

Salisbury, North Carolina
July 20, 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 City Manager David Treme.

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 AGENDA

Mayor Kluttz noted the following changes to the Agenda:

Postpone item 10 - Council to consider closing the 100 block of East Fisher Street, the 100 block of West Fisher Street, and portions of the 100 and 200 blocks of South Lee Street Saturday, September 18, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. for the Salisbury-Rowan PRIDE Celebration.

Postpone item 14 - Council to consider a request from Duke Net to install approximately 2,200 feet of telecommunication fiber in the public right-of-way in accordance with Section 11-24 (27) of the City Code.

RECOGNITION - NORVELL CHILDREN'S THEATER PARTICIPANTS

Mayor Kluttz recognized participants of the Norvell Children's Theater who participated in a video titled "Keep the Ball Rolling." She stated members of the City Council received emails last month referencing the video, and indicated the video was an excellent production by the youth of Salisbury, under the leadership of producer Mr. Will Merrick. Mayor Kluttz stated she feels the video was special because it was a thank you to the community for its fundraising efforts for the Norvell Children's Theater. Mayor Kluttz stated Council would like to share the video with the community, and the video was played.

Mayor Kluttz asked Mr. Merrick, the video participants, and everyone involved with the theater to stand and be thanked.

PRESENTATION – CITY PARK CAMPERS

Ms. Elaney Hasselman, Parks and Recreation Marketing and Community Relations Manager, and Ms. Casey Hubbard, Catawba College Center for the Environment, introduced a presentation by the City Park Center campers in celebration of Parks and Recreation Month. Ms. Hasselman noted July is National Parks and Recreation Month, and stated this year's theme is the promotion of clean air.

Ms. Hubbard noted that the Center for the Environment is working in Rowan and Cabarrus Counties to create programs and initiatives for better air quality as a part of their campaign for clean air, and was excited to work with the campers.

The City Park Campers, guitarist Mr. Josh Vernon, and City Park Recreation Programmer Paul Moore, performed "Lets Help With Clean Air," an original song written by Mr. Matt Newton, graduate of Catawba College's music department.

Mayor Kluttz thanked the campers for sharing their important message.

UPDATE – SALISBURY-ROWAN READS! PROGRAM

Ms. Karen Wilkinson, Director of Public Information and Communications, updated Council on the first of five Salisbury-Rowan READS! events that took place Wednesday, July 14, 2010 at the Salisbury branch of the Rowan Public Library. Ms. Wilkinson stated approximately 850 people attended the event which focused on reading to children and enhancing youth literacy. Ms. Wilkinson reviewed a video highlighting the volunteers who made the event a success, and pointed out the next event is Wednesday, July 21, 2010 at the East Rowan branch of the Rowan Public Library located in Rockwell.

Mayor Kluttz thanked Ms. Wilkinson and the Rowan County Board of Commissioners who have partnered with the City to host the events. She stated Council feels reading to children is critical to the future success of Salisbury and Rowan County. She thanked the municipalities

for their cooperation with hosting these events. She also thanked Rowan County Library staff, Mr. Jeff Hall, Ms. Suzanne White, Rowan-Salisbury Schools, Dr. Judy Grissom, Dr. Sarah Hensley, and the many City employees who participated.

CONSENT AGENDA

(a) Approval of Minutes

Approve Minutes of the Regular meeting of July 6, 2010.

(b) Economic Development Investment Grant – “Project Nomad”

Set a public hearing for August 3, 2010 to receive public comment regarding an Economic Development Investment Grant to “Project Nomad.”

(c) 25th Annual Future Directions and Goal Setting Retreat

Adopt February 10-11, 2011 as the dates for the 26th Annual Future Directions and Goal Setting Retreat.

Thereupon, Ms. Blackwell 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)

PRESENTATION – MR. SCOTT REDINGER, TRANSITIONAL HOUSING FOR VETERANS

Mr. Scott Redinger, Housing Consultant RHA Health Services, addressed Council regarding Liberty Square, a transitional housing development for Veterans. Mr. Redinger introduced Ms. Hattie Johnson, Homeless Coordinator for Hefner Veterans Administration (VA) Medical Center, and Mr. Scott Little, Director of Housing and Asset Management for RHA.

