

January 21, 2003

REGULAR MEETING

PRESENT: Mayor, Susan W. Kluttz, Presiding; Mayor Pro Tem, Paul B. Woodson, Jr.; Councilmen William (Bill) Burgin; Robert (Bob) Martin; William (Pete) Kennedy, City Manager, David W. Treme; City Attorney, F. Rivers Lawther, Jr., and City Clerk, Myra B. Heard.

ABSENT: None.

Mayor Kluttz called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Councilmember Martin gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Kluttz led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Mayor Kluttz recognized all visitors present.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

Mayor Kluttz noted the following changes to the Agenda:

Deletion of Item 13 – Council to consider adopting an Ordinance directing the Housing Inspector to arrange demolition of the structure located at 402 East Horah Street. Mayor Kluttz stated there was a pending sale of the house and that the house has been secured.

Deletion of Item 14 – Council to consider awarding a construction contract for the Park Avenue Community Center to Summit Developers. Mayor Kluttz stated that staff is not yet ready to make a recommendation.

Addition of a Closed Session for the acquisition of property located in the 300 block of South Main Street as allowed in North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11(5).

Addition of a request for a moratorium on midget racetracks.

RECOGNITION OF THE ALUMNAE CHAPTER OF THE ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY

Mayor Kluttz recognized the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority for their donation of a "Reading is Fundamental" reading library to the Miller Recreation Center. The library will consist of approximately 100 books purchased from a grant the sorority received through the Reading is Fundamental/Coca Cola Partnership. Mayor Kluttz thanked the members of the sorority, on behalf of Council and the Parks and Recreation Commission, for their commitment to the community and the education of children. Mayor Kluttz recognized sorority President Loretta Moore and education committee members Jean Kennedy, Shirley Holt, Carolyn Holt, Tanya Dixon Neely and Lilly Nelson and presented them with certificate of appreciation from City Council.

CONSENT AGENDA

(a) Minutes

Minutes of the Regular meeting of January 7, 2003.

(b) Revised subdivision plat S-01-02 - Super Wal-Mart and Acceptance of the Streets

Approve a revised subdivision plat S-01-02 for the acceptance of maintenance responsibility for South Arlington Street and Freeland Drive, including the adoption of Ordinances to establish stop conditions.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 13-332, ARTICLE X, CHAPTER 13, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, RELATING TO STOP SIGNS.

(The above ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book No. 19, under Chapter X - Traffic, at Page No. 1, and is known as

Ordinance No. 2003-7.)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 13-326, ARTICLE X, CHAPTER 13, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, RELATING TO TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL LIGHTS.

(The above ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book No. 19, under Chapter X - Traffic,, at Page No. 2, and is known as Ordinance No. 2003-8.)

(c) Group Development G-7-72 - Eckerd's of Salisbury Township Shopping Center

Approve Group Development G-7-72 Eckerd's at Salisbury Township Shopping Center, East Innes Street near Avalon Drive.

(d) Andrew Jackson Masonic Lodge Brunswick Stew Sale

Approve a request from the Andrew Jackson Masonic Lodge to reverse the flow of traffic on Water Street on February 27, 2003 for their annual Brunswick stew sale.

Thereupon, Councilman Kennedy **moved** to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Burgin seconded the motion. Messrs. Burgin, Martin, Kennedy, Woodson and Ms. Klutz voted AYE. (5-0)

CONSIDERATION OF 90-DAY MORATORIUM FOR RACETRACKS AND MOTOR SPORTS FACILITIES

Mayor Pro Tem Woodson indicated that residents of Forest Glen had approached him and he clearly understood they did not want a racetrack adjacent to the subdivision. He went on to say that the Council represents all of the citizens of Salisbury, and added that if a moratorium was not put in place and a judge ruled the racetrack was permitted, then there could be problems. He stated that he would like for Council to visit a track site and that he leaned toward enacting the 90-day moratorium.

Councilman Martin agreed with Mayor Pro Tem Woodson stating he would like to visit a site. He stated that both sides had lobbied in support or opposition of the racetrack and that both felt very strongly.

Councilman Burgin expressed his faith in the system but felt Council must be fair to both property owners and developers and the neighborhoods. He added that there are questions that need due diligence and this should be completed so that Council does not operate at a disadvantage.

