SPECIAL MEETING

PRESENT: Mayor Paul B. Woodson, Jr., Presiding; Mayor Pro Tem Maggie

Blackwell, and Council Members Karen Kirks Alexander William (Pete) Kennedy, and William Brian Miller, Interim City Manager John Sofley.

and City Clerk Myra Heard.

ABSENT: City Attorney F. Rivers Lawther.

Mayor Woodson and members of City Council participated in an event to showcase Historic Preservation Tax Credits that began at 10:00 a.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall located at 217 South Main Street.

Mayor Woodson welcomed local elected officials and community representatives who were in attendance including: Senator Tom McInnis, Representative Harry Warren, Rowan County Commission Chair Greg Edds, Commissioner Judy Klusman, East Spencer Mayor Barbara Mallet, Granite Quarry Mayor William Feather, Landis Mayor James Furr, Rockwell Mayor Beau Taylor, and Superintendent Dr. Lynn Moody.

Councilmember Karen Alexander introduced North Carolina Secretary of Cultural Resources Susan W. Kluttz. Secretary Kluttz spoke of the importance of Historic Preservation Tax Credits and their impact on economic development. Secretary Kluttz then introduced Governor Pat McCrory who also addressed the need for Historic Preservation Tax Credits. Governor McCrory announced he would be presenting his budget in the coming weeks, and the Historic Preservation Tax Credits would be included in the budget.

Following the Governor's comments Council participated in a tour of properties impacted by the Historic Preservation Tax Credit programs along with Governor McCrory, Secretary Kluttz and State and local elected officials. The tour concluded at Emma's Café located at 209 South Lee Street.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:15 p.m.

Paul B. Woodson, Jr., Mayor