Ms. Johnson informed Council the Federal Government has enacted a mandate to end homelessness among Veterans within five years, and the mandate addresses six components to end homelessness:

- Provide outreach and education
- Prevention
- Treatment
- Housing and supportive services
- Income benefits
- Community partnership

Ms. Johnson stated that during a meeting in June 2009, she and her staff identified needs of the Veterans in the area, and discussed the fact that ending homelessness is a team approach.

Mr. Little indicated RHA is dedicated to the project, and the City of Salisbury, to ensure its partnership with stakeholders will provide support to Veterans who would otherwise be homeless. He pointed out RHA is a non-profit organization that has built many low-to-moderate income and senior housing developments, and has a well developed skill-set in providing services in behavioral health and substance abuse. He indicated RHA is prepared, both as a builder and service provider, to make Liberty Square a reality. Mr. Little noted RHA is skilled in the areas of vocational support, free vocational training, job placement, job coaching, and educational program services. He stated RHA is committed to providing ongoing support in order for residents of transitional housing to have the opportunity to become productive citizens of the community.

Ms. Johnson introduced Mr. Anthony Dawson, Associate Director of the Hefner VA Medical Center. She asked Veterans, and all those associated with the VA Medical Center to stand and be recognized.

Mr. Redinger indicated RHA will construct a 24-unit facility for homeless Veterans and stated the facility will include the following:

- Community space with kitchen
- Activity room
- Exercise room with appropriate equipment for physical therapy
- A computer room
- Library
- Conference Room
- Three offices
- A two bedroom apartment for on-site staff

Mr. Redinger displayed a photograph of the interior of the proposed units and indicated a change to the site plan is necessary, but staff will bring the issue back to Council at a later date. He indicated Salisbury has a need for this facility, and pointed out approximately 800 homeless Veterans utilized the VA Medical Center in 2009.

Mr. Redinger reviewed funding sources for the project, indicating the Federal Government and the VA will fund 65% of the project's eligible development costs, and the other 35% must be raised from the community. He noted RHA is meeting with the County, City and local foundations to raise the 35% needed to complete the facility. He pointed out RHA will receive \$35.50 per resident, per day to operate the program at Liberty Square. Mr. Redinger stated he appreciates the City's interest, and indicated RHA is requesting \$150,000 from the City of Salisbury for the Liberty Square project.

Mayor Kluttz stated she feels this is a much needed project, and agrees there should be no homeless Veterans. She asked City Manager David Treme for his recommendation to fund the project.

Mr. Treme indicated he met with Mr. Redinger, Mr. Little, and Ms. Johnson during the time when staff was completing the Consolidated Plan for Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization. He noted when Council adopted the Consolidated Plan, senior housing, low-to-moderate income housing, and transitional housing for Veterans were all points of concern.

Mr. Treme stated three different housing projects have come to the City for assistance, and the projects are structured with a point system that includes participation from the local community. Mr. Treme reviewed the City’s participation in Affordable Rental and Transitional Housing programs:

City Participation in Affordable Rental and Transitional Housing

Development	Villas at Hope Crest	Westridge Village	Liberty Square
Housing Type	Apartments (Senior/Elderly)	Apartments (Family)	Transitional Housing (Homeless Veterans)
Number of Units	55	48	24
Total Development Cost	\$7.1 Million	\$6.7 Million	\$2.1 Million
Funds Requested	\$220,000 loan	\$288,000 loan	\$250,000 grant
City Pledged Funds	\$150,000 loan	\$150,000 loan	\$150,000 grant

Mr. Treme pointed out the funds for the Liberty Square project are not needed until 2013. Mr. Treme recommended \$50,000 per year over a three-year period be reserved from HOME funds in order to assist with funding the Liberty Square project. He recommended Council consider awarding the \$150,000 grant, and noted participation in these projects could address the goals set forth in the Consolidated Plan.

Councilman Woodson asked if the City will receive taxes from the Liberty Square facility. Mr. Treme stated the Liberty Square facility would not be taxable because RHA is a non-profit organization.

Mr. Treme indicated his recommendation is to award the \$150,000 grant over a multi-year period. He noted Council has committed to assist with funding for a senior housing project, and a low-to-moderate income housing project in Salisbury, and pointed out the City’s funding could be less than the amounts projected.

Councilman Miller asked if the City’s funding is subject to receipt of funds from other sources. Mr. Treme indicated the project would be contingent on the City’s receipt of HOME funds, and RHA will have to have proof it has obtained the funding needed to complete the project, prior to City funds being disbursed.

Mayor Kluttz stated she feels it would be helpful for RHA to have a commitment from Council that can be used when requesting funds from other sources.

