

Salisbury, North Carolina
June 17, 2008

REGULAR MEETING

PRESENT: Mayor Pro Tem Paul B. Woodson, Jr., Presiding; Councilmen William (Bill) Burgin, William (Pete) Kennedy, and Mark N. Lewis; City Manager David W. Treme; City Attorney F. Rivers Lawther, Jr.; and Deputy City Clerk Kelly Baker.

ABSENT: Mayor Susan W. Kluttz and City Clerk Myra B. Heard.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Woodson at 4:00 p.m. The invocation was given by Councilman Burgin.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Woodson led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag.

SALISBURY, ENGLAND TRIP

Mayor Pro Tem Woodson commented that a City delegation traveled to Salisbury, England June 4 through June 10, 2008. He thanked their hosts and noted that they had a wonderful time. He indicated that each person paid their own travel expenses and no City funds were spent for the visit.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Mayor Pro Tem Woodson recognized all visitors present.

RECOGNITION – NATIONAL WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Mr. Kenny Roberts, Parks and Recreation Program Manager, and Mr. Tim Pitman, Rowan County Youth Wrestling Association President, recognized Rowan County Youth Wrestling Association members Mr. Tanner Motley, Mr. Cody Eggers, Mr. Will Robertson, Mr. Joseph Figueroa, Mr. Anson Phillips, and Mr. Dontarious Mills. Mr. Roberts explained that these young men qualified for the USA National Wrestling Championship as members of the North Carolina team. He explained that the Rowan County Youth Wrestling Association has partnered with Salisbury Parks and Recreation to prevent involvement in gang activity and to provide alternative, enriching activities. He noted that there are approximately two hundred (200) youth involved in the program which is based in Hall Gymnasium.

Mayor Pro Tem Woodson extended best wishes to the wrestlers during the national competition.

FIREHOUSE SUBS DONATION OF THERMAL CAMERAS

Fire Chief Bob Parnell introduced Mr. Justin Scotto and Mr. Rick Daya, franchise owners of Firehouse Subs Restaurant, and Millers Ferry Volunteer Fire Department Chief Bobby Fox. Chief Parnell explained that after the tragic fire of March 7, 2008, Firehouse Subs contacted the Fire Department and expressed its desire to make contributions to the Salisbury Fire Department and the Millers Ferry Fire Department.

Mr. Scotto stated that he and Mr. Daya watched the tragedy of March 7, 2008 and feel that Firefighter Justin Monroe and Firefighter Victor Isler are hometown heroes. He indicated that he and Mr. Daya wanted to make a contribution to the Salisbury Fire Department and the Millers Ferry Fire Department to help them with life saving capabilities. He announced that a thermal imaging camera has been donated to each fire department.

Mr. Daya stated that it is an honor to present the cameras to the fire departments in memory of the two (2) firefighters who gave their lives to provide safety to the citizens of Salisbury.

Mayor Pro Tem Woodson thanked Firehouse Subs for their generous contribution and stated that he feels this kind donation may save someone's life in the future.

Chief Parnell stated that on behalf of the Salisbury Fire Department and the Millers Ferry Fire Department, he would like to express his gratitude to Firehouse Subs for their generous donation.

Councilman Burgin indicated that this donation is another example of how the community has offered their help to prevent this type of tragedy from happening again. He thanked Firehouse Subs for their generosity and noted that he feels this donation will definitely help.

RECOGNITION – POLICE OFFICERS/EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

Police Lieutenant Rodney Harris recognized the Veteran Officer of the Year, Rookie Officer of the Year, and Employee of the Year for 2007 from the Salisbury Police Department:

Veteran Officer of the Year	Officer Joe Miller
Rookie Officer of the Year	Officer Robert Gaither
Employee of the Year	Police Dispatcher Crystal Trexler

Lt. Harris presented the officers and Ms. Trexler with a plaque and thanked them for their work.

Lt. Harris also recognized Officer Joe Miller for receiving the Brad Patrick Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD) Chapter award for the most driving while impaired (DWI) arrests in the county.

RECOGNITION – PAUL WILSON LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Mayor Pro Tem Woodson recognized North Carolina State Highway Patrol Captain Eddie White, who was named the Salisbury Optimist Club Paul G. Wilson Law Enforcement Officer of the Year. Mayor Pro Tem presented Captain White with a Certificate of Recognition and thanked him for his work in the community.

