

REGULAR MEETING

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

ABSENT: None.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Kluttz at 4:00 p.m. The invocation was given by Councilman Lewis.

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/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

Mayor Kluttz noted the following changes to the Agenda:

Add – Council to consider adopting a **RESOLUTION** indicating the City of Salisbury’s desire to join the National League of Cities’ Partnership for Working Toward Inclusive Communities.

Item 8 – Council to consider adopting an **ORDINANCE** amending City Code Chapter 25, Article I – In General and Article VI – Backflow Prevention and Cross-Connection Control and adopt the Backflow Prevention and Cross-Connection Control Assemblies and Devices Installation Manual. Mayor Kluttz noted that Council will hold the public hearing regarding this item but the discussion and vote will be postponed until its next meeting.

RECOGNITION OF SOLID WASTE EQUIPMENT OPERATOR JAMES VINSON

Mr. Lynn Hillard, Sanitation Division Manager, introduced Mr. James Vinson who retired after thirty-three (33) years of service with the City of Salisbury.

Mr. Richard Kelly, Risk Manager, discussed the City’s insurance premium costs and claims. He noted that during Mr. Vinson’s thirty-three (33) years of driving over three hundred thousand (300,000) miles, he never had a workman’s compensation chargeable accident nor did he lose a work day related to an injury on the job. He stated that he has been an admirable employee and one that will be very hard to replace.

Mayor Kluttz presented Mr. Vinson with an Outstanding Driver’s Achievement Award plaque. She thanked Mr. Vinson and expressed Council’s congratulations and gratitude.

CONSENT AGENDA:

(a) Minutes

Approve Minutes of the regular meeting of February 6, 2007.

(b) Group Developments

Approve the following group development site plans:

- G-01-07 Bost Development Company, Inc., 121 West 13th Street
- G-06-68 Catawba College/Partners in Learning, 2300 West Innes Street

(c) Final Subdivision Plat S-03-07

Approve final subdivision plat S-03-07 The Gables at Kepley Farm, Phase 2 subject to receipt of a guarantee of improvements in accordance with section 5.03.2 of the Subdivision Ordinance.

Thereupon, Mr. Kennedy made a **motion** to adopt the consent agenda as presented. Mr. Woodson seconded the motion. Messrs. Burgin, Kennedy, Lewis, Woodson, and Ms. Klutz voted AYE. (5-0)

HIGHLIGHTS AND GOALS PRESENTATION FROM THE TREE BOARD, HURLEY PARK ADVISORY BOARD, AND ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Salisbury Tree Board

Mr. John Burke, Chairman, noted the Tree Board's mission statement which states, "to preserve, protect and plant trees on City owned property and along public rights-of-way within the Salisbury City limits." Members of the Tree Board are: John Burke, Chair; Johnnie Leach, Vice-Chair; Mary Ellen Turner, Carol Palmer, Doris Roberts, Susan Cloninger, and Liz Goodman.

Mr. Burke reviewed the Highlights for the Tree Board:

Highlights 2006 – 2007

- Provide funding for tree and landscaping on East Innes Street and South Main Street as part of the Downtown Salisbury Master Plan
 - Status: Landscaping of the bridge complete. Plan for South Main will be developed
- Conducted Neighborhood Tree Planting Projects
 - Status: An inventory of trees are available for planting on a case by case basis.
- Conducted Arbor Day/Earth Day program at Historic Salisbury Foundation
 - Status: Complete

Goals 2007 – 2008

- Utilize City Green software to:
 - Analyze tree canopy conditions
 - Monitor land clearing activities, and
 - Provide a "State of the Environment" report to City Council
- Provide funding for tree planting and landscaping as requested by neighborhoods.
- Centennial Park \$5,000.00 for this project
- Conduct a study and recommend policies for tree canopy preservation
- Reduce the impact of tree topping through classified advertising and other communication \$4,200.00 for this project
- Partner with the Catawba College Center for the Environment
- Utilize Access Channel 16
- Consider applying for a grant for educational programs for tree trimmers including safety and standard practices.
- Implement Neighborhood Tree Planting for the Jersey City Neighborhood using CDBG funds
- Continue to seek grants and alternative funding for urban forestry programming
- Update the approved tree list
- Develop a plan for the Brown-Wiseman Boxwood property donated by Ms. Sylvia Wiseman
- Continue to participate in Arbor Day and Tree City, USA programs

Mr. Morris stated that one of the goals of the Tree Board is to educate the citizens on public safety as it relates to tree removal.