Thereupon Councilman Burgin made a **motion** to adopt A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A 90-DAY MORATORIUM FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AND ISSUING OF PERMITS FOR RACETRACKS AND MOTOR SPORTS FACILITIES and read the RESOLUTION. Councilman Kennedy seconded the motion adding that it should also include any pending or future permits or site plan approvals. Messrs. Burgin, Martin, Kennedy, Woodson and Ms. Klutz voted aye. (5-0)

Mayor Klutz stated Council was not comfortable it would not jeopardize the neighborhoods without the moratorium in place.

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A 90-DAY MORATORIUM FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AND ISSUING OF PERMITS FOR RACETRACKS AND MOTOR SPORTS FACILITIES.

(The above resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book No.11, under Chapter XII - Miscellaneous, at Page No. 5, and is known as Resolution No. 2003-5)

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ZONING MAP AMENDMENT - Z-23-03 - MAIN STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Z-23-02 - Main Street United Methodist Church

1312 North Main Street

The request is to rezone approximately 22,500 square feet of property located 1312 North Main Street from SFC Single-Family Conservation Residential District to B-1 Office Institutional District.

(a) Mr. Harold Poole, Senior Planner, informed Council that Main Street United Methodist Church located at 1312 North Main Street requested a change in zoning from SFC (Single Family Conservation) to B1 (Office Institutional) for two lots located in the 1300 block of Main Street. The combined property totaled about 22,500 square feet. He noted that the adjacent property was currently zoned B1 and the Planning Board had voted unanimously in favor of zoning map amendment Z-23-02.

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(b) Mayor Klutz then opened the public hearing for those who wished to speak in favor or in opposition to the zoning map amendment. No one spoke to Council in favor or in opposition to the zoning map amendment. Therefore Mayor Klutz closed the public hearing.

(c) Thereupon, Mayor Pro Tem Woodson made a **motion** to approve zoning map amendment Z-23-02 as presented. Councilman Burgin seconded the motion. Messrs. Burgin, Martin, Kennedy, Woodson and Ms. Klutz voted AYE. (5-0)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, NORTH CAROLINA, BY REZONING

APPROXIMATELY 22,500 SQUARE FEET WITH ABOUT 150 FEET ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE 1300 BLOCK OF NORTH MAIN STREET, IDENTIFIED AS PARCELS 48 AND 49 ON SALISBURY TOWNSHIP TAX MAP 7, FROM SFC SINGLE-FAMILY CONSERVATION RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO B-1 OFFICE INSTITUTIONAL DISTRICT.

(The above ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book No. 19, under Chapter XI- Zoning Planning, at Page No. 10, and is known as Ordinance No. 2003-9.)

HIGHLIGHTS AND GOALS FROM COMMUNITY APPEARANCE COMMISSION, HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION, AND PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Community Appearance Commission (CAC)

Mr. Donald R. (Pete) Bogle, Chairman of the Community Appearance Commission (CAC) reviewed their highlights and goals for 2002-2003 as follows:

Highlights - 2002

- Municipal Service District Incentive Grants \$17,375-City
\$2,641,574-private funding
- Innes Street Incentive Grants \$12,500-City
\$63,500 - private funds
- Donation of property from the Salisbury-Rowan Intercivic Council

for the development of a pocket park at the intersection of Elm Street and Lincoln Road, with the possibility of Salisbury High School students helping with upkeep of the park \$2,413

- Continuation of public art, including the Angels display in Robetson Park
- Discussion of an Urban Art and History Trail Initiative similar to the one in place in Asheville, NC
- Continuation of the Landscape of the Month designation along with the fall and spring spruce-up
- Recommendations made to City Council concerning temporary sales signs and electronic signs
- Creation of a Neighborhood leaders brochure.

2002 CAC members were: Emma Jean Hawley, Pete Bogle, Bill Safrit, Johnny Safrit, Florence Page, Greta Connor, Bruce Wilson, Preston Sale, Barbara Perry, James Donaldson, Allen Winters, and Kim Saunders.

