



May 14, 2019

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

The Town of Davidson Board of Commissioners held its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, May 14, 2019 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 Karen Whichard, Economic Development Manager Kim Fleming, Finance Director Pieter Swart, Fire Chief Bo Fitzgerald, Human Resources Director Megan White, Parks and Recreation Director Kathryn Spatz, Planning Director Jason Burdette, 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 5:00 p.m.

- **CLOSED SESSION**

*Commissioner Campbell made a motion to move to closed session per NCGS § 143.318.11(a)(5) for land acquisition of Parcel ID: 00326109, 00326110, 00326111 and Consult with Attorney NCGS §143-318.11. (a) (3) - Davidson Acquisition Company, et. al. v. Town of Davidson , et. al. . The motion passed unanimously (4-0). Commissioner Rierson-Michael was not present for the vote but attended closed session.*

*At 6:00pm, Commissioner Campbell made a motion to return to open session. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).*

- **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Town Clerk Betsy Shores read the following announcements:

The public is invited to weigh in on what to name the new Park at Beaty. Go to [www.townofdavidson.org](http://www.townofdavidson.org) and click on Open Town Hall to select a name or share your suggestions.

Shakespeare on the Green will take place on Thursday, May 16, Friday, May 17 and Saturday, May 18 at 7:00pm with a performance of A Midsummer Night's Dream. The performance is free to attend.

Community members are invited to assist with placing flags for Memorial Day at the three cemeteries in Davidson. The group will meet on Sunday, May 19 at 1:30 p.m. at Mimosa Cemetery.

Town of Davidson offices will be closed on Monday, May 27 in observance of Memorial Day. Garbage collection will operate on normal schedule.

Mayor Knox read a proclamation for National Police Week from May 12-18, 2019 and recognized Chief Dunn and the Davidson Police Department.

Mayor Knox read a proclamation for Day of Decency on May 14, 2019.

- **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

No changes to the agenda.

- **DISCUSSION**

(a) Senior Planner Trey Akers and Wendy Honeycutt, a representative of the **Ballard Family**, discussed with the board the Ballard family's interest in **rezoning their family-owned parcel (PID: 00721103) from Rural Planning Area to Neighborhood Edge Planning Area**. The parcel is +/-63.1 acres and located on the north side of June Washam Rd. The applicant received feedback from the board and will need to submit a formal application for consideration.

(b) Planning Director Jason Burdette, Senior Planner Trey Akers and Planning Board Ordinance Committee Member Dave Cable provided an update on the town's **tree canopy study** from a recent Geographical Information Systems (GIS) analysis. This information will assist with text amendment changes to Section 9 of the Davidson Planning Ordinance, Tree Preservation.

(c) Finance Director Pieter Swart and Town Manager Jamie Justice presented the **proposed budget for FY2019-2020**. The total proposed general fund budget is \$12.67 million. The board requested options for a revenue neutral budget. A public hearing is scheduled for the board of commissioners' regular meeting on May 28, 2019 at 6:00 p.m., and the board of commissioners will consider approval of the budget ordinance on June 11.

(d) Parks and Recreation Director Kathryn Spatz and a representative from the Bradford Homeowners Association (HOA) provided an update on plans for the **playground structure in the Bradford community**, at the corner of Robert Walker Drive and Davidson-Concord Road. The town and the neighborhood have been in discussions about partnering to create a public park facility at that location. In mid-April the town was awarded a grant of \$65,000 from Playcore/Landscape Structures if the town and HOA contributes a match. The HOA has committed to contribute \$15,000 immediately, with \$5,000 each for the next two (2) years. The town received an \$80,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for the recreation amenities at Roosevelt Wilson Park (RWP). The board was asked to approve \$50,000 of the \$80,000 in fund balance previously allocated for RWP to be appropriated for the match for the Bradford playground to continue the goal of improving recreation and park amenities throughout our community.

***Commissioner Fort made a motion to approve the fund allocation to move forward with the Bradford community playground improvement. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).***

(e) Mayor Knox read **Resolution 2019-20 in opposition of House Bill 645/Senate Bill 534** an act to revise the outdoor advertising laws. The act would allow billboards to be placed within municipalities where current zoning would not allow them. Town of Davidson Planning Ordinance 11.7.1.D prohibits billboards in the Town of Davidson.

***Commissioner Campbell made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-20 in opposition of House Bill 645/Senate Bill 534. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).***

(f) Public Works Director Doug Wright and Town Manager Jamie Justice discussed with the board **engineering for NC Highway 73 and Davidson-Concord Road intersection**. This road improvement project has been identified as a priority by the board. Town staff has been in discussion with NCDOT regarding an improvement to the right turn lane from Davidson-Concord Road onto NC Highway 73 in advance of the larger NC Highway 73 widening project that would address the intersection. The board was asked to authorize approval of up to \$50,000 to begin the design process for that project.

***Commissioner Fuller made a motion to approve the request to spend up to \$50,000 to begin. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).***

(g) Public Works Director Doug Wright provided an update on the **sidewalk, curb and gutter project along Grey Road** within the town limits. In order to move forward on the project, the town would need to accept from NCDOT the ownership and maintenance of the .4 miles of Grey Road that is within our jurisdiction. The board approved moving forward with this request to NCDOT and a resolution will be considered for approval at the May 28 meeting.

***Commissioner Campbell made a motion to draft a resolution for approval at the May 28 meeting. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).***

(h) Town Manager Justice shared the town was recently notified that grant funding from the Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization (CRTPO) is now potentially available for the **sidewalk project along Jetton Street** between Potts Street and Davidson Gateway Drive. The grant would be an 80% grant with a 20% local match by the town. The board authorized staff to inform CRTPO that we would be willing to move forward with this project if grant funds are available.

***Commissioner Fuller made a motion to authorize Town Manager Justice with moving forward with the project. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).***

**(i) Miscellaneous/Open Discussion**

Commissioner Campbell inquired about the cost to bury power lines in town to discuss at an upcoming meeting. Commissioner Campbell also requested discussing the I-77 hardened shoulders project and CRTPO. Commissioner Fort shared that River Run is interested in partnering with the town for future community events and fundraisers.

- **ADJOURN**

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

**Attest:**

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Elizabeth K. Shores  
Town Clerk

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Rusty Knox  
Mayor

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