Mayor Klutz thanked Mr. Burke for the Tree Board report and all that the Board does for the City.

Hurley Park Advisory Board

Ms. Elaine China, Chairman, presented the highlights and goals report for the Hurley Park Advisory Board:

Highlights 2006-2007

- Held Spring Celebration with four hundred (400) in attendance
- Held Summer Lecture with fifty (50) in attendance
- Continued routine maintenance and hosted seventeen (17) weddings as well as pre-prom photo activity in the spring
- Installed swing sign in Laughridge Garden
- Received a donation of hostas, totaling approximately \$3,000 from Jones Nursery in Advance, NC
- Installed three (3) pet waste stations (project funded by the J.F. Hurley Foundation)
- Renovated the Veteran's Main Entrance Garden (project funded by the J.F. Hurley Foundation)

Goals 2007-2008 Level 1

- Continue Spring Celebration and Summer Lecture \$1,600
- New Plantings \$3,000
 - Replacements for dedicated trees
 - New plants for garden renovations
 - Create an Accessible and Functional Annex \$20,000
 - Add a drinking fountain
 - Add electrical hookup
 - Add a path
 - Replace existing bridge with ADA compliant Chippendale bridge

Goals 2007-2008 Level 2

- Further development of the Hurley Park website
- Create a “walking tour” brochure
- Continue to seek funding through grants

Mayor Kluttz thanked Ms. China for the Hurley Park Advisory Board report and noted that the park is a treasure for the City.

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Mr. Chris Bradshaw, Chairman, presented the Highlights for 2006 and Goals for 2007 for the Zoning Board of Adjustment:

Highlights for FY 2006

- Held three (3) meetings
- Four (4) Conditional Use requests granted
 - 215 West Innes Street – off-premise directional sign for First United Methodist Church
 - The Reserve – Subdivision master development sign
 - Drummond Village – Subdivision master development sign
 - Drummond Village – Placement of modular sales office
- One (1) Administrative review up-held
 - 510 South Jackson Street – Review of the Historic Preservation Commission’s ruling for installation of vinyl windows
- One (1) Administrative review over-turned
 - 2130 Statesville Boulevard – Midas Retail – Request to leave banner on inside wall where it is currently located

Goals for FY 2006

- Continue training opportunities for all Board members with assistance from the Institute Of Government and Centralina Council Of Government

Mayor Kluttz stated that the Zoning Board of Adjustment is very important to the City and Council is very grateful for what they do.

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BACKFLOW PREVENTION AND CROSS-CONNECTION CONTROL AND THE CROSS-CONNECTION CONTROL ASSEMBLIES AND DEVICES INSTALLATION MANUAL

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- (a) Mayor Kluttz indicated that discussion and vote on this item will be postponed until the next Council meeting, but Council will proceed with a Public Hearing.
 - (b) Mr. Mike West, Utilities Finance Manager, pointed out that a video and PowerPoint presentation regarding backflow was presented to Council at a previous meeting. He noted that after advertising for the public hearing, comments were received regarding Section 25-141 of the proposed Ordinance. He added that this section has been reworded to make it easier to understand and he feels it will be a benefit to the development community and the development staff who review future plans.
 - (c) Mayor Kluttz convened a public hearing, after due notice and advertisement thereof, regarding amending City Code Chapter 25, Article I – In General and Article VI – Backflow Prevention and Cross Connection Control.

There being no one present to speak, Mayor Kluttz closed the public hearing.

