REGULAR MEETING

PRESENT: Mayor Susan W. Kluttz, Presiding; Mayor Pro Tem Maggie A. Blackwell, Councilmen William (Pete) Kennedy, and Paul B. Woodson, Jr.; City Manager David W. Treme; City Clerk Myra B. Heard; and City Attorney F. Rivers Lawther, Jr.

ABSENT: Councilman William Brian Miller

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Kluttz led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag. She thanked those who participated in the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. festivities and congratulated the Martin Luther King Jr. Day Committee for its outstanding work.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Mayor Kluttz recognized all visitors present.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Kluttz proclaimed the following observances:

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK January 31-February 6, 2010
ANDREW JACKSON MASONIC LODGE DAY January 21, 2010
CONSENT AGENDA

(a) Approval of Minutes

Approve Minutes of the Regular meeting of January 5, 2010.

(b) Budget Ordinance Amendment

Adopt a budget Ordinance amendment to the FY2009-2010 budget in the amount of $9,951 to appropriate various donations received by the Salisbury Parks and Recreation Department.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2009-2010 BUDGET ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, NORTH CAROLINA TO APPROPRIATE VARIOUS RECREATION DONATIONS

(The above Ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book No. 22 at Page No. 4, and is known as Ordinance 2010-02.)

(c) Temporary Street Closing – 100 block of East Liberty

Close the 100 block of East Liberty Street Saturday, January 23, 2010 from 4:00 p.m. until 12:00 midnight for the Waterworks Visual Art Center’s annual oyster roast.

(d) Issuing Sidearm and Badge

Authorize issuing retiring Reserve Police Officer Richard Corley his sidearm and badge.

(e) Resolution Correction

Approve a correction to the Minutes of May 5, 2009 to reassign Resolution number 2009-39.

Thereupon, Ms. Blackwell made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mr. Woodson seconded the motion. Messrs. Kennedy, Woodson and Mses. Blackwell and Kluttz voted AYE. (4-0)

HIGHLIGHTS AND GOALS – COMMUNITY APPEARANCE COMMISSION

Ms. Barbara Perry, Chair, and Ms. Lynn Raker, staff liaison, reviewed the Community Appearance Commission’s (CAC) Highlights for 2009 and their Goals for 2010-2011.

Highlights for 2009
- Awarded nine Municipal Service District Incentive Grants
  - Total Grants - $20,853
  - Total Project Amounts - $405,316
• Awarded nine Innes Street Improvement Grants
  o Total Grant - $24,575
  o Total Project Amounts - $386,285
• Participation on Public Art Committee
  o Four History and Art Trail Markers (19 total)
  o The Sparks Circus History and Art Trail Marker Dedication
  o Cotton Mills Corner
  o Travelers Club
  o 2009 Salisbury Sculpture Show Discover What’s Outside
• Neighborhood Leaders Alliance
  o Biannual meetings
  o Continued support for better housing and Code Services efforts
  o Installed Jersey City and Fairview Heights entrance signs
  o Co-sponsored Spring and Fall Spruce-Up with Public Services Department
  o Working with Livingstone College on Adopt-a-Street program
• Landscape Committee
  o 13 Landscape of the Month awards
  o 5th Annual Holiday Storefront Decoration award

Goals for 2010-2011

• Level One Goals
  o Continue efforts to promote better housing conditions, working with the Code Services division to advise on the development of policies and standards, including but not limited to stricter codes, inspections between rentals, rental certificates of occupancy and a Council-appointed Housing Commission
  o Partner with Downtown Salisbury, Inc. (DSI) to initiate planning and funding for major downtown streetscape improvements that would include but not be limited to sidewalks, pedestrian lighting and furniture, street trees, and improvements on Innes Street and at the Square
  o Partner with DSI to develop a Master Plan for downtown holiday decorations
• Municipal Service District Grant program - $35,000
  o Municipal Service Grant History 1981-2009
    ▪ Public Investment - $398,000
    ▪ Private Investment - $5,630,000
• Innes Street Incentive Grant program - $35,000
  o Innes Street Improvement Grant History 1996-2007
    ▪ Public Investment - $264,400
    ▪ Private Investment - $4,481,000
• Community Appearance Commission Incentive Grants promote
  o Renovation projects
  o Attractive downtown
  o Upper floor use
  o Higher tax value
  o Increased tourism
  o More jobs
• Goals Requiring Funding
  o Fall and Spring Spruce-up Days, Adopt a Salisbury street program, Landscape of the Month and other programs - $2,250
  o Improve appearance, comforts, and maintenance of downtown streetscape with three year phased purchase and installation of additional trash receptacles and benches (year 3 of 3) - $5,000
  o Continue to expand public art and education with History and Art Trail, sculpture show, etc. - $20,000
  o Add receptacles to medians of the East Innes Street Railroad Bridge - $3,500
  o Update design and begin replacement of 13 “Welcome to Salisbury” signs (year 1 of 3 year phased project) - $15,000

• Other Key Goals
  o Support DSI efforts to develop maintenance ordinances for commercial buildings
  o Continue to raise awareness of public art opportunities
  o Continue to serve as liaison for neighborhood leaders. Host biannual neighborhood leaders meetings

Ms. Perry stated that the Neighborhood Leaders Alliance’s goal is to strengthen neighborhoods. She indicated that a sub-committee was formed to prepare recommendations for Council regarding the implementation of a Housing Commission.

