

Salisbury, North Carolina
June 6, 2023

REGULAR MEETING

PRESENT: Mayor Karen K. Alexander, Presiding; Mayor Pro Tem Tamara Sheffield, Council Members Harry McLaughlin, David Post, and Anthony Smith; City Manager Jim Greene, Jr., City Clerk Connie B. Snyder; and City Attorney J. Graham Corriher.

ABSENT: None.

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 6:09 p.m. A moment of silence was taken.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

RECOGNITION – CATAWBA COLLEGE

Mayor Alexander recognized Catawba College for being certified as the 13th college in the nation and the first institution in the southeast to become carbon neutral. She then read and presented a Proclamation to Catawba College President David P. Nelson and Executive Director of the Center for the Environment Brad Ives expressing Council's gratitude to the college for its work to become carbon neutral and for all it does for the community.

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor to proclaim the following observances:

JUNETEENTH DAY
SALISBURY PRIDE DAY
PLAY BALL SUMMER

June 19, 2023
June 24, 2023
June 1 – August 31, 2023

CONSENT AGENDA

(a) Minutes

Approve Minutes of the special and regular meetings of May 16, 2023.

(b) Budget Ordinance Amendment – Duke Energy Foundation Grant

Adopt a budget Ordinance amendment to the FY2022-2023 budget in the amount of \$25,000 to appropriate a Social Justice and Racial Equity Grant from the Duke Energy Foundation to be used for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion training for employees and for Community Conversations.

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2022-2023 BUDGET ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, NORTH CAROLINA TO APPROPRIATE A DUKE ENERGY FOUNDATION GRANT.

(The above Ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book No. 31 at Page No. 224, and is known as Ordinance 2023-35.)

(c) Budget Ordinance Amendment – Rowan County United Way Grant

Adopt a budget Ordinance amendment to the FY2022-2023 budget in the amount of \$51,500 to appropriate a Community Impact Grant from the Rowan County United Way for an opioid response initiative that will provide additional cameras to be located in drug overdose hot spots.

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2022-2023 BUDGET ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, NORTH CAROLINA TO APPROPRIATE A UNITED WAY COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANT.

(The above Ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book No. 31 at Page No. 225, and is known as Ordinance 2023-36.)

(d) Contract Extension – Republic Services

Approve a two-year contract extension with Republic Services for curbside recycling, with contractor provided recycling containers, at a rate of \$5.27 per pickup point per month for year one, beginning July 1, 2023, and adjusting to a fee of \$5.77 per pickup point per month for the second year, beginning July 1, 2024.

(e) Contract – Interstate Roofing

Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Interstate Roofing in the amount of \$126,800 to replace the second floor roof at the City Office Building located at 132 North Main Street.

(f) Contract – Charles R. Underwood, Inc.

Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Charles R. Underwood, Inc. in the amount of \$277,090.94 for upgrades to the Mill Village Lift Station.

(g) Contract – Bio-Nomic Services, Inc.

Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Bio-Nomic Services, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$421,000 for the Reservoirs Solids Removal Project.

(h) Agreement – D.R. Horton, Inc.

Authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with D.R. Horton, Inc. to pay Salisbury-Rowan Utilities for the Sweetwater Village subdivision sewer infrastructure improvements.

(i) Public Hearing – Crow Holdings

Set a public hearing for June 20, 2023 to consider an incentive grant request for Crow Holdings.

(j) Right-of-Way Use Permit – 221 North Main Street

Approve a Right-of-Way Use Permit for the use of sidewalk adjacent to 221 North Main Street from June 1, 2023 until July 1, 2023 for roof restoration at the location.

(k) Right-of-Way Use Encroachment – Hotwire Communications

Approve a Right-of-Way encroachment by Hotwire Communications for the installation of underground fiber along River Birch Drive in accordance with Section 11-24 (27) of the City Code and subject to established conditions.

(l) Right-of-Way Use Encroachment – AT&T

Approve a Right-of-Way encroachment by AT&T for the installation of underground fiber along West Colonial Drive, Springs Drive, and Laurel Springs Drive in accordance with Section 11-24 (27) of the City Code and subject to established conditions.

