

Salisbury, North Carolina
January 21, 2020

REGULAR MEETING

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

ABSENT: City Clerk Diane Gilmore.

Salisbury City Council met in Council Chambers in City Hall located at 217 South Main Street. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Alexander at 6:04 p.m. A moment of silence was taken.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Mayor Alexander welcomed all visitors present.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Mayor Alexander noted the following changes to the agenda:

Change in order of agenda: Move Agenda item 9 to item 10

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Thereupon, Councilmember Post made a **motion** to adopt the Agenda. Mayor Alexander, Mayor Pro Tem Heggins, and Councilmembers Miller, Post and Sheffield voted AYE. (5-0)

PROCLAMATION

Mayor to proclaim the following observance:

MATTHEW MICHAEL BROWN DAY

January 21, 2020

Mayor Alexander read and presented the Matthew Michael Brown Day Proclamation to Mr. Matthew Brown and his family and friends. Mr. Brown thanked Council and the community for its support.

Councilmember Sheffield pointed out the community has been fortunate to have Mr. Brown, and she thanked him the great work he has done.

CONSENT AGENDA

(a) Minutes

Adopt Minutes of the Regular meeting of January 7, 2020.

(b) Budget Ordinance Amendment – Insurance Proceeds

Adopt a Budget Ordinance amendment to the FY2019-2020 budget in the amount of \$63,642 to appropriate insurance claim proceeds.

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2019-2020 BUDGET ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, NORTH CAROLINA TO APPROPRIATE INSURANCE CLAIM PROCEEDS.

(The above Ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book No. 29 at Page No. 1, and is known as Ordinance 2020-01.)

(c) Budget Ordinance Amendment – Miscellaneous Revenue

Adopt a Budget Ordinance amendment to the FY2019-2020 budget in the amount of \$60,000 to appropriate miscellaneous revenue.

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2019-2020 BUDGET ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, NORTH CAROLINA TO APPROPRIATE MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE.

(The above Ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book No. 29 at Page No. 2, and is known as Ordinance 2020-02.)

(d) Budget Ordinance Amendment – Insurance Proceeds

Adopt a Budget Ordinance amendment to the FY2019-2020 budget in the amount of \$54,127 to appropriate insurance claim proceeds.

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2019-2020 BUDGET ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, NORTH CAROLINA TO APPROPRIATE INSURANCE CLAIM PROCEEDS.

(The above Ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book No. 29 at Page No. 3, and is known as Ordinance 2020-03.)

(e) Budget Ordinance Amendment – Camera Security System

Adopt a Budget Ordinance amendment to the FY2019-2020 budget in the amount of \$24,474 to appropriate fund balance for a camera security system.

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2019-2020 BUDGET ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, NORTH CAROLINA TO APPROPRIATE FUND BALANCE FOR A CAMERA SECURITY SYSTEM.

(The above Ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book No. 29 at Page No. 4, and is known as Ordinance 2020-04.)

(f) Budget Ordinance Amendment – Parks and Recreation Grants

Adopt a Budget Ordinance amendment to the FY2019-2020 budget in the amount of \$16,830 to appropriate Parks and Recreation grants and donations.

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2019-2020 BUDGET ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, NORTH CAROLINA TO APPROPRIATE RECREATION GRANTS AND DONATIONS.

(The above Ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book No. 29 at Page No. 5, and is known as Ordinance 2020-05.)

(g) Right-of-Way Use Permit

Approve a Right-of-Way Use Permit for two parking spaces adjacent to 115 South Lee Street per Section 22-50 of the City Code.

(h) Parking Restrictions

Adopt an Adopt an Ordinance amending Chapter 13, Article X of the City Code relating to parking to change a portion of Rutherford Street to residential parking only and to update the City Code on existing conditions.

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 13, ARTICLE X OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, RELATING TO PARKING.

(The above Ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book No. 29 at Page No. 6, and is known as Ordinance 2020-06.)

Thereupon, Councilmember Miller made a **motion** to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented. Mayor Alexander, Mayor Pro Tem Heggins, and Councilmembers Miller, Post and 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.

PROPERTY LEASE TO DOWNTOWN SALISBURY, INC

City Engineer Wendy Brindle presented information regarding the proposed property lease of the grass lot behind City Hall. She presented potential parking schematics for the lot, and she added construction plans for parking would have to be developed if approved. She noted there would be 120 feet for the layout and approximately 117 feet between property lines. She added the notice indicated the adjacent parcel would be affected and once it is surveyed and construction plans are developed, staff can possibly shift the parcel line to combine parcels. She indicated it would not affect the structure of the house.

