



July 23, 2019

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

The Town of Davidson Board of Commissioners held its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, July 23, 2019 in the Town Hall Board Room. Present were Mayor Rusty Knox and Commissioners Jane Campbell, Jim Fuller, Autumn Rierson Michael, and David Sitton. Commissioner Matthew Fort was absent. Town Manager Jamie Justice, Assistant Town Manager Karen Whichard, Communications Director Amanda Preston, Economic Development Manager Kim Fleming, Finance Director Pieter Swart, 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)(6) Personnel. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

At 6:06pm, Commissioner Campbell made a motion to return to open session. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

- **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Town Clerk Betsy Shores made the following announcements:

The Davidson Police Department and Cornelius Police Department will host a Teen Distracted Driving event this Saturday, July 27 from 12:00- 3:00 p.m. at Ingersoll Rand. This event is open to teens from Davidson and Cornelius.

The Davidson Police Department and North Meck CrimeStoppers will host National Night Out on Tuesday, August 6 from 5-7pm at Roosevelt Wilson Park. The local National Night Out was started in 2006 by the Davidson African-American Coalition. The vision was for all residents to come together, break bread, and find common ground. Our community is stronger and better for their efforts 13 years ago. Join us for food, activities and fun for all ages.

Town Manager Jamie Justice introduced Amanda Preston, the new Communications Director. Amanda started with the Town of Davidson on Monday, July 22, 2019.

- **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The public comments period opened at 6:12 p.m. and closed at 6:18 p.m. Two citizens spoke.

- **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

No changes to the agenda.

- **PRESENTATIONS**

Justin Dionne, Executive Director for the **Cain Center for the Arts**, provided an update on the plans for the four-county Lake Norman region public arts and community center. The Cain Center for the Arts will offer performances, education opportunities, gallery, and community spaces.

- **PUBLIC HEARING**

*Commissioner Fuller made a motion to open the public hearing at 6:46 p.m.
The motion passed unanimously (4-0).*

A public hearing was held on the **Davidson Planning Ordinance Section 9: Tree Ordinance Text Amendments**. In December 2016 the Livability Board suggested revising the standards to institute best practices, make adjustments, and clarify administration procedures. Updating the tree ordinance is listed as a high priority on the planning department work plan and under the town board strategic plan, land use goal. Since the fall of 2018, staff, Planning Board Ordinance Committee members and Livability Board Members have proposed substantive changes to Section 9: Tree Ordinance. Three people spoke during the public hearing during the public hearing.

Commissioner Campbell made a motion to close the public hearing at 6:53 p.m. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

*Commissioner Campbell made a motion to open the second public hearing at 7:05 p.m.
The motion passed unanimously (4-0).*

A public hearing was held on the **Proposed 2019 G.O. Bonds for Public Facilities**. The proposed \$14 million G.O. Bond issuance will fund the renovation of the historic 251 South Street building for a new town center and reconfigure the current town hall to better accommodate the needs of the Davidson Police and Fire Departments. Three people spoke during the public hearing during the public hearing.

Commissioner Rierson-Michael made a motion to close the public hearing at 7:14 p.m. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

- **CONSENT AGENDA**

Meeting Minutes from June 6 Quarterly Q&A Session, June 11 work session, and June 25 regular meeting

Naming of Beaty Park

Budget Amendment 2020-01 for Arts Project Fund

Budget Amendment 2020-02 for down payment assistance funding

Budget Amendment 2020-03 for FY2020 Affordable Housing Fund
Budget Amendment 2020-04 for Fiscal Impact Analysis Update
Budget Amendment 2020-06 for Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacons (RRFBs) Agreement with NCDOT
Noise Ordinance Variance - Fall Fling at Davidson College on Saturday, September 28

Commissioner Rierson-Michael made a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

- **OLD BUSINESS**

(a) Senior Planner Travis Johnson presented an update on the **Davidson Mobility Plan**, a local comprehensive transportation plan that provides a town-wide vision and coordinated recommendations for multi-modal travel and access within and through town. It is a continuation of Davidson's long history of multi-modal transportation planning that has allowed the town to develop as a place where people can drive, walk, access transit, and bicycle easily and comfortably — and where quality of life is one of the highest in the Charlotte metro area. The board will consider adoption of the Mobility Plan at the August 13 meeting.

(b) Economic Development Manager Kim Fleming reviewed with the board two issues that need to be addressed before moving forward with the **Downtown Community Gathering Space Project**; design and funding. Based on feedback from the board, staff will continue to research synthetic turf or some other unitary synthetic material such as rubber or foam surface at the tot lot.

Commissioner Campbell made a motion to approve Budget Amendment 2020-05 to carry forward \$55,000 of grant funding received in FY2019 for the Downtown Gathering Space and add an additional \$275,000 of unassigned fund balance to complete the project and Resolution 2019-32 to preserve the ability reimburse the money from unassigned fund balance with 2017 general obligation bonds. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

(c) Town Manager Jamie Justice presented a **water/sewer extension request from Kistler Farms** for the development of 15 single-family homes. The parcels included are predominately wooded. This request was previously before the board at the May 28, 2019 meeting and the board did not approve the extension and requested additional information from the developer.

Commissioner Campbell made a motion to approve the water/sewer extension request. The motion tied (2-2) with Commissioner Campbell and Commissioner Rierson-Michael voting for and Commissioner Fort and Commissioner Fuller voting against. Mayor Knox broke the tie by voting yes to approve the request. The motion was approved (3-2).

- **SUMMARIZE MEETING ACTION ITEMS**

Commissioner Campbell summarized the public comments and public hearing.

- **ADJOURN**

Commissioner Campbell made a motion adjourn. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

The meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Attest:

Elizabeth K. Shores
Town Clerk

Rusty Knox
Mayor

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