Goals - 2003

- Re-establish the Municipal Service District Grant Program \$25,000
- Re-establish the Innes Street Incentive Grant Program \$25,000
- Conduct an annual awards/education program \$ 5,000
- Continue the promotion of the Fall and Spring Spruce-up Days,

Adopt a Salisbury Street Program, Landscape of the Month, and other programs \$ 1,600

- Support efforts to improve the appearance, comfort and maintenance of downtown streetscape with the purchase of eleven (11) additional trash receptacles and six (6) benches \$12,000

- Maintain a pocket park at the intersection of Elm Street and Lincoln Road \$ 1,000

- Begin planning for an Urban Art and History Trail \$10,000

Mayor Klutz thanked Mr. Bogle and asked him to thank all the members of the Community Appearance Commission for their hard work. Councilman Burgin added that the Commission has a very important task and they do a wonderful job. The amazing thing is the amount the City puts in compared to private industry. Mr. Burgin said he likes to think what the City puts in is an encouragement.

Historic Preservation Commission (HPC)

Mr. Michael Young stated he was speaking to Council on behalf of Mr. Charles Paul, Chairman of the Historic Preservation Commission, about their highlights and goals for 2002-2003.

Highlights - 2002

- The HPC held 12 regular meetings
- The HPC received forty-six (46) Certificate of Appropriateness

applications of which forty-one (41) were granted, three (3) denied, one (1) tabled and one (1) withdrawn

- Thirty-nine (39) Minor Works requests were approved
- Four (4) Design Review Advisory Committee meetings were held
- The Historic Preservation Incentive Grant program awarded five (5)

grants totaling \$16,704 (matching grants to homeowners in the local historic district)

- Work on the Salisbury Railroad Corridor National Register Historic

District boundary expansion

- Approval of amendments to Non-residential Guidelines for signage in downtown
- The Certified Local Government Annual Report was filed.

Goals - 2003

- The reprinting of Historic District Guidelines
- First printing of the Non-residential Historic District Guidelines
- Research a manageable method of ensuring new property owners

receive the guidelines

- Reinstate the Historic Preservation Incentive Grant
- Identify training and educational opportunities for HPC members and staff.

Mayor Klutz told Mr. Young that Council appreciates the Historic Preservation Commission members and their work. Mayor Klutz said she thinks Salisbury has more property in historic districts than any other city besides Savannah, Georgia. She added that as new properties are added to the historic districts, it in turn creates more work for the HPC.

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Parks and Recreation Commission

Ms. Vicki Wallace, Chairman of the Salisbury Parks and Recreation Commission, spoke to Council about the goals and highlights for the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Highlights - 2002

- Completion of park signage, completed in-house for considerable savings estimated at \$56,000.00. The signs are in both English and Spanish.

- Salisbury-Rowan Sports Hall of Fame inductees of the Class of 2002:
Vernon Benson, David Dreschler, Jimmy Heggins, Robert "Bobby" Pharr,
James Teal, Larry Thomason, and James "Walt" Baker
- Completion of the fishing pier and the commencement of soccer play in the spring of 2002 in the Salisbury Community Park. The fish stocking for the lake was also started
- Completion of a reorganization of the Parks Maintenance Division, now under the management of Mr. Keith Trawick
- Start of the City Park Stream restoration, paid for through an agreement with Wal-Mart
- Renovation of the City Park Island and the purchase of a Christmas tree for the island through a grant from the Woodson Foundation
- Ms. Liz Tennent Rose and the Salisbury Parks and Recreation Marketing Division received the 2002 Marketing and Communications KUDOS award as the Best Overall Communicator
- Completion of a successful summer park patrol in cooperation with the City of Salisbury Police Department, with special thanks to Officer Mike McCart.

Goals - 2003

Priority Level One

- Provide operating and tournament recruitment funds for the Parks, especially the Salisbury Community Park and Athletic Complex
- Provide annual allocation of funds for the renovation of existing parks
- Provide funding for a feasibility study for a facility to support large events and conferences (Convention/Civic Center)
- Renovations to the old Civic Center according to the Department Master Plan estimated at \$2,000,000 for a gym, pool, and some park development
- Construction of a new convention/civic center to accommodate larger groups.

Priority Level Two

- Renovation of the Sports Complex, with field re-design and new lighting
- Design and development of a Hall of Fame building at the Salisbury Community Park and Athletic Complex
- Acquisition of land for a Neighborhood Park east of I-85, according to the current master plan.