Mr. Woodson indicated he feels the project is good, and to fund over a three-year period is reasonable.

Mayor Pro Tem Blackwell asked the amount the City receives annually from HOME funds. Senior Planner Janet Gapen responded that the City receives approximately \$100,000 per year from HOME funds. Ms. Blackwell asked if that amount is consistent. Ms. Gapen indicated that the HOME funds have been consistent. Mr. Treme pointed out the pledge would be contingent upon continued HOME funding.

Councilman Kennedy stated he feels Council should support the venture, but indicated he would like this item to come back to Council in August with a budgetary item that can be passed.

By consensus, Council agreed to fund the Liberty Square project as recommended by Mr. Treme.

DEMOLITION OF STRUCTURE – 1120 FRIES STREET

Mr. Chris Branham, Code Enforcement Supervisor, addressed Council regarding the demolition of a structure located at 1120 Fries Street. Mr. Branham reviewed the minimum housing compliance process:

- Preliminary investigation
- Notice of hearing letter
- Public hearing
 - Abatement
- Findings of fact letter
- Compliance date
 - Historic Preservation Committee (HPC) approval/denial for delay

Mr. Branham pointed out the location of the property located on Fries Street adjacent to Lincolnton Road, and reviewed a timeline of events for this case:

- March 18, 2009 – inspected by housing inspector, found abandoned and below standards of living
- April 2, 2009 – public hearing date, no attendees
- May 26, 2009 – house boarded up by the City per neglect and unresponsiveness of owner
- July 16, 2009 – Made contact with owner, Findings of Fact letter sent to owner
- August 16, 2009 – Compliance date per Findings of Fact letter
- October 2009 – case presented to Historic Preservation Committee (HPC) for ruling on delay
- July 20, 2010 – case presented to City Council

Mr. Branham indicated there have been constant complaints from neighbors regarding the property, and the neighborhood supports the demolition. He then reviewed photographs of the property, describing it as abandoned and a nuisance. He requested Council adopt an Ordinance to demolish the property.

Mayor Pro Tem Maggie Blackwell stated the property is not in a locally recognized historic neighborhood, but the neighborhood is on the National Register of Historic Places, and asked Mr. Branham if there were any special requirements to demolish a home in a neighborhood on the National Register. Mr. Branham indicated this issue was taken to the HPC in October 2009, and the HPC delayed demolition for repairs to be made to the property.

Councilman Miller asked if the period of time between October 2009 and today was to give those interested an opportunity to take-over or clean the property. Mr. Branham indicated a staff error caused the delay in demolition.

Mr. Branham pointed out all costs associated with the demolition will go back to the owner in the form of a lien.

Councilman Kennedy stated if no one will restore this property, and it is a nuisance to the neighborhood, he feels there is no other choice but demolition.

Mr. Woodson asked the cost of demolishing this property. Mr. Branham indicated a project of this type would cost approximately \$5,000.

Thereupon, Mr. Woodson made a **motion** to adopt an Ordinance directing the Housing Inspector to have demolished the structure located at 1120 Fries Street, Salisbury, North Carolina, it being unfit for human habitation and it is deteriorated to an unsafe condition. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Messrs. Kennedy, Miller, Woodson, and Mses. Blackwell and Kluttz voted AYE. (5-0)

AN ORDINANCE DIRECTING THE HOUSING INSPECTOR TO HAVE DEMOLISHED THE STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 1120 FRIES STREET, SALISBURY, NORTH CAROLINA, IT BEING UNFIT FOR HUMAN HABITATION, AND DETERIORATED TO UNSAFE CONDITION.

(The above Ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book No. 22 at Page No. 87, and is known as Ordinance No. 2010-35.)

AWARD CONTRACT - EMC

Mr. Randall Moran, Technology Services Manager, addressed Council regarding the replacement of a Storage Area Network (SAN). Mr. Moran indicated the SAN is scheduled to be replaced this year, and the funds have been budgeted. He noted the SAN is a critical component of the infrastructure of the City. He stated several vendors were contacted with specific details and requirements, and staff recommends awarding the contract to EMC in the amount of \$237,499. He pointed out that the recommended vendor met the specific requirements and had the lowest cost estimate.

Councilman Kennedy asked about the purpose of a SAN. Mr. Moran indicated that the SAN is an appliance that houses a great deal of hard drives and data, including servers and applications.

