

Salisbury, North Carolina  
October 6, 2020

## **REGULAR MEETING**

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

**ABSENT:** None.

In response to the State of Emergency declaration related to the spread of COVID-19 and to limit physical interactions and the potential spread of COVID-19 the Salisbury City Council met electronically. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Alexander at 6:00 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.

## **RECOGNITION OF VIEWERS**

Mayor Alexander welcomed all viewers.

## **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Mayor Alexander noted two changes to the Agenda:

Add – a Proclamation to designate October 2020 as Substance Abuse Prevention Month  
Add – Council to go into Closed Session regarding a personnel matter as allowed by NCGS 143-318(a)(6).

Thereupon, Councilmember Post made a **motion** to adopt the Agenda with the additions. Upon a roll call vote Mayor Alexander voted AYE, Mayor Pro Tem voted AYE, Councilmember Miller voted AYE, Councilmember Post voted AYE, and Councilmember Sheffield voted AYE. (4-0)

## **PROCLAMATIONS**

Mayor Alexander proclaimed the following observances:

RUTH BADER GINSBURG REMEMBRANCE DAY	September 18, 2020
NAACP FREEDOM FUND DAY	October 24, 2020
ROWAN COUNTY UNITED WAY MONTH	October 2020
NATIONAL CRIME PREVENTION MONTH	October 2020
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH	October 2020
SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH	October 2020

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

(a) Minutes

Adopt Minutes of the Regular meetings of September 1, 2020 and September 15, 2020 and the Special meeting of September 23, 2020.

(b) Parking Prohibited – 600 Block of West Liberty Street - POSTPONED

Adopt an **ORDINANCE** amending Chapter 13, Article X of the City Code of Ordinances related to parking prohibited at all times for the south side of the 600 block of West Liberty Street. *This item was removed from the Consent Agenda and postponed until October 20, 2020.*

(c) Budget Amendment – Park Flood Repairs

Adopt a budget **ORDINANCE** Amendment to the FY2020-2021 budget in the amount of \$10,000 to appropriate a grant and donation for Parks and Recreation for various projects related to park flood repairs.

**ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2020-2021 BUDGET ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, NORTH CAROLINA TO APPROPRIATE DONATIONS IN GENERAL FUND FOR PARKS AND RECREATION**

(The above Ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book No. 29 at Page No. 76, and is known as Ordinance 2020-48.)

(d) Budget Amendment – Tennis Courts and Recreational Education Days

Adopt a budget **ORDINANCE** Amendment to the FY2020-2021 budget in the amount of \$25,500 to appropriate grants and donations for Parks and Recreation to assist with the resurfacing of tennis courts and recreational education days.

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2020-2021 BUDGET ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, NORTH CAROLINA TO APPROPRIATE DONATIONS IN GENERAL FUND FOR PARKS AND RECREATION

(The above Ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book No. 29 at Page No. 77, and is known as Ordinance 2020-49.)

(e) Budget Amendment – Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grant

Adopt a budget **ORDINANCE** Amendment to the FY2020-2021 budget in the amount of \$543,185 to appropriate funds received for the Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grants Program.

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2020-2021 BUDGET ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, NORTH CAROLINA TO APPROPRIATE REVENUE FROM PAUL BRUHN HISTORIC REVITALIZATION GRANTS PROGRAM

(The above Ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book No. 29 at Page No. 78, and is known as Ordinance 2020-50.)

(f) Sole-Source Purchase – Fire Rescue Tools

Approve a sole-source purchase from Spartan Fire and Emergency Apparatus in an amount not to exceed \$68,230 for the purchase of portable rescue tools.

(g) Amendment 1 – LaBella – Water Treatment Plant Improvements

Authorize the City Manager to execute Amendment No. 1 with LaBella in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 for construction material testing and special inspection services associated with the Water Treatment Plant Improvements Project.

(h) Agreement – Yadkin River Raw Water Supply System

Authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with Black & Veatch International Company for an amount not to exceed \$250,000 for engineering services associated with the Yadkin River Raw Water Supply System. Funds for this project are included in the FY2020-2021 budget.

(i) Agreement – Water Storage Tank Condition Assessment and Improvement Program

Authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with Highfill Infrastructure Engineering, P.C. in the amount of \$101,000 for engineering services related to the development and implementation of the Water Storage Tank Condition Assessment and Improvement Program. Funds for this project are included in the FY2020-2021 budget.

Councilmember Post expressed concern that residents impacted by the parking prohibition proposed for the south side of the 600 block of West Liberty Street may not be aware of the change. He requested this item be postponed until the October 20, 2020 meeting to ensure notification.

City Engineer Wendy Brindle stated notices were mailed to the residents on West Liberty Street. She indicated postponing the item until the next meeting will allow her to verify the verification process.

Thereupon, Councilmember Post made a **motion** to adopt the Consent Agenda with the postponement of Item B. Upon a roll call vote Mayor Alexander voted AYE, Mayor Pro Tem Heggins voted AYE, Councilmember Miller voted AYE, Councilmember Post voted AYE, and Councilmember 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.

**CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

City Attorney Graham Corriher had nothing to report to Council.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Lane Bailey updated Council on the sales tax revenue received for June, the final quarter of FY2019-2020. Finance Director Shannon Moore indicated the sales tax received for the last quarter is the highest on record. She stated the City had budgeted \$7.65 million in sales tax revenue and actually received \$8.4 million.

Mr. Bailey noted this is great financial news for the City, but he cautioned the City may still face reduced revenues as the fiscal year progresses.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **(a) 10<sup>th</sup> Annual BlockWork**

Mayor Alexander announced the 10<sup>th</sup> annual BlockWork neighborhood improvement project will be held Saturday, October 24, 2020 from 7:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, October 25, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. in the 200 block of South Clay Street. Volunteers are needed to help with exterior repairs, painting, carpentry and landscaping. T-shirts, gloves, masks and meals will be provided. BlockWork will follow guidelines related to COVID-19 in accordance with Governor Cooper's Executive Order. Volunteers are asked to sign-up in shifts. The deadline to sign up to volunteer is Friday, October 16. For more information or to volunteer please visit [salisburync.gov/BlockWork](http://salisburync.gov/BlockWork).

## **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Sheffield thanked Mayor Alexander for including the Substance Abuse Prevention Month proclamation. She pointed out the important work of the Youth Substance Use Prevention (YSUP) group and commented there could be an increase in substance abuse as the effects of COVID-19 impact the community.

Ms. Sheffield reminded everyone that October 4-10, 2020 is Fire Prevention Week. She also noted the quarterly bulky item pick-up will be held next week.

Councilmember Post pointed out OctoberTour is scheduled for this coming weekend, and he encourage people to attend. He referred to a book written by Pete Prunkl and indicated it highlights the accomplishments of the Historic Salisbury Foundation over the last 40 years.

Mr. Post stated Durham and Buncombe counties have implemented several green initiatives in regards to requiring solar power for buildings of a certain size. He stated it is important to begin thinking of these types of changes as the City looks long-term.

## **MAYOR PRO TEM COMMENTS**

Mayor Pro Tem Heggins indicated she and Mayor Alexander had received a letter regarding plans for voter safety during the current contentious climate. She noted she had forwarded information about a webinar to discuss ways to promote and increase the safety of voters, and she asked City Manager Lane Bailey and Chief Stokes to update Council on the City's plans to protect voters during the election.

Mayor Pro Tem encouraged citizens to continue to practice COVID-19 safety protocols including wearing a mask and maintaining social distancing.

## MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Alexander announced the City has been selected to receive the Volkswagon Grant which will provide for the purchase of two electric buses. She congratulated Transit Director Rodney Harrison and thanked him for his work on this.

Mayor Alexander noted the City will receive an additional \$200,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and she stated the Chamber of Commerce has asked if a portion of the funds could be used for small business grants. Mayor Alexander noted many of the small businesses have struggled during COVID-19, and Community Planning Services Director Hannah Jacobson is reviewing how the funds may be allocated.

Mayor Alexander stated she has asked City Manager Lane Bailey to begin a review and update of the City's Federal Action Plan. She noted she hopes Council will be able to adopt and updated plan by January 2021.

## CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Alexander asked for a motion for Council to go into closed session regarding a personnel matter as allowed by as allowed by NCGS 143-318(a)(6).

Thereupon, Councilmember Post made a **motion** to a go into closed session as stated. Upon a roll call vote Mayor Alexander voted AYE, Mayor Pro Tem Heggins voted AYE, Councilmember Miller voted AYE, Councilmember Post voted AYE, and Councilmember Sheffield voted AYE. (5-0)

## RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

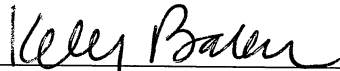
Mayor Alexander reconvened the meeting in Open Session. She stated no action was taken in Closed Session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilmember Post. All Council members in attendance agreed unanimously to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.



Karen Alexander, Mayor



Kelly Baker, City Clerk