum shared the costs to maintain the 251 South Street property from the time of purchase to the end of the 2019 fiscal year; \$17,000 for a six-month period. Commissioners would like to create a citizen committee to assist with managing the public input process on this project to determine if we will master plan the entire five acres or focus on renovating the school building.

(c) Each year, the Town of Davidson Board of Commissioners requests that the North Carolina Department of Transportation undertake the formal steps necessary to request street closures in order to conduct Christmas in Davidson (O2018-07) and the North Mecklenburg Christmas Parade (O2018-08) in accordance with § 20-169 (3).

***Commissioner Fort made a motion to approve Ordinance 2018-07 and Ordinance 2018-08. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).***

(d) Town Manager Jamie Justice presented the nominations for the 2019 Advisory Board Committees. Members of the nominating committee met on October 15 to review the applications and make recommendations. Commissioners will consider approval of the recommendations at the November 27 meeting.

(e) Communications Director Cristina Shaul gave a presentation on the 2019 Citizen Survey. About every two years, the Town of Davidson participates in the National Citizen Survey (NCS) to capture a data-based picture of our residents' needs and perspectives. This survey also allows us to ask Davidson-specific custom questions. Cristina requested the Board to weigh in on what questions and answers will help with their decision-making for the future. Commissioners will consider approval of custom questions at the December 4 meeting.

(f) Town Manager Jamie Justice presented the first draft of the 2019 Legislative Agenda. Commissioners provided feedback/changes to the draft. Commissioners will consider approval of the 2019 Legislative Agenda at the November 27 meeting.

(g) Town Manager Jamie Justice presented a draft 2019 meeting schedule. Currently, the Board meets the first, second, and fourth Tuesdays of the month. The Board agreed to meet the second Tuesday as a work session and the fourth Tuesday as a regular meeting and consider quarterly meetings on the first Tuesday of the month. Commissioners will consider approval of the 2019 Meeting Schedule at the December 11 meeting.

(h) Town Manager Justice and the Board of Commissioners reviewed upcoming agenda items.

- **ADJOURN**

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

**Attest:**

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Elizabeth K. Shores  
Town Clerk

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Rusty Knox  
Mayor

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