Support Goals - 2003

- Support the design and development of the Salisbury Greenway
- Support neighborhood problem solving through programs and park renovations
- Support the Sports Development Task Force in the recruitment of tournaments

and events in our parks.

2002-2003 Advisory Board members are as follows: Vicki Wallace, Dr. Wayne Wooten, Albert Stout, Jr., Luke Fisher, Amy Ritchie, Karen Morris, Sal Alfieri, Amy Smith, and Bill Burgin, City Council Liaison.

Mayor Klutz thanked Ms. Wallace for her ten (10) years of service on the Parks and Recreation Commission, and thanked all the Board members.

Councilman Kennedy added that he had always enjoyed the luncheon with the Boards and Commissions but has enjoyed these presentations even more.

REPORT FROM THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION REGARDING THE EXPANSION OF THE SALISBURY RAILROAD CORRIDOR HISTORIC DISTRICT.

Ms. Lynn Raker, Urban Design Planner, informed Council that an expansion to the Salisbury Railroad Corridor Historic District has been nominated for the National Register. The area includes eleven (11) buildings, built between 1920-1951, which are along the east side of the two blocks of North Lee Street between East Liberty and East Cemetery Streets. Ms. Raker told Council that of the eleven (11) buildings, only one (1) was non-contributing. She added that the buildings were initially used as warehouses to accommodate trade brought by the Southern Railway and are currently located in the Downtown Local Historic District.

Ms. Raker said that as a Certified Local Government (CLG), the City of Salisbury is required to participate in the nomination process by the review of nominations by the CLG Commission (Historic Preservation Commission), and the Chief elected official. Public input is required. She then went on to say that the Historic Preservation Commission held a public forum on January 9th and the Commission made a favorable recommendation for the nomination of the boundary expansion at that time. Ms. Raker told Council that after reviewing the nomination, Council would need to make a recommendation, which would be forwarded to the National Register Advisory Committee in the State Historic Preservation office. The nomination is scheduled to be presented to the Advisory Committee on February 13, 2003. She then told Council that this is provided as information and no action is needed.

REPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY APPEARANCE COMMISSION REGARDING ELECTRONIC SIGNS

Mr. Pete Bogle, Chairman of the Community Appearance Commission (CAC), reviewed the process leading to the study by the Community Appearance Commission on the use of electronic signs. Mr. Bogle noted that on November 19, 2002, Council considered a proposal to allow electronic signs. He also noted the Planning Board had recommended allowing a sign in office, commercial, and industrial districts with a maximum thirty-two (32) square feet as long as the signs did not contain flashing, scrolling or animated messages and be no more than 50 percent of the sign face. The message must remain fixed at least two minutes. He then added that after Council committee reviewed the recommendation, it added that the lights must be white and fixed for at least ten (10) seconds. Council sent the matter to the Community Appearance Commission for review.

Mr. Bogle stated that the Community Appearance Commission reviewed the proposal at its December 11, 2002 meeting. A joint Planning Board and Appearance Commission committee had previously studied temporary sale signs and, while researching other municipalities signs allowed. It was noted that most municipalities prohibited the use of electronic signs. Research showed electronic signs to be fairly affordable at prices starting around \$5,500.00. The Community Appearance Commission unanimously recommended that the sign ordinance remain as is, with no amendments for blinking, scrolling or still electronic signs, and to stay within the guidelines set forth in the Innes Street Zoning Overlay study, the Vision 2020 study.

Mayor Klutz said that she had received a RESOLUTION from the Board of Directors of Downtown Salisbury, Inc., adopted November 26, 2002, opposing changeable message signs. She read the RESOLUTION.

Mayor Klutz then told Council that they had the choice to take no action, which would leave the ordinance as is, or to approve the change to allow the signs. She added that she agreed with the Community Appearance Commission and Downtown Salisbury, Inc., adding that she felt it gave an unfair advantage to large businesses and penalizes small businesses. She said she would like to see Council take no action.

Mayor Pro Tem Woodson said that he and Councilman Kennedy had met with the business owner who was interested in the ordinance change and the owner had made requests, which they felt were not possible, so he agrees no action should be taken.

Councilman Kennedy agreed with Mayor Klutz and Mayor Pro Tem Woodson that no action should be taken, and by unanimous **consensus** Council agreed to take no action on the change to allow electronic signs.