Mayor Pro Tem Blackwell asked if the SAN is a back-up unit. Mr. Moran noted that the proposal does include data replication.

Councilman Miller asked if the unit is an improvement of the current system, and will add the ability for backup capacity. Mr. Moran indicated that was correct, and the system would offer higher availability, which is a critical component of a SAN unit.

Thereupon, Mr. Kennedy made a **motion** to award a contract in the amount of \$237,499 to EMC for a Storage Area Network. Ms. Blackwell seconded the motion. Messrs. Kennedy, Miller, Woodson, and Mses. Blackwell and Kluttz voted AYE. (5-0)

PRESENTATION – ANALYSIS OF IMPEDIMENTS TO FAIR HOUSING

Ms. Janet Gapen, Senior Planner, gave Council a presentation regarding the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing. Ms. Gapen indicated the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing is a required report the City prepares for the United States Department of Housing and Development (HUD) as a result of receiving federal funds. She noted the City's last report was submitted in the late 1990s, and is overdue for an update.

Ms. Gapen reviewed the Fair Housing Assessment:

- Equal access to housing is a fundamental right protected by Federal and State law
- Fair Housing Act of 1968, and amendments of 1988
- Prohibits discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, familial status, disability, sexual orientation, national origin
- All aspects of housing
 - Sale
 - Rental/Lease
 - Negotiation
 - Financing

Ms. Gapen noted examples of illegal activities:

- Refusal to engage in a real estate transaction
- Refusal to rent or sell property
- Refuse or fail to transmit or receive a bona-fide offer for property
- Indicate that housing is not available when it actually is
- Provide different terms or conditions

Ms. Gapen indicated the City has an obligation, as a recipient of Community Development Block Grant funds, to actively further fair housing choice. She pointed out three steps the City will need to take in order to further fair housing choice:

- Assessment of barriers or impediments to fair housing
- Act to eliminate or mitigate identified barriers
- Maintain fair housing records

Ms. Gapen stated the City will meet its obligation with a complete update of its Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice that will involve the following:

- Nature and extent of housing discrimination
- Conditions in public sector and private market that may limit the range of housing choices or impede access
- Fair Housing complaints
- Identify impediments
- Recommend actions to remove or mitigate impediments

Ms. Gapen reviewed the process of the analysis:

- Analysis of population demographics, housing needs, availability of housing, public policies and practices, zoning, land use, real estate practices, and lending data (Home Mortgage Disclosure Act data)
- Public input
 - Utilize print media, web, Access16
 - Public hearing
 - Surveys
 - Publish draft report
 - 30-day comment period
- City Council consideration – Fall 2010

Ms. Gapen requested Council set a public hearing for August 3, 2010 to receive comments from the public regarding the plan.

Thereupon, Mr. Miller made a **motion** to set a public hearing for Tuesday, August 3, 2010 to receive comments from citizens regarding the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing. Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion. Messrs. Kennedy, Miller, Woodson, and Mses. Blackwell and Kluttz voted AYE. (5-0)

BUDGET ORDINANCE - SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION

Mr. Patrick Ritchie, Staff Engineer, addressed Council regarding sidewalk construction in the Olde Salisbury neighborhood. Mr. Ritchie indicated Olde Salisbury is a subdivision located near Old Concord Road and Jake Alexander Boulevard. He stated the development was constructed in three phases, and sidewalks were to be installed as each phase was built. He noted

Phases 1 and 2 were completed, but Phase 3 is incomplete. He indicated the sidewalks were guaranteed by a letter of credit posted by the developer. Mr. Ritchie noted that when development in Phase 3 slowed, the developer would not agree to complete the sidewalks, and staff was forced to cash in the letter of credit in the amount of \$16,348. He stated the amount was deposited to the General Fund and is now in the Fund Balance.

Mr. Ritchie reviewed aerial maps of the area depicting Phase 3 and the portions of the area where sidewalks were installed. He noted the \$16,348 will not fund the completion of the sidewalks, but will cover approximately 1,000 linear feet of sidewalk. He stated staff recommends utilizing the funds to install approximately 1,000 linear feet of sidewalk on Chantilly Lane to connect Phase 3 to Phases 1 and 2.