Mayor Pro Tem Woodson asked if all restaurants will be required to install the backflow system. Mr. West responded that all restaurants will be required through a two (2) year phase-in period and noted that they will start with the restaurants that pose the greatest risk. Mr. Woodson asked if homeowners, convenience stores and doctors’ offices will also be required. Mr. West stated that homeowners who have a separate irrigation system will be required and will also fall under the two (2) year phase-in period. He indicated that most home irrigation systems installed in the last ten (10) years already have the system. He explained that convenience stores with only a restroom will fall under similar rules as residential and added that they are not as severe a risk as other locations such as gas stations. He stated that doctors’ offices are considered severe risk because of the mercury used in the offices.

Mr. Woodson asked if the citizens and business owners will be notified of the backflow system requirements. Mr. West stated that letters will be mailed to advise the citizens and business owners of the change to the Ordinance. He added that they plan to work very closely with the citizens to address their needs.

Mayor Kluttz noted that this will be brought back to Council at the next meeting.

GROUP DEVELOPMENT SITE PLAN G-11-68 LIVINGSTONE COLLEGE, 701 WEST MONROE STREET

(a) Mr. David Phillips, Zoning Administrator, stated that Site Plan G-11-68 is for a Student Housing Center and a Learning Center on the campus of Livingstone College. He reviewed vicinity maps and area photographs of the portion of the campus proposed for the development. He also reviewed the proposed site plans noting that student housing will be located in both centers along with meeting rooms in the Learning Center.

Mr. Phillips indicated that the Planning Board and staff recommended a sidewalk on Partee Street and the developer has revised the site plan to add a five (5) foot sidewalk along Partee Street. He noted that landscaping will be installed along the rights-of-way on Monroe Street and Partee Street. Mr. Phillips stated that at the Planning Board meeting a question was raised regarding no requirement in the plan to provide parking for the proposed development. He stated that based on the College/University zoning district, dormitories that are a part of the continuous campus are not required to have parking.

Councilman Lewis questioned the location of any on-street parking. Mr. Phillips responded that he did not recollect on-street parking in the area when visiting the site for review.

Mr. Phillips stated that a concern was raised at the Planning Board meeting regarding the placement of a trash compactor proposed to be placed at the building located at the intersection of Old Wilkesboro Road and Partee Street. He noted that staff recommended that it be relocated to a less prominent site on campus and by a vote of six (6) to five (5) the Planning Board voted that the dumpster be relocated. He added that the Planning Board felt that if the trash compactor cannot be relocated additional screening should be applied beyond what is required by the zoning Code. He pointed out that the site plan has been revised to show the additional screening around the compactor.

Mr. Phillips reviewed the elevation drawings of the buildings.

Mr. Preston Mitchell, Senior Planner, stated that as a part of the Planning Board motion, staff was directed to score the area on the newly adopted sidewalk priority plan. He indicated that this was done and provided a map of the scored area to Council. He noted that the developer has voluntarily added a sidewalk along Partee Street.

Mr. Phillips stated that the Planning Board recommends approval of the site plan with conditions that the trash compactor be moved to a less prominent site and the addition of sidewalk along Partee Street, which the developer has added.

Mr. Lewis questioned the construction materials for the screening to be placed around the trash compactor. Mr. Phillips responded that he believes it will be either vinyl or wood.

(b) Mayor Kluttz opened the floor to receive public comment regarding site plan G-11-68.

Mr. Gene Muston, stated that he is an engineer with Borum Wade and Associates, 601 Eugene Court, Suite 100, Greensboro, NC and represents Sweetwater Development Company. He stated that he is working in conjunction with Mr. Maurice Deberry, Sweetwater Development Company, and Livingstone College to construct the facilities.

Mr. Muston explained that the developer has submitted plans to several state agencies for the necessary approval in order to obtain project permits and added that to date they have received conditional approval from Erosion Control and feedback for the driveway permit from the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT). He indicated that they will continue to work on the utility plans with City staff. He stated that Mr. Deberry is working toward a grand opening date of January 2008.