(m) 15 Minute Parking Spaces

Adopt an Ordinance amending Section 13-366 of the City Code to add a loading zone beginning at a point 112 feet south of Fisher Street through a point 156 feet south of East Fisher Street, on the east side of South Main Street to establish two 15-minute parking spaces at the Meroney Theater.

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. 31 at Page No. 226, and is known as Ordinance 2023-36.)

Thereupon, Councilmember Smith made a **motion** to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented. Mayor Alexander, Mayor Pro Tem Sheffield, Councilmembers McLaughlin, Post, and Smith voted AYE. (5-0)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Alexander opened the floor to receive public comments.

Mr. Hercules Shannon addressed Council regarding signage at the City Park Patriots Memorial Flag Concourse, and he asked Council to consider bringing back the Armed Forces Day Program at the park.

Mr. Ronnie Smith invited Council and the community to join Veterans for a tentative celebration planned for Flag Day on June 14, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. at Bell Tower Green. He expressed concern regarding the recent vandalism at City Park Patriots Memorial Flag Concourse.

Mr. Michael Brooks thanked Council for the Pride Month Proclamation and invited Council and the community to the Pride Festival that will take place on June 24, 2023 from 11:00 a.m. until 5 p.m. at Bell Tower Green. He noted the theme of the festival is United with Pride.

Mr. Michael Kirksey and Ms. Annie Boone-Carroll expressed concern regarding traffic in the West End Community.

Ms. Heather DePalma thanked Council for attending the 2022 Salisbury Pride Festival. She noted 130 sponsors and vendors will be participate in the 2023 Pride Festival.

Ms. Dee Dee Wright noted her concerns about the proposed FY2023-2024 budget, including water and sewer fees. She requested clarification regarding the Parks and Recreation and Bell Tower Green budgets. She asked if salaries for vacant positions are used to fund special projects. She the requested further clarification regarding special project funding in the Human Resources proposed budget.

Mr. Geof Wilson expressed concern that the North Carolina Department of Transportation Rail Division is removing the morning train service from Raleigh to Salisbury beginning July 10, 2023.

There being no one else to address Council, Mayor Alexander closed the public comment session.

FY2023-2024 CITY BUDGET

Mayor Alexander convened a public hearing after due notice regarding the proposed FY2023-2024 budget.

Ms. Dee Dee Wright asked for clarification regarding the separate budgets for Parks and Recreation and Bell Tower Green. Parks and Recreation Director Nick Aceves stated Parks and Recreation and Bell Tower Green receive funding from different sources, and the Public Works Department also receives funding from the Bell Tower Green budget. He explained since two departments receive funding from Bell Tower Green, staff decided to create a separate Bell Tower Green budget.

Mr. Clyde expressed his concerns regarding stormwater and recycling fees. He stated less than 30% of citizens recycle and the City could save \$600,000 annually by eliminating recycling.

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

CITY COUNCIL TERMS

City Attorney Graham Corriher stated at its last meeting Council adopted a Resolution of Intent to hold a public hearing on increasing the terms of City Council to four-year staggered terms. He requested Council hold a public hearing and solicit formal input from the public. He noted no action will be taken at this time.

Mayor Alexander convened a public hearing after due notice regarding City Council terms.

Ms. Dee Dee Wright spoke in opposition of establishing staggered four-year terms for City Council.

Ms. Dottie Hoy and Mr. Jeffrey Hoy spoke in favor of four-year staggered terms for City Council. Mr. Hoy stated that staggered four-year terms guarantee valued experience on Council.

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

MUNICIPAL SERVICE DISTRICT EXPANSION

Downtown Development Director Sada Troutman asked Council to hold a public hearing to consider an expansion of the Municipal Service District (MSD) to include the First Presbyterian Church at the Church's request.

Ms. Troutman displayed aerial images of the current MSD and a map noting where the expansion would occur. She added this request comes from the property owner as allowed by North Carolina General Statute 160A-538. She stated First Presbyterian Church participates in local events and sees the park and the downtown as part of its identity. She pointed out church parking is used by the general public visiting the park. She added the Downtown Salisbury Inc. Board reviewed the request and supports the expansion of the MSD.

Ms. Troutman noted MSD Expansion Report requirements include a map of the service district with present and proposed boundaries, a statement showing that the area to be included is being annexed at the property owner's request, and a plan for extending services to the area.

