

Salisbury, North Carolina
February 19, 2013

REGULAR MEETING

PRESENT: Mayor Paul B. Woodson Jr., Presiding; Council Members Mayor Pro Tem Maggie A. Blackwell, Karen Kirks Alexander, William (Pete) Kennedy, and William Brian Miller; City Manager Doug Paris; City Clerk Myra B. Heard; and City Attorney F. Rivers Lawther, Jr.

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 Woodson at 4:00 p.m. The invocation was given by Councilmember Kennedy.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Salisbury Youth Council members Mr. Tarik Woods and Mr. Quson Brown led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Mayor Woodson welcomed all visitors present. He acknowledged Rowan County Commission Vice-Chairman Craig Pierce, Commissioner Jon Barber, and Rowan-Salisbury School Board Member Chuck Hughes who were in the audience.

CONSENT AGENDA

(a) Charity Yard Sale

Designate Emerald Street as a one-way street at 12:00 noon Friday, May 24, 2013 until 4:00 p.m. Saturday, May 25, 2013 and at 12:00 noon Friday, October 11, 2013 until 4:00 p.m. Saturday, October 12, 2013 for a charity yard sale.

(b) Democratic National Convention

Adopt a Budget **ORDINANCE** amendment to the FY2012-2013 budget in the amount of \$32,582.24 to appropriate funds received from the Democratic National Convention.

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2012-2013 BUDGET ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, NORTH CAROLINA TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS RECEIVED BY THE SALISBURY POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR WORKING SECURITY AT THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION.

(The above Ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book No. 24 at Page No. 4, and is known as Ordinance 2013-04)

Thereupon, Ms. Alexander made a **motion** to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Messrs. Kennedy, Miller, and Woodson, and Meses. Alexander and Blackwell voted AYE. (5-0)

2013-2014 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AND HOME FUNDS

Interim Community Planning Services Director Janet Gapen addressed Council regarding 2013-2014 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Funds. She explained the public hearing to be held by Council is an opportunity for citizens and residents of neighborhoods affected by the funds to comment regarding the use of funds, and for staff to receive proposals regarding public service activities that may be funded. Ms. Gapen noted the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is the source of the funds.

Ms. Gapen explained staff has not received the exact allocation of funding for 2013-2014, but was instructed by HUD Field Office Representatives to use the previous year's funding for planning purposes. She reviewed the estimated funding for 2013-2014:

CDBG	\$253,956
HOME	\$92,587
Program Income	\$35,000
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$381,543</u>

Ms. Gapen stated the City has housing programs and public infrastructure investments that focus on four revitalization areas: West End, Jersey City, Park Avenue, and the East End. She noted outside of the four revitalization areas funds are allocated for down payment assistance and public services to various agencies that offer assistance to low and moderate income citizens.

Ms. Gapen explained the types of activities eligible for funding as listed in the Five Year Consolidated Plan (2010-2014):

- Housing Rehabilitation
- New Home Construction
- Homeownership Assistance
- Owner-occupied Rehabilitation
- Sidewalks/Public Infrastructure/Park Improvements
- Public Services (capped at 15 percent of CDBG funds)

(b) Mayor Woodson convened a public hearing, after due notice thereof, to receive comments regarding the use of CDBG and HOME Funds:

Ms. Stephanie Bruce, Family Self-sufficiency Coordinator Salisbury Housing Authority, 200 South Boundary Street, thanked Council for grants the Salisbury Housing Authority has received in the past. She explained one common barrier for residents is transportation, including the high cost of gas and the lack of funds to purchase bus passes for public transit. She noted the money received by the Salisbury Housing Authority helps residents inspiring to be self-sufficient with their transportation needs. She read letters from Salisbury Housing Authority residents who have benefited from the transportation services.

Ms. Kyna Foster and Ms. Kimberly Collins, Rowan Helping Ministries, 226 North Long Street, thanked Council for its support of the homeless shelter expansion project. Ms. Foster pointed out the grading for the expansion project has begun. She noted the shelter was built to accommodate 40 guests and has sheltered up to 78 men, women and children. She thanked Council and staff for its support of Rowan Helping Ministries and pointed out the CDBG funds provide funding for part-time shelter staff. She stated last year the shelter served an average of 54 guests per night and is currently averaging 64 guests per night, an increase of 25 percent from last year. She noted the shelter expects to house 670 men, women, and children during the coming year. Ms. Foster indicated the shelter conducted a twenty-four hour count and found 140 homeless individuals in Rowan County. She stated the shelter is serving approximately 20 families per year, and shelter hours were increased to give children time to do their homework, and adults time to eat and shower before bed. She requested \$25,000, an increase in funding, to help the homeless in the community.

