

Salisbury, North Carolina
October 5, 2010

REGULAR MEETING

PRESENT: Mayor Susan W. Kluttz, Presiding; Mayor Pro Tem Maggie A. Blackwell, Councilmen William (Pete) Kennedy, William Brian Miller, and Paul B. Woodson, Jr.; City Manager David W. Treme; City Clerk Myra B. Heard; and City Attorney F. Rivers Lawther, Jr.

ABSENT: None

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Kluttz at 4:00 p.m. The invocation was given by Mayor Pro Tem Blackwell.

PRESENTATION OF COLORS

The Presentation of Colors was presented by the Salisbury Police Department Honor Guard. The National Anthems of the United Kingdom and United States were presented in song by Mr. Neil Wilkinson.

RECOGNITION OF VISITING OFFICIALS FROM SALISBURY, ENGLAND

Mayor Kluttz welcomed Sister-City Salisbury, England delegates Councillor Elizabeth (Bobbi) Chettleburgh, Councillor Jeremy Nettle and his wife Sue to Salisbury, North Carolina. She indicated many cities in the United States have Sister-Cities, but Salisbury, North Carolina is unique because it is named for Salisbury, England, making it an important part of Salisbury, North Carolina's history.

Councillor Chettleburgh extended greetings from Salisbury, England, and thanked Mayor Kluttz and City Council for the invitation to visit. She stated Salisbury, England has made great changes and progress, noting the local government was reorganized under a Unitary Council that merged the County and its districts, creating a one-body government. She explained that before

the change the district members were known as Charter Trustees, and the Mayor was a separate entity. She stated the Unitary Council wanted Salisbury to be a separate unit with a Mayor, instead of governing by districts. She indicated the Guild Hall is currently closed, but will reopen as the City offices. Councillor Chettleburgh stated it is their hope that when the Guild Hall re-opens it will show citizens what the city of Salisbury is really about, because she feels some of that was lost when the City was part of a District Council. She pointed out the Salisbury, England Council wants the City to flourish, and to share information about its connections to Salisbury, North Carolina, and Salisbury, Maryland, as well as with Germany and France.

Councillor Nettle thanked Council for its invitation, and stated he brings greetings from Salisbury, England. He stated that the Mayoralty for Salisbury, England has been in place for approximately 750 years. He explained that the changes in the governing process for Salisbury, England have created a City Council, giving the governing body new responsibilities for the City. He stated he is on a committee to determine what the Mayor's responsibilities will entail, and it has been a challenge because there is so much history behind the role of Mayor. He noted that the new Council wants to engage the community and to allow citizens to truly understand what the Mayor does. Councillor Nettle stated a proposal will be made that the Mayor not only be Chairman of the Council, but will also engage community groups. He stated it has been a pleasure to visit Salisbury, North Carolina and see what is being done here in regards to the role of the Mayor.

Mayor Kluttz stated the Salisbury, North Carolina Council is interested in what happens in Salisbury, England and she wished them the best. She noted Salisbury, North Carolina has had an informal relationship with Salisbury, England for over 50 years, and a formal relationship since 2001. She stated she is proud there are several connections between the two cities such as an appreciation for history, a beautiful downtown, neighborhoods, and churches. Mayor Kluttz read a proclamation proclaiming October 5, 2010 as Salisbury, England Day in Salisbury, North Carolina, and presented the Proclamation to Councillors Chettleburgh and Nettle.

On behalf of Salisbury England, Councillor Nettle thanked Mayor Kluttz and Council for the Proclamation, indicating he will take great pleasure in presenting it at the next Salisbury, England Council meeting.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Mayor Kluttz recognized all visitors present.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Kluttz proclaimed the following observances:

ROWAN BLUES AND JAZZ SOCIETY DAY

October 16, 2010

CONSENT AGENDA

(a) **Approval of Minutes**

Approve Minutes of the Regular meeting of September 21, 2010.