Ms. Troutman stated staff looked into the expansion of City services that would occur by including First Presbyterian in the MSD, and though there is an impact on Downtown Development, there would be no financial impact to the City.

Ms. Troutman stated the request is for Council to hold a public hearing regarding the expansion of the MSD. She noted no further action is needed at this time. She added the MSD Expansion Report is available for the public to view in the City Clerk's office. She pointed out a vote will be held at Council's June 20, 2023 meeting and if approved, the expansion would go into effect on July 1, 2023.

Mayor Alexander convened a public hearing after due notice regarding the proposed MSD expansion.

Mr. David Carmichael, member of First Presbyterian Church, spoke in favor of expanding the MSD to include the First Presbyterian Church.

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

City Attorney Graham Corriher asked Council what should be brought back to the next Council meeting regarding terms for City Council. Council asked Mr. Corriher to prepare an Ordinance to increase Councilmember terms to a four-year staggered term for discussion at its June 20, 2023 meeting.

INSTALLMENT FINANCING CONTRACT – FIRE STATION 3

Finance Director Wade Furches asked Council to consider adopting a Resolution approving the financing terms and agreements with JPMorgan Chase Bank, NA at 3.29% for 15 years for Fire Station 3. Mr. Furches noted the Local Government Commission (LGC) approved the financing terms and agreement with JPMorgan.

Thereupon, Councilmember Post made a **motion** to adopt a Resolution approving an installment financing contract with JPMorgan Chase Bank, NA subject to the terms and conditions presented to Council and authorizing the execution and delivery of documents in connection therewith. Mayor Alexander, Mayor Pro Tem Sheffield, Councilmembers McLaughlin, Post, and Smith voted AYE. (5-0)

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INSTALLMENT FINANCING CONTRACT WITH JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NA AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

(The above Resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book No. 17 at Page No. 21-22, and is known as Resolution 2023-16)

CAPITAL PROJECT ORDINANCE – FIRE STATION 3 CONSTRUCTION

Finance Director Wade Furches asked Council to consider adopting a Capital Project Ordinance to establish a project Fund Balance to cover construction costs for Fire Station 3. Mr. Furches stated the three sources of financing for Fire Station 3 include:

- \$6.5 million loan
- \$1 million dollars from ARPA funding
- \$1.6 million from Fund Balance

Thereupon, Councilmember Post made a **motion** to adopt a Capital Project Ordinance establishing a General Capital Project Fund for construction of Fire Station 3. Mayor Alexander, Mayor Pro Tem Sheffield, Councilmembers McLaughlin, Post, and Smith voted AYE. (5-0)

CAPITAL PROJECT ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A GENERAL CAPITAL PROJECT FUND FOR CONSTRUCTION OF FIRE STATION 3.

(The above Ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book No. 31 at Page No. 227, and is known as Ordinance 2023-37.)

FIRE TRUCK PURCHASE

Finance Director Wade Furches asked Council to consider adopting an Ordinance amending the FY2022-2023 budget Ordinance of the City of Salisbury, North Carolina to appropriate Fund Balance for the purchase of a Pierce Enforcer Rescue Engine for the Fire Department.

Fire Chief Bob Parnell explained the Pierce Enforcer Rescue Engine is primarily used for technical rescue. He noted that the fire truck is larger to accommodate technical rescue equipment. He explained the truck was ordered over two years ago, and the Fire Department is excited to have it as part of its fleet. He thanked Council for its continuous support of the Fire Department.

Finance Director Wade Furches explained when the firetruck was ordered two years ago the City had \$3 million of available Fund Balance above the required 24%. He added the Fund Balance has grown to \$10 million, and staff is recommending using \$1 million of available Fund Balance to pay for the vehicle rather than financing it at a high-interest rate.

Mayor Pro Tem Sheffield asked how much money the City will save if it pays for the fire truck using available Fund Balance. Mr. Furches stated the City would save over \$100,000 of interest expense.

Councilmember Post asked what the interest rate would be if the City financed the fire truck. Mr. Furches estimated the interest rate would be around 4.5%.