Thereupon, Mr. Kennedy made a **motion** to adopt an Ordinance amending the 2010-2011 Budget Ordinance of the City of Salisbury, North Carolina to appropriate funds for Olde Salisbury Sidewalks. Mr. Woodson seconded the motion. Councilman Miller asked if the City will install the sidewalks. Mr. Ritchie indicated staff will take informal bids from contractors for the project. Messrs. Kennedy, Miller, Woodson, and Mses. Blackwell and Kluttz voted AYE. (5-0)

Mr. Kennedy noted residents in the Old Wilkesboro Road area have requested sidewalks for approximately 17 years, and funding for those sidewalks was removed from this year's budget. He indicated HOME funds have been used to fund sidewalks in the past, and the City needs to find funding to add sidewalks in the Old Wilkesboro Road area. He pointed out residents in that area notice sidewalk installations in other neighborhoods and do not understand these sidewalks are being funded by other sources. He requested the City Manager review funding options to install sidewalks in the Old Wilkesboro Road area.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2010-2011 BUDGET ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, NORTH CAROLINA TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR OLD SALISBURY SIDEWALKS

(The above Ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book No. 22 at Page No. 88, and is known as Ordinance No. 2010-36.)

APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

This item was postponed

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION

Mayor Kluttz opened the floor to receive public comment.

Chaplain Fleming Otey spoke in support of Veterans and thanked Council for their support. Chaplain Otey also thanked Council for bus service from the Hefner VA Medical Center to the East Spencer bus terminal. He indicated he supports the transitional home for

Veterans and the installation of sidewalks. Chaplain Otey asked Council to expedite the funding for the transitional home for Veterans.

Reverend Robert Fleming stated he agrees with Chaplain Otey.

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

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

(a) Legislative Update

City Manager David Treme asked Mr. Doug Paris, Assistant to the City Manager, to give Council an update on recent Legislative issues.

Mr. Paris reviewed items of the Legislative agenda that impact Salisbury:

- Broadband
 - City's investment is safe
 - Four years of success
 - Salisbury is the leader of broadband in North Carolina
- Yadkin River Bridge
 - Statewide and regional significance
 - Equity Formula and Mobility Fund
 - Huge windfall for Salisbury and Rowan County and District 9
 - Phase I (The Bridge)
 - Exempt from Equity Formula
 - Saves \$81 million in seven years
 - Saves approximately an additional \$80 million in years 2016-2021
 - Phase 2
 - Widening of I-85 north of bridge
 - Funded by the Mobility Fund
 - Will bring \$150 million to complete Phase 2
 - Huge result for Salisbury-Rowan
 - Would have "sunk" District 9
- Internet Sweepstakes
 - Banned December 1, 2010
 - Senate pushed
 - House voted to concur with Senate
 - Court challenges
 - Industry has called for Veto of legislation
- Yadkin Trust
 - Uwharrie Resources Commission
 - Process was monitored
 - A "vehicle" for Yadkin River Trust type of concept
 - Aware of sediment issue

- ABC Reform
 - Kannapolis request
 - Salisbury gets equal representation
 - Six of seven store in cities
 - Cities generate 90% of revenue

Mr. Paris stated the City has a great team that works on these legislative items, and the legislative short session was successful for Salisbury.

Councilman Woodson asked if the Internet Sweepstakes were the same items that were discussed in the budget meeting. Mr. Paris indicated that during the budget meeting Council agreed to assess a \$500 per machine fee, and a portion of gross sales. Mayor Kluttz pointed out that during the budget session Internet Sweepstakes were referred to as internet cafes, and noted these establishments will operate until December 1, 2010, when the ban takes effect.

Councilman Miller stated City staff and Mayor Kluttz are doing an excellent job safeguarding the interests of Salisbury in Raleigh. He indicated he is impressed with how staff handles issues, and as a citizen, is thankful City staff is active in these issues.

Mayor Kluttz stated Mr. Paris has done an exceptional job representing the City. She indicated several years ago legislative actions were not at the forefront of Council issues, but as time has progressed, small decisions made in the legislature have impacted Council's actions. She thanked City staff for their work.

(b) Limb Pick-Up

City Manager David Treme indicated Council approved changing limb pick-up to bi-weekly pick-ups during the budget process. He stated bi-weekly pick-up was contingent upon staff undertaking waterline work needed throughout the City. He pointed out that the amount of waterline work has not impacted limb pick-up, and currently staff is maintaining a weekly limb pick-up. He requested Council's permission to continue with weekly limb pick-up, and he noted when utility work increases in the fall, there may be a need for bi-weekly pick-up.