(b) **Temporary Street Closure**

Close the portion of the 200 block of West Fisher Street from Church Street to just east of the Wrenn House parking lot, and the parking spaces on the west side of the 100 block of South Church Street Friday, October 15, 2010 from 12:00 midnight until Saturday, October 16, 2010 at 12:00 midnight for the Rowan Blues and Jazz Festival.

Thereupon, Mr. Kennedy made a **motion** to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented. Mr. Woodson seconded the motion. Messrs. Kennedy, Miller, Woodson, and Mses. Blackwell and Kluttz voted AYE. (5-0)

CLOSING A PORTION OF OLD PLANK ROAD

(a) Ms. Wendy Brindle, Traffic Engineer, addressed Council regarding a request to close a portion of Old Plank Road. Ms. Brindle indicated a portion of Old Plank Road was closed in 2007, but since that time Livingstone College has acquired property on Old Plank Road, and is requesting to extend the length of the closure. She stated in order to extend the closure the process must be completed again. Ms. Brindle noted that September 27, 2010 Council adopted a Resolution of Intent to close a portion of Old Plank Road and set a public hearing for October 5, 2010. She indicated staff made all necessary notifications to inform the public in accordance with G.S. 160A-299. She stated staff has found that closing this portion of road does not deprive anyone reasonable means of ingress or egress to their property.

Ms. Brindle reviewed conditions that must be met by Livingstone College, prior to closing the street:

- The right-of-way will be retained as a utility easement
- Construct gates near points of closure that will be accessible by the Fire Department, and install a Knox Lock
- Take over two street lights in the closed portion of the street (contract with Duke Energy)

Ms. Brindle indicated that once the closing is final, staff will present Council with a petition to change the name of the remaining portion of Old Plank Road to Marsh Street. She requested Council adopt the Resolution and Order to close a portion of Old Plank Road.

(b) Mayor Kluttz convened a public hearing, after due notice thereof, to receive comments on the proposed closing of a portion of Old Plank Road.

Mr. State Alexander, Livingstone College, 701 West Monroe Street, stated this street closure has been a long process, and he asked Council to approve the closing.

Mr. Warren Monroe, 104 Hounds Court South, Columbia, South Carolina, stated he is representing his family, and his family's residence is the only residential property that would be affected by this proposal. He indicated that in 2007 when the original proposal was presented to his family there was a rendering of proposed landscaping of the area. He noted since this time the only thing that has changed was the purchase of the adjacent property, which brings the street closure closer to his family's property line. Mr. Monroe stated because his mother sits on the front porch, he feels it is important to see a rendering of how the area will appear. He stated his only opposition to the project is that he has not seen a rendering of the proposed landscaping of the completed project.

There being no one else to address Council, Mayor Kluttz closed the public hearing.

Mayor Pro Tem Maggie Blackwell asked Mr. Alexander to review the landscaping plans for the project.

Mr. Alexander indicated that landscaping is a component of the agreement with the Monroe family, and he recently discussed with Mr. Monroe that there would be a rendering of the landscaping plan provided since there has been a reconfiguration of the area. Mr. Alexander stated it is important to have the Monroe's involved in the landscaping process as it is developed, so those involved are comfortable with the outcome.

Councilman Miller asked if the gate will be used as a periodic entrance or if it will remain closed. Mr. Alexander indicated the gate will be accessible to the City and College, but would more often remain closed.

Councilman Woodson indicated he can understand the Monroe's concerns regarding the landscaping of the area.

Ms. Blackwell pointed out the Monroe's have been in the area approximately 50 years.

Councilman Kennedy asked if the road will end at the middle of the Monroe property. Ms. Brindle responded the road will end approximately 150 feet from the intersection, which is in the middle of the Monroe's property. Mr. Kennedy noted that if a gate is erected in the middle of the property, the owners will not have access to a portion of their property. Mr. Alexander pointed out the gate will be located at the end of the adjacent property and angled to the access point, which will not obstruct access to the Monroe property. Mr. Kennedy commented he spoke with the property owner who stated there will be no problem with the gate if it ends at the adjacent property.

