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April 24, 2012

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

The Town of Davidson Board of Commissioners held its regular scheduled Work Session on Tuesday, April 24, 2012 which began at 6:00 p.m. Present were Mayor John Woods, Commissioners Fuller, Graham, Jenest, Venzon and Wessner. Town Manager Leamon Brice, Assistant Manager Dawn Blobaum, Police Chief Jeanne Miller, Fire Chief Josh Peklo, Parks and Recreation Manager Kathryn Spatz, Interim Planning Manager Ben McCrary, Public Works Manager Doug Wright, Public Information Officer Megan Pillow Davis, Accountant Suzanne Tungate, Finance Director Cindy Jones, and Town Clerk Heather Birch were also present.

Mayor Woods welcomed the group and began the meeting by asking each commissioner to report on their committee and/or organization. Commissioner Jenest, the LNTC Representative, commented that there will be a public hearing held in the near future to discuss options for the Interstate 77 widening. Commissioner Graham spoke about "Hotel Power Hour" which will be held on Thursday, May 10 sponsored by DVA-Charlotte. This topic was not directly related to the organization he serves on (Centralina COG), but important to the Charlotte-Metro region as a whole. Commissioner Wessner reported on DCIC. She said that Kathleen Rose presented the final part of the economic development plan at the last DCIC meeting. The plan is currently being reviewed and recommended changes are being made. Commissioner Venzon serves on the Lake Norman EDC and reported that she attended a seminar with Mitch Silver, the national president of the APA, who focused on generational trends. She also reported that Jerry Broadway has seen increased inquiries about economic development projects. Commissioner Fuller who serves on ASC said that the NC State legislature has been debating the topic of publically funding art initiatives. He hoped that legislators would continue to support funding art in the community.

Finance Director Cindy Jones presented the preliminary budget. She reported that the tax rate will stay constant at .35 per \$100. She discussed revenues, expenditures, fund balance and a needs list. Jones noted that she anticipated no increase in the solid waste fees. Commissioner Graham suggested having previous years included in the presentation. Brice noted that the Board may need more educational information on the budget process. Discussion occurred about the percentage that should remain in fund balance.

The motion to enter closed session to discuss the location of a new business in the Town was made by Commissioner Venzon and it was passed unanimously (5-0). No action was taken. The motion to return to open session was made by Commissioner Wessner and was passed unanimously (5-0).

The motion to adjourn at 9:28 p.m. was made by Commissioner Jenest and was passed unanimously (5-0).

Town Clerk, Heather Birch