Mr. Muston stated that the developers have tried to accommodate the two (2) recommendations made by the Planning Board. He explained that the developer has agreed to install sidewalks along Partee Street and indicated that there was a problem with the sidewalks due to the public right-of-way not being sufficient, however, an easement was dedicated along Partee Street to accommodate the sidewalk. He noted that the developer has also revised the site plan to allow for additional screening around the dumpster.

Mr. Muston explained that there is onsite parking on the campus to accommodate the facilities. He added that the dumpster has been placed in the best location to provide handicap access and to provide service from Partee Street. He indicated that he will continue to work with staff to provide the type of fence that staff requires for the dumpster area and suggested that it be as tall as the compactor and constructed of wood or vinyl in earth tones.

Mr. Maurice Deberry, Sweetwater Developers, 310 S. Elm Street, Greensboro, NC, stated that Sweetwater Developers is looking forward to the Livingstone College project that he feels will provide an excellent tool for recruitment. He added that he is also looking forward to working with the City of Salisbury.

Mr. State Alexander, Executive Assistant to the President of Livingstone College, stated that the project is something Livingstone College is very excited about. He added that he feels it will be an excellent benefit to the college in terms of recruiting and student retention and will be a benefit to the community. He noted that he is very much in favor of the site plan and asked Council for support.

Mayor Pro Tem Woodson asked if the plan proposes two hundred thirty five (235) units for student housing. Mr. Alexander indicated that there

will be two hundred thirty five (235) units with two (2) students per unit.

Councilman Lewis asked if the existing fence around the proposed site will be taken down. Mr. Alexander stated that the fence will be taken down and current plans are for a new fence along West Monroe Street from Craige Street to Partee Street. Mr. Lewis stated that the building will anchor that portion of the campus and will be a beautiful addition to the area.

There being no one else to address Council regarding the development site plan, Mayor Kluttz closed the public comment session.

Councilman Kennedy stated that he is a graduate of Livingstone College and is excited about the growth and is delighted to support the site plan to create space that can be used by the community. He added that he feels it would be an inviting invitation to the community if the fence could be taken down.

Councilman Burgin asked if staff has suggested an alternate location for the dumpster. He commented that when entering Livingstone College from Old Wilkesboro Road he felt it would create a more beautiful entrance if trees and the new building were the first things seen rather than the proposed compactor site. He stated that this building will be a positive addition for the community and he supports the site plan, but is interested in what alternates were suggested by staff for placement of the dumpster. Mr. Phillips stated that the only alternative would be the back drive along the side of the building. Mr. Burgin asked if that location would work. Mr. Muston responded that when the project is completed that portion of the lawn will have a large bank slope in order to have a flat finished floor for the facility. He added that this location is not optimal based on the engineering data. Mr. Burgin added that he would not want to lose an opportunity to highlight the building at the College and noted that he hopes all possibilities are explored before a final decision is made. He stated that many apartments actually build ramps in order to create an elevated area to allow students to drop their refuse into the compactor and noted that if there is a slope being created through construction, the slope might work with that idea.

Mr. Kennedy stated that he agrees with Mr. Burgin's view on the location of the dumpster because it will be the first thing you see as you come into the campus entrance. Mr. Burgin added that this will be a great entrance to the campus and this is a chance to make a nice statement.

Mr. Deberry stated that the developers have spent a significant amount of time working on the location of the dumpster and their goal is to bring the best product to Livingstone College in all aspects. He indicated that the location of the dumpster is not a monetary issue but one of technical civil engineering and it does not fit in the back portion of the site plan. He pointed out that the developers plan to address the location of the dumpster with significant trees, plants and any type of fencing City staff recommends. He indicated that with proper fencing and screening the end result will be an appealing entrance into Livingstone College.

Mr. Lewis questioned the type of veneer to be used on the building. Mr. Deberry answered that it would be brick up to the windows and the remaining veneer would be particle board. Mr. Lewis asked if the screening around the trash compactor could be constructed of brick. Mr. Deberry indicated that he is agreeable to use brick to construct the screen.

(c) Thereupon, Mr. Kennedy made a **motion** to approve the group development site plan G-11-68 for construction of a sixty-two thousand seven hundred and fifty (62,750) square foot Learning Center and Dormitory located at 701 West Monroe Street with the screening for the dumpster as approved by staff. Mr. Woodson seconded the motion. Messrs. Burgin, Kennedy, Lewis, Woodson, and Ms. Kluttz voted AYE. (5-0)

Mayor Kluttz thanked Mr. Deberry for working with the Planning Board. She added that the City is excited for Livingstone College and the community to have this new addition.

ANNEXATION REPORTS FOR THE CAMP ROAD AREA, HARRISON ROAD AREA, OLD MOCKSVILLE ROAD AREA, AND HAWKINSTOWN ROAD AREA

Mr. Bill Duston, Centralina Council of Governments distributed to Council an addendum to the Annexation Reports for four (4) areas under consideration for annexation. The areas are Area 1 – Camp Road area; Area 2 – Harrison Road area; Area 3 – Hawkingtown Road area; and Area 4 – Old Mocksville Road area. He reviewed the estimated revenues and costs to provide services. The effective date of annexation is proposed to be June 30, 2007 with all water and sewer construction to be completed by June 30, 2009.

Councilman Burgin asked if the volunteer fire department in Area 1 had any debt. Mr. Duston responded that he was unsure at this time and added that the report will most likely be amended at a later date when more information is received. He indicated that notices will be mailed out this week and as information is obtained the reports will be updated. Mr. John Sofley, Management Services Director, clarified that the City is only responsible for a prorated portion of the debt should the volunteer fire department be carrying any debt.

Mr. Burgin asked if the streets in the proposed annexation areas are built to City standards. Mr. Duston responded that they are built to the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) standards. Mr. Burgin asked if it would take three (3) years to recover expenses after the general start-up. Mr. Dunston confirmed that three (3) years is correct. Mr. Burgin asked how viable the City's estimates are based on previous annexations. Mr. Sofley answered that the estimates have been very close.

City Manager David Treme explained that accepting the report is simply for initial information and accepting the report does not mean Council feels these areas are ready to be annexed. He indicated that Council can make a decision after the final data is gathered. He added that the numbers on past annexations have been within ten (10) percent of the estimates.

Mayor Kluttz clarified that Council's action today is to accept the reports as is and that the reports do not include all the information needed for Council to make a decision.

Mr. Duston stated that the public informational meeting will be held March 26, 2007 and the public hearing will be held April 9, 2007.

Thereupon, Mr. Burgin made a **motion** to adopt the annexation report for the Camp Road area as amended. Mr. Woodson seconded the motion. Messrs. Burgin, Kennedy, Lewis, Woodson, and Ms. Kluttz voted AYE. (5-0)

(THE ANNEXATION REPORT AND ADDENDUM IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.)

Thereupon, Mr. Burgin made a **motion** to adopt the annexation report for the Harrison Road area as amended. Mr. Woodson seconded the motion. Messrs. Burgin, Kennedy, Lewis, Woodson, and Ms. Kluttz voted AYE. (5-0)

(THE ANNEXATION REPORT AND ADDENDUM IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.)

Councilman Kennedy stated that he has received calls from individuals who live on Hawkinstown Road who have expressed interest in being annexed into the City. He asked staff to explore the feasibility of including that portion of Hawkinstown Road into the annexation process. Mr. Duston indicated that Council can only consider the areas identified when it adopted the Resolutions of Intent and if any other areas were to be added now, the process would have to start over. Mr. Morris stated that he will contact the residents on Hawkinstown Road to determine their interest in a Voluntary Annexation separate from the proposed annexations before Council.

Thereupon, Mr. Burgin made a **motion** to approve the annexation report for the Hawkinstown Road area as amended. Mr. Woodson seconded the motion. Messrs. Burgin, Kennedy, Lewis, Woodson, and Ms. Kluttz voted AYE. (5-0)

(THE ANNEXATION REPORT AND ADDENDUM IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.)

Thereupon, Mr. Burgin made a **motion** to adopt the annexation report for the Old Mocksville Road area as amended. Mr. Woodson seconded the motion. Messrs. Burgin, Kennedy, Lewis, Woodson, and Ms. Kluttz voted AYE. (5-0)

(THE ANNEXATION REPORT AND ADDENDUM IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.)

Mayor Kluttz thanked Mr. Duston for the annexation reports.

PRESENTATION FROM KAREN ALEXANDER REGARDING THE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Ms. Karen Alexander, KKA Architecture, displayed photographs of the Police Department before the recent addition, a conceptual drawing of how the proposed addition would look, and a photograph of the completed building. She extended her gratitude to the City staff for their input and contributions throughout the designing and construction process and pointed out that the construction contract was originally established at \$3,051,760 but was completed under budget at \$2,935,419.

Mayor Kluttz stated that Council is thrilled that the Police Department was able to stay in the same downtown location and yet make a tremendous difference to the area with the beautiful building at a cost that was less than if the Police Department had relocated to a new building.

Ms. Alexander then displayed the conceptual drawing for new Fire Station No. 4 located on Statesville Boulevard and photographs of the completed project. She recognized and thanked the team that worked to bring Fire Station No. 4 to completion. She pointed out that the original construction budget for Fire Station No. 4 was \$1,063,000 and the team was able to complete the project under budget at \$983,247. She stated that she feels this building contributes positively to the City of Salisbury's urban fabric now and for many years to come.

Mayor Kluttz extended gratitude to Ms. Alexander and everyone involved in the construction of the building and added that it is a wonderful addition to the City.

CAPITAL PROJECT ORDINANCE – SALISBURY POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT ADDITION AND RENOVATION PROJECT

Mr. John Sofley, Management Services Director explained that the budget for the Police Station construction project did not include a security system. He explained that the Police Department has designated asset forfeiture funds on hand to pay for the installation of the system and noted that these funds are restricted by the federal government for use by the City's Police Department. He stated that staff recommends approval of the budget amendment to appropriate \$92,000 of asset forfeiture funds to pay for the installation of the security system at the Police station.

Thereupon, Mr. Woodson made a **motion** to adopt a Capital Project Ordinance in the amount of \$92,000 to appropriate funds for the installation of a security system in the Salisbury Police Department. Mr. Lewis seconded the motion. Messrs. Burgin, Kennedy, Lewis, Woodson, and Ms. Kluttz voted AYE. (5-0)

SALISBURY POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT ADDITION AND RENOVATION PROJECT- CAPITAL PROJECT AMENDMENT

(The above Ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book No. 21, at Page No. 12, and is known as Ordinance No. 2007-04.)

APPOINTMENTS TO THE COMPREHENSIVE BICYCLE PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE

Councilman Kennedy stated that Mr. Preston Mitchell, Senior Planner, has provided a resource list of individuals who may be interested in serving on the Comprehensive Bicycle Plan Steering Committee.

Mr. Mitchell reminded Council that in 2006 the City received a grant to develop a comprehensive bicycle plan and explained that since that time requests for proposals have been sent out, a consultant has been chosen, and City Council adopted a resolution to establish a Bicycle Plan Steering Committee. He indicated that the next step in the process is to appoint individuals from the community to serve on the committee.

Mr. Kennedy stated that the committee should consist of a balance of individuals who are environmentally friendly, staff who is versed in public transportation areas, and members of the general public. He asked that Council give him the opportunity to contact individuals on the resource list to establish the committee.

By consensus, Council agreed for Councilman Kennedy to proceed with establishing the committee from the resource list of individuals.

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

(a) Planning Board

Council received the Planning Board recommendation and comments from the February 13, 2007 meeting.

(b) 2007 Future Directions and Goals Setting Retreat

City Manager David Treme thanked the Mayor and Council members for their participation in the Future Directions and Goals Setting Retreat held February 15 and 16, 2007. He indicated that he will meet with staff to review the goals and put them into proper format and will present them to Council for adoption at its next meeting.

Mayor Kluttz expressed her gratitude to staff for organizing the retreat, for the wonderful location, and the presentations made during the retreat. She stated that she feels it was one of the best she has ever attended.

NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES

Mayor Kluttz read a Resolution indicating the City of Salisbury's desire to join the National League of Cities Partnership for Working Toward Inclusive Communities. She pointed out that during the retreat Council discussed joining in with other cities in the nation and the National League of Cities to recognize Salisbury as an inclusive city. Ms. Kluttz thanked Mr. Kennedy for obtaining the Resolution through the National League of Cities.

Thereupon, Mr. Kennedy made a **motion** to adopt a Resolution indicating the City of Salisbury's desire to join the National League of Cities Partnership for Working Towards Inclusive Communities. Mr. Lewis seconded the motion. Messrs. Burgin, Kennedy, Lewis, Woodson, and Ms. Kluttz voted AYE. (5-0)

RESOLUTION – PARTNERSHIP FOR WORKING TOWARD INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES

(The above resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book No. 12, at Page No. 20, and is known as Resolution No. 2007-05.)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Kluttz opened the floor for public comment.

There being no one to address Council, Mayor Kluttz closed the public comment session.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

(a) Elizabeth Duncan Koontz Humanitarian Awards Banquet

Mayor Kluttz stated that the Elizabeth Duncan Koontz Humanitarian Awards Banquet was held Thursday, February 15, 2007 and noted that all of the Council members attended the banquet. She extended her gratitude to the committee and the Human Relations Council for organizing the event to recognize citizens who have made outstanding contributions in the community. She announced that this year's winners were Dr. Phillip Burgess, Choirmaster of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, who organized the Community Choir, a group comprised of diverse races and religions, for the Salisbury, England Sister City visit in September 2006. She added that Dr. Burgess' effort has continued and has helped improve race relations in the City. Mr. Henry Diggs, who has worked for ten (10) years with the City to improve human relations through the Human Relations Council and has also served as facilitator for Project SAFE Salisbury for the past five (5) years also won a Humanitarian Award. The third award winner was Ms. Lillian Morgan, who is the Education Title I Director for the Rowan/Salisbury School System and works closely with children to improve their lives. She added that Ms.

Morgan traveled to Mexico with the Latino Initiative in September 2006.

Mayor Kluttz congratulated this year's winners and her fellow City Councilmen for attending the banquet.

(b) Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church Choral Presentation

- Mayor Kluttz announced that a majority of the Council members attended a choral presentation at Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church on Sunday, February 18, 2007. She pointed out that the presentation was from the Community Choir comprised of various choir members from downtown churches and as a Council member it was a beautiful sight to see nearly seventy (70) choir members from all races and religious denominations. She congratulated Ms. Ernestine Ingram and Ms. Phyllis Partee who helped Dr. Burgess organize the choir. She also extended congratulations to Ms. Kay Wright Norman who has joined the choir, soloists Mr. Grant Harrison from Soldiers Memorial Church, Mr. Albert Stout, Jr. who serves on the Planning Board, Ms. Ann Dandison, Ms. Ann Cave, Ms. Cathleen Tronsore and countless others who participated.

(c) Orange County Water and Sewer Authority Customer Service Software

Mayor Kluttz announced that a field trip to Chapel Hill to review customer service software currently being used by the Orange County Water and Sewer Authority has been set. She announced that Councilman Burgin and Councilman Kennedy will represent Council and travel to Chapel Hill Thursday, February 22, leaving City Hall at 11:00 a.m. to review the software and report back to Council.

(d) Boards and Commissions Appointments

Mayor Kluttz stated that it will soon be time to appoint Boards and Commissions and asked that Council consider the vacancies. She asked anyone who is interested in serving on a board or commission to contact City Clerk Myra Heard at 704-638-5224 for more information.

(e) Human Relations Council

Councilman Kennedy stated that the Human Relations Council (HRC) organizes the Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast and the Elizabeth Duncan Koontz Humanitarian Awards Banquet. He stated that he would like the community to know that the HRC also deals with all race related issues and any citizen with race related concerns are encouraged to contact the HRC. He pointed out that the Commission meets on the fourth (4th) Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Burgin, seconded by Mr. Woodson. All council members agreed unanimously to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

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Mayor

City Clerk