CITY OF SALISBURY MARCH OF DIMES CAMPAIGN

Ms. Vickie Eddleman, Engineering Technician, stated that she is the City of Salisbury’s March of Dimes Team Captain and announced that the City’s team placed fourth by raising a total of \$3,374.41. She indicated that the City raised \$1,362.53 through various fundraisers and \$2,011.88 by employees who walked in the Walk-a-Thon. She added that the three (3) employees who raised the most money as walkers were Mr. Doug Poole, Facilities Maintenance; Ms. Terrie Tooley, Salisbury-Rowan Utilities; and Ms. Niki Castor, Public Services. Ms. Eddleman thanked the City of Salisbury and City employees for their support during the 2008 March of Dimes campaign. She then presented a March of Dimes plaque to Mayor Pro Tem Woodson.

Councilman Burgin stated that it is special that City employees would take the time and energy to participate in the March of Dimes campaign and he thanked them for their contributions.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Pro Tem Woodson proclaimed the following observance:

A DAY OF THE ARTS

June 21, 2008

CONSENT AGENDA

(a) Approval of Minutes

Approve Minutes of the Recessed meetings of May 27 and 29, 2008 and the Regular meeting of June 3, 2008.

(b) Capital Project Ordinance Amendment – East Elementary School Project

Adopt a Capital Project Ordinance in the amount of \$49,884 to appropriate funds for the East Elementary School water and sewer extension project.

EAST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WATER AND SEWER EXTENSION CAPITAL PROJECT ORDINANCE AMENDMENT.

(The above Ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book No. 22 at Page No. 84, and is known as Ordinance No. 2008-32.)

(c) Accept Streets and Utilities in Carpenter's Corner

Accept the streets and utilities in the Carpenter's Corner subdivision and adopt an Ordinance 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. 22 at Page No. 85, and is known as Ordinance No. 2008-33.)

Thereupon, Mr. Kennedy made a **motion** to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented. Mr. Burgin seconded the motion. Messrs. Burgin, Kennedy, Lewis, and Woodson voted AYE. (4-0)

ROWAN JOBS INITIATIVE

Mr. Mike Miller, Miller-Davis Inc., thanked City Council for the opportunity to speak to clarify his position regarding accusations of a conflict of interest that have recently appeared in the Salisbury Post. He stated that Miller-Davis, Inc. has strived to give back to the community by working with non-profit organizations and agencies throughout the City and County. He indicated that he joined the Rowan Jobs Initiative (RJI) board of directors in 2005. He stated that during his tenure on the board he took steps to avoid conflicts of interest by consulting with an attorney and board officers to make sure he did not participate in votes regarding marketing contracts. He noted that Miller-Davis Inc. has produced and placed marketing material for RJI at a significant cost savings to the organization and ultimately the City and County tax payers. He explained that 80% of the \$117,000 received by Miller Davis, Inc. from RJI was passed through Miller Davis, Inc. to pay for advertisements in magazines and other publications.

Mr. Miller stated that he feels RJI is a valuable asset to the community. He commented that he stands by the cost-effective work performed by Miller-Davis, Inc. for RJI and the other non-profit organizations and agencies in Rowan County. He pointed out that he wanted to address Council to clarify his position since the City is an RJI funding partner.

Mr. Brian Miller stated that he is Past Chairman of RJI. He reviewed the history and goals of RJI and thanked Council for their previous support and for their consideration in the future.

Mr. Dyke Messinger stated that RJI is introducing a marketing campaign regarding the availability of water in Rowan County and they believe it can add to the County's marketability with sight selection consultants and real estate brokers. He added that the campaign is a positive statement regarding the availability of Rowan County's water supply and how it might encourage industries with a need for water to consider Rowan County as a place to locate their business.

Mr. Messinger indicated that RJI is at a standstill since Rowan County has eliminated their funding but they will strive to continue to bring jobs and opportunities to the citizens of Rowan County.

Mayor Pro Tem Woodson thanked the RJI members for their hard work and the jobs and opportunities they bring to the area.

Councilman Burgin also thanked RJI for what they do for the community. He pointed out that this is a perfect example of how a community can come together to make everyone's life better. He thanked Mr. Miller for sharing his talents and those of Miller Davis, Inc. with the community. He added that he is impressed with the water campaign and feels it will be a true asset to the County.

Councilman Kennedy thanked RJI for their dedication and commitment to bring

jobs into the community.

Councilman Lewis stated that when the City makes a commitment it honors that commitment and he hopes that RJI will continue with its goals and plans. He added that he is disturbed that someone would question Mr. Miller's integrity. He pointed out that Mr. Miller understands what it means to be a part of a community and to give back to the community. He thanked RJI for stepping forward to try to bring jobs to this area.

ALLEY CLOSING – 1100 BLOCK OF SOUTH FULTON STREET

(a) Ms. Wendy Brindle, Traffic Engineer, stated that on May 20, 2008 City Council adopted a Resolution of Intent to close an alley in the 1100 block of South Fulton Street and a public hearing was scheduled for today. She provided an aerial view photograph depicting the location of the alley on South Fulton Street. Ms. Brindle noted that street and alley closings are regulated by North Carolina General Statute 106A-299. She stated that staff has found that closing the alley will not be contrary to the public interest and no individual will be deprived of reasonable means of ingress and egress to his property. She explained that if there is no reasonable opposition raised at the public hearing Council would need to adopt a Resolution accepting offers of dedication for the alley, and adopt an Order to close the alley.

(b) Mayor Pro Tem Woodson convened a public hearing, after due notice thereof, to receive comments regarding the closing of an alley in the 1100 block of South Fulton Street.

Ms. Cindy Hesprich, 1110 South Fulton Street, stated that she is in favor of closing the alley.

Ms. Paula Bohland, 925 North Main Street, stated that the alley is no longer used and indicated that she is in favor of closing the alley.

There being no one else to speak to Council, Mayor Pro Tem Woodson closed the public hearing.

(c) Thereupon, Mr. Burgin made a **motion** to adopt a Resolution accepting the offer of dedication for an alley in the 1100 block of South Fulton Street. Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion. Messrs. Burgin, Kennedy, Lewis, and Woodson voted AYE. (4-0)

RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO THE ACCEPTANCE OF AN OFFER OF DEDICATION FOR PUBLIC USE OF AN ALLEY IN THE 1100 BLOCK OF SOUTH FULTON STREET.

(The above Resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book No. 13 at Page No. 37, and is known as Resolution No. 2008-24.)

(d) Thereupon, Mr. Burgin made a **motion** to adopt an Order to close an alley in the 1100 block of South Fulton Street. Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion. Messrs. Burgin, Kennedy, Lewis, and Woodson voted AYE. (4-0)

NORTH CAROLINA	*	BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF
ROWAN COUNTY	*	THE CITY OF SALISBURY
	*	NORTH CAROLINA
IN THE MATTER OF:	*	
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	*	ORDER CLOSING OF AN ALLEY
CLOSING OF AN ALLEY IN THE	*	PURSUANT TO GENERAL
1100 BLOCK OF SOUTH FULTON	*	STATUE OF NORTH CAROLINA
STREET	*	SECTION 160A-299
	*	

THIS CAUSE, coming on to be heard and being heard before the City Council of the City of Salisbury, Rowan County, North Carolina, at the regular meeting of said Council held on June 17, 2008 at 4:00 p.m., in the City Office Building at 217 South Main Street, Salisbury, North Carolina, and it appearing to the Council that all persons, firms and corporations owning property adjoining the street described in the Petition filed in this cause are parties to this proceeding; and it further appearing that said alley is not maintained by the Department of Transportation; and it further appearing that notice of this hearing was duly published in THE SALISBURY POST on May 23, May 30, June 6 and June 13th.

And it further appearing to the Council and the Council finding as a fact, that the closing of the alley, as described in the Petition filed in this cause, is not contrary to the public interest or the property rights of any individual, and that no individual owning property in the vicinity of said alley or in the subdivision in which they are located will be deprived of reasonable means of ingress and egress to his property by the closing of said alley; and it further appearing to this Council that the relief prayed in the Petition should be granted.

IT IS NOW, THEREFORE, ORDERED AND DECREED by the City Council of the

City of Salisbury, Rowan County, North Carolina, pursuant to and in accordance with the authority vested in this Council by the General statues of North Carolina, Section 160A-299.

80% of the operations of the proposed service and the remaining 20%, or \$30,000, will be paid by each of the local participants at an estimated cost of \$7,500 each. He pointed out that Rowan County will be the lead agency and administrator of the grant.

Thereupon, Mr. Lewis made a **motion** to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Salisbury, Rowan County, the Town of China Grove, the Town of Landis and the City of Kannapolis for an express route transit service. Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion. Messrs. Burgin, Kennedy, Lewis, and Woodson voted AYE. (4-0)

CAPITAL PROJECT ORDINANCE – WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENTS

Mr. Wade Furches, Finance Manager, addressed Council regarding a Capital Project Budget Ordinance amendment in the amount of \$7,600,000 for wastewater treatment plant improvements. Mr. Furches explained that the City recently sold revenue bonds in the amount of \$7,400,000, and that while in escrow these funds will earn approximately \$200,000 in interest. He stated that a budget amendment is needed to appropriate the funds so that they can be spent on the intended water and sewer improvements.

Thereupon, Mr. Kennedy made a **motion** to adopt an Ordinance in the amount of \$7,600,000 for wastewater treatment plant improvements. Mr. Burgin seconded the motion. Messrs. Burgin, Kennedy, Lewis, and Woodson voted AYE. (4-0)

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENTS CAPITAL PROJECT ORDINANCE AMENDMENT.

(The above Ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book No. 22 at Page No. 86, and is known as Ordinance No. 2008-34.)

SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – SALISBURY DEPOT IMPROVEMENTS

Mr. Dan Mikkelson, Land Management and Development Director, stated that the Resolution before Council is to execute a Supplemental Agreement with the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) concerning improvements at the Salisbury Depot. He noted that the City of Salisbury and NCDOT currently have a Municipal Agreement to construct an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible concrete platform and trackside canopy at the Salisbury Depot. He noted that under the current agreement NCDOT will reimburse the City 90% of qualifying expenses.

Mr. Mikkelson stated that bids for this project were opened in March and all bids were evaluated by NCDOT but were considered over budget. NCDOT felt that changing

the scope of the project would diminish the quality of work and they are willing to increase their participation. Mr. Mikkelson stated that the City's additional share was included in the recently adopted Budget for FY2008-2009. He noted that a Supplemental Agreement is needed to recognize the new project budget and added that the State's share of this project will be \$990,000 and the City's share will be \$110,000 for a project total of \$1,100,000.

Thereupon, Mr. Burgin made a **motion** to adopt a Resolution authorizing the Mayor Pro-Tem and City Clerk to execute a Supplementary Agreement with the North Carolina Department of Transportation concerning improvements at the Salisbury Depot 04-ST-005. Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion. Messrs. Burgin, Kennedy, Lewis, and Woodson voted AYE. (4-0)

AWARD CONTRACT TO ECON INTERNATIONAL – PARKING LOT SOLDIER'S MEMORIAL AME ZION CHURCH

Mr. Dan Mikkelson, Land Management and Development Director, introduced Mr. Bryan Alston, Civil Engineer.

Mr. Alston stated that this project involves the Soldier's Memorial AME Zion Church parking lot. He displayed an aerial view of the area and noted that the church is located on the corner of North Church Street and Liberty Street and that the location for the parking lot will be directly behind the church.

Mr. Alston reviewed the background information on the project:

- Joint Project
 - City of Salisbury
 - Rowan County
 - Soldier's Memorial AME Zion Church
- Original Budget - \$100,000
 - City \$50,000
 - County \$50,000
 - Soldier's Memorial AME Zion Church providing the land

Mr. Alston stated that the City will be responsible for the design and construction management of the project. He pointed out that Rowan County will use the parking lot for over-flow parking and the church will use the parking lot during the evenings, weekends and special events. He displayed photographs of the current conditions of the property that depicted sink holes, muddy conditions and large amounts of standing water that occur during rain. He reviewed the proposed design and noted that it will safely remove water runoff. He added that the proposed plan meets all the zoning and landscaping requirements and will provide thirty-eight (38) parking spaces.

Mr. Alston stated that the City received seven (7) bids and the low bid of \$118,691 was received from Econ International Corporation. He pointed out that the bid is \$18,691 over the original estimate and reviewed the three (3) main reasons for the higher cost and reviewed project alternatives:

- Reasons for Increases
 - Retaining wall required
 - Significant amounts of undercut
 - Significant increases in material cost
- Alternatives
 - Increase funding
 - Reduce the scope of the project and lose about six (6) parking spaces

Mr. Alston stated that staff recommends an increase in the funding and that Council award a unit-price construction contract in the amount of \$118,691 to Econ International Corp.

Thereupon, Mr. Kennedy made a **motion** to award a contract in the amount of \$118,691 to Econ International Corporation for construction of a parking lot in the 200 block of West Liberty Street. Mr. Lewis seconded the motion. Mr. Burgin asked if the soil was unclassified and if contingency funds are included in the bids to take care for the soil removal. Mr. Mikkelson stated that a large allowance has been included in the contract for undercutting and soils will be removed and replaced with infill. Messrs. Burgin, Kennedy, Lewis, and Woodson voted AYE. (4-0)

UPDATE ON FIT COMMUNITY GRANT

Ms. Janet Gapen, Senior Planner, stated that on January 15, 2008 the Mayor endorsed a grant application under the Fit Community program, which is funded by the North Carolina Health and Wellness Trust Fund and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina. She introduced Ms. Sue McHugh, President of the North Main Street Neighborhood Association. Ms. Gapen updated Council on the Fit Community Grant:

- Salisbury is one of eight cities selected to receive a \$60,000 grant over a two (2) year period
- One and one half (1.5) mile extension of Salisbury Greenway to North Main Street Neighborhood
- Project Partners
 - City of Salisbury
 - Fit Community
 - Rowan County Health Department
 - Salisbury Parks and Recreation Department
 - The Salisbury Greenway
 - Rowan Partnership for Community Health
 - Old North Salisbury Association, Inc.

Ms. Gapen displayed a map depicting the three (3) major Greenway Project details:

- West Miller Street from North Main Street to City Park
 - Realign curb – narrow width of the street
 - Install sidewalk and planting strip
- Install sidewalk along North Jackson Street at City Park
- Install sidewalk along Lake Drive at City Park

Ms. Gapen reviewed the new fitness “Striders-4-Life” Walking Program:

- Increase routine physical activity
- Health assessments
- Quarterly education sessions on health, exercise and nutrition topics
- Pre and post-participation surveys to record changes in activity levels

Ms. Gapen explained that the targeted promotions will be in the North Main Street neighborhood in addition to ongoing media campaigns promoting the Salisbury Greenway.

Ms. McHugh stated that she feels privileged to be a part of the partnership and appreciates Ms. Gapen’s work to obtain the grant. She pointed out that the North Main Street residents are excited to see the improvements.

Ms. Gapen recognized Mr. Kenny Roberts, Parks and Recreation Program Manager, and Mr. Craig Powers, Civil Engineer II, who worked with her on this project.

City Manager David Treme stated that the statewide applications were very competitive. Ms. Gapen stated that the applications were narrowed down to twelve (12) and of those only eight (8) were selected. Mr. Treme congratulated staff and the neighborhood for working together to produce an outstanding result.

Councilman Burgin stated that he is excited to see the improvements planned for the North Main Street area and added that he hopes this is just the beginning.

APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Upon a **motion** by Mr. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Burgin, and with Messrs. Burgin, Kennedy, Lewis, and Woodson voting AYE, the following appointment was made to the Hurley Park Advisory Board:

Ms. Jane Riley

Term expires 3-31-2011

Upon a **motion** by Mr. Burgin, seconded by Mr. Lewis, and with Messrs. Burgin, Kennedy, Lewis, and Woodson voting AYE, the following appointment was made to the Hurley Park Advisory Board:

Mr. James Haymaker

Term expires 3-31-2011

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

(a) Wilco-Hess Service Station

City Manager David Treme stated that during the City Council budget public hearing, a concern was raised regarding the number of police calls to the Wilco-Hess area of East Innes Street. He pointed out that Wilco-Hess is a good corporate citizen who wants to run a respectable business and wants a quiet neighborhood. He explained that City representatives met with Wilco-Hess owners and representatives and Mr. Treme called on Mr. Doug Paris, Assistant to the City Manager, and Police Chief Mark Wilhelm to review the meeting.

Mr. Paris stated that he, along with Mayor Kluttz and Chief Wilhelm, met with the Wilco-Hess Regional Manager, District Manager and Loss Prevention Director. He indicated that the meeting focused on how the City and Wilco-Hess could work together positively in the future to establish a groundwork for a very effective relationship.

Councilman Kennedy stated that he noticed the many police calls to the location and asked if the possibility of Wilco-Hess providing their own security on weekends was discussed at the meeting. Chief Mark Wilhelm stated that the idea was mentioned but that there are other items they would like to implement first to make improvements in the area.

Mr. Treme stated that the representatives of Wilco-Hess share the City's concerns and are willing to work with the City to improve the area.

(b) City Park Tennis Courts

City Manager David Treme called on Ms. Gail Elder White, Parks and Recreation Director, to update Council on the bids received for the tennis courts at City Park.

Ms. Elder White stated that awarding a contract is the first step in the process with the North Carolina Local Government Commission to receive funding for the replacement of the tennis courts. She pointed out that seven (7) bids were received and the low bid was received from Carolina Site Works for \$300,000. She requested Council's approval to award the contract to Carolina Site Works.