(c) Lash Drive Transit Route

City Manager David Treme stated approximately six months ago Council agreed to extend transit service to the Lash Drive community for a trial period to be funded through August. He indicated he wants to speak with residents of the community and evaluate continuation of the route. Mr. Treme stated staff will report to Council in September regarding this matter.

(d) Meadowbrook Water Line Replacement

City Manager David Treme addressed Council regarding waterline replacement in the Meadowbrook neighborhood. Mr. Treme stated pipe for water and sewer in the Meadowbrook area is made from an inferior material, and indicated the largest number of waterline breaks in the City have been in this area. He pointed out Council approved funds last year to replace the

waterlines, and the work is in progress. Mr. Treme stated residents have been unhappy about road conditions and dust, and apologized to the residents for the condition of the roads. He indicated the roads will be cleaned when all of the work is complete. He noted staff considered making road repairs now, but decided to make all waterline repairs prior to repairing the roads.

Mr. Patrick Kennerly, Utilities Administrative Services Manager, and Mr. Tony Cinquemani, Public Services Director, gave Council an update regarding the Meadowbrook waterline replacement. Mr. Kennerly stated that the area has had numerous problems with waterline breaks, and staff is excited to replace the lines. He indicated the majority of the work has been completed. He noted the contractor has temporarily stopped work in the area to honor a previous commitment, but work should resume very soon.

Mr. Cinquemani indicated staff has met with the paving contractors, and discussed the work that is needed. He noted the contractor has given a tentative start date of the second week in August to ready equipment and begin the milling process. Mr. Cinquemani stated the milling process will add time to the project, but will make the road and infrastructure last longer. He indicated staff will move equipment and keep roads as clean as possible until the work is complete and the streets can be repaired.

Mayor Kluttz asked if there is any way to notify the Meadowbrook residents of the timeline of roadwork. Mr. Cinquemani indicated staff will notify the neighborhood.

Councilman Woodson thanked Mr. Cinquemani and Mr. Steve Weatherford, Street Maintenance Manager, for continuing the weekly limb pick-up.

Councilman Kennedy indicated he would like staff to consider a bus stop at Rufty-Holmes Senior Center. He asked if the City has considered allowing Livingstone and Catawba College students to ride the bus free of charge. Mr. Cinquemani indicated a discount is offered to students. Mr. Kennedy stated he feels if students were offered free bus rides they could patronize various merchants around the City, which would increase revenue for the merchant and sales tax for the City. He added students should be encouraged to ride City buses.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

(a) Salisbury-Rowan READS!

Mayor Kluttz announced the Salisbury-Rowan READS! program will take place Wednesday evenings this summer from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the following locations:

- July 21, 2010 East Branch Public Library, 110 Broad Street, Rockwell
- July 28, 2010 Spencer Library Park, Fourth Street, Spencer
- August 4, 2010 South Branch Public Library, 920 Kimball Road, China Grove
- August 11, 2010 Cleveland Elementary School, 107 School Street, Cleveland

(b) Rowan-Kannapolis ABC Board

Mayor Kluttz announced Governor Beverly Perdue is scheduled to sign Alcoholic Beverage Commission (ABC) legislation July 21, 2010. She stated that the legislation will make it possible for the City to appoint a member to the ABC Board, which needs to be done by the end of the month. Mayor Kluttz suggested recessing today's meeting until Friday, July 23, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. in Council Chambers. She noted the ABC appointment will be Council's only business.

By consensus, Council agreed to recess the meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Kluttz asked for a motion to go into closed session to consult with an attorney as allowed by NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3), and to discuss acquisition of property located at 530 East Innes Street, as allowed by NCGS 143-318.11(a)(5).

Thereupon, Mr. Woodson made a **motion** to go into closed session as read by the Mayor. Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion. Messrs. Kennedy, Miller, Woodson, and Mses. Blackwell and Kluttz voted AYE. (5-0)

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Thereupon, Mr. Woodson made a **motion** for Council to return to open session. Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion. Messrs. Kennedy, Miller, Woodson, and Mses. Blackwell and Kluttz voted AYE. (5-0)

Mayor Kluttz announced that no action was taken during Closed Session.

RECESS

Thereupon, Mr. Miller made a **motion** to recess the meeting until Friday, July 23, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. in City Council Chambers, 217 South Main Street. Mr. Woodson seconded the motion. Messrs. Kennedy, Miller, Woodson, and Mses. Blackwell and Kluttz voted AYE. (5-0)

Susan W. Kluttz, Mayor

Myra B. Heard, City Clerk