Thereupon, Mayor Pro Tem Sheffield made a **motion** to adopt an Ordinance amending the 2022-2023 budget Ordinance of the City of Salisbury, North Carolina to appropriate Fund Balance for the purchase of a Pierce Enforcer Rescue Engine for the Fire Department. Mayor Alexander, Mayor Pro Tem Sheffield, Councilmembers McLaughlin, Post, and Smith voted AYE. (5-0)

CAPITAL PROJECT ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A GENERAL CAPITAL PROJECT FUND FOR CONSTRUCTION OF FIRE STATION 3.

(The above Ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book No. 31 at Page No. 228, and is known as Ordinance 2023-38.)

YADKIN-PEE DEE WATER MANAGEMENT GROUP

Salisbury-Rowan Utilities (SRU) Director Jim Behmer asked Council to support the incorporation of the Yadkin-Pee Dee Water Management Group by adopting the bylaws and adopting a Resolution to join the 501(c)(3) incorporated Yadkin-Pee Dee Water Management Group (YPDWMG).

Mr. Behmer noted the Yadkin- Pee Dee Water Management Group was formed in 2016 and is a collaborative effort of 18 government representatives, public water utilities, and reservoir operators providing service within the Yadkin-Pee Dee River Basin. He stated the group provides

a structure for regional collaboration that can coordinate activities and explore mutually beneficial ways to protect and develop the water supply.

Mr. Behmer explained that YPDWMG is currently operating under a temporary Memorandum of Understanding but by adopting the bylaws and adopting a Resolution to join the 501(c)(3) the group would be eligible to apply for grants and receive grant funding for projects.

Councilmember Post asked how many of the 18 participating municipalities or governmental organizations have adopted similar resolutions. Mr. Behmer stated five or six participants have adopted the resolutions.

Mayor Alexander stated the 501(c)(3) status would allow the YPDWMG access to grants and would make it a more permanent structure.

Thereupon, Councilmember Post made a **motion** to support the incorporation of the Yadkin-Pee Dee Water Management Group by adopting the bylaws and adopting a Resolution to join the 501(c)(3) incorporated Yadkin-Pee Dee Water Management Group. Mayor Alexander, Mayor Pro Tem Sheffield, Councilmembers McLaughlin, Post, and Smith voted AYE. (5-0)

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY AUTHORIZING JOINING AND INCORPORATING THE YADKIN-PEE DEE WATER MANAGEMENT GROUP.

(The above Resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book No. 17 at Page No. 23-24, and is known as Resolution 2023-17)

2023 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AND HOME PROGRAM

Planning Director Hannah Jacobson asked Council to adopt the 2023 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Program Action Plan and budget and to consider endorsing staff recommendations for the distribution of public service funding.

Ms. Jacobson provided a summary of the funding distribution staff recommends for CDBG funds:

Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation	\$150,000.00
Public Infrastructure Project	\$60,000.00
Public Services	\$46,103.40
Fair Housing Activities	\$5,000.00
Program Administration	\$61,471.20
Total	<u>\$327,356.00</u>

Ms. Jacobson provided a summary of the funding distribution staff recommends for the HOME Investment Partnership Program:

New Construction	\$85,051.00
Down Payment Assistance	\$60,000.00
Program Administration	\$8,703.00
Total	<u>\$153,754.00</u>

Ms. Jacobson explained the annual allocation is at 15% of CDBG funds for public service agencies benefitting low-to-moderate income clientele. She noted additional funds are available this year from unused from Cares-Act funding. She reviewed staff recommendations for 2023 public service agencies, including One Love Community Services, Inc., Family Crisis Council, Partners in Learning, Rowan Helping Ministries, and the NAACP of Rowan.

Ms. Jacobson referenced the available \$52,000 of un-used funding from the CARES Act, and she stated the public service agencies selected to receive funding include Terrie Hess Child Advocacy Center, the Community Care Clinic, Meals on Wheels Rowan, City of Salisbury-Summer Youth Interns, Bright Minds Academy, and Conflict Resolution Center of Cabarrus County.

Ms. Jacobson provided a summary of citizen participation, including a public hearing that was held in March and a Community Input meeting held on April 20, 2023, at the West End Business Center. She indicated public feedback included infrastructure projects such as improvements on West Innes Street, basketball hoops at Cannon Park, creating a neighborhood camera program, and additional trail connections for the Greenway.

Ms. Jacobson stated staff recommends adoption of the Program Year 2023 CDBG and Home Action Plan and budget. She added staff also recommends endorsing the distribution of public service funding.

Councilmember Smith noted a conflict of interest with Bright Minds Academy and asked to recuse himself from voting on staff recommendations for the distribution of public service funding.

Thereupon, Councilmember McLaughlin made a **motion** to adopt the 2023 Community Development Block Grant and HOME Program Action Plan and budget. Mayor Alexander, Mayor Pro Tem Sheffield, Councilmembers McLaughlin, Post, and Smith voted AYE. (5-0)

Thereupon, Councilmember McLaughlin made a **motion** to endorse staff recommendations for the distribution of public service funding. Mayor Alexander, Mayor Pro Tem Sheffield, Councilmembers McLaughlin and Post voted AYE. (4-0)

DEMOLITION – 602 NORTH MAIN STREET

Planner Emily Vanek asked Council to consider issuing a demolition permit for the storage building located at 602 North Main Street. She noted according to North Carolina General Statute Session Law 2007-102 and the adopted Local Historic Design Standards, any demolitions within the Downtown Local Historic District require a permit issued by Council.

Ms. Vanek added the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) will consider the demolition at its June 8, 2023 meeting. She added that while considering a demolition, Council should consider the following factors:

- Location within the district
- The structure's state of repair
- The structure's architectural and cultural significance
- The overall impact of the demolition on the historic site

Ms. Vanek provided an aerial map and highlighted the property's location within the historic district. She displayed photos of the interior and noted the concrete slab foundation has significant cracks, which is causing the exterior walls to fall outwards. She added Code Enforcement Manager Michael Cotilla has concurred the structure is dilapidated and recommends moving forward with the demolition.

Ms. Vanek commented that the structure was built in the 1960s or 1970s, but is not listed on the National Register of Historic Places. She noted staff has not determined any cultural significance associated with the structure which is currently used for storage.

Ms. Vanek stated staff request that Council consider the issuance of a demolition permit for the storage building located at 602 North Main Street, on the condition that the demolition is approved by the HPC.

Thereupon, Councilmember Post made a motion to issue a demolition permit for the storage building located at 602 North Main Street, subject to any delay in demolition enacted by the Historic Preservation Commission. Mayor Alexander, Mayor Pro Tem Sheffield, Councilmembers McLaughlin, Post, and Smith voted AYE. (5-0)

DEMOLITION – 410 VANCE AVENUE

Code Services Manager Michael Cotilla asked Council to adopt an Ordinance to order the demolition of a dwelling unit unfit for human habitation located at 410 Vance Avenue. He noted Mr. Isiah A. Williams and Ms. Kristina K. Johnson are the property owners. He added the property was cited for minimum housing violation on November 8, 2022. He noted the property was posted with the hearing notice on November 9, 2022, and May 19, 2023. He stated the minimum housing hearing was held on December 13, 2022.

Mr. Cotilla noted the property has a long history of calls for service, breaking and entering, and trespassing. He stated the property was boarded up by Code Services in 2019, and the property has been on Code Services' nuisance chronic violators list since 2018. He commented since 2018, the City has removed all accumulated trash and debris and mowed at the location every three weeks.

Mr. Cotilla stated that the main dwelling and accessory structures are dilapidated and should not be allowed to continue to deteriorate. He added staff recommends demolishing the main and accessory structures in the rear yard. He displayed images of the property.

Mayor Alexander asked Mr. Cotilla to explain the demolition process. Mr. Cotilla stated with minimum housing cases where the property is determined to be in a dilapidated state, a Title Search, Order of Compliance, and a hearing must be completed. He explained a 90-day compliance period is issued if someone attends the hearing and in some cases a property owner will make the necessary repairs to bring their property into compliance.

Mayor Alexander asked what happens if the property owners cannot pay for the demolition. Mr. Cotilla stated an invoice is sent to the property owner for the demolition cost and the City will be reimbursed once the property is sold.

Thereupon, Councilmember McLaughlin made a **motion** to adopt an Ordinance to order the demolition of a dwelling unit unfit for human habitation located at 410 Vance Avenue in the City of Salisbury, North Carolina. Mayor Alexander, Mayor Pro Tem Sheffield, Councilmembers McLaughlin, Post, and Smith voted AYE. (5-0)

ORDINANCE TO ORDER THE DEMOLITION OF A DWELLING UNIT UNFIT FOR HUMAN HABITATION LOCATED AT 410 VANCE AVENUE IN THE CITY OF SALISBURY, NORTH CAROLINA.

(The above Ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book No. 31 at Page No. 229-230, and is known as Ordinance 2023-39.)

DEMOLITON – 508 MILFORD HILLS ROAD

Code Services Manager Michael Cotilla asked Council to adopt an Ordinance to order the demolition of a dwelling unit unfit for human habitation located at 508 Milford Hills Road. He added 508 Milford Hills Road is owned by Mr. Cecil J Simpson Jr, and the structure suffered significant fire damage on May 17, 2022. He explained the property owner needs financial assistance to proceed with the demolition and is seeking help from the City.

Mr. Cotilla stated Mr. Simpson submitted a notarized consent to demolish agreement on May 12, 2023. He explained that the property, in its current condition, is dilapidated and should not be allowed to continue deteriorating. He added staff recommends demolishing the main and accessory structures in the rear yard.

Thereupon, Councilmember McLaughlin made a **motion** to adopt an Ordinance to order the demolition of a dwelling unit unfit for human habitation located at 508 Milford Hills Road in the City of Salisbury, North Carolina. Mayor Alexander, Mayor Pro Tem Sheffield, Councilmembers McLaughlin, Post, and Smith voted AYE. (5-0)

ORDINANCE TO ORDER THE DEMOLITION OF A DWELLING UNIT UNFIT FOR HUMAN HABITATION LOCATED AT 508 MILFORD HILLS ROAD IN THE CITY OF SALISBURY, NORTH CAROLINA.

(The above Ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book No. 31 at Page No. 229-230, and is known as Ordinance 2023-39.)

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Jim Greene asked Transportation Director Wendy Brindle and Police Captain PJ Smith to address West End traffic concerns. He noted staff recently met with members of the West End Community.

Ms. Brindle noted staff investigated the intersection along Horah Street and noted illegally parked cars. She stated staff will look into additional no-parking signs.

Captain Smith stated speed bumps were installed on Monroe Street to address speeding concerns. He added the Police Department is working to address speeding and illegally parked cars along Horah Street.

Mayor Alexander questioned if adding four-way-stops would help address traffic concerns along West Horah Street. Ms. Brindle stated a caution light is located at the intersection of Institute and Horah Streets, but staff will look at the entire corridor.

Mr. Greene asked Captain Smith if there is a way to monitor speeding concerns along Lloyd and Bank Streets. Captain Smith stated a speed trailer could be implemented to collect data.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember McLaughlin noted the West End Community meeting will take place on June 8, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

Councilmember Post stated a KIVA event will be held on June 8, 2023 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. He added the City has partnered with the YMCA to host a pickleball camp for children ages 8 through 15 which will take place at the YMCA. He noted kids are registered.

Councilmember Post indicated he would be interested in Council starting a conversation about eliminating plastic bags in the City.

MAYOR PRO TEM'S COMMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Sheffield thanked Council and staff for its support of Salisbury Pride and the Salisbury Pride Festival. She stated she is looking forward to the Juneteenth celebration.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS

(a) Community Input Sessions

Mayor Alexander announced the Planning and Neighborhoods Department along with the Development Finance Initiative, will host two community input sessions related to the redevelopment of the former Kesler Mill site. The public is invited to attend an in person session on Thursday, June 15th at 6:00 pm at the Park Avenue Community Center or a virtual input session to be held on Tuesday, June 20th at 6:00 pm via Zoom. Details and an online survey, can be found on the project website www.salisburync.gov/KeslerMill.


(b) Juneteenth Celebration

Mayor Alexander announced the Juneteenth Celebration will be held Saturday, June 17, 2023 at the Bell Tower Green from 12:00 noon until 7:00 p.m. and will feature exhibits, a health and wellness expo, and food vendors. The Soulful Sunday Celebration will take place Sunday, June 18, 2023 at the Bell Tower Green from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. The events are free and open to the public. For more information please contact the Salisbury Rowan NAACP.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilmember Smith. Mayor Alexander, Mayor Pro Tem Sheffield and Councilmembers McLaughlin, Post and Smith voted AYE. (5-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.



Karen Alexander, Mayor



Connie B. Snyder, City Clerk