

Salisbury, North Carolina
September 28, 2006

SPECIAL MEETING

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

ABSENT: None.

Mayor Kluttz called the meeting to order and welcomed the special guests from Salisbury England. Councilman Burgin provided the invocation. The Salisbury Police Department Color Guard presented the Colors and Mr. Neal Wilkinson sang the national anthems of the United Kingdom and the United States of America.

Mayor Kluttz welcomed those in attendance and recognized the distinguished guests from Salisbury, England: Mayor Sheila Warrander, The Mayor's Consort Michael Warrander, Deputy Mayor Kevin Cardy, Councillor Bobbie Chettleburgh, Councillor Iris Evans, Councillor Ian Tomes, Sergeant at Mace Graham Jackson, and Assistant City Beadle Alex Bell.

Mayor Kluttz stated that many cities have Sister-City connections but she feels the relationship between Salisbury, England and Salisbury, North Carolina is special. She noted that Salisbury, North Carolina is the namesake of Salisbury, England and although Salisbury, England is a much older City, the two Cities share a pride in its past and an appreciation for preservation of historic structures. She stated that Salisburians in England are similar to Salisburians in North Carolina in their kindness, generosity, hospitality and humor. Mayor Kluttz indicated that the Mayors and Council members of each City have informally visited back and forth for the past fifty (50) years. She indicated that during the Council of Salisbury, England's visit in 2001 a Resolution was signed to establish a formal Sister-City relationship.

Mayor Kluttz expressed Council's gratitude to all of the volunteers who are participating in the visit. She thanked the individuals providing food and lodging for members of the visiting delegation, the businesses who have provided gifts, and Downtown Salisbury, Inc. and the Lord Salisbury Festival Committee for coordinating the agenda for the visit. She also thanked the Rowan Tourism and Visitors Bureau for assembling gift packages for the visitors, the Salisbury Symphony who will provide a special performance, Piedmont Players for a tour of the Meroney Theater, Waterworks Visual Arts Center for providing a lecture, Livingstone College for a viewing of the Queen Victoria medal, La Fiesta de Rowan and the Hispanic Coalition for including the visitors in the Hispanic Celebration. She also thanked St. Luke's Episcopal Church and Dr. Phillip Burgess for organizing and hosting a historic choir celebration on Sunday afternoon. She noted that the choir celebration will feature choir members from all of the downtown churches and will have over one hundred twenty (120) choir members participating. Mayor Kluttz stated that she felt the outstanding participation by the community will enable the visitors to see that the City of Salisbury is special. She indicated that she hopes the guests will enjoy their visit and better understand the history, diversity and culture, and the people of Salisbury. She added that she hopes all of the Citizens of Salisbury will join Council in welcoming the visitors from England and together we will learn from each other and through this understanding become better, richer and an even greater City.

Mayor Sheila Warrander, 746th Mayor of New Sarum, the City of Salisbury, England, thanked Mayor Kluttz and indicated that for those who have visited Salisbury, North Carolina before, it feels like coming home because the City is very comfortable and pleasant. She gave a brief profile of Salisbury, England and noted that Salisbury, England is a medieval city that is now an international destination for visitors due to its beautiful cathedral and its proximity to Stonehenge. She described life in Salisbury, England and its culture, arts, and retail activity. Mayor Warrander pointed out that there are many similarities between Salisbury, England and Salisbury, North Carolina and, except for the age of the City, she could have easily been describing Salisbury, North Carolina. She stated that the visits between the two Cities are an opportunity to learn from each other regarding important issues facing both communities. She noted that Salisbury, North Carolina is making good progress preserving its heritage and Council is balancing the needs of retailers, businesses and its citizens. She added that it is easy to see why people come to Salisbury, North Carolina and stay and expressed gratitude for the warmth shown to the visitors. Mayor Warrander stated that the doors are always open in Salisbury, England and they hope many of the citizens of Salisbury, North Carolina will visit.

Mayor Kluttz recognized Mr. Tim Smith, Scout Master for Troop 401, Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Mr. Smith noted that England has given the United States many things but one of the greatest is scouting. Members of Troop 401 presented Mayor Warrander with a troop welcome manual, a plaque for honorary members, neckerchiefs of Troop 401 and on behalf of the National Boy Scout Association, the Central Council of North Carolina, and Sacred Heart Troop 401 declared Mayor Warrander an honorary member of Troop 401. Mayor Warrander thanked the Troop for the gifts.

Mayor Kluttz then asked members of Council and the Councillors from Salisbury, England to convene on the sidewalk in front of City Hall for a special presentation. Once assembled, the Mayor unveiled a bronze plaque commemorating May 14, 2001 when the two Councils signed a Resolution

formally establishing a relationship as Sister-Cities. Mayor Klutz recognized Ms. Barbara Perry, Chairman of the Downtown Salisbury Public Art Committee, and noted that the Committee coordinated the creation and installation of the bronze marker. Ms. Perry recognized members of the Committee that were present: Mr. Robert Crum, Mr. Randy Hemann, Ms. Judy Newman, Ms. Lynn Raker, Ms. Janet Gapen, Mr. Jack Thompson, Mr. Wayne Whitman, Mr. Henry Jackson, Ms. Betty Dan Spencer, and Mr. Joe Morris. Committee members unable to attend were Ms. Anne Scott Clement, Mr. Edward Norvell, Mr. Michael Young, Ms. Barbara Lawther, and Ms. Judy Kandle. Ms. Perry thanked the Committee for their work to coordinate this commemorative marker.

Mayor Pro Tem Woodson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 3:40 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kennedy and unanimously approved by Council.

Mayor

City Clerk