AMENDMENT TO SECTION 15-4 OF THE CITY CODE CONCERNING STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PONDS

Mr. Patrick Ritchie, Staff Engineer, told Council that Section 15-4 of the City Code prohibits the construction of dams or obstruction of any kind that would interfere with the natural flow of water and cause water to collect into pools on any piece of property. He went on to say that the compliance with upcoming NPDES Phase 2 regulations and other projects that enhance water quality typically use storm water management ponds which would be prohibited under the current code. Mr. Ritchie informed Council that staff had reviewed the ordinance and drafted an amendment which would allow the formation of ponds under certain conditions when approved by the City Engineer. Mr. Ritchie said the staff recommendation is for Council to adopt the proposed amendment to Section 15-4 of the City Code to allow the construction of storm water management ponds, when approved by the City Engineer.

Councilman Burgin asked if the approval by the City Engineer would create another level of approval or if a request would go through the same permitting process. Mr. Ritchie responded that the change would allow the City Engineer the ability to approve the creation of the pond or pool without causing the applicant to seek conditional relief from City Council.

Councilman Kennedy **moved** to adopt the amendment to Section 15-4 of the City Code to allow the construction of storm water management ponds. Councilman Burgin seconded the motion. Messrs. Burgin, Martin, Kennedy, Woodson and Ms. Klutz voted AYE. (5-0)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 15-4, ARTICLE I, CHAPTER 15, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, RELATING TO OBSTRUCTING NATURAL FLOW OF WATER.

(The above ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book No. 19, under Chapter IX - Public Nuisances and Offenses Generally, at Page No. 1, and is known as Ordinance No. 2003-10.)

BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO THE 2002-2003 BUDGET TO REMOVE BUDGETED STATE REIMBURSEMENTS AND ASSOCIATED EXPENDITURES

Teresa Harris, Budget and Performance Management Manager, spoke to Council concerning the State's decision to withhold its reimbursements to the local governments, but in its place, allowed counties to adopt a one-half cent local option sales tax which Rowan County has done. She asked Council to approve an ordinance amending the 2002-2003 Budget Ordinance to remove state reimbursements along with the relative expenditures and appropriate the one-half cent local option sales tax. She noted that this had been discussed during the budget message as an option, has been refined throughout the current fiscal year and is a technicality required by the Local Government Commission.

Mayor Pro Tem Woodson asked Ms. Harris if she had heard how the State's budget was looking for the next fiscal year. Ms. Harris answered that it still does not look good but is hard to tell until they (the State) receives tax revenues in April.

Councilman Kennedy asked City Manager David Treme if the cuts would affect the citizens immediately. City Manager Treme responded that there have already been cuts in grants and other cuts that Council had made in order to balance the budget. He added that he knew no other way to balance the budget other than this action. Mr. Treme stated that even though the half-cent sales tax passed, Salisbury received about \$1,600,000 (in reimbursements) and the tax would only bring in about \$800,000 and only half of that for the six (6) month period, so the City still lost a great deal of money. He said as of July 1, the hold harmless should put the City back in a better situation.

Councilman Kennedy made a **motion** to adopt the amendment to the 2002-2003 Budget Ordinance. Councilman Martin seconded the motion. Messrs. Burgin, Martin, Kennedy, Woodson and Ms. Klutz voted AYE. (5-0)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2002-2003 BUDGET ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, NORTH CAROLINA, TO REMOVE STATE REIMBURSEMENTS AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL SALES TAX.

(The above ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book No. 19, under Chapter II – Administrative, at Page Nos. 3-7, and is known as Ordinance No. 2003-11.)

UPDATE FROM STAFF CONCERNING WORK ON INNES STREET AND I-85

Ms. Wendy Brindle, Traffic Engineer, updated Council on construction work on I-85 and the Innes Street corridor. Ms. Brindle told Council that the Department of Transportation would close the southbound exit ramp (76B) for approximately 60 days beginning January 21st. She added that the southbound loop (76A) will serve as the detour, being modified to accommodate traffic turning right or left.

Ms. Brindle said that the next closure will be in mid-February for the southbound on-ramp for Jake Alexander Boulevard and the ramp will remain closed for approximately 90 days. Traffic will be detoured onto a new service road named the Klumac Road Extension.

Ms. Brindle informed Council that the Department of Transportation will be installing a storm drain pipe past North Arlington Street which would require North Arlington Street to be closed for 3 days. She then added that DOT would look at options to minimize the effect on businesses and would be contacting the businesses in question. There will be a detour to Boundary Street.

REPORT FROM CITY MANAGER

(a) Planning Board Recommendations

Council received the Planning Board recommendations and comments from their January 14, 2003 meeting.

(b) Update Regarding FEMA Cleanup

Ms. Linda Davis, Cemetery Operations Manager in the Public Services Department, updated Council on the cleanup process from the ice storm. Ms. Davis stated that contractor (TAG Grinding Services, Inc.) has completed their passes through all neighborhoods and subdivisions, and that the street department has again taken over the collection of storm debris and limbs, and leaf collection. She added the loose-leaf collection is back on the schedule printed in October.

Ms. Davis said that of the seven (7) City owned cemeteries, five (5) contained many hangers (limbs) that the bucket truck could not reach; therefore a climbing crew has begun work to remove the hangers. Ms. Davis said the crew has worked in Chestnut Hill, Dixonville, Old Lutheran, Old English, and Old Union Cemeteries and the work will be completed by the end of this week. At the completion of the cemetery work, the climbers will move on to the Landscape Division within Public Services to remove out-of-reach hangers in Hurley Park and the City's right-of-ways.

Mr. Richard Kelly, Risk Manager, distributed a report sent to FEMA, along with their response concerning the claims for the clean up. Mr. Kelly stated that staff had met with representatives from FEMA on three (3) occasions. A report was submitted to FEMA estimating the cost of debris and debris removal to be \$1,117,399.88 for completion, which is now approximately 95 percent completed. He pointed out that FEMA had initially prepared a worksheet estimating the cost to be \$993,050, but if the cost exceeds the worksheet, the City would be reimbursed at a rate of 100%. He then shared the cost for the emergency response (\$27,786.59) and Public Utilities (\$83,066.05).

Mr. Kelly informed Council that he had filed for an early payment from FEMA, which would honor 75 percent of the projected cost in the early payment. He added he felt there would be no problem receiving early payment approval.

Mr. Kelly noted that the claim filed to FEMA was three times the size of the claim for 1989's Hurricane Hugo.

Councilman Martin asked Mr. Kelly about the emergency response costs and how the cost was calculated. Mr. Kelly responded that there was a State fee schedule for patrol units and fire apparatus for an hourly cost.

City Manger Treme stated that staff has done a professional job and filed a very well documented report. He added that he felt 100 percent of the claim would be reimbursed.

Mayor Kluttz thanked both Ms. Davis and Mr. Kelly and everyone on staff for their hard work and for the wonderful job.

MAYOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

(a) Crime Control Summit

Mayor Kluttz announced that the Salisbury Crime Control Summit would be held at City Hall on Thursday, February 13, 2003 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

(b) N. C. Metropolitan Coalition

Mayor Kluttz distributed information on the Metropolitan Coalition and stated she had been appointed to the executive committee. She added that of the twenty-five (25) largest cities in the Coalition, Salisbury is probably the smallest of the largest, yet benefits more than anyone else because of the insights of the other City Councils and Managers. She added that she found Salisbury has a lot in common with the larger municipalities as they face many similar challenges, but on different scales. Through the Coalition, Mayor Kluttz said that she and City Manager Treme had lobbied to have the state reimbursements returned, as well as for the local option sales tax.

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Kluttz informed Council that she would entertain a motion for the Council to go into closed session to discuss the acquisition of property located in the 300 block of South Main Street as allowed by G.S. 143-318.11(5).

Thereupon, Mayor Pro Tem Paul Woodson **moved** to go into closed session to discuss the acquisition of property located in the 300 block of South Main Street as allowed by G.S. 143-318.11(5). Councilman Burgin seconded the motion. Messrs. Burgin, Kennedy, Martin, Woodson, and Ms. Kluttz voted AYE. (5-0)

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Mayor Pro Tem Woodson **moved** to return to open session. Mr. Burgin seconded the motion. Messrs. Burgin, Kennedy, Martin, Woodson, and Ms. Klutz voted AYE. (5-0)

Mayor Klutz reported no action was taken in the closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Woodson, seconded by Mr. Burgin. All Council members agreed unanimously to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk