

Salisbury, North Carolina  
February 28, 2017

### **RECESSED MEETING OF FEBRUARY 21, 2017**

The City Council of the City of Salisbury met at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 28, 2017 in the Council Chambers in City Hall located at 217 South Main Street pursuant to the recess of the Regular meeting of February 21, 2017, with the following members being present:

**PRESENT:** Mayor Karen Kirks Alexander, Presiding; Mayor Pro Tem Maggie A. Blackwell; Council Members William Brian Miller, and David Post; City Manager W. Lane Bailey; Deputy City Clerk Kelly Baker, and City Attorney F. Rivers Lawther, Jr.

**ABSENT:** Council Member Kenneth Hardin and City Clerk Myra B. Heard.

Salisbury City Council met in Council Chambers in City Hall located at 217 South Main Street. The invocation was given by Councilmember Miller. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Alexander at 5:00 p.m.

### **RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

Mayor Alexander welcomed all visitors present.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

## RECONVENING THE MEETING

Thereupon, Mr. Post made a **motion** to reconvene the meeting. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Messrs. Hardin, Miller, and Post, and Mses. Alexander and Blackwell voted AYE. (5-0)

Mayor Alexander explained Council will receive highlights and goals presentations from the City's Boards and Commissions. She thanked the Boards and Commission members for all they do to serve the City and its citizens.

## COMMUNITY APPEARANCE COMMISSION

Ms. Diane Hundley, Chair of the Community Appearance Commission (CAC), presented the CAC highlights and goals. Ms. Hundley reviewed the highlights for 2016:

- Awarded seven Municipal Service District Incentive Grants
  - Total Grants – \$16,253 of \$22,000
  - Total Project Amounts – \$48,298
- Awarded eight Innes Street Improvement Grants
  - Total Grants – \$17,964 of \$20,000
  - Total Project Amounts – \$48,734
- Public Art Committee
  - Continued to promote the Salisbury History and Art Trail
  - 2016 Salisbury Sculpture Show
  - George Washington Sculpture
- Neighborhoods and Education Committee
  - Neighborhood Leaders Alliance
    - Bi-annual meetings
    - Continued support for Housing Advocacy Commission (HAC) and neighborhood improvement
    - Sixth BlockWork event
  - Co-sponsored Spring and Fall spruce-up with the Public Services Department
  - Adopt-a-Street program
    - Rowan Helping Ministries
    - Brooklyn South Square Neighborhood
    - Park Avenue Neighborhood
- Landscape Committee
  - 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Storefront Decorations Awards
  - Landscape of the Month Awards

Ms. Hundley reviewed the 2017-2018 Level 1 goals:

- Support implementation of the East Innes and Long Complete Streets Plan
- Collaborate with staff, Downtown Salisbury, Inc. (DSI) and other stakeholders regarding implementation of Council goals for economic development
  - Improve and enhance downtown Salisbury

- Develop a downtown infrastructure plan
- Collaborate with Community Development Corporation (CDC) for effective use of neighborhood rehabilitation funds
- Coordinate seventh BlockWork event
- Support planning efforts for Dixonville-Lincoln Memorial
- Begin to replace gateway signs in collaboration with Tourism Bureau
- Continue collaborate with the Planning Board on new Sign Ordinance
- Support planning and implementation of the downtown park

Ms. Hundley reviewed the Level 1 goals requiring funding:

- Continue the Municipal Service District Incentive Grant Program – \$25,000
- Continue the Innes Street Corridor Improvement Grant Program – \$25,000
- Continue promotion of programs – \$1,500
  - Spring and Fall Spruce-up Days
  - Landscape of the Month
  - Adopt a Salisbury Street
  - Other programs
- Continue to expand the Salisbury History and Art Trail marker program and host the 9<sup>th</sup> annual Sculpture Show – \$20,000
- Hold the annual BlockWork program to promote neighborhood improvements block-by-block – \$10,000
- Hold biennial CAC/Tree Board Awards Program – \$4,000
- Support plantings in downtown planters with Parks and Recreation and Landscaping – \$1,000

Ms. Hundley discussed other key goals for the CAC:

- Support City efforts to address housing concerns
- Continue to raise awareness of public art opportunities
- Continue to serve as a liaison for neighborhood leaders and to host bi-annual neighborhood leader meetings

Ms. Hundley thanked Council for its support of the CAC and its vision for the City.

### Public Art Committee

Public Art Committee, a subcommittee of the Community Appearance Commission (CAC), Chair Barbara Perry and Mr. Edward Norvell addressed Council regarding highlights and goals for the Public Art Committee. Ms. Perry noted the Public Art Committee will install its 9<sup>th</sup> Sculpture Show downtown and on three local college campuses in the spring.

Ms. Perry reviewed highlights of the Public Art Committee:

- Centralina Council of Government awarded the Salisbury Sculpture Show with the 2016 Regions of Excellence Award
- Council of United States Mayors awarded the Salisbury Sculpture Show with the 2016 Mayors Outstanding Award for City Live-ability

Ms. Perry noted 14 sculptures have sold during the Salisbury Sculpture Show's tenure. She explained the Public Art Committee receives 25% of sculpture sales to be used toward the coming year's Sculpture Show. She stated the Public Art Committee is requesting \$20,000 to continue the Salisbury Sculpture Show and Salisbury History and Art Trail Marker. She pointed out the Public Art Committee is also requesting \$10,000 for the Arts and Cultural Comprehensive Plan.

Ms. Perry stated the Public Art Committee will partner with the City to assume maintenance of The Mural located on Fisher Street. She explained committee members will meet with the property owner and the artist to develop a maintenance schedule.

Ms. Perry referenced the Maker Movement initiative, and she noted the Public Art Committee is exploring the program with Rowan-Cabarrus Community College, the City, and Rowan County to determine how the program could work in the community.

Ms. Perry indicated she met with Mr. Andrew Davis and staff regarding the possibility of a Martin Luther King, Jr. memorial. She stated Fire Chief Bob Parnell has also approached staff regarding a plaque to commemorate the Salisbury Fire Department's 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2017.

City Manager Lane Bailey referenced the City's partnership with the Public Art Committee regarding the Mural, and he suggested staff identify funding in the current budget to cover the past due amount and maintenance.

By consensus, Council agreed to have staff identify funds in the current budget to cover the past due amount and maintenance for the Mural.

## **HOUSING ADVOCACY COMMISSION**

Housing Advocacy Commission (HAC) Chair Barbara Perry, and Ms. Mandy Edwards, staff liaison, presented highlights and goals for the HAC which consist of two sub-committees the Community Involvement Committee and the Code Services Committee.

Ms. Perry noted the FY2016 highlights:

- Chapter 14 – Nuisance Ordinance Amendment development
  - Residential Rental Property Remedial Action Program
    - Hosted forums to receive citizen input
- Created and distributed educational brochures
- Spring workshop was held April 28, 2016 at the Civic Center
- Participated with the Community Appearance Commission (CAC) on BlockWork
- Improved housing conditions in the West End community

Ms. Perry noted HAC members will continue to:

- Attend neighborhood meetings to seek input on housing issues
- Assist community partners in implementing the Housing Stabilization Program
- Prepare workshops focused on fair housing and landlord and tenant responsibilities
  - Requesting \$1,750
- Tour neighborhoods to assess housing needs for stabilization
- Assist community partners in implementing the Housing Stabilization Program
- Request an additional Code Enforcement Officer

Ms. Perry reviewed the FY2017-2018 goals:

- Continue successful partnership with the CAC for BlockWork
  - Provide support in the planning and implementation of the 2017 BlockWork project
  - Requesting \$5,000
  - Possible second BlockWork
- Request an additional Code Enforcement Officer
  - Code Services enforces compliance for housing, public nuisances, zoning, downtown maintenance, land development, and if passed the Residential Rental Property Remedial Action Program
  - Code Services has 614 active cases, 100 are housing cases
    - There are approximately 700-800 vacant houses in the City requiring attention
  - Requested a more proactive approach to code enforcement to protect citizen's quality of life
- Request an additional \$50,000 for Code Enforcement, specifically for addressing repairs and/or demolition of sub-standard housing.

Ms. Perry noted the HAC is requesting \$56,750. She thanked Council for its continued support of the HAC.

Councilmember Miller asked if the request for additional funding is a one-time or reoccurring request. Ms. Edwards noted the request came from an HAC meeting where it was determined that funding was a major reason things such as demolition were not being completed. Mayor Pro Tem Blackwell stated the request would be needed until blight in the City is stabilized.

Councilmember Post asked if the \$50,000 is in addition to the approximately \$100,000 needed to demolish the 11 properties that were recently brought before Council. Ms. Edwards noted the \$50,000 would be for the coming fiscal year, and the proposed demolitions would be completed in the current fiscal year.

Mr. Post asked if there is an inventory of abandoned houses in the City that need demolition or repair. Ms. Edwards noted staff is working on an inventory. Mr. Perry pointed out staff has images of the properties, and she added the majority of vacant houses requiring attention are fixable.

## **HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

Mr. Andrew Walker, Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) member, and Mr. Kyle Harris, staff liaison, presented the HPC 2016 highlights and 2017 goals. Mr. Walker reviewed the 2016 highlights:

- 52 cases reviewed by HPC
- 2 cases reviewed by Minor Works Committee
- 76 cases reviewed by staff
- Historic Preservation Incentive Grant Program
  - \$20,000 City investment
  - \$51,594 private investment
  - Every \$1 awarded generated \$2.58 in private investment

Mr. Walker noted the 2017-2018 HPC goals:

- Continue the Historic Preservation Incentive Grant - \$40,000
- Convene a Master Plan Implementation Team
- Increase public awareness
  - Offer to speak monthly at Board of Realtors
  - Promote National Trust's Preservation Month
- Partner with other groups regarding initiatives that support historic neighborhoods
- Obtain additional training
- Audit HPC meeting in another community
- Improve tracking and enforcement of Certificates of Appropriateness
- Conduct an annual HPC review
- Re-instate the Design Review Advisory Committee
- Recruit potential commission members with relevant experience
- Implement Heritage Neighborhood Program
- Implement a Landmark Program

Mayor Alexander thanked Mr. Walker and Mr. Harris for their presentation.

## **HUMAN RELATIONS COUNCIL**

Mr. Dennis Rivers, Human Relations Council (HRC) Chair, and Mr. Souwan Keingkhram, staff liaison, presented the HRC highlights and goals. Mr. Rivers reviewed the 2016 highlights:

- 31<sup>st</sup> Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration
- Elizabeth Duncan Koontz Humanitarian Award Banquet
- Covenant Community Connection
  - Mayor's Spirit Luncheon
  - Voices from the Margin
  - Let's Get Connected Day

- 10<sup>th</sup> Peace Pole installed in Spencer
  - Peace Pole proposed at Martin Luther King, Jr. Dream Park
- Meet your Neighbors Forum
- Community Education Forums
- Hispanic Coalition
  - Addressing quality-of-life needs for Salisbury-Rowan Hispanic community
  - La Fiesta de Rowan Celebration

Mr. Rivers noted the HRC is working to increase awareness and effectiveness of its mission and goals. He stated the HRC holds an annual retreat to set future goals. He commented the HRC receives sponsorship from Pepsi Cola, Food Lion, Novant, Lutheran Services Carolina, and Rowan Arts Council. He reviewed the HRC budget, and he requested Council consider \$7,150 for the HRC. He thanked Council for its continued support of the HRC.

### **TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD**

East Spencer Mayor Barbara Mallet, Chair of the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB), and Mr. Rodney Harrison, staff liaison, presented the highlights and goals for the TAB.

Ms. Mallet reviewed the TAB goals:

- Goal 1 – Consistently provide exceptional service to all customers
  - ADA Paratransit
    - Service provided to individuals who are unable to use fixed route bus service because of a disability or functional limitation
  - Free Wi-Fi
- Goal 2 – Evaluate fixed routes for efficiency, effectiveness, and ways to expand routes and services
  - Livingstone College route adjustments
    - One-year trial
    - 7,330 first six months ridership
- Goal 3 – Better marketing of the public transit system by “telling the story through a benefits campaign” to local elected bodies and the community
  - Outreach Programs
  - Benefits of public transportation
    - Employment
    - Business economy
    - Healthcare
    - Affordability
    - Crisis situations
- Goal 4 – Improve transit connectivity inside and outside the City by focusing on connecting customers to places

- Goal 5 – Maintain transit infrastructure and improve the aesthetic appeal of shelters, bus stops, benches, and signs:
  - Shelters installed
    - Rowan County
    - East Spencer partnership
    - VA Medical Center

Ms. Mallet reviewed ridership data, and she pointed out ridership is up in the first two months of 2017:

	<u>Fixed Route</u>	<u>ADA</u>
FY2016	146,418	7,066
FY2015	161,048	6,919

Councilmember Post asked about the Livingstone program. Mr. Harrison noted 7,000 to 8,000 students used the bus during the first six months with 3,000 of the students using the bus on the weekend. Mr. Post asked about ads for the bus shelters. Mr. Harrison explained Council approved an advertising policy, and staff is working to determine the best way to proceed.

Mayor Alexander thanked Ms. Mallet and Mr. Harrison for their service on the TAB.

**TOURISM AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

Rowan Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) Director James Meacham presented the highlights and goals for the Salisbury Tourism and Cultural Development Commission (STCDC). He explained the STCDC works to increase visitor revenue in the community. He noted a 4% to 5% projected increase in visitor spending, or approximately \$166 million for 2016. He indicated visitors spent approximately \$3.1 to \$3.2 million in Rowan County each week. He commented hotel growth in the City was up 14% since 2014.

Mr. Meacham explained the CVB consists of two boards that function as one: the City’s STCDC and Rowan County’s Tourism Development Authority. He noted the CVB is funded through a 3% occupancy tax levied on overnight visitors.

Mr. Meacham reviewed the five areas of focus and noted the focus is growing to include day visitors.

Mr. Meacham reviewed the 2017 overnight visitor performance projections:

- Hotel market revenue \$15 million
- Rowan County Lodging Indicators:
  - 2017 Market Average Daily Rate \$93
  - 2016 Market Occupancy Rate 70%
  - 2016 Revenue Per Available Room \$64.50



Mr. Meacham reviewed the overnight visitor public impact projection:

- Lodging businesses
  - Local sales taxes \$337,500
  - Water and sewer fees \$300,000
  - Property taxes \$200,000
- Total taxes and fees \$837,500

Mr. Meacham noted CVB will promote Rowan County and the City to 1.75 million people with a major focus on product development. He commented the purchase of additional public art and releasing Phase II of Wayfinding Signage is a major goal of 2017. He thanked Council and staff for their support of the CVB.

Councilmember Post referred to the 70% hotel occupancy rate, and he asked about the possibility of new hotels entering the market. Mr. Meacham explained the hotel inventory is back to where it was several years ago. He added hotel developers are working to determine the right fit for the area, and he commented a new hotel could open within the next three to five years.

Councilmember Miller asked how much is being spent on branding efforts. Mr. Meacham commented \$150,000 was spent on the rollout.

Mayor Alexander thanked Mr. Meacham for his presentation.

## **PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**

Ms. Beth Foreman, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board member, and Mr. Stephen Brown, staff liaison, presented the highlights and goals for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Ms. Foreman reviewed the highlights for 2016:

- New roof at the Miller Center
- Three of five new HVAC units at City Park
- Moonlight Basketball program started at Hall Gym
- Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) approved the plan to upgrade Graffiti Park
- Began updating two rental/programming rooms at Civic Center
- Partial roof replacement at Civic Center
- Renamed Lincoln Pool to the Fred M. Evans Pool at Lincoln Park
- Doggy Dip Swim Party
- Back in School Jam (collaborated with other City departments)
- Hosted the Bicycle Fireman
- Martial Arts classes at Civic Center
- Play Ball Initiative with Catawba College
- Two of nine HVAC units at Civic Center were replaced
- Chiller rolled off warranty at Hall Gym (2015)
- Recreation Aide promoted to Recreation Specialist – Nikki Propst
- Hired Civic Center Recreation Coordinator– Sam Wilborn

Ms. Foreman noted programs and activities offered in 2016:

- 35 fitness/movement programs
- 27 athletic programs
- 30 special events
- 13 specialty camps
- 12 aquatics programs
- 23 skill and miscellaneous programs

Ms. Foreman pointed out the Salisbury Parks and Recreation Department:

- Hosted 21 softball tournaments at Community Park
- Maintenance staff worked the Southeast Little League Regional Tournament
- New vinyl siding on concessions/restrooms building at Salisbury Community Park
- New play structure at Salisbury Community Park
- New score boards at Salisbury Community Park
- New flag poles at Salisbury Community Park
- Installed new metal roof on storage building at Salisbury Community Park
- Helped install seating area at Dixonville
- Dedicated the Lincoln Pool to Fred M. Evans

Ms. Foreman then reviewed the 2017 goals:

- Uniform signage throughout the park system
- Additional landscaping at recreation facilities
- Repair and paint eaves and overhangs at City Park
- Outdoor restroom facilities at select parks
- Installation of outdoor activities such as volleyball, horseshoes, pickle ball, etc.
- Quasi-permanent updates to graffiti park
- Final site selection for Dog Park
- Update and repurpose existing recreation centers
- Redevelop community gardens
- Convert old clay tennis courts for reuse

Ms. Foreman reviewed the 2017 goals for programming and events:

- Implement additional fitness opportunities at recreation facilities and select parks
- Develop a teen activity room at City Park Recreation Center
- Collaborate with other organizations on select athletic programs
- Improve outreach to make community more aware of programs, facilities, and events
- Research and identify new or trending programs
- Continue to seek collaborative efforts with the Rowan County Parks and Recreation Department
- Revival of after-school and summer camp programs

- Continual grant writing and development
- Replace the play structures at Morlan Park, Sports Complex, and Salisbury Community Park #2
- Assist Engineering Department with planning for the newest section of the Greenway, along Grant's Creek to Jake Alexander Boulevard
- Assist Public Service with Landscape planning, placement and budgeting

Mayor Pro Tem Blackwell asked about the conversion of the old tennis courts. Mr. Brown explained the Fire Department had suggested creating a safety town to work with local youth.

Councilmember Post pointed out the City is a central location for pickle ball tournaments in the region. Mr. Brown noted staff is working to convert two of the tennis courts into pickle ball courts.

Mayor Alexander thanked Ms. Foreman and Mr. Brown for all they do for the City.

### **HURLEY PARK ADVISORY BOARD**

Hurley Park Advisory Board Chair Jane Ritchie and Ms. Daphne Beck, staff liaison, presented the Hurley Park Advisory Board highlights for 2016 and goals for 2017. Ms. Ritchie reviewed the 2015 highlights:

- Held 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Celebration
- Held garden lecture and plant giveaway
- Hosted six weddings, and two events
  - Bark for Life
  - Movant Health Employee Picnic
- Hosted area high school prom pictures
- Hosted the Rowan Redbuds luncheon and garden tour
- Continued routine maintenance on the 18-acre park
- Received Native Plant Habitat certification through the North Carolina Native Plant Society
- Woodland trail extension
- Sundial replacement to be completed by 2017 Spring Celebration

Ms. Ritchie reviewed the goals for 2017-2018:

- Continue Spring Celebration and Annual Lecture – \$3,500
- Irrigation upgrade – \$1,800
- New plants for garden renovations – \$1,500
- Pond aerator replacement – \$4,234 to be split between the City and Hurley Foundation

Ms. Ritchie pointed out the 30<sup>th</sup> annual Spring Celebration will be held in April. She noted an art exhibit to feature Hurley Park will be held at the Water Works Visual Arts Center, a free

symphony brass concert will be held at the gazebo in the fall, and an article in *Salisbury Magazine* will feature Hurley Park in 2017.

Ms. Ritchie stated Ms. Beck will retire in the fall, and she added hiring a curator and assistant curator is critical to the park's success. She commented the Hurley Foundation funds half of the employees' salaries and maintenance costs associated with the park. She pointed out Hurley Park represents a successful 30-year public/private partnership, and it provides a quiet place where people can enjoy the outdoors. She thanked the Hurley Foundation, the community, staff, and Council for its continued support of Hurley Park.

Mayor Alexander commended Ms. Ritchie, Ms. Beck, and the Hurley Park Advisory Board for all they do for the City.

### **GREENWAY COMMITTEE**

Ms. Amy Smith, Greenway Committee Chair, and Mr. Stephen Brown, staff liaison, presented the Greenway Committee's 2016 highlights and 2017 goals.

Ms. Smith explained the Greenway system consists of 3.3 miles of trails that include walk connectors every tenth mile. She reviewed 2016 highlights:

- Greenway area:
  - Memorial Park
  - Forest Hills
  - Prescott
  - Grants Creek
  - Kelsey Scott
  - Brenner Avenue
- 15<sup>th</sup> annual Earth Day Exploratory at the Greenway
- 19<sup>th</sup> annual Run Walk for the Greenway 5K

Ms. Smith then reviewed the Greenway Committee's goals for 2017:

- Continue Greenway development
  - Kelsey Scott/Grants Creek Connector
    - Engineering Department secured a \$700,000 Transportation Alternative Program Grant for the Kelsey Scott/Grants Creek Connector – Required local match of \$175,000
- Pursue grants and easement agreements for the next phase of the Greenway
  - Engineering Department secured a Carolina Thread Trail Grant for \$91,062 with a \$10,118 required local match
- Coordinate the 20<sup>th</sup> annual 5K Run Walk for the Greenway
  - July 15, 2017
- Coordinate the 16<sup>th</sup> annual Earth Day Exploratory
  - April 7, 2017

Ms. Smith thanked Council for its continued support of the Greenway Committee.

Councilmember Miller asked about connecting the Greenway to Community Park. Mayor Alexander explained staff is working to obtain the required easements and a safe passage for Jake Alexander Boulevard. She pointed out Carolina Thread Trail supports the City's efforts to connect the Greenway.

Mayor Alexander thanked Ms. Smith and Mr. Brown for their presentation and expressed Council's gratitude to the Greenway Committee.

## **TREE BOARD**

Ms. Judy McDaniel, Tree Board member, and Mr. Tony Cinquemani, Public Services Director, presented the Tree Board highlights and goals. Mr. Cinquemani explained trees are an asset to urban environments and contribute to the overall health and livability of a community. He presented the highlights for 2016:

- Community Appearance Commission and Tree Board Awards program
- Earth Day on the Greenway
- Conducted Arbor Day at Fulton Heights – planted \$270 of donated trees
- Attended Great North Carolina Tree Conference held in Charlotte
- 79 Removals
  - 37% decrease from 2015
- 20 Plantings
  - 35% increase from 2015
- Tree City USA for 31 years

Mr. Cinquemani reviewed the Tree Board goals for 2017:

- Continue City GIS Tree Inventory
- Provide funding for neighborhood tree planting projects and dead tree replacement along rights-of-way
- Sponsor a fall conference on the economic benefits of urban forestry in partnership with State and local organizations
- Seek private funding
- Continue educational training for tree companies, businesses and the general public
  - Handouts in utility bills
  - Utilize Access Channel 17 and social networking sites
- Continue to seek grants and alternative funding for urban forestry programming
- Continue to participate in Arbor Day and Tree City USA programs
- Continue to develop a Tree Preservation Plan
- Continue to develop a Community Tree Planting Plan
- Continue to improve the Landscape Ordinance
- Work with Code Enforcement regarding Land Development Ordinance changes

Councilmember Post pointed out the City has over 60% tree canopy. Mayor Alexander referenced a program where the public can purchase trees to be planted in the public right-of-way. Mr. Cinquemani stated the One Stop Shop handles the program.

Mayor Alexander thanked the Tree Board for all it does to preserve trees in the City.

## **ALTERNATE METHODS OF DESIGN COMMISSION AND THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

Planning and Development Services Manager Preston Mitchell presented the Alternate Methods of Design Commission and the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) highlights and goals. Mr. Mitchell explained the ZBA handles all variance and appeals, but it rarely meets. He explained the Alternate Methods of Design Commission grants alternate methods of compliance to certain sections of the Land Development Ordinance (LDO). He added the ZBA and Alternate Methods of Design Commission operate under quasi-judicial proceedings, and their goals would be to uphold the law and hear cases in a fair manner.

## **PLANNING BOARD**

Mr. Bill Burgin, Planning Board Chair, and Mr. Preston Mitchell, staff liaison, presented the highlights and goals for the Planning Board. Mr. Mitchell reviewed 2016 case work:

- Conditional District Overlays
  - The Abbey
  - DaVita Healthcare
  - The Abbey: Amendment 1
- Rezoning
  - ABC Board
  - Jersey City updates (City of Salisbury)
  - Town Creek (City of Salisbury)
  - Zion Hills
  - Frances Taylor (Catawba)
  - Harrison, Seleeby, Isenhour
- Text Amendments
  - Home Occupation
  - Sign Ordinance – rewrite
- Special Use Permits (SUP)
  - 115 Mooresville Road – bar/tavern
  - 612 South Main Street – bar/tavern

Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Burgin reviewed the 2017-2018 goals:

- A Small Area Plan for the Brooklyn South Square Neighborhood
- Update the Vision 2020 Comprehensive Plan
- Faith Road Corridor Study
- West Innes Street Corridor Study

Mayor Alexander suggested the Faith Road Corridor Study include the intersection of Faith Road and Jake Alexander Boulevard. Mayor Pro Tem Blackwell pointed the Newsome Road extension to Bendix Drive could impact the area. Mr. Mitchell indicated North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) is planning to make changes to Faith Road.

Mayor Alexander asked if the West Innes Street Corridor Study could be extended to include Mahaley Avenue and Statesville Boulevard. Mr. Burgin agreed.

Mayor Alexander thanked Mr. Burgin and members of the Planning Board for all they do for the City.

Councilmember Post stated the Boards and Commission meeting today had displayed the scope of services the City provides and the numerous volunteers who work to make the City a better place. Mayor Alexander pointed out it is important for the public to see how engaged the citizens are. Councilmember Miller noted the work of the City's Boards and Commission helps Council be more efficient.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ms. Blackwell seconded by Mr. Miller. All council members in attendance agreed unanimously to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.



Karen Kirks Alexander, Mayor



Kelly Baker, Deputy City Clerk