Mr. Dan Mikkelson, Engineering and Development Services Director, indicated the intention of staff and Livingstone College was to ensure the closure was not in the middle of the Monroe's property.

Mr. Miller stated he has the impression that there is a consensus the gate is going to be placed in a manner that will not be offensive to the neighbor, and would be good for Livingstone and the City.

(c) Thereupon, Mr. Miller made a **motion** to adopt the Resolution pertaining to the acceptance of an Offer of Dedication for public use of a portion of Old Plank Road between Thomas Street and Craige Street. Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion. Messrs. Kennedy, Miller, Woodson, and Mses. Blackwell and Kluttz voted AYE (5-0).

A RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO THE ACCEPTANCE OF AN OFFER OF DEDICATION FOR PUBLIC USE OF A PORTION OF OLD PLANK ROAD BETWEEN THOMAS STREET AND CRAIGE STREET.

(The above Resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book No. 13 at page 24, and is known as Resolution 2010-22.)

(d) Thereupon, Mr. Miller made a **motion** to adopt the Order to close a portion of Old Plank Road between Thomas Street and Craige Street. Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion. Messrs. Kennedy, Miller, Woodson, and Mses. Blackwell and Kluttz voted AYE (5-0).

NORTH CAROLINA	*	BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF
ROWAN COUNTY	*	THE CITY OF SALISBURY
	*	NORTH CAROLINA
IN THE MATTER OF:	*	
	*	ORDER CLOSING OF A PORTION
CLOSING OF A PORTION OF	*	OF OLD PLANK ROAD BETWEEN
OLD PLANK ROAD BETWEEN	*	THOMAS STREET AND CRAIGE
THOMAS STREET & CRAIGE	*	STREET PURSUANT TO
STREET	*	GENERAL STATUE OF NORTH
		CAROLINA 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 October 5, 2010 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 portion of Old Plank Road 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 September 10, 17, 24 and October 1.

And it further appearing to the Council and the Council finding as a fact, that the closing of the portion of Old Plank Road, 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 portion of Old Plank Road 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 portion of Old Plank Road, 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 statutes of North Carolina, Section 160A-299.

Beginning of a new #5 rebar set in the northern right of way line of Old Plank Road, said iron being in the southern line of Livingstone College, Inc. and also being 178.55' north west of South Craige Street, thence a new line crossing Old Plank Road S 28° 38' 11" W, 40.25' to a new #5 rebar set in the southern margin of Old Plank Road a common corner of Wanda B. Monroe and Earle L. Smith, thence two lines with Smith and Old Plank Road: (1) A curve to the left having a radius of 239.10', a chord bearing of N 74° 23' 11" W, a chord distance of 50.71' and an arc length of 50.81' to a new #5 rebar set, (2) N 80° 28' 26" W, 134.66' to an existing #4 rebar, the common corner of Smith and Livingstone College, Inc., thence two lines with Livingstone and the southern right of way of Old Plank Road, (1) N 80° 28' 26" W, 410.01' to an existing #4 rebar, thence with a curve to the left having a radius of 12.99', a chord bearing of S 28° 14' 11" W, a chord distance of 24.63' and an arc distance of 32.41' to an existing #4 rebar in the northern margin of W. Thomas Street, thence a new line crossing Old Plank Road, N 43° 20' 27" W, 104.91' to an existing #5 rebar in the northern right of way line of Old Plank Road, and the southern line of Livingstone College, Inc., thence two lines with Old Plank Road and Livingstone College, Inc. (1) S 80° 28' 26" E, 636.21' to an existing #4 rebar, (2) thence a curve to the right having a radius of 279.10' a chord distance of 64.03' and an arc length of 64.17' to the point and place of beginning and being 0.619 Acres (26,983 square feet) as shown on survey and map by Shulenburger Surveying Company, P.A. dated 09/07/2010.

