



May 28, 2019

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

The Town of Davidson Board of Commissioners held its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, May 28, 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, Economic Development Manager Kim Fleming, Finance Director Pieter Swart, 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 6:01 p.m.

- **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Town Clerk Betsy Shores made the following announcements:

Special thanks to the volunteers that spent the afternoon of Sunday, May 19 placing flags on the graves of veterans in our three cemeteries. Thank you to the veterans, Boy Scout Troop 58, Hough High School Junior ROTC, and community members that volunteered.

The Mayor and Board will host a Community Dinner at Roosevelt Wilson Park on Saturday, April 27. The picnic event begins at 6:00 p.m. and the town will provide the main dish, paper products, water and tea. If you plan to attend, please bring a side dish or dessert to share. During the event, attendees can give input on the proposed sculptural sensory garden at Roosevelt Wilson Park which is the next public art project in Davidson.

Join us on Sunday, June 2 and Sunday, June 9 for Concerts on the Green next month. The music starts at 6:00pm and more information is online at www.concertsonthegreen.com

Mark your calendar for "Cone with a Cop" hosted by the Davidson Police Department on Saturday, June 22 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. A complimentary frozen custard will be provided to elementary school aged children.

Mayor Knox recognized the William A. Hough High School STEM Team for competing in the Ten80 Education's National STEM League finals at Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas in April. Iditarod Motorsports, the team's competition name, finished first place overall out of 30 total teams to become National Champions. The team also finished in the top 3 in most of the individual events

including 1st place in marketing; 2nd place in race events, robotics, aerodynamics, and graphic design; and 3rd place in data driven design and community outreach.

Mayor Knox read a proclamation for Tourette Syndrome Awareness Day. Jacob Ramsey a Youth Ambassador for the Tourette Association of America for 6 years and co-founder of Tic Talk Tour was present at the meeting to accept the proclamation.

Mayor Knox read a proclamation for National Public Works Week 2019. Mayor Knox recognized Public Works Director Doug Wright and his department for their substantial contributions to the health, safety, and quality of life for our town.

- **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

Commissioner Fort requested consent items (g) Consider Approval of Water/Sewer Extension Request for Hoke Townhomes and (h) Consider Approval of Water/Sewer Extension Request for Kistler Farm be moved to New Business items (b) and (c).

- **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The public comments period opened at 6:13 p.m. and was closed at 6:25 p.m. Five citizens spoke. Commissioner Fort summarized the comments.

- **PUBLIC HEARING**

Commissioner Campbell made a motion to open the public hearing at 6:26 p.m. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

A public hearing was held on the **proposed FY2019-2020 Budget and Economic Development Expenditures** per NCGS §159-12(b) and NCGS §158-7.1. The public hearing was advertised in the Mecklenburg Times on May 17, 2019. One resident spoke during the public hearing. Town Manager Jamie Justice and Finance Director Piet Swart gave an overview of the proposed FY2019-2020 Budget and Economic Expenditures.

Commissioner Campbell made a motion to close the public hearing at 6:43 p.m. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

- **CONSENT AGENDA**

Meeting Minutes from April 9 work session, April 11 Civics 101, April 23 regular meeting, and April 29 Quarterly Q&A

Amend Meeting Schedule to move the Quarterly Q&A Session from Tuesday, June 4 to Thursday, June 6 at 6:30pm.

Resolution 2019-21 requesting the Town of Davidson to adopt the Sources of Strength Program in partnership with DavidsonLifeLine

Resolution 2019-22 Annexation: Lake Cornelius to Set the Public Hearing Date for the annexation request on June 25, 2019

Budget Amendment 2019-31 for Solid Waste Expenditures

Approval of FY18-19 Audit Contract

Resolution 2019-23 Requesting the North Carolina Department Transportation (NCDOT) to Relinquish Street Maintenance Responsibilities to the Town of Davidson for a Portion of Grey Road
Resolution 2019-24 Accepting Street Maintenance for streets in Bailey Springs
Resolution 2019-25 Exempt Lake Norman Fondo Cycling Event from Section 54-1 of the Municipal Code on August 18, 2019

Commissioner Fuller made a motion to approve the consent agenda excluding items (g) and (h). The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

- **NEW BUSINESS**

(a) Town Manager Justice requested the board to approve **Resolution 2019-26 to Exempt Davidson Lands Conservancy Run for Green from Section 54-1 of the Municipal Code** on September 14, 2019. This item was listed as a new business item in order to recuse Commissioner Rierson Michael from the vote. Commissioner Rierson Michael is the Executive Director of Davidson Lands Conservancy.

Commissioner Fort made a motion to recuse Commissioner Rierson Michael from the vote. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

Commissioner Fuller made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-26. The motion unanimously passed 4-0. Commissioner Rierson Michael did not vote.

(b) **Consider Approval of Water/Sewer Extension Request for Hoke Townhomes** was moved from consent agenda item (g) to new business item (b). Town Manager Justice stated that per the water/sewer extension policy that the board has created, requests come to the board early in the process to request water/sewer extension. Charlotte Water has determined that the Hoke property is an extension is necessary. It is early in the process and we have limited information at this point.

(c) **Consider Approval of Water/Sewer Extension Request for Kistler Farm** was moved from consent agenda item (h) to new business item (c).

Commissioner Fort made a motion to deny both requests due to not enough information at this time to make a determination on water and sewer. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

- **OLD BUSINESS**

(a) Special Projects Manager Dawn Blobaum, Michael Supino from Creech & Associates and Andy Aldridge from Edifice, Inc. presented **conceptual design drawings and pricing information for the renovation of Public Facilities Phase I (251 South Street) and Phase II (existing Town Hall)**. The board of commissioners discussed the proposed pricing and requested staff to move forward with preparing the required documentation for the issuance of general obligation public facilities bonds for consideration at the June 11 board meeting.

(b) Finance Director Pieter Swart and Town Manager Jamie Justice discussed the **proposed FY2019-2020 budget** with the board. The discussion included revenue neutral budget options, solid waste revenue, capital improvement projects, changes to the fee schedule, non-profit grant funds, and other town

projects and staff changes.

Commissioner Campbell made a motion to prepare the budget ordinance with a \$0.29 tax rate. The motion passed (3-2) with Commissioners Campbell, Rierson Michael and Sitton for and Commissioners Fuller and Fort against.

On June 11, the board will consider approval of the Budget Ordinance.

- **ADJOURN**

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

Attest:

Elizabeth K. Shores
Town Clerk

Rusty Knox
Mayor

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