

Salisbury, North Carolina
October 19, 2021

REGULAR MEETING

PRESENT: Mayor Karen K. Alexander, Presiding; Mayor Pro Tem Al Heggins, Council Members William Brian Miller, David Post, and Tamara Sheffield; City Manager W. Lane Bailey, City Clerk Kelly Baker; and City Attorney J. Graham Corriher.

ABSENT: None.

In response to the State of Emergency declaration related to the spread of COVID-19 and to limit physical interactions and the potential spread of COVID-19 the Salisbury City Council met electronically. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Alexander at 6:00 p.m. A moment of silence was taken.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Alexander led participants in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag.

RECOGNITION OF VIEWERS

Mayor Alexander welcomed all viewers.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Postpone Item 9 - Council to consider revisions to the Downtown Revitalization Incentive (DRI) Grant Program.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Thereupon, Councilmember Post made a **motion** to adopt the Agenda with the noted change. Upon a roll call vote Mayor Alexander voted AYE, Mayor Pro Tem Heggins voted AYE, Councilmember Miller voted AYE, Councilmember Post voted AYE, and Councilmember Sheffield voted AYE. (5-0)

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Alexander proclaimed the following observances:

MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

October 23, 2021

NAACP FREEDOM FUND BANQUET DAY

November 6, 2021

CONSENT AGENDA

(a) Minutes

Adopt Minutes of the Regular meeting of October 5, 2021.

(b) Sole Source Purchase – Aqua-Aerobic Systems, Inc.

Authorize a sole source purchase in the amount of \$188,302 from Aqua-Aerobic Systems, Inc. for four floating aerator assemblies for use in wastewater treatment. This is a planned expense and funds are included in the FY2021-2022 budget.

(c) Stormwater Grant – Catawba College

Approve a Stormwater Grant in the amount of \$6,500 for improvements to Catawba College. Funds for the grant are included in the FY2021-2022 budget.

Thereupon, Mayor Pro Tem Heggins made a **motion** to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented. Upon a roll call vote Mayor Alexander voted AYE, Mayor Pro Tem Heggins voted AYE, Councilmember Miller voted AYE, Councilmember Post voted AYE, and Councilmember Sheffield voted AYE. (5-0)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Alexander opened the floor to receive public comments.

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

VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION – GRANTS LANDING

City Attorney Graham Corriher addressed Council regarding the voluntary annexation of Grants Landing, 77.803 acres located on parcels 460-152 and 462-006, effective December 31, 2021. He reviewed a map of the area, and he pointed out the parcels proposed for annexation. He commented the petition was signed by the property owners and the annexation was properly noticed.

Mayor Alexander convened a public hearing after due notice regarding the voluntary annexation of Grants Landing.

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

Councilmember Post noted the proposed voluntary annexation will add \$58 million to the City's tax base.

Thereupon, Councilmember Post made a **motion** to adopt an Ordinance to extend the corporate limits of the City of Salisbury, North Carolina, to include 77.803 acres, Parcels 460-152 and 462-006, to be known as Grants Creek Landing. Upon a roll call vote Mayor Alexander voted AYE, Mayor Pro Tem Heggins voted AYE, Councilmember Miller voted AYE, Councilmember Post voted AYE, and Councilmember Sheffield voted AYE. (5-0)

ORDINANCE TO EXTEND THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, NORTH CAROLINA, TO INCLUDE 77.803 ACRES, PARCELS 460-152 AND 462-006, GRANTS CREEK LANDING.

(The above Ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book No. 29 at Page No. 155-157, and is known as Ordinance 2021-66.)

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

City Attorney Graham Corriher had nothing to report to Council.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Lane Bailey explained requests for proposals were sent to consulting firms to assist with the search for the next city manager. He noted three proposals were received. He added staff requested Council rank the proposals and BakerTilly and Find Great People were the top choices. He stated staff arranged for both firms to make a presentation on Friday, October 22, 2021 with the first presentation beginning at 9:00 a.m. and the second presentation taking place at 10:00 a.m. in hopes that Council could make its decision after the presentations. He suggested Council recess its meeting until Friday, October 22, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Sheffield requested the Downtown Revitalization Incentive grants be considered soon, and she pointed out developers want to apply for the grants.

Councilmember Sheffield noted the first day of Blockwork took place today and included the Lowe's group which provided a grant for the event. She stated Blockwork will resume on Saturday, and she invited citizens to participate.

Councilmember Post referenced a recent shooting at City Park, and he suggested better lighting and cameras be placed in the area.

Councilmember Miller stated he is pleased with the Bell Tower Green Park and how many people are using the facility. He noted when he was at the park some young people had climbed on top of the structure and were looking over the waterfall. He questioned if the cameras are working, and requested staff do all it can to make sure the park is not misused.

MAYOR PRO TEM COMMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Heggins stated she had a great time at Blockwork, and she thanked staff for the great work it does each year.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS

Mayor Alexander recognized Lowe's for its participation in Blockwork, and she thanked community volunteers and staff who all they do to make Blockwork a success.

(a) November 3rd City Council Meeting

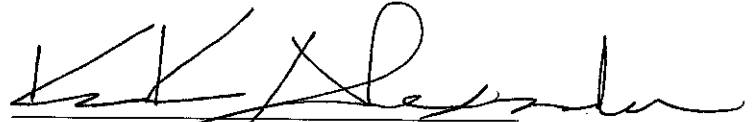
Mayor Alexander announced the next regularly scheduled meeting of City Council will be held Wednesday, November 3, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.

(b) Halloween Fun Fest

Mayor Alexander announced Parks and Recreation in partnership with Downtown Salisbury, Inc. will host the annual Halloween Fun Fest in downtown Salisbury and Bell Tower Green on Saturday, October 30, 2021 from 5:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. There will be trick-or-treating with downtown merchants from 5:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m., live entertainment and costume contest from 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., and the movie The Addams Family will be shown from 7:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. All activities are free and open to the public. For additional information please call 704-216-PLAY.

RECESS

Thereupon, Mayor Pro Tem Heggins made a **motion** to recess the meeting until Friday, October 22, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom. Upon a roll call vote Mayor Alexander voted AYE, Mayor Pro Tem Heggins voted AYE, Councilmember Miller voted AYE, Councilmember Post voted AYE, and Councilmember Sheffield voted AYE. (5-0) The meeting was recessed at 6:27 p.m.



Karen Alexander, Mayor

Kelly Baker, City Clerk