Be and the same is hereby forever closed subject to a 40' utility easement.

This the 5th day of October 5, 2010.

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY,
NORTH CAROLINA

BY: s/s Susan W. Kluttz
Mayor

s/s Myra B. Heard
City Clerk

STAFF REPORT – CHOICE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING GRANT

Mr. Joe Morris, Community Planning Services Director, updated Council regarding a Choice Neighborhood Planning Grant. Mr. Morris introduced Mr. Sam Foust, Executive Director of the Salisbury Housing Authority, and gave an overview of the Choice Neighborhood Planning Grant:

- Builds on the HOPE VI Grant Program
- Includes public housing sites and surrounding neighborhoods

- Encourages cooperation and collaboration between housing agencies, local governments and area residents

Mr. Morris reviewed the concepts of the Choice Neighborhood Grant:

- Transform housing
- Involve residents
- Ensure long term viability
- Promote self-sufficiency
- Partner with local educators
- Preserves affordable housing
- Service coordination
- Track displaced tenants
- Meet fair housing and accessibility requirements

Mr. Morris pointed that out all of the concepts are consistent with the Salisbury 2020 Comprehensive Plan. He reviewed the primary and secondary focus of the grant:

Primary Focus

- Housing
- People
- Neighborhoods

Secondary Focus

- Sustainability
- Access
- Energy Efficiency
- Transportation
- Education
- Broad-band Technology

Mr. Morris indicated Mr. Foust introduced the idea of pursuing this type of grant opportunity for the West End Community. He pointed out these grants are to be applied to the public housing site and surrounding neighborhood. Mr. Morris stated there are opportunities for potential partnerships, noting the Housing Authority and Community Development Corporation are working with the City on this program. He indicated other potential partners could include Livingstone College, Salisbury-Rowan Head Start, and the W. G. (Bill) Heffner Veteran's Administration Hospital.

Mr. Morris stated the first phase of the program will be a Planning Grant, and indicated if that grant is received it could be approximately one year before a larger proposal can be submitted, which could have a potentially large financial impact on the community.

Mr. Morris requested Council set a public hearing for October 19, 2010 to hear public comment on the proposed West End Community Transformation Plan.

Mr. Foust indicated it was exciting when the Housing Authority began exploring this potential funding that could come to the City. He pointed out that when he reviewed the Choice Neighborhood Grant and the City's Comprehensive Plan, he found the West End neighborhood was also receiving consideration from the City for improvements. He stated he felt the West End neighborhood would be a great way to partner with the City for the grant, and noted the partnership could be beneficial to the West End, public housing, and Civic Park community. Mr. Foust indicated City staff has worked diligently with the Housing Authority, making this a team effort.

Mayor Kluttz stated she appreciates Mr. Foust's ideas, and indicated this could be wonderful, not only for public housing, but for the surrounding neighborhoods as well. She pointed out that to have an opportunity for Federal funding in these hard economic times is wonderful.

Councilman Kennedy asked if a plan would be presented to Council at the public hearing. Mr. Foust responded that a plan is being developed and will be presented. He stated a proposed plan was presented to a small portion of Civic Park residents who seemed excited and enthusiastic about what they heard.

Mayor Pro Tem Blackwell stated she understands this project is a team effort, but it took one person to recognize the grant was a good fit for the City, and she appreciates Mr. Foust's vision.

Thereupon, Mr. Woodson made a **motion** to set a public hearing for October 19, 2010, to receive public comments regarding the Choice Neighborhood Planning Grant. Ms. Blackwell seconded the motion. Messrs. Kennedy, Miller, Woodson, and Mses. Blackwell and Kluttz voted AYE. (5-0)

SALE OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY – SOUTH ARLINGTON STREET

Mr. Joe Morris, Community Planning Services Director, addressed Council regarding the sale of City-owned property located on South Arlington Street. Mr. Morris indicated staff received a formal offer from MFW Associates in the amount of \$164,874.50. He stated there was due notification and the upset bid process ended October 4, 2010 at 5:00 p.m., and there were no upset bids received.