Thereupon, Mr. Lewis made a **motion** to award a contract for \$300,000 to Carolina Site Works for the replacement of the City Park tennis courts. Mr. Burgin seconded the motion. Messrs. Burgin, Kennedy, Lewis, and Woodson voted AYE. (4-0)

Councilman Kennedy stated that during the Budget Sessions, Management Services Director John Sofley indicated that the only fee increases in the budget would be the cemetery fees, landfill, and recycling and front-end collection fees. He noted that he has received calls regarding a fee increase at Lincoln Park Pool. He asked if this was correct. Ms. Elder White stated that the fee has not increased and is the same as it has been for the last several years.

Mr. Treme thanked the Parks and Recreation staff for getting the Lincoln Park pool in operation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Woodson opened the floor for public comment.

Mr. Larry Wright, 170 Heritage Lane, stated that at the last City Council meeting, Council spoke about how much time annexation took City staff and how far behind the City is in considering other matters because of the annexation proceedings. He indicated that he was surprised to learn that the City took the time to contact the North Carolina Legislature and complain about the legislative delegation presenting a local bill calling for a moratorium on forced annexation for Rowan County. The City then sent two (2) staff members to Raleigh when the proposed bill on the state-wide moratorium was being considered. He pointed out that county citizens want to live in peace and freedom while the City feels it is their right to take money from their county neighbors.

Mr. Wright stated that the Town of Cleveland and Rowan County grow without forced annexation and noted that forty-six (46) neighboring states grow without forced annexation. He indicated that the City of Salisbury can also grow without forced annexation and urged the City to do what is right.

Mr. Carol Cornwell, 450 Neel Road, stated that he has heard about attempts to attract tourists to Salisbury and has also heard about the City's attempt to tax these visitors even more. He pointed out that County residents spend their money in the City the same as the tourists, even more so with the purchase of gas, supplies, food, automobiles, clothing, and medical services. He stated that it defies logic to refer to the tourists as assets and refer to the County residents as liabilities that should be annexed to pay their fair share.

Ms. Sue McHugh, 910 North Main Street, stated that she is speaking on behalf of the Old North Salisbury Association and its grassroots movement to preserve the integrity of North Main Street, the last remaining residential gateway to the City of Salisbury. She pointed out that local ordinances are policies enacted to protect the properties that are

important to local history. She added that the ordinances establish criteria and guidelines to protect the integrity of property. She stated that the Association requests a commitment from the City for enforcement to further drive the preservation message to address certain issues such as criminal activity and safety, dogs barking and running free, cleaning and weed control, nuisance abatement, speed limits not being adhered to, and the critical neglected house syndrome.

Councilman Mark Lewis stated that the Neighborhood Leaders Alliance of the Community Appearance Commission has been making recommendations to Council for a number of years regarding increased enforcement and examining new ordinances to address the issues identified by Ms. McHugh. He noted that the City's 2008-2009 Budget dedicates resources to create centralized Code Enforcement to work with neighborhood associations and the Neighborhood Leaders Alliance to put forth the ideas needed to enforce the adopted ordinances.

There being no one else to speak, Mayor Pro Tem Woodson closed the public comment session.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

(a) Wiley Lash History & Art Trail Maker Dedication

Mayor Pro Tem Woodson announced that The Public Art Committee will hold a dedication for the History and Art Trail marker commemorating the life of the Honorable Wiley I. Lash Saturday, June 28, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. at the City Office Building, 132 North Main Street. A brunch will follow the dedication in the Messinger Room at the Rowan Museum, 202 North Main Street.

(b) Art Festival on Easy Street

Mayor Pro Tem Woodson announced that the Rowan Arts Council will host their fifth annual Art Festival on Easy Street in Downtown Salisbury Saturday, June 21, 2008 from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

(c) Salisbury, England Visit

Councilman Lewis thanked viewers from Salisbury, England who may be watching the City Council meeting via the City's website. He noted that the delegates from Salisbury, North Carolina had a wonderful time meeting with the Councillors and people of England. He stated that he appreciated the opportunity to be immersed in British culture and he felt the generosity of the hosts was unmatched.

Mr. Lewis informed Council that Salisbury, England unveiled a street marker depicting the mileage to Salisbury, North Carolina and their other sister city, Salisbury,

Maryland. He pointed out that it was placed in front of their Guildhall and is very impressive.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Burgin, seconded by Mr. Kennedy. All council members agreed unanimously to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk