

Salisbury, North Carolina
November 1, 2005

REGULAR 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. Tremé; City Attorney, F. Rivers Lawther, Jr.; and City Clerk, Myra B. Heard.

ABSENT: None.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Kluttz at 4:00 p.m. The invocation was given by Councilman Lewis.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Mayor Kluttz recognized all visitors present.

RECOGNIZE NEW HUMAN RESOURCES ANALYST I - RENAY CALDWELL

Ms. Melissa Taylor, Human Resources Director, introduced Ms. Renay Caldwell, new Human Resources Analyst II with the Human Resource Department. She noted that Ms. Caldwell has been working part-time and will begin full-time on Monday, November 7th.

Mayor Kluttz welcomed Ms. Caldwell and noted that she is joining a wonderful staff.

RECOGNIZE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT RE-ACCREDITATION

Mayor Kluttz recognized the Parks and Recreation Department for its re-accreditation from the Commission for Accreditation for Parks and Recreation Agencies. She added that the accreditation is for a five (5) year period and Salisbury is the twenty-seventh agency in the nation and second in North Carolina to obtain accreditation. Mayor Kluttz then presented the certificate to Ms. Gail Elder White, Parks and Recreation Director.

Ms. Gail Elder White thanked the City Council and City Manager for their support and recognized the staff of the Parks and Recreation Department for their work to make the re-accreditation successful.

PRESENTATION FROM HISPANIC COALITION - LA FIESTA DE ROWAN EVENT

Ms. Melissa Taylor, Human Resources Director, presented Ms. Ruth Chaparro, Ms. Elia Gregorek, Officer Karen Barbee and Ms. Liz Hood, members of the Hispanic Coalition.

Ms. Chaparro stated that the La Fiesta de Rowan was held October 8 in conjunction with the Downtown Lord Salisbury Festival in an effort to help Spanish people better connect in Salisbury and Rowan County by embracing Spanish culture through music, dance, food and information. Ms. Chaparro presented to Council slides from the event, adding that brochures listing community resources, in Spanish and English, were distributed at the event. She thanked event sponsors Duke Energy Foundation, F & M Bank, Food Lion, La Voz, Rowan Regional Medical Center, Salisbury-Rowan Human Relations Council, and the Salisbury Post. She also thanked the City Council for supporting the Hispanic Coalition.

Mayor Kluttz thanked everyone involved in making this a successful event for the past five (5) years and for their contributions to Rowan County.

CONSENT AGENDA

(a) Minutes

Approve Minutes of the regular meeting of October 18, 2005 and the special meetings of October 18, 25, 27, 2005.

(b) Country Club Hills Section 7 - Stop Conditions

Approve acceptance of the streets and utilities for maintenance in Country Club Hills Section 7 and adopt an Ordinance establishing stop conditions.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 13-332, ARTICLE X, CHAPTER 13, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, RELATING TO STOP SIGNS.

(The above Ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book No. 20, Traffic, at Page No. 84, and is known as Ordinance No. 2005-51.)

Thereupon, Mr. Kennedy made a **motion** to adopt the consent agenda. Mr. Burgin seconded the motion. Messrs. Burgin, Kennedy, Lewis, Woodson, and Ms. Klutz voted AYE. (5-0)

PUBLIC HEARING - FULTON STREET BICYCLE LANES

(a) Mr. Dan Mikkelson, Director of Land Management and Development, informed Council that Fulton Street was resurfaced from Lincolnton Road to South Main Street in September, and before the pavement lines were restored, interest was expressed in marking bicycle lanes on South Fulton Street. The Engineering Division conducted an analysis and found that the installation of bicycle lanes from Mitchell Avenue to Johnson Street would be feasible. However, the installation of the bicycle lanes would prohibit on-street parking on South Fulton Street and would affect eighteen (18) properties facing Fulton Street. He added that each of these properties have either a private or shared driveway. He stated that the four (4) to six (6) foot wide bicycle lanes would be installed on both sides of South Fulton Street in order for bicycles to safely travel in the same direction as traffic. Mr. Mikkelson stated that a notice was placed in the Salisbury Post and letters were sent to all affected owners and residents of the property along the affected area of South Fulton Street.

(b) Mayor Klutz convened a public hearing, after due notice and advertisement thereof, to consider adopting an Ordinance prohibiting parking on both sides of Fulton Street from Mitchell Avenue to Johnson Street in order to establish bicycle lanes.

Those who spoke in favor of the proposal were:

Mr. Brian Wymbs, 203 Mitchell Avenue, informed Council that he is in favor of the bicycle lanes, adding that he would like to see this encompassed into a broader bicycle plan.

Mr. Bill Purcell, 1517 Council Street, agrees with the plan and feels that adding more streets to the plan would make Salisbury a more bike-friendly City and would be better for everyone.

Mr. Jerry Pickler, 122 West Innes Street, stated that he is a transportation cyclist who does not own a car. He noted that getting around Salisbury on his bicycle is a battle because of the narrow streets. He stated that this plan would bring a lot of fresh ideas and people to Salisbury and make it a friendlier place.

Mr. Mike Martelly, 122 West Innes Street, spoke very strongly in favor of the plan. He stated that with the price of gas, people are going to look for alternative modes of transportation. He indicated that many roads in Salisbury are not safe and the safer we can make them, the better it will be not only for bicycle riders, but for automobile drivers. He noted that riding bicycles are better for the environment and enhances the character of the City.

Ms. Ashley Haithcock, 122 West Innes Street, agrees with the plan adding that it would bring a lot of college students to the downtown area and would increase tourism by attracting cyclists. She stated that if bicycle lanes are added, the roads need to be kept in good shape.

Ms. Emily Ford, with young daughter Clara Brown, and 10 year old son Henry Brown, 209 Mitchell Avenue, addressed Council in favor of the plan. Ms. Ford stated that she and her children ride their bicycles along this route several times a week and that currently it is very dangerous for them to do so. She stated that establishing these bike lanes would send a signal to active young families who might move to Salisbury that the City is bicycle friendly. Mr. Henry Brown stated that he and his friends like to ride their bikes to the cemetery and with the bicycle lanes they could avoid riding on the sidewalks.

Ms. Teresa Pitner, 320 Mitchell Avenue, stated that she and her eight (8) year old son also travel to the cemetery and she agrees that there is a need for a safe place to travel and that it would be a great offset for the City.

Those who spoke in opposition of the plan were:

Ms. Mary Ruth Kepley Spry, 1116 South Fulton Street, stated that she is very much opposed to the bicycle lanes in front of her house because it would take her parking spaces away. She noted that she has gatherings at her house and needs these parking spaces. Ms. Kepley indicated that she had monitored traffic on Fulton Street by counting cars, noting that on October 27 from 12:05 p.m. – 12:20 p.m. she counted one hundred forty-one (141) vehicles; from 2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. she counted one hundred sixty-eight (168) vehicles; and on October 28 from 4:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. she counted one hundred sixty-nine (169) vehicles. She stated that she feels the street is too busy for bicycle lanes. She added that people attending funerals at Chestnut Hill Cemetery also use the parking on Fulton Street. Mayor Klutz asked Ms. Spry the age of her house. Ms. Spry responded that her house was built in 1907 and that most of the houses in the area were built around the same time.

Mr. Charles Fellows, 1224 South Fulton Street, stated that he has lived at this address all of his life and had inherited the house from his mother. He noted that the family still meets there every two (2) months, and there are ten (10) children and twenty-eight (28) grandchildren. He pointed out that they only have one (1) driveway and need the on-street parking. Mr. Fellows stated that he is disabled and would be unable to walk around the block to get to a parking space.

Mayor Kluttz noted that Ms. Virginia Butler, 1230 South Fulton Street, had telephoned staff because she would be unable to attend the public hearing and expressed her opposition to changing the parking ordinance.

There being no one else to address Council regarding the establishment of bicycle lanes along South Fulton Street, Mayor Kluttz closed the public hearing.

Councilman Burgin stated that there were two issues for the Council to address, this section of Fulton Street, as well as the bigger picture. He suggested a Council Committee be appointed to study the possibilities and if South Fulton Street is not the right place to begin, to at least start creating other alternative transportation plans for the community.

Mayor Pro Tem Woodson agreed with Mr. Burgin stating that he feels this needs to be studied before making a rash decision.

Councilman Lewis stated that Salisbury's 2020 Plan calls for the establishment of bike lanes in the future. He added that the North Carolina Department of Transportation is seeking multimodal transportation and our environment needs fewer cars and more people on bicycles along with other alternate methods of transportation. He stated that bicycle lanes were needed for safety, but had to be placed in the right area. He added that he agreed with the need for a Council Committee to study the plans.

Councilman Kennedy stated he also supported a Council Committee. He added that Salisbury must be bicycle friendly and that a master plan for the entire City must be addressed.

Mayor Kluttz pointed out that she is grateful to everyone who encourages bicycle riding which benefits physical fitness, as well as the environment. She stated that she is an advocate for alternate means of transportation and supports cycling, but installing bike lanes is not a simple decision. She noted that we live in a very old city and the homes were not built for multi-car families. Mayor Kluttz commented that Council cannot encourage people to live in the historic districts and at the same time take away their parking. She agrees that this is something that needs more study and supports appointing a Council Committee to study this further and come back with a recommendation.

By consensus, Council agreed to appoint a Council Committee to study the issue further and return to Council with a recommendation. Mayor Kluttz then appointed Councilmen Burgin and Kennedy to serve on the Council Committee to study this issue.

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PUBLIC HEARING - POOL HALL PERMIT - CLUB ZIDIS

(a) Police Chief Mark Wilhelm and Sergeant Rory Collins addressed Council regarding an application from Mr. Kevin Watkins for Club Zidis to operate a pool hall at 127 South Main Street. Sgt. Collins stated that he has conducted a feasibility study including a background check of Mr. Kevin Watkins, as well as a call history at the business. He also met with Mr. Watkins and inspected the business structure. He pointed out that each aspect of his study met the criteria as spelled out in the Ordinance in order for a pool hall to be permitted. In reviewing the call history he found nothing major to have occurred. He stated that Mr. Watkins hires officers for every hour that he is open for business. He concluded by saying that at this time the Police Department finds no reason to voice a negative opinion to the request from Mr. Watkins to operate a pool hall.

(b) Mayor Kluttz convened a public hearing, after due notice and advertisement thereof, to consider an application from Mr. Kevin Watkins for Club Zidis for a permit to operate a pool hall at 127 South Main Street.

Mr. Kevin Watkins, 120 Corl Street, Rockwell, NC, owner of Club Zidis, stated that he goes to extra lengths to ensure safety, which is his number one issue, by hiring undercover officers and security. He stated that Club Zidis is a seven thousand (7,000) square foot facility and he is requesting to add a second pool table.

There being no one else to address Council regarding the application request from Club Zidis, Mayor Kluttz closed the public hearing.

(c) Thereupon, Mr. Woodson made a **motion** that they be allowed the extra pool table. Mr. Burgin seconded the motion. Messrs. Burgin, Kennedy, Lewis, Woodson, and Ms. Kluttz voted AYE. (5-0)

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PUBLIC HEARING - STREET CLOSING - COX LANE

(a) Mr. Dan Mikkelson, Director of Land Management and Development, stated that the City has received a request to close the dedicated right-of-way for Cox Lane. He stated that the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) has removed the pavement during their work on Innes Street and Faith Road, leaving a paper street with no ownership. If the street is closed the property rights will be divided up the center of the street and will become the property of the adjacent property owners. He noted that City Council must be able to make two findings: closing the street is not contrary to the public interest; and closing of the street would not deny reasonable means of ingress or egress to any property. He added that staff feels both of the conditions have been met.

(b) Mayor Kluttz convened a public hearing, after due notice and advertisement thereof, to consider closing Cox Lane.

There being no one to speak, Mayor Kluttz closed the public hearing.

(c) Thereupon, Mr. Woodson made a **motion** to adopt a Resolution pertaining to the acceptance of an offer of dedication for public use of the right of way of Cox Lane. Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion. Messrs. Burgin, Kennedy, Lewis, Woodson, and Ms. Kluttz voted AYE. (5-0)

RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO THE ACCEPTANCE OF AN OFFER OF DEDICATION FOR PUBLIC USE OF THE RIGHT OF WAY OF COX LANE.

(The above Resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book No. 12, at Page No. 37, and is known as Resolution No. 2005-32.)

(d) Thereupon, Mr. Woodson made a **motion** to adopt an Order to close Cox Lane. Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion. Messrs. Burgin, Kennedy, Lewis, Woodson, and Ms. Kluttz voted AYE. (5-0)

NORTH CAROLINA	*	BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF
ROWAN COUNTY	*	THE CITY OF SALISBURY
	*	NORTH CAROLINA
IN THE MATTER OF:	*	
	*	ORDER CLOSING OF A STREET
CLOSING OF THE RIGHT-OF-WAY	*	PURSUANT TO GENERAL STATUE OF
OF COX LANE	*	NORTH CAROLINA SECTION 160A-
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THIS CAUSE, coming on to be heard and being heard before the City Council of the City of Salisbury, Rowan County, North Carolina, at the regular meeting of said Council held on November 1st at 4:00 p.m, in the City Office Building at 217 South Main Street, Salisbury, North Carolina, and it appearing to the Council that all persons, firms and corporations owning property adjoining the street described in the Petition filed in this cause are parties to this proceeding; and it further appearing that said street is not maintained by the Department of Transportation; and it further appearing that notice of this hearing was duly published in THE SALISBURY POST on October 7, 14, 21 and 28, 2005.

And it further appearing to the Council and the Council finding as a fact, that the closing of the street, as described in the Petition filed in this cause, is not contrary to the public interest or the property rights of any individual, and that no individual owning property in the vicinity of said street or in the subdivision in which they are located will be deprived of reasonable means of ingress and egress to his property by the closing of said street; and it further appearing to this Council that the relief prayed in the Petition should be granted.

IT IS NOW, THEREFORE, ORDERED AND DECREED by the City Council of the City of Salisbury, Rowan County, North Carolina, pursuant to and in accordance with the authority vested in this Council by the General statues of North Carolina, Section 160A-299.

All that lot, piece or parcel of land located in the City of Salisbury, Rowan County, North Carolina, known as a portion of Cox Lane, a road right-of-way to be closed, being comprised of Tracts 1, 2 and 3, and being the same parcels as shown on "A Boundary Plat of Cox Lane Right-of-Way to be Closed" by Matthew M. Crawford, NCPLS No. L-4257, dated September 22, 2005, and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a control corner, being an existing iron pipe with NAD'83 NC Grid Coordinates of N 696,174.55, E 1,567,146.00, located approximately 144.22' south of the intersection of the southeastern right-of-way of Faith Road and the western right-of-way of Innes Street, and located on the western right-of-way of Innes Street, U.S. Hwy. 52, and being the northeastern corner of a parcel now or formerly of Reb Pat Leasing, tax parcel 059 100, and being the Point of Beginning; thence running the following courses:

Along a curve to the right having a radius of 233.81, a chord bearing and distance of S 86°12'00" W, 145.87 to an iron pipe; N 75°26'50" E, 71.01' to a point on the southeastern right-of-way of Faith Road;
Along a curve to the right having a radius of 305.00', a chord bearing and distance of N 38°12'35" E, 32.54' to a point on the southeastern right-of-way of Faith Road; Along a curve to the right having a radius of 305.00', a chord bearing and distance of N 44°31'48" E, 34.72' to a point on the southeastern right-of-way of Faith Road; S 75°37'25" E, 40.43' to a point; Along a curve to the left having a radius of 173.81', a chord bearing and distance of N 86°35'33" E, 106.17' to a point on the western right-of-way of Innes Street; Along a curve to the right having a radius of 2231.83', a chord bearing and distance of S 24°37'52" E, 30.24' to a point on the western right-of-way of Innes Street; Along a curve to the right having a radius of 2231.83', a chord bearing and distance of S 23°51'37" E, 29.82' to an iron pipe on the western right-of-way of Innes Street, being the Point of Beginning;

Said parcel measuring and containing 0.256 acre, more or less.

Be and the same is hereby forever closed.

This the 1st day of November, 2005.

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
SALISBURY, NORTH CAROLINA

BY: s/s Susan W. Kluttz

s.s. Myra B. Heard

City Clerk

STATE DEVELOPMENT ZONE RE-DESIGNATION FOR 2006-2007

(a) Ms. Kathryn Clifton, GIS Coordinator, addressed Council regarding the State Development Zone Re-designation for 2006-2007, noting that the State Development Zone is established by the North Carolina General Statutes.

Ms. Clifton reviewed the State Development Zone program:

- Program coordinated by the North Carolina Department of Commerce Division (NCDOC) of Community Assistance
 - Provides economic incentives to stimulate new investment and job creation in economically distressed urban areas
- Zone Incentives
 - Additional Enhancements for companies eligible for tax credits under William S. Lee Act, including:
 - Tax credit for job creation: \$4,000 per job
 - Credit for investing in machinery and equipment
 - Up to \$1,000 per employee credit for worker training
 - Companies apply directly to NCDOC for tax credits
- Zone Criteria
 - Total municipal population of at least 5,000 people
 - Minimum population of one thousand (1,000) within zone
 - Contiguous census tracts or block groups
 - May include tracts below twenty (20) percent poverty
 - Must be partially within municipal limits
 - Twenty (20) percent of total population below federal poverty level
- Recent use of Zone
 - Williams Companies, Inc., 1310 Richard Street
 - What made property enticing?
 - Availability of ready-to-use property (former American and Efirid building)
 - Price of property
 - Tax savings available through use of Zone

Ms. Clifton displayed a map of the State Development Zone area, noting that the Summit Corporate Center is within the State Development Zone, which can be important in enticing businesses to the area. She stated that this Zone would be established from January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2007, and pointed out that the provision will expire in 2008.

Councilman Kennedy asked if other cities within Rowan County would qualify. Ms. Clifton responded that she was not sure, but that the NCDOC typically contacted municipalities that were eligible.

(b) Mayor Kluttz opened the floor to receive public comments.

There being no one to speak, Mayor Kluttz closed the public comment period.

Mayor Kluttz commented that she thinks this is an excellent way to promote adaptive reuse, especially with big box buildings left from manufacturing companies that have closed. She added that the North Carolina Metropolitan Coalition is lobbying for continuation of this program.

Councilman Lewis noted that the Salisbury-Rowan Economic Development Commission views this program as a critical incentive as they work to attract businesses.

Mr. Kennedy indicated that he feels this is an easy way of creating jobs for the citizens.

(c) Thereupon, Mr. Kennedy made a **motion** to re-designate the State Development Zone for 2006-2007. Mr. Woodson seconded the motion. Messrs. Burgin, Kennedy, Lewis, Woodson, and Ms. Kluttz voted AYE. (5-0)

STAFF UPDATE - TEMPORARY POOL HALL PERMIT - 315 EAST COUNCIL STREET

Mayor Kluttz noted that Council received a staff report regarding the 300 block of East Council Street at its last meeting and indicated that Council needed to determine if it wished to continue with a temporary permit or issue a permanent pool hall permit for Club 315. She stated that Council heard a good report from the City Manager on what is happening in the neighborhood regarding the neighborhood working together to solve the problems they felt had been created.

Mayor Pro Tem Woodson stated that Mr. Barber, owner of Club 315, has been a good neighbor. Mr. Woodson added that patrons from

Club 315 use his parking lot and Mr. Barber makes every attempt to keep it clean. He added that he feels the addition of storm windows to the Cheerwine Building would solve most of the noise problems.

Councilman Burgin commented that if there are problems in the neighborhood he does not feel the second pool table is the issue.

Thereupon, Mr. Burgin made a **motion** to issue a permit for the operation of a pool hall for Club 315 located at 315 East Council Street. Mr. Woodson seconded the motion. Messrs. Burgin, Kennedy, Lewis, Woodson, and Ms. Kluttz voted AYE. (5-0)

Mayor Kluttz thanked Mr. Barber and all of the neighbors in the area for working together.

City Manager David Treme noted that Council has agreed for staff to prepare a small area plan for this neighborhood. He added that Mr. Victor Wallace has assisted in the relocation of the recycling facility and there are potential new property owners in the area, which may allow staff to revisit the idea of relocating the entrance for Club 315.

Councilman Kennedy commented that he has received inquiries as to where the recycling facility has relocated and it might be beneficial to obtain this information for citizens.

REQUEST FOR A DUMPSTER AT 109 WEST FISHER STREET

Mr. Dan Mikkelson, Director of Land Management and Development, informed Council that staff received a request for use of on-street parking for the placement of a dumpster at 109 West Fisher Street. He explained that when property owners realize they need the use of a dumpster it is often inconvenient for them to wait until the next Council meeting for approval. He noted that the City Manager recommended allowing the placement of the dumpster prior to the Council meeting and for staff to bring the request to Council for ratification. He added that he would like Council's permission to develop standards and a policy to allow approval of these requests at the staff level.

Councilman Burgin stated that in looking at a policy, as long as the road is not closed, he has no problem with these requests being handled administratively.

Thereupon, Mr. Woodson made a **motion** to permit a dumpster at 109 West Fisher Street for three (3) days and to consider a policy granting City staff permission to evaluate and approve or disapprove future requests concerning dumpsters. Mr. Burgin seconded the motion. Messrs. Burgin, Kennedy, Lewis, Woodson, and Ms. Kluttz voted AYE. (5-0)

AWARD CONTRACT TO ADAMS EQUIPMENT COMPANY FOR PURCHASE OF VIDEO PIPELINE INSPECTION SYSTEM FOR WATER UTILITY DEPARTMENT

Mr. Dewey Peck, Purchasing Manager, and Mr. Matt Bernhardt, Assistant City Manager for Utilities, addressed Council concerning the purchase of new equipment for Salisbury-Rowan Utilities.

Mr. Bernhardt presented background information to Council:

- State of North Carolina requires that Salisbury-Rowan Utilities (SRU) clean and inspect ten (10) percent of its collection system annually
 - That equates to approximately thirty-six and five tenths (36.5) miles of line a year (and growing)
 - SRU purchased its first portable camera unit in mid-1980 and the first vehicle mounted camera system in 1997
- He noted that currently:

- The 1997 camera van is in good condition
- The camera and video-taping equipment is constantly down for repair while replacement parts are becoming obsolete

Mr. Bernhardt explained that the equipment helps SRU by:

- Locating point sources of Inflow and Infiltration (I&I)
- Identifying broken sections of pipe
- Pinpointing root intrusion and grease blockages

The technology improvements have:

- Improved video resolution
- Ability to record system attributes
- Digital imaging and file retention
- Integration with GIS

Mr. Bernhardt noted that the new equipment has quality construction:

- Fewer parts that can be damaged
- Fully protected camera head
- Wheels adjust to accommodate different pipe widths
- Smaller size for easier operation

Mr. Bernhardt stated that the issue had a positive resolution:

- The draft rule now clearly excludes Salisbury from having to follow the Alcoa LIP because Salisbury's intakes do not depend on High Rock Lake storage
 - During 2002 High Rock Lake "went away" and Salisbury had plenty of water at its intakes

Mr. Bernhardt commented that the bottom line is that although Salisbury supports responsible water use and follows State of North Carolina directives and plans, it will not surrender its rights to a for-profit hydropower operation.

City Manager David Treme stated that in the draft Drought Rule the City was included where it probably should not have been and after conversations with Mr. John Morris, Director of North Carolina Division of Water Resources, he was very helpful in having the language corrected. He stated that this information has been shared with the Salisbury Post and a letter has been written explaining Salisbury's position that may appear as a guest editorial in the paper on Sunday, November 6, 2005.

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(d) Plans for developing the City's identity
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City Manager David Treme stated that one of Council's Goals is the development of an identity for the City and noted that with Council's permission he would like to highlight this issue at Council's upcoming Future Directions and Goal Setting Retreat in February. He commented that he would like to bring in people from the community to discuss this issue, adding that he has also submitted a request to the School of Government to allow a graduate student to help develop baseline data for the community. Mr. Treme stated that staff is currently working on other Council Goals and perhaps in January or February 2006 they will have more time available to work on this particular goal.

Mayor Klutz noted that the discussion at last year's retreat regarding this goal was vague and she feels it would be exciting to bring the stakeholders in during the Retreat to give Council an opportunity to discuss the issues.

By consensus, Council agreed to discuss this issue at its Retreat.

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MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

(a) NAACP Harvest Banquet

Mayor Klutz announced that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Harvest Banquet will be held Friday, November 4, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn on Jake Alexander Boulevard.

(b) Election Day

Mayor Klutz stated that Election Day is November 8, 2005 and noted that citizens can vote now until 1:00 p.m. November 5, 2005 at the Board of Elections located at 130 West Innes Street.

Mayor Klutz thanked the Rowan County Chamber of Commerce, the Salisbury Post and Catawba College for sponsoring the recent Council Candidate Forum. She noted that the forum will be aired at 9:00 a.m., 12:00 Noon, and 6:00 p.m. daily on Access 16 until Election Day.

(c) Funeral for Lance Corporal Kenneth Butler

Mayor Klutz announced that the funeral for Marine Lance Corporal Kenneth James Butler of Landis, who was killed in the conflict in Iraq, will be held November 2, 2005 at 12:30 p.m. at Whitley's Funeral Chapel, Kannapolis, NC. The burial will follow at 2:00 p.m. at the Salisbury National Cemetery located at the W.G. "Bill" Hefner Medical Center. She stated that the City will be represented at the funeral and flags will be flown downtown.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Woodson, seconded by Mr. Kennedy. All council members agreed unanimously to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk