



March 14-15, 2019

**STRATEGIC RETREAT  
TOWN OF DAVIDSON BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
CHAPEL HILL, CARRBORO, & OXFORD, N.C**

The Town of Davidson Board of Commissioners held its Strategic Retreat on Thursday, March 14 and Friday, March 15, 2019 in Chapel Hill, NC. Present were Mayor Rusty Knox and Commissioners Jane Campbell, Matthew Fort, Jim Fuller, Autumn Riersen Michael and David Sitton. Staff present included: Town Manager Jamie Justice, Town Clerk Betsy Shores, Town Attorney Cindy Reid, Planning Director Jason Burdette, Finance Director Pieter Swart, Fire Chief Bo Fitzgerald, Police Chief Penny Dunn, Human Resources Director Megan White, Economic Development Manager Kim Fleming, Parks and Recreation Director Kathryn Spatz, Public Works Director Doug Wright, and Special Projects Manager Dawn Blobaum.

The meeting began on Thursday, March 14, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at the Rizzo Center in Chapel Hill. The Mayor, Board of Commissioners, and staff boarded a bus and traveled to the Town Hall in Carrboro and City Hall in Oxford for tours of the buildings. Both buildings are converted Town Halls from former school buildings. The tour ended at 4:00 p.m. at the Rizzo Center

On Friday, March 15, 2019, day 2 of the Strategic Retreat was held at the Rizzo Center which included:

- I. **Panel Discussion on Affordable Housing, Land Trust, Community Revitalization, and Northside Community** with presentations from Loryn Clark, Executive Director of Housing & Community for the Town of Chapel Hill, Robert Dowling, Executive Director of the Community Home Trust and Roger Waldon, Senior Consultant from Clarion Associates.
- II. **Financials Sessions led by Finance Director Pieter Swart**  
The Board and staff reviewed the 2019 County Revaluation presentation, discussed eliminating the Solid Waste Fee while increasing the Ad Valorem Rate to replace the revenue, and prioritized the 2017 G.O. Bonds. There was also a discussion on Public Facilities, Unassigned Fund Balance and changes to the Ad Valorem Rate in the context of looking at the long-term financial model.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Attest:

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Rusty Knox, Mayor

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Elizabeth K. Shores  
Town Clerk