Mayor Alexander asked if a new parcel would be created. Mr. Corriher commented a new parcel could be created, but a survey would have to be done.

Councilmember Sheffield clarified the proposed lease is for the undeveloped grass lot behind City Hall and not the existing parking lot. Ms. Brindle agreed.

Mr. Bob Jessup, an attorney with Sanford Holshouser, noted he has worked with the City regarding the project. He noted the lease agreement will require the City to make improvements to the parcel for parking. He added the parking improvements will stimulate downtown development and increase economic activity in the City. He pointed out the statute requires a

public hearing and a notice to be posted if Council adopts the proposed Resolution. He noted following the vote, the Resolution delegates the responsibility of the project to the City Manager.

(b) Mayor Alexander convened a public hearing, after due notice thereof, to receive comments regarding the long-term lease of property located in the 200 block of South Lee Street and the 100 block of East Bank Street to Downtown Salisbury, Inc. for up to 45 years.

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

Councilmember Miller noted the Downtown Salisbury, Inc. (DSI) board has had an opportunity to review the agreement and is in favor of moving forward.

Thereupon, Councilmember Miller made a **motion** to adopt a Resolution approving a property transfer to support downtown parking and development. Mayor Alexander, Mayor Pro Tem Heggins, and Councilmembers Miller, Post and Sheffield voted AYE. (5-0)

RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROPERTY TRANSFER TO SUPPORT DOWNTOWN PARKING AND DEVELOPMENT.

(The above Resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book No. 16 at Page No. 3-4, and is known as Resolution 2020-02.)

LAND DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT MAP AMENDMENT Z-04-2018

Development Services Manager Teresa Barringer pointed out Council received the proposed zoning request in 2018. She added several meetings have taken place between the property owner/petitioner prior to coming back to Council.

Ms. Barringer noted the petition is to rezone the parcels located on the corner of North Long Street and Bringle Ferry Road from Urban Residential (UR) to Corridor Mixed-Use (CMX). She noted the original petition previously presented to Council on February 6, 2018 was for the four parcels currently owned by the petitioner, Mr. Joel Flores, who operates the J&J Auto Shop. She commented Mr. Flores met with the remaining parcel owners and is requesting to rezone the entire block to convert the seven parcels to the CMX district to be contiguous to the existing CMX zoning.

Ms. Barringer explained the permitted uses in UR zoning compared to CMX zoning, and she explained Mr. Flores' intention is to expand his current operations. She added he already has a Special Use Permit at that property to conduct auto body work and is looking to extend his operation into auto sales which is not permitted in UR. She stated Mr. Flores understands additional review is required if he plans for any future development, and this request is solely for rezoning.

Ms. Barringer stated the new development would be subject to the Land Development Ordinance (LDO) and the CMX district requires an A1 planning yard and a minimum 8-foot

planning yard. She noted if the rezoning is approved the buffer requirements between parcels will change. Mayor Alexander asked if the requirements would only be required on the exterior. Ms. Barringer commented both are required but the size of the yard is smaller from what it would have been from CMX district to UR district, but when the petition comes back with any expansion of business operations, it has to meet what the LDO requires. She noted if any request goes beyond that Mr. Flores may have to present a master plan.

Councilmember Miller asked if the interior property lines would be used as opposed to the exterior property lines for the buffer or are parcel lines used. Ms. Barringer noted parcel lines would be used. Councilmember Miller then asked if Mr. Flores would have to combine parcels to avoid separate landscaping for each parcel. Ms. Barringer agreed, and she explained he can combine the parcels in order to not separate parameter landscaping for each individual parcel.

Mayor Alexander asked if Mr. Flores is required to do anything to the parcels until he is plans to build a building. Ms. Barringer commented he does not, and she added until he develops the parcels nothing changes. Mayor Alexander asked if this would allow him to be able to park vehicles on those parcels. Ms. Barringer noted not until the property is developed as a lot because he is not allowed to park vehicles on a grass lot.

Councilmember Post asked if Mr. Flores would have to meet landscaping requirements for each of the four parcels or just for the one parcel if he has the parcels remapped. Ms. Barringer commented it depends on his proposal for the parcels.

Councilmember Sheffield commented the zoning map for the area on North Long Street is commercial business and heavy industrial across the street. She stated she does not think the proposed block would be conducive for much more. She added she thinks the block should be finished with the CMX zoning to be consistent with the surrounding area.

Ms. Barringer pointed out the Park Avenue Study that was completed in 2018 for the original petition did not include the proposed parcels for future growth for Park Avenue.

Mayor Alexander convened a public hearing, after due notice thereof, to receive comments regarding Z-04-2018.

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

Councilmember Miller stated the City Council hereby finds and determines that adoption of an Ordinance to rezone the property described herein, as requested, is reasonable, in the public interest, and not inconsistent with the goals, objectives, and policies of the Vision 2020 Comprehensive Plan or the Park Avenue Neighborhood Plan because according to the proposed petition, site characteristics, surrounding development pattern, and observations provided by City planning staff, there are no policies in direct opposition to the petition.

Thereupon, Councilmember Miller made a **motion** to adopt an Ordinance amending the Land Development District Map of the City of Salisbury North Carolina rezoning 405 and 437 Bringle Ferry Road, 424 and 430 East Lafayette Street, 714 North Shaver Street, and two

unnumbered parcels from Urban Residential District to Corridor Mixed-Use District. Mayor Alexander, Mayor Pro Tem Heggins, and Councilmembers Miller, Post and Sheffield voted AYE. (5-0)

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LAND DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT MAP OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY NORTH CAROLINA REZONING 405 AND 437 BRINGLE FERRY ROAD, 424 AND 430 EAST LAFAYETTE STREET, 714 NORTH SHAVER STREET, AND TWO UNNUMBERED PARCELS FROM URBAN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO CORRIDOR MIXED-USE DISTRICT.

(The above Ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book No. 29 at Page No. 7, and is known as Ordinance 2020-07.)

CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION – NEWSOME ROAD, PROJECT C-51650

City Engineer Wendy Brindle referenced a previously approved construction contract for Newsome Road between Bringle Ferry and Stokes Ferry Roads in the amount of \$2.17 million. She noted Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds are federal funds that will be used for the construction and require construction engineering inspection. She added an inspector has to be onsite at all times while the contractors work. She commented the project is anticipated to take 425 days. She pointed out the City submitted a Request for Quotation (RFQ) and selected Alley, Williams, Carmen, and King for the construction engineering inspection. She added the City received concurrence from the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) and the proposed cost is \$323,102.33, which is approximately 15% of construction costs. She added NCDOT typically approves up to 20% of cost.

Thereupon, Councilmember Miller made a **motion** to authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with Alley, Williams, Carmen, and King in the amount of \$323,102.33 to perform construction inspection for the Newsome Road Project C-5160. Mayor Alexander, Mayor Pro Tem Heggins, and Councilmembers Miller, Post and Sheffield voted AYE. (5-0)

GRANT CREEK WASTE WATER TREATMENT FACILITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Assistant Utilities Director Jason Wilson pointed out the design contract for the Grant Creek Waste Water Treatment facility improvement project was previously approved for CDM Smith. He indicated CDM Smith has completed the final design, and he added staff will receive construction bids beginning Thursday, January 23, 2020. He noted the project includes construction inspection, construction administration, and will take 24 months for completion.

Councilmember Post asked if the project funds will come from the Salisbury-Rowan Utilities (SRU) budget. Mr. Wilson agreed. Mayor Alexander asked if SRU has available funds or if the City will pursue bonds. Mr. Wilson noted staff will pursue bonds, and he added staff will work with Finance to appropriate the Fund Balance to cover the project costs then pursue reimbursement with bonds.

Councilmember Miller asked if the funds would come from the Water Sewer Fund balance. Mr. Wilson agreed. City Manager Lane Bailey explained there is a healthy Fund Balance, and he anticipates the bonds will cover most of the costs. He added Fund Balance may be used depending on the amount. Mayor Alexander noted the payback of the bonds would come from part of the operational cost of the Water Sewer department. Mr. Wilson agreed, and he added SRU will budget to pay back the debt. Mr. Bailey commented it is included in the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for the Utilities Department along with the financial model that shows the rates are sufficient to cover the debt.

Councilmember Post noted the Water Sewer Fund covers depreciation charges which returns to the City as improvements and additions to the fund. Mr. Bailey agreed, and he complimented Council for its courage, foresight and wisdom as most people are reluctant to invest in costly water sewer projects because the utilities are all underground until there are problems. He pointed out other cities may not have not had the foresight to plan ahead, and he added he thinks the City is doing the right thing for its citizens. Mayor Alexander noted it is great SRU has planned in advance to be able to do the project.

Thereupon, Councilmember Sheffield made a **motion** to adopt the Grant Creek Waste Water Treatment Facility Improvement Capital Project Ordinance Amendment and to authorize the City Manager to execute an amendment to the existing agreement with CDM Smith for an amount not to exceed \$1,288,700 for engineering services associated with the construction phase of the Grant Creek Waste Water Treatment Facility Improvement Project. Mayor Alexander, Mayor Pro Tem Heggins, and Councilmembers Miller, Post and Sheffield voted AYE. (5-0)

GRANT CREEK WASTE WATER TREATMENT FACILITY IMPROVEMENT CAPITAL PROJECT ORDINANCE AMENDMENT.

(The above Ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book No. 29 at Page No. 8, and is known as Ordinance 2020-08.)

WATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENT CAPITAL PROJECT

Assistant Utilities Director Jason Wilson pointed out the Water Treatment Plant Improvement Project is for renovations and upgrades to the water treatment plant. He noted LaBella is the engineer and has completed the design and permits. He pointed out the bid opening is Thursday, January 30, 2020 for contract administration and observation services.

Councilmember Post asked what the water treatment plant improvements would entail. Mr. Wilson noted two separate projects were combined for bidding purposes and efficiency and include upgrading the dewatering facilities and rehabilitating the filters.

Councilmember Post asked if remnants had to be taken to the other plant before the department installed the dewatering equipment. Mr. Wilson commented the byproduct from the treatment process would be taken to the waste water plant multiple times a week and sometimes multiple times a day.

Councilmember Post asked what happens to the sludge once it is dewatered. Mr. Wilson commented the sludge is blended with residuals from the wastewater treatment process. He added there would be a reduced amount of water being sent to the Grant Creek plant by using the air scower system. He added there would be reduced residuals sent to the Town Creek plant reducing the need to separate or haul the water on the roads.

Mayor Alexander noted this will develop a more sustainable system. Mr. Wilson agreed. Councilmember Miller pointed out it would decrease the insurance risk of driving on the roads.

Thereupon, Mayor Pro Tem Heggins made a **motion** to adopt the Water Treatment Plant Improvement Capital Project Ordinance and to authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with LaBella in an amount not to exceed \$320,000 for construction and observation services associated with the Water Treatment Plant improvement Project. Mayor Alexander, Mayor Pro Tem Heggins, and Councilmembers Miller, Post and Sheffield voted AYE. (5-0)

WATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENT CAPITAL PROJECT ORDINANCE.

(The above Ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book No. 29 at Page No. 9, and is known as Ordinance 2020-09.)

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN STERRING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Planning Director Hannah Jacobson asked Council to appoint the final member to the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee.

Thereupon, Councilmember Miller made a **motion** to appoint Mr. David Hoyle to the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee. Mayor Alexander, Mayor Pro Tem Heggins, and Councilmembers Miller, Post and Sheffield voted AYE. (5-0)

Councilmember Sheffield asked if other board appointments could take place. She commented she had a request from the Community Appearance Commission for reappointment of two members whose terms were expiring. Mayor Pro Tem Heggins asked for the reappointments to take place at the next meeting so Council would have the names of the members. Council agreed.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

City Attorney Graham Corriher explained the City has to issue revenue bonds to pay for the Salisbury-Rowan Utilities (SRU) projects once Council approves the management contracts for each project. He noted the City is required to gain approval from the Local Government Commission (LGC) and has to file an application in order to start the process. He added the bond counsel from Robinson and Bradshaw sent a proposed Resolution after the Agenda Packets went out. He indicated the proposed Resolution notes the findings the City has to make in order to file an application and authorizes the City Manager, City Finance Director, and City Attorney to file an application with the LGC.

Mr. Corriher asked Council for a motion to adopt the Resolution, and he read the proposed Resolution.

Councilmember Post asked if the \$1.3 million bond will cover the SRU projects discussed. Finance Director Shannon Moore indicated it would not, and she explained it is the full cost of the projects that the bonds will cover, and she added SRU's current estimate for the wastewater project is approximately \$20 million and the water treatment project is \$10 million.

Councilmember Post asked if refinancing of old debt was included. Ms. Moore noted the \$30 million includes funds for the two SRU projects. She added the 2009 and 2010 series revenue bonds equal nearly \$10 million that the City would refinance at a lower rate. Councilmember Post asked if it would be a \$40 million bond. Ms. Moore agreed.

Councilmember Post asked what the \$30 million and the \$1.3 million covered. City Manager Lane Bailey noted \$10 million is for filtering the water out and the \$1.3 million is for an administration contract. Mr. Jason Wilson commented the construction cost for the water plant is estimated to be roughly \$10 million including filter rehab and dewatering. He added the wastewater plant is for a new in-flow pump station screening, grit removal, conversion of trickling filters to flow inclination and eliminating inefficient screw pumps where the return activator sludge and waste activate sludge pump station.

Mayor Alexander asked if the projects affect the City meeting state requirements. Mr. Wilson noted the City is in compliance and does not have nutrient limits on the wastewater treatment permits. He noted the biggest threat is flooding since the wastewater plant sits so low and with the new construction it would be moved 10 to 12 feet higher in elevation.

Councilmember Post asked about the bond interest rates. Ms. Moore commented the 2009 bond is an average of 4.14% and today it is closer to the 5% range, and the 2010 series is at average coupon rate of 3.0425% and is closer to the 4 to 5% rate today. She noted the City will be paying closer to 5% in the next fiscal year. She added both bonds are callable this February so it is prime time to refinance the bonds to get receive a lower rate. Councilmember Post asked if the rates are below 2%. Ms. Moore noted the City's financial advisor indicated he hopes the City can get a rate from mid to high 2%. She added \$1 million of interest savings is projected by refinancing the bonds. Councilmember Post asked when the bonds mature. Ms. Moore indicated the 2009 bond matures in 2025 and 2010 bond matures in 2028 and refinancing will not extend the terms.

Councilmember Sheffield asked what the maturity dates are for the new bonds. Ms. Moore commented the new bonds will be 25 years term due to the amount. Councilmember Miller asked if the bonds will have a fixed or variable rate. Ms. Moore noted she is unsure what the financial advisor recommends. She noted most have been variable rates for the City's bonds.

Mayor Pro Tem Heggins asked if there is potential for the facility to flood. Mr. Bailey commented there is, but it has not flooded yet. Mayor Pro Tem Heggins asked if the City was being proactive. Mr. Wilson agreed, and he added the facility has come close to flooding and staff placed sandbags out so it would not flood. Mayor Alexander noted relocation is being proactive to prevent flooding.

Councilmember Post asked for information to be provided to Council when large amounts of funds are being requested prior to the meeting and be included in the presentation so Council knows what is involved. Mayor Alexander agreed, and she noted the information needs to be presented at the meeting to let the public know funds are used to meet the needs.

Thereupon, Councilmember Post made a **motion** to adopt the aforesaid Resolution. Mayor Alexander, Mayor Pro Tem Heggins, and Councilmembers Miller, Post and Sheffield voted AYE. (5-0)

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

(a) 300 Block of North Lee Street Lighting Maintenance Schedule

City Engineer Wendy Brindle to present information regarding street light replacement off of North Lee Street. Ms. Brindle pointed out the street lights that are owned and maintained on the 300 block of North Lee Street will be upgraded with a new LED retrofit kit. She added the light head will be removed and returned to the manufacturer to retrofit them and be reinstalled. She noted the plan is to replace half of the street lights at one time and the remainder at another time between February 3, 2020 and February 21, 2020.

Councilmember Post asked how long the LED lights have been in the current street lights and how long the replacement life expectancy will be. Ms. Brindle stated she will find out.

(b) Recognition of Public Services Director Tony Cinquemani on retirement

City Manager Lane Bailey announced Public Services Director Tony Cinquemani will be retiring following a long and distinguished career. He added the City will be in good hands February 1, 2020 with the newly promoted Public Services Director Craig Powers.

Mr. Cinquemani commended employees who work behind the scenes, and he stated they are the most important ones doing the work and nothing would get done without them. He agreed the City will be left in good hands with Mr. Powers. He thanked everyone for their support including Council, past Councilmembers and City Managers while he has been with the City. He asked for the citizens and the employees to be taken care of in the fashion they have been used to over the past 35 years. Council thanked Mr. Cinquemani for his service to the City and the community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(a) City Council Planning Retreat

Mayor Alexander announced City Council will hold its 2020 Planning Retreat Thursday, January 30, 2020 from 12:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. and Friday, January 31, 2020 from 12:00 p.m.

until 5:00 p.m. The Retreat will be held at the Livingstone College School of Hospitality and Culinary Arts located at 530 Jake Alexander Boulevard, South.

(b) Annual Father/Daughter Dance

Mayor Alexander announced Parks and Recreation will host the 24th Annual Father/Daughter Dance for girls ages 4 to 13 and their fathers Saturday, February 1, 2020 from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at the Civic Center. Tickets are limited and must be purchased in advance. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at any of our recreation facilities. For more information please call 704-216-PLAY.

(c) 7th Annual Wine About Winter

Mayor Alexander announced Downtown Salisbury, Inc. will host the 7th Annual Wine About Winter event Friday, February 7, 2020 from 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. in downtown Salisbury. Tickets are \$22.50 in advance or \$30 on the day of the event. To purchase tickets or for additional information visit www.downtownsalisburync.com or call 704-637-7814.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Sheffield referenced a letter in the *Salisbury Post* regarding littering. She pointed out a Spring clean up took place last year on May 11, 2019 and a Fall clean up on November 2, 2019. She indicated Arlington Street, Brenner Avenue, City Park area, Fulton Street, Innes Street, Julian Road, Long Street, Mahaley Avenue, Main Street, Martin Luther King, Jr Avenue, Old Concord Road, Park Road, Park Avenue, Ryan Street, and Monroe Street have been identified through the Community Appearance Commission with partnership with the Tree Board and the Housing Advocacy Commission to clean neighborhoods. She added there are good plans in place, but there is a need for more people to help on a daily basis or during events. She noted there are four bulk trash pickups this year instead of two pickups, and she noted there are four Neighborhood Leadership Alliance meetings a year instead of one meeting. She pointed out the City is working to do things, but it takes everyone's participation to make it happen.

MAYOR PRO TEM COMMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Heggins thanked staff for their tremendous work they do for the City. She noted she was encouraged by the information received during the previous Land Development Ordinance (LDO) workshop. She noted she has questions, and she added there are things she would love to see happen regarding the LDO. She questioned who the City is targeting in terms being user-friendly. She indicated she wanted to learn more about the opportunity challenges and about the methodology that was used for the LDO analysis. She pointed out the National League of Cities (NLC) uses the Wharton Residential Land Use Regulation Index, and she asked if it could be looked into for the City's LDO to help stop segregation and concentrated areas of poverty. She added the index outlines categories to help when the LDO is developed. She noted she thinks the City is moving in the right direction and thanked staff for their hard work on the completed LDO.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Alexander referenced a letter she received from the Housing Authority in Salisbury stating Mr. Robert T. Roakes was selected as Chairman and Commissioner Mary Frances Edens was selected as Vice-Chair. She noted it is great to see citizens serving on the board. Councilmember Miller noted both individuals are long time serving supporters of Salisbury.

Mayor Alexander noted she received information that the VA Medical Center will close on the property given by Mr. Ronnie Smith as a donation to the YMCA to pay for the property adjacent to the VA Cemetery to create the ability for the City's cemetery to be open for North Carolina Veterans.

Mayor Alexander pointed out the VA Medical Center agreed to give the City a 50-foot buffer around the entire perimeter except where it is contiguous to the existing cemetery which will provide the City with the opportunity to plan a new section of the Greenway.

Mayor Alexander encouraged citizens to support Rowan-Cabarrus Community College's (RCCC) \$45 million bond referendum. She noted it is important and will support the effort of Rowan County and the school system as they jointly work with the business community, Rowan Chamber of Commerce and the Rowan Economic Development Commission (EDC) to support workforce development. She added it is important for the jobs of the future.

Mayor Alexander noted the City received a grant from Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) to go towards the \$2.8 million Greenway connection project. She added the City received \$175,000 from the Carolina Thread Trail, the City will provide nearly \$125,000 toward the design and the TAP grant will provide \$1,046 500. She indicated the project costs are 80% federal and 20% local funding.


Mayor Alexander pointed out she will attend the United States Conference of Mayors meeting and will meet Housing Urban Development (HUD) representatives at the White House with six other North Carolina Mayors regarding affordable housing. She noted she will share information that Planning Director Hannah Jacobson provided regarding the City's affordable housing needs. She added she will be attend another meeting at the White House with a group of senior staff and the President about transforming communities. She commented she hopes to bring information back for grant opportunities as it is important to leverage the tax payer's money in terms of future development. She added she will also attend the Mayors Innovation Project meeting and will present during the Innovation Showcase program.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilmember Miller. All Council members in attendance agreed unanimously to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.



Karen Alexander, Mayor



Tiffany Crook, Deputy City Clerk