Ms. Krista Woolly, Executive Director of Community Care Clinic, 315-G Mocksville Avenue, explained the clinic is accredited through the North Carolina Association of Free Clinics. She noted the Community Care Clinic is partnering with Rowan Helping Ministries, Rowan Care Alliance, and the Family Crisis Center. She pointed out in 2011, for every dollar received the clinic was able to provide \$6.50 in medical, dental, and pharmacy services. She noted in 2012 medical visits increased by 20 percent with 2,800 patients visiting the medical clinic. She stated 889 patients visited the dental clinic, which is an increase of 15 percent, and the clinic dispensed over 26,000 prescriptions, which is an increase of 20 percent. Ms. Woolly noted over the last five years medical visits have increased by 268 percent due to high unemployment and lack of access to medical and dental care. She requested \$10,000 for the dental clinic and noted the clinic's goal is to see 1,000 patients in 2013. She thanked Council for its support of the Community Care Clinic.

Ms. Renee Bradshaw, Executive Director of Family Crisis Council, stated she is seeking funding for 70 percent of the salary of a second-shift employee. She explained the shelter runs twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, and serves victims of domestic violence or sexual assault. She noted the shelter has served over 200 women and children and offers referral resources for men. She indicated the Family Crisis Council has a twenty-four hour hotline that took over 786 calls in 2012. She explained in addition to shelter services Family Crisis Council offers bi-weekly support groups and individual counseling. She requested \$13,000 for the salary of a second-shift employee. She noted Family Crisis Council is a United Way agency, and the United Way will fund the remaining portion of the salary. She thanked Council for its support.

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

LEARNING CENTER AT MILLER RECREATION CENTER

Parks and Recreation Program Manager Jeff Holshouser, Executive Director of Salisbury Housing Authority Sam Faust, and Recreation Programmer Larry Jones addressed Council regarding the Learning Center at Miller Recreation Center.

Mr. Faust thanked Parks and Recreation Director Gail Elder White, Mr. Holshouser, and Mr. Jones for their work on the new computer lab at the Miller Recreation Center in the West End Neighborhood. He explained during community meetings for the West End Transformation Plan, a learning center was requested to meet the needs in the community for computer training, employment, and workforce readiness skills.

Mr. Holshouser displayed pictures of the new computer lab. He noted there are six computers with a printer connection. He indicated the learning center will partner with local colleges to provide tutoring programs for the youth at least twice a week, and basic training for youth and adults.

Mr. Holshouser explained the Learning Center procedures and websites were approved by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board January 10, 2013 and include:

- Developed check-in procedures
- Compiled list of acceptable websites for access

Mr. Jones reviewed the benefits to the young people in the West End Community:

- Young people are more likely to stay engaged when they feel their participation is meaningful and they can make useful contributions through service and social action
- Develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills
- Provide opportunities to communicate with each other
- Help prepare today's students to be tomorrow's civic leaders
- To provide a variety of methods for learning
- Develop and enhance participants' skills, especially in the areas of communication, collaboration and leadership

Mr. Holshouser reviewed the goals for the learning center:

- Hospitality
 - Create a welcoming environment that serves as a hub for gathering and interaction among West End residents and community partners
- Partnership
 - Support partners that provide education programs to enhance the quality of life in the community
- Education
 - Create access to enrichment activities that develop academic and life skills, provide mentoring and support for all ages
- Sustainability
 - Acquire resources necessary to achieve program goals

Mayor Woodson thanked Mr. Faust, Mr. Holshouser, and Mr. Jones for their presentation and noted the learning center is great for residents who do not have access to a computer.

Councilmember Kennedy stated the learning center is an excellent idea.

MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL INTERSTATE-85 COUNTY-WIDE INITIATIVE

Mayor Woodson explained at its last meeting Council received a presentation on the I-85 Interstate Initiative. He indicated he had spoken to Council and would like to request City Manager Doug Paris review the Multi-jurisdictional Interstate-85 County-wide Initiative and report back to Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Blackwell clarified Mayor Woodson spoke to Council members individually.

Councilmember Kennedy stated he agrees with the concept but wants to make sure of the best approach.

By consensus, Council agreed to ask City Manager Doug Paris to explore the Multi-jurisdictional Interstate-85 County-wide Initiative.

Councilmember Miller encouraged Mr. Paris to speak with Mr. Bill Wagoner, Chair of the I-85 Initiative Committee and take his expertise into consideration.

HISTORIC DISTRICT GUIDELINES

Interim Community Planning Services Director Janet Gapen stated Council adopted a Resolution of Intent to update the Historic District Guidelines, which have been in place for almost 30 years. She explained the project is funded through a Federal Historic Preservation Fund Grant, which is a pass-through grant from the State Historic Preservation Office, along with a local match that has been included in the current year's budget. She noted Mr. Aaron Arnett of Arnett, Muldrow and Associates has been retained as consultant for the project. She stated the project must be completed by August 2013, and she pointed out the first committee meeting will take place in March. Ms. Gapen presented the applicants for the Advisory Committee: Mr. Jim Carli, Sr., Ms. Anne Lyles, Ms. Lisa Cartner, Mr. Jon Planovsky, and Mr. Brian Davis. She indicated the North Main Street Neighborhood is not represented.

Thereupon, Ms. Alexander made a **motion** to appoint Jim Carli, Sr., Anne Lyles, Lisa Cartner, Jon Planovsky, and Brian Davis to the Advisory Committee to update the Historic Design Guidelines. Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion. Messrs. Kennedy, Miller, and Woodson, and Mses. Alexander and Blackwell voted AYE. (5-0)

Mayor Woodson thanked the members of the Advisory Committee for their willingness to serve.

WEST END TRANSFORMATION PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE

Mayor Woodson asked Councilmember Brian Miller to accept a position on the West End Transformation Plan Steering Committee to replace former Mayor Pro Tem Susan Kluttz.

Thereupon, Ms. Alexander made a **motion** to appoint Councilmember Brian Miller to the West End Transformation Plan Steering Committee. Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion. Messrs. Kennedy, Miller, and Woodson, and Mses. Alexander and Blackwell voted AYE. (5-0)

Ms. Gapen stated Councilmember Miller will be an excellent addition to the West End Transformation Plan Steering Committee which is an influential part of the West End Transformation Plan planning process.

Salisbury Housing Authority Executive Director Sam Faust thanked Mr. Miller for agreeing to serve on the Steering Committee. He noted the committee is 18 months into the 24-month West End Transformation Plan.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Woodson opened the floor to receive public comment.

Ms. Dee Dee Wright, 418 South Caldwell Street, commended Council for its work regarding the location of the Central School Office Building. She stated she has concerns regarding cleanup of Park Avenue and transportation to Community Park. She commended staff for responding so quickly when she calls. She asked Council to consider a Boys and Girls Club in Salisbury, because she believes it is desperately needed.

There being no one else to speak, Mayor Woodson closed the public comment session.

CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS

(a) Nuisance Animal Study Committee

City Manager Doug Paris asked Code Services Manager Chris Branham to address Council regarding appointments to the Nuisance Animal Study Committee.

Mr. Branham stated in September 2012 Council adopted a Resolution of Legislative Intent to establish the Nuisance Animal Study Committee which would:

- Be composed of community representatives from varying backgrounds and perspectives to provide general guidance in drafting policy recommendations
- Conduct preliminary research to determine the role of the community in enforcing policies related to neighborhood safety and animal welfare
- Engage neighborhood residents, animal advocates, code enforcement personnel, animal control personnel and animal care givers to ascertain a comprehensive view of the current impact of nuisance animals on neighborhoods and to find solutions to those impacts
- Evaluate the capacity of code enforcement, animal control and animal shelters in providing reasonable and humane management of nuisance animals
- Based on the findings of the committee, provide a report to the Salisbury City Council within 90 days

Mr. Branham presented the applicants for the Nuisance Animal Study Committee: Mr. Matthew Dellinger, Ms. Nina Dix, Ms. Rebekah Julian, Mr. Clai Martin, Ms. Susan Norvell, Ms. Theresa Pitner, Ms. Lorane Reidda, and Mr. Brian Romans.