Mr. Morris reviewed the preliminary site plan of the property and a proposed alignment for a potential crossing of Town Creek, with a rear driveway access to the Bojangles restaurant property. He indicated staff is working with at least two developers and multiple property owners who have submitted a modified alignment that could change the intersection that is currently under review by the Technical Review Committee. Mr. Morris stated he has spoken by telephone with a representative of MFW Associates and a representative from Kelley Properties,

and both have agreed the best possible solution at this time is to proceed with the sale of the property as they have presented. He indicated there will be an opportunity to work out details between themselves in terms of potential transactions of land in the future, which would be done prior to the closing of the property. He requested Council move forward with the sale of the South Arlington Street property.

Thereupon, Mr. Kennedy made a **motion** to authorize the sale of Parcel 019 Tax Map 516, located on South Arlington Street, to MFW Associates in the amount of \$164,874.50 Mr. Woodson seconded the motion. Messrs. Kennedy, Miller, Woodson, and Meses. Blackwell and Kluttz voted AYE. (5-0)

AWARD CONTRACT – CHARLOTTE TRUCK CENTER

Mr. John Sofley, Management Services Director, addressed Council regarding a contract to Charlotte Truck Center in the amount of \$120,691 to purchase a tandem axle dump truck. Mr. Sofley indicated staff solicited bids on the purchase of a tandem axle dump truck, and bids were received September 13, 2010. He stated the budget allocated for this purchase is \$137,000, and three bids were received, all of which met the requirements. Mr. Sofley pointed out there were no local dealers who could provide this specialized type of vehicle, and noted Charlotte Truck Center was the lowest bidder.

Thereupon, Mr. Woodson made a **motion** to award a contract to Charlotte Truck Center in the amount of \$120,691 for the purchase of a tandem axle dump truck. Ms. Blackwell seconded the motion. Messrs. Kennedy, Miller, Woodson, and Meses. Blackwell and Kluttz voted AYE. (5-0)

NORTH CAROLINA PARKS AND RECREATION TRUST FUND – FOIL-TATUM PARK

Ms. Gail Elder White, Parks and Recreation Director, addressed Council regarding a new deed for Foil-Tatum Park. Ms. Elder White stated the Foil-Tatum Park deed verbiage must be amended to state the following:

This property was donated as part of a grant from the North Carolina Parks and Recreation Trust Fund, and pursuant to contractual requirement this property may not be converted to other than public recreation use (whether by transfer, sale, or in any other manner) without approval of North Carolina Department of Natural Resources.

Thereupon, Mr. Woodson made a **motion** to authorize the Mayor to sign a new deed for the Foil-Tatum Park property to include the North Carolina Parks and Recreation Fund wording. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Messrs. Kennedy, Miller, Woodson, and Meses. Blackwell and Kluttz voted AYE. (5-0)

APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Upon a **motion** by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Woodson, and with Messrs. Kennedy, Miller, Woodson, and Mses. Blackwell and Kluttz voting AYE, the following appointment was made to fulfill an unexpired term on the Tree Board:

Ms. Gretta Saunders

Term expires 3/31/12

Upon a **motion** by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Ms. Blackwell, and with Messrs. Kennedy, Miller, Woodson, and Mses. Blackwell and Kluttz voting AYE, the following appointment was made to the Zoning Board of Adjustment as an Extra-Territorial Jurisdiction Representative:

Mr. Herbert Chambers

Term expires 3/31/13

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

(a) Old Wilkesboro Road Sidewalk

City Manager David Treme addressed Council regarding Old Wilkesboro Road sidewalk. He stated the City has done a great job locating grants for infrastructure, and asked Mr. Dan Mikkelson, Engineering and Development Services Director, to give Council an update on the Old Wilkesboro Road Sidewalk project.

