



Davidson, NC 28036
March 22, 2011

TOWN OF DAVIDSON WORK SESSION OF THE TOWN OF DAVIDSON BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Town of Davidson Board of Commissioners held their work session at 6:00 p.m. on March 22, 2011. Prior to their meeting, a closed session was held at 4:30 p.m. to provide the board with information regarding a legal matter where no action was taken. Present were Mayor John Woods, Commissioners Tim Dreffer, Brian Jenest, Laurie Venzon, Connie Wessner, and Margo Williams. Also in attendance were Town Manager Leamon Brice, Town Attorney Rick Kline, and Assistant Manager Dawn Blobaum. In addition to those present at the Closed Session, present at the Work Session were Finance Director Eric Hardy, Police Chief Jeanne Miller, Assistant Fire Chief Carl Cormier, Economic Development Manager Kris Krider, Planning Manager Lauren Blackburn, and Public Information Officer Megan Pillow Davis. Absent was Town Clerk Lillian Smith.

Mayor Woods called the meeting to order and the meeting began with Town Manager Brice introducing a resolution for the Board to consider endorsing in support of the CDC grant as incorporated into the minutes as **Exhibit I (a)**. After Commissioner Williams explained the nature of the grant and the background of the Healthy Community Initiative, Commissioner Wessner moved to approve the resolution, which carried unanimously.

Mayor Woods then asked the commissioners to report on their recent regional meetings. Commissioner Jenest reported he was unable to attend the MUMPO meeting, but that the Lake Norman Transit Commission is moving closer in their efforts to get a new lane on I-77 and converting the HOV lanes to HOT lanes.

Commissioner Venzon reported that the Planning Coordinating Committee is having their annual luncheon on April 1. Commissioner Venzon also reported that the deadline for MI-Connection board applications closed on March 21 and that the nominating committee will meet soon to submit their recommendation to the board at the April meeting.

Commissioner Wessner reported that Ada Jenkins FIRE, a barbeque fundraiser, will be held on April 30 and tickets are available online. Commissioner Wessner also reported that the library task force board chair's report to a joint session of the Library Board and the County Commission made the task force feel cautiously optimistic. The recommendation from the task force urged commissioners to set a per capita standard for library funding in order to allow the library to preserve the status quo. Mayor Woods commended Commissioner Wessner's outstanding job and leadership on the task force.

Commissioner Dreffer reported that he attended the LNEDC meeting and that although the ABB groundbreaking has been delayed until April, they have started construction and are forming a new project list. Commissioner Dreffer also announced that the Farmer's Market opens April 9 and have several prospects in the search to fill the executive director position and thanked Mary Jane Leach for her hard work and service as the Farmer's Market Executive Director.

Commissioner Williams provided an update on the Arts and Sciences Council retreat and the Women's Leadership Conference at Davidson College, which was sold out.

Finally, Mayor Woods reported that the MTC formed the Red Line Task Force subcommittee who is working steadily; however, funding is always an issue, but they are looking for creative ways to finance the Red Line.

Following the commissioner reports, Mayor Woods introduced the Civics 101 graduating class, gave a brief history of the course, and awarded the class participants Davidson pins. The 2011 Civics 101 class list is incorporated into these minutes as **Exhibit III (a)**.

The parking study presentation was moved to the second presentation item where Annaka Norris of Rich & Associates presented their findings. John Cock, an engineer for the study (SEPI) provided background on what traffic scenarios were analyzed and specifics such as what was studied, field observations, improvement recommendations and alternatives. Economic Development Manager Kris Krider answered questions about how streets were chosen for the study and reviewed recommendations for N.C. 115 and Concord Road. Ms. Norris reviewed how information was collected as incorporated into these minutes as **Exhibit III (b1, b2)**.

Following the parking study draft report, Mayor Woods welcomed Bobbie Shields from Mecklenburg County who presented the Mecklenburg County Joint Master Capital Plan, part of the IBM Smarter Cities Program in which IBM has invested \$50 million worth of technology and services into Mecklenburg County. Mr. Shields announced that IBM executives have made both long and short term recommendations and the county is now seeking support for the concept and the next steps in the program.

Following a brief break, Mayor Woods called the meeting back to order to discuss Davidson East rezoning. Town Manager Brice began the discussion stating that the Town applied for the final funding from the Duke readiness study to do a concept plan which will put the rezoning process on hold. Mr. Brice's recommendation is to defer action by the board at the April meeting until a later date, and in the meantime move forward with the concept plan process. Staff will report back to the Board on the agreement with the owner at the April meeting.

Following the discussion, the Board moved into closed session where they received information regarding a personnel matter where no action was taken.

The Board came back into open session and with no further matters to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Lillian D. Smith, Town Clerk