Thereupon, Ms. Blackwell made a **motion** to appoint Brian Romans, Rebekah Julian, Lorraine Reidda, Clai Martin, Theresa Pitner, Susan Norvell, Matthew Dillinger, and Nina Dix to a Nuisance Animal Study Committee. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Messrs. Kennedy, Miller, and Woodson, and Mses. Alexander and Blackwell voted AYE. (5-0)

Mayor Woodson thanked all the applicants for their willingness to serve on the Nuisance Animal Study Committee.

(b) Sale of City-owned Property

City Manager Doug Paris indicated at its last meeting Council considered the sale of City-owned property located behind the Plaza Building. He noted staff did not present alternatives such as lease of the property. He recommended withdrawing the motion to accept the offer until staff can bring additional options before Council for consideration.

Thereupon, Mr. Kennedy made a **motion** to withdraw acceptance of an offer to purchase real estate, Tax Map 10-2 Parcel 560, located in the 100 block of North Main Street and authorize the City Manager to explore other options, including lease of the property. Ms. Alexander seconded the motion.

Councilmember Miller asked Mr. Paris to clarify withdrawal of the motion to sell City-owned property.

Mr. Paris indicated it may be preferable for the City to lease property in this area, rather than sell, for future development purposes. He noted staff did not present that option to Council and wanted to bring all options before Council for its consideration.

Mr. Miller stated Council wants to work with the property owner who has requested access. He noted Council does not want to damage any future potential of the lot by selling a 450 square feet parcel.

Messrs. Kennedy, Miller, and Woodson, and Mses. Alexander and Blackwell voted AYE. (5-0)

(c) Deannexation – Rowan County Airport

City Manager Doug Paris stated at its Retreat Council unanimously voted to submit a proposal to the Rowan County Board of Commissioners to lower the tax rate at the Rowan County Airport. He noted Mayor Woodson sent a letter to the Commission Monday, February 18, 2013, requesting it delay action until a joint meeting could take place between Rowan County Commissioners and City Council. He explained the Commission decided to move forward with requesting deannexation without a joint meeting.

Mr. Paris explained staff received questions from Council and the public regarding tax rate competitiveness. He reviewed a chart of tax rates:

<u>Airport</u>	<u>City Limits</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>
Rowan County (proposed)	Partial	\$.70
Rowan County (current)	Partial	\$.80
Statesville Municipal	Yes	\$.895
Concord Regional	Yes	\$1.18
Charlotte-Douglas	Yes	\$1.22

Mr. Paris explained the Rowan County Airport tax rate is currently \$.80. He pointed out on Friday, February 15, 2013 Council made a proposal to lower the tax rate to \$.70. He indicated the tax rate at the Airport is currently \$.095 less than the Statesville Municipal Airport and the proposal rate is almost \$.20 less. He indicated staff struggled to find an airport with a metro-city that has a lower tax rate or is not inside city limits. He added staff had wanted to share at a joint meeting that the rate is very competitive, and action taken by Council at its retreat would have made the rate even more aggressive in recruiting business and economic development.

Mayor Pro Tem Blackwell asked Mr. Paris to verify what is taxed. Mr. Paris stated the tax rate is on airplanes and airport related businesses. He noted the reduced rate was created by an Airport Development Zone Agreement approved by City Council and County Commissioners and signed by former Mayor Susan Kluttz and former Chair Carl Ford in 2009.

Mr. Paris explained the airport was established in 1928 as a partnership between the City of Salisbury, the Rowan County Chamber of Commerce, and the North Carolina Department of Commerce. He noted the City owned the property, the County graded it, the Chamber of Commerce advocated for it, and the North Carolina Department of Commerce helped with its creation. He emphasized it is a partnership that dates back to the 1920s.

Mr. Paris asked City Engineer Dan Mikkelson to address the assistance with improvements provided by the City.

Mr. Mikkelson explained staff Engineer Bryan Alston is a Major in the United States Air Force Reserves and specializes in runway construction. He indicated at the proposed meeting with County Commissioners the City planned to offer Mr. Alston's assistance to oversee construction of the runway extension at no cost to the County. He indicated it would result in quality assurance and significant savings to the County and its citizens.

Mr. Paris stated staff wanted to share this information with the public since there was not an opportunity to share it in a joint meeting.

Mr. Paris noted Council has raised questions regarding the City's investment in the Airport's water and sewer system. He asked Salisbury-Rowan Utilities (SRU) Director Jim Behmer to address the City's water and sewer investment in the airport.

Mr. Behmer explained SRU has been in partnership with the airport since 1990 when the City approved extending water and sewer service to the facilities. He added in 1998 the City contributed over 50 percent in a project to further extend water and sewer. He indicated between 1993 and 1997 the City managed three airport projects on behalf of the airport. He noted at the request of County Manger Gary Page, the City is currently working on a project to extend private water, sewer, and fire protection to a new hangar at a cost of approximately \$96,000. He noted the City is proposing to use its labor and equipment in an effort to reduce the cost estimate and be a good community partner for the airport.

Mayor Woodson asked how much the City has invested in water and sewer to the Airport. Mr. Behmer stated approximately \$200,000 has been invested.

Mr. Paris indicated the airport needs water and sewer service in order to be competitive. He noted the City has a long history of making sure the airport has the infrastructure it needs to be successful.

Mr. Behmer pointed out staff is designing the project which will be permitted at the One-Stop-Shop, and could be under construction in two weeks.

Mr. Paris asked Fire Chief Bob Parnell to address fire safety at the airport.

Chief Parnell reminded Council in 2010 the Fire Department invested in Fire Engine 2, located at Station 2 in the 2300 block of South Main Street. He explained Engine 2 is equipped with a Class B Foam System and a 40-gallon on-board foam tank used to extinguish Class B flammable liquid fires, which includes airplane fuel. He noted Engine 2 is listed as the primary responder to the Rowan County Airport runway and was purchased at a cost of \$325,000. He pointed out Station 2 is one and one-half miles from the runway, which is critical because if the airport grows to be indexed by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) the maximum distance for fire coverage is one and one-half miles. Chief Parnell noted the City has an excellent working relationship with the Army National Guard Fire Department which operates on the City's radio channels and stores its reserve crash, fire, and rescue unit at Fire Station 2. He explained the City limit boundary runs perpendicular to the runway with the north side of the runway being outside the City limits, and the south side of the runway being inside the City limits. He noted an Airport Response Plan was devised for seamless response and includes the City Fire Department, the Army National Guard Fire Department, and the Locke Fire Department as primary responders.

Chief Parnell indicated buildings located in the City are rated with an Insurance Services Organization (ISO) Class 2 rating. He explained the differences in the rating class can have a great impact on insurance premiums.

Mr. Paris pointed out lower ISO ratings result in lower insurance premiums. He noted if the airport was deannexed the ISO fire rating would drop from a Class 2 to a Class 6. He explained Council's idea to reduce the tax rates and keep the airport in the City would benefit property owners by providing a lower insurance rate and a lower tax rate.

Mr. Paris stated Planning Director Emeritus Joe Morris brought to his attention the Community Brownfields Grant which is a community-wide initiative to identify contaminated properties and seek funding for the cleanup of the sites located within the City. He noted Kesler Mill and the Park Avenue neighborhood are at the top of list and another top priority that was identified was the airport. He indicated there is a site at the airport believed to be contaminated, and the cleanup could cost several million dollars. He pointed out the City wants to help by seeking grant funds to clean this site, but if the property is deannexed it will no longer be eligible for the funds under the Brownfields Program. Mr. Paris indicated at the joint meeting staff was going to share that it wanted to partner in the cleanup of the site so the airport runway can be extended. He noted in 2009 staff interviewed individuals for an incentive grant, and the top limiting factor for the airport was the length of the runway. He pointed out the tax rate is competitive, but the length of the runway limits development. He noted it is a goal of the County and the Airport Board to lengthen the runway, and a goal of the City to assist in the project.

Mayor Woodson stated if the airport is deannexed it may lose money for the Brownfield cleanup. Mr. Paris explained the program is to identify contaminated sites and to pursue Federal funding to clean those sites, but is only available to sites located within the City limits.

Councilmember Kennedy explained the City had hoped to discuss the benefits of the airport's location inside the City limits with County Commissioners.

Councilmember Alexander stated business insurance rates continue to rise. She pointed out if a business drops from an ISO 2 rating to an ISO 6 rating the change in its insurance premium will be significant. She asked for a comparison between the two rates and explained the potential changes in the insurance rate will be a significant cost and could deter a business that may be consider coming to the area.

Mayor Woodson asked Mr. Paris if the City gave the airport to the County in 1955.

Mr. Paris stated the City Clerk's office is working to compile the official history of the airport since its creation in 1928 through 2009, when the incentive agreement was signed. He noted there is a long history of cooperative partnership between the City, Rowan County and the State.

Mr. Paris read a Resolution opposing any local acts designed to deannex property from the City limits to be sent to local delegation, along with a draft letter requesting a meeting between Council and those delegates.

Thereupon, Mr. Kennedy made a **motion** to adopt the Resolution as read. Ms. Alexander seconded the motion.

Councilmember Miller stated he was prepared to propose that 100 percent of the proceeds from this area of the City be earmarked for development and improvements to the airport, because it is essential to have a runway of sufficient length. He explained the County has a good fund balance, much larger than the City's, and noted the County could make the improvements from using its Fund Balance, and the City could sign an interlocal agreement to payback a portion equal to 100 percent of its proceeds from the airport, during a period of time to be negotiated. Mr. Miller noted he is hopeful when the improvements are made, larger airplanes will use the airport causing the tax base to grow. He indicated the partnership could be a funding source to replenish fund balance assets. He stated the County's efforts to deannex the airport are about power and control. He noted he is willing to partner with anyone who will partner with Council, but the pettiness must stop. Mr. Miller stated City Council and County Commissioners must find a way to discuss issues outside of the newspaper. He stated Commission Vice-Chair Pierce has a priority to expand the airport and its runway, and as a Councilmember he is willing to help any way he can. He explained the Commissioners and Council are in a boat together and until it can row in the same direction the community will continue to suffer.

Mayor Woodson thanked Mr. Miller for his comments. He stated Council will do anything it can to work with the County. He pointed out the runway will need to be extended in the next few years. He noted the State is planning to cut unemployment benefits and people will want jobs. Mayor Woodson asked the County to reconsider the joint meeting with Council, and he indicated the Commissioners and Council can do wonderful things together. He noted Salisbury-Rowan Economic Development Commission (EDC) Executive Director Robert Van Geons has said extending the runway is one of the most important things that can be done to enhance economic development.

Messrs. Kennedy, Miller, and Woodson, and Meses. Alexander and Blackwell voted AYE.
(5-0)

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
OPPOSE ANY LOCAL ACT DESIGNED TO DEANNEX PROPERTY FROM THE
SALISBURY CITY LIMITS.

(The above Resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book No. 14 at Page No. 1, and is known as Resolution 2013-01)

Mr. Paris stated a letter has been drafted to the City's local delegation requesting a group meeting to discuss the City's concerns prior to the bill moving forward. He added it may be appropriate to include County Commissioners in the meeting.

Mayor Woodson stated Council wishes to include the Commission.

Councilmember Kennedy stated Council's job is to protect the interest of the City.

Mayor Pro Tem Blackwell noted the public elected Council to lead with vision and move beyond personal feelings. She stated she will continue to extend an olive branch to County Commissioners as long as possible. She asked the Commission to accept Council's offer for a joint meeting.

Mr. Paris stated the Resolution and letter will be sent to the local delegation tonight. He indicated a detailed airport history will be sent to Council, the City's local delegation, and County Commissioners and will be available to the public Thursday, February 21, 2013.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

(a) Boards and Commissions

Mayor Woodson announced the City of Salisbury is seeking citizens who have an interest in serving on one of the City's Boards and Commissions. Applications are being accepted for all boards and will be forwarded to Council as it considers its Board and Commissions appointments beginning March 2013. Information regarding the Boards and Commissions and applications are available online at www.salisburync.gov under the Boards and Commissions tab. Applications are also available at the City Clerk's Office located at 217 South Main Street, or by calling 704-638-5224.

(b) Retreat

Mayor Woodson announced Council held its 28th Annual Future Directions and Goal Setting Retreat February 14-15, 2013. He noted it was one of the best retreats, very positive with great presentations.

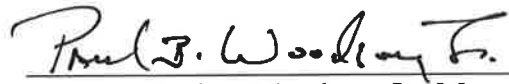
(c) Meeting Time

Mayor Woodson announced at its annual retreat Council discussed moving the second meeting of the month to 5:00 p.m. He asked for citizens input regarding changing the meeting time for the second meeting of the month.

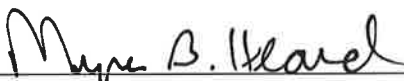
Councilmember Alexander pointed out Council's email addresses and phone numbers are available on the City's website.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Miller seconded by Ms. Alexander. All council members in attendance agreed unanimously to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 5:22 p.m.



Paul B. Woodson, Jr., Mayor



Myra B. Heard, City Clerk