Mr. Mikkelson displayed a photograph of the area indicating its location between Kelsey-Scott Park and Livingstone College. He explained that in 2004, the West End Community Organization prioritized three sidewalk requests. He noted that during that time the first priorities were Salisbury High School and West Horah Street which were completed by the City. He indicated Old Wilkesboro Road was the third priority at the time, and has now become their top priority.

Mr. Mikkelson stated that in March 2010, Council approved a revision to the City's Sidewalk Program, which establishes a Sidewalk Priority Index (SPI) to identify areas with a high need for sidewalks. He explained low priority areas are valued 0-5, medium priority areas are valued 6-11, and high priority areas are valued 12 and greater. Mr. Mikkelson indicated the SPI for the sidewalk between Brenner Avenue and Kelsey-Scott Park is 17, and between Brenner Avenue and Livingstone College is 12. He noted both SPIs are high priority and warrant expenditure of sidewalk funds, but he pointed out the City does not currently have sidewalk funding. He stated the portion of sidewalk from Brenner Avenue to Kelsey-Scott Park will cost approximately \$216,000, and the portion from Brenner Avenue to Livingstone College will cost approximately \$71,000. He noted staff is continuing to look for grant sources and opportunities to fund these sidewalks.

Councilman Kennedy thanked Mr. Mikkelson for the update. He indicated there are a number of elderly citizens and Livingstone College students living on Old Wilkesboro Road who have to walk in the street to get from place to place. He stated he is looking forward to the City receiving a grant and Council doing whatever it can to move this project forward.

Mr. Treme stated this year's budget did not include as many Capital Projects as previous years. He pointed out the Choice Neighborhood grant could provide an opportunity to explore infrastructure needs. He indicated the completed sidewalks at Salisbury High School, Salisbury Sports Complex, and Statesville Boulevard were paid for by Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) funding. He noted staff will continue to seek grants and opportunities to complete the sidewalks.

(b) Greenway Construction, Engineering and Inspection (CEI) Contract

Mr. Patrick Ritchie, Civil Engineer III, indicated Council recently awarded a construction contract for Grants Creek Greenway Phase 2, and also negotiated a Municipal Agreement with North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding for the project. He stated a requirement of ARRA funding is that the City hire an engineering firm to conduct a Construction Engineering Inspection (CEI) with State certified inspectors. He noted staff has completed the procedure for securing requests for qualifications from engineering firms, and has selected Alley, William, Carmen, and King as the most qualified firm to apply. Mr. Ritchie indicated staff has received a proposal from the firm for \$59,622.91 which is within the budget for this project. He pointed out NCDOT has not approved the proposal, which could change the exact amount of the contract, and possibly lower the amount.

Thereupon, Ms. Blackwell made a **motion** to award a contract to Alley, Williams, Carmen and King, Inc. in the amount of \$59,622.91 to perform CEI Services for the Grants Creek Greenway Phase 2, EB-3308, subject to concurring approval by North Carolina Department of Transportation. Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion. Messrs. Kennedy, Miller, Woodson, and Mses. Blackwell and Kluttz voted AYE. (5-0)

(c) Resolution supporting Rowan County Bond for Rowan-Cabarrus Community College

Mayor Kluttz indicated there is a Resolution before Council to support a Rowan County Bond for Rowan-Cabarrus Community College (RCCC). She stated that on the November ballot there will be a \$12 million bond referendum for Capital Improvements to the North Campus of RCCC, which is located in Salisbury. She noted RCCC has educated more Rowan County high school students than any other higher learning institution. She stated RCCC has been instrumental in its retraining efforts after many manufacturing jobs were loss. Mayor Kluttz requested Council endorse and support the Resolution, and she urged citizens to vote yes for the referendum.

Councilman Kennedy recognized Ms. Diane Green, RCCC Board of Trustees, who was in attendance.

Councilman Woodson stated he feels RCCC needs to be strengthened in order to educate citizens and facilitate future employment. He indicated he strongly supports the Resolution.

Thereupon, Mr. Kennedy made a **motion** to adopt a Resolution in support of the Rowan County Bond for Rowan-Cabarrus Community College. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Messrs. Kennedy, Miller, Woodson, and Mses. Blackwell and Kluttz voted AYE. (5-0)

Mr. Woodson pointed out the referendum is on the second page of the ballot, and urged the citizens to vote yes.

(d) HOME Fund Budget Reallocation

City Manager David Treme asked Ms. Janet Gapen, Senior Planner, to give Council an update regarding the HOME Program. Ms. Gapen indicated there needs to be two changes made to the previously adopted HOME budgets for FY2009 and FY2010. She stated the FY2009 budget should be amended to reflect a reallocation of \$63,000 from a new construction to a foreclosure/acquisition/rehabilitation, and she stated this change is prompted by the increased accessibility of foreclosures that are negatively affecting neighborhoods. She indicated the FY2010 budget should be amended to reflect a reallocation of \$71,000 from a senior-housing development to a family-housing development. Ms. Gapen noted both the family-housing development and the senior-housing development were needed in the community to bring low-moderate income housing to citizens. She stated both were competing for low-income tax credits through the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency, and the family-housing development was funded.

Ms. Gapen indicated changes to both budgets are in compliance with the 2020 Comprehensive Plan. She requested Council set a public hearing for October 19, 2010 to receive comments from the public regarding this issue.

Thereupon, Mr. Miller made a **motion** to set a public hearing for October 19, 2010 to hear public comment regarding HOME Funds budget reallocation. Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion. Messrs. Kennedy, Miller, Woodson, and Mses. Blackwell and Kluttz voted AYE. (5-0)

City Manager David Treme indicated housing is a big issue in the community and that a 50-unit family housing development for the Westridge Apartments was funded using HOME Program funds. He stated another housing project proposed for the City is for transitional housing for veterans that the City has committed to help fund. He pointed out there is a large Veteran's Administration hospital in Salisbury and a need for housing has been identified.

Mr. Treme stated the senior-housing development was not funded. He indicated the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency has a rule that stipulates they will not approve a project in the same County two consecutive years.

Mr. Treme asked Council's permission to draft a letter to the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency requesting they give additional consideration for the senior-housing project next year. He indicated this project is of great importance to the community and is located on an excellent site that has been rezoned, with willing developers ready to begin the project.

By consensus, Council agreed to draft a letter to the North Carolina Housing Finance

regarding consideration of a Senior Housing Development.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

(a) OctoberTour Night Out

Mayor Kluttz announced Downtown Salisbury, Inc. will host OctoberTour Night Out Friday, October 8, 2010 from 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. in downtown Salisbury.

(b) OctoberTour of Historic Homes

Mayor Kluttz announced the Historic Salisbury Foundation will host its 35th Annual OctoberTour of Historic Homes Saturday, October 9, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m., and Sunday, October 10, 2010 from 12:00 noon until 6:00 p.m.

(c) Rowan Blues and Jazz Festival

Mayor Kluttz announced the 12th Annual Rowan Blues and Jazz Festival will be held Saturday, October 16, 2010 at 200 West Fisher Street. Gates open at 12:00 noon.

(d) Fall Spruce-Up Week

Mayor Kluttz announced the Community Appearance Commission and the Public Services Department will sponsor a Fall Spruce-up Week October 18-23, 2010 for all residents within the City limits. The Public Services Department will provide special trash collection service throughout the week. Please call Public Services at (704) 638-5260 to have your appliances and tires without rims picked up. Place additional trash at the curb on your regular collection day. Groups may pick up large bags and gloves for clean-up efforts from the Public Services Department, 529 North Fulton St.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Woodson, seconded by Mr. Kennedy. All council members in attendance agreed unanimously to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

Susan W. Kluttz, Mayor

Myra B. Heard, City Clerk