• Neighborhood Leaders Alliance
  o Housing Subcommittee Recommendations
    ▪ Implement a City Housing Commission or Review Board
    ▪ CAC Neighborhood Leaders Alliance
    ▪ Better Housing Committee (City Staff)
    ▪ Historic Neighborhood Alliance
  o Purpose
    ▪ Support Code Services Division
    ▪ Peer group review for housing violations
    ▪ Study existing code and make recommendation on Minimum Housing Standards, landlord registration, incentives versus penalties, etc
    ▪ Study big picture issues and unintended consequences
    ▪ Subcommittees to develop community resource data in coordination with Community Development Corporation, Historic Preservation Committee, Historic Salisbury Foundation, Police Department and other agencies
  o Composition
    ▪ Approximately nine members
    ▪ Diverse representation—landlords, homeowners, neighborhood leaders, renters, real estate, finance, and mortgage professionals
    ▪ Possibly quasi-judicial
    ▪ Self-sustaining board
    ▪ Proactive
  o Timeline
    ▪ Request Council to appoint committee to study proposal
    ▪ Appoint board for July 1, 2010 with first year dedicated to orientation, study
of existing standards and procedures, development of policies and procedures, and bylaws—enabling legislation if necessary

- July 1, 2011—Board ready to review cases

Mayor Kluttz thanked the members of the CAC for their work and noted that Council will review the CAC requests during its annual retreat.

**HIGHLIGHTS AND GOALS – HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

Ms. Anne Lyles, Chair, and Ms. Janet Gapen, staff liaison, reviewed the Historic Preservation Commission’s Highlights for 2009 and Goals for 2010-2011.

**Highlights for 2009**

- Certificate of Appropriateness
  - Approved by staff 87
  - Approved by committee 30
  - Approved by commission 43
  - Denied by commission 1
  - Deferred for more information 2
    - Total Applications 163
- Historic Preservation Incentive Grants
  - 16 homeowners assisted
  - Matched grants from $500 - $2,300
- Adopted Guideline for Art
  - Content-neutral review
  - Design, colors and materials not considered
  - Consider scale, durability, impact on character-defining historic features
- Newsletters
  - Biannual
  - Inform property owners about grants, historic district guidelines, FAQs
  - Contact information
- Preservation Month Coloring Contest
  - Salisbury Post and City website
  - Open to children ages 4-12
  - To promote greater awareness of historic architecture

**Goals for 2010-2011 (high priority)**

- Apply for Federal Historic Preservation Fund grant to update resource inventories and expand national historic districts
  - $20,000 (includes local match)
- Continue Historic Preservation Incentive Grant program
  - $30,000
Conduct organizational assessment of City’s preservation programs to identify future strategies
  o $20,000
Identify additional ways to inform residents of historic districts
Continue to inform property owners about Certificates of Appropriateness using newsletters and Access Channel 16
Participate in initiatives to improve the condition of residential and commercial properties, including more effective codes and other measures
Apply for Preserve America Community designation of the City of Salisbury
Contact the Association of Realtors and present information regarding local historic districts
Assist Fulton Heights neighborhood as residents consider a local historic overlay
Take advantage of training opportunities for commission members and staff to meet or exceed State certification requirements
Develop new training materials for members such as procedures, architectural styles, and Secretary of Interior standards
Continue to update and expand website content
Update and amend historic district guidelines as needed
Ensure that historic district review is fully supported by Customer Resource software

Medium Priority Goals

Consider seeking amendment to House Bill on regulating demolition
Work with Geographic Information System (GIS) division regarding photographic inventory of historic properties
Support GIS division to create online database for historic properties
Recognize National Preservation Month by participating in an activity that promotes local preservation efforts

Mayor Kluttz stated that she appreciates the dedication of the Historic Preservation Commission and thanked the members for their work.

HIGHLIGHTS AND GOALS – PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Mr. Jimmy Green, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Member, and Ms. Gail Elder White, staff liaison, reviewed the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board’s Highlights of 2009 and Goals of 2010-2011.

Highlights of 2009

Duck and Geese Education Program
  o Implemented an education program by way of permanent signage and an educational video
• Jaycee Optimist Sports Complex
  o Installed fitness stations
• Completed Comprehensive and Lincoln Park Master Plans
• Foil-Tatum Property
  o Acquired the property and completed the park planning process
• Created a Volunteer and Employee Recognition Program
• City Park Tennis Court renovations completed
• Received Adopt-a-Trail Grant
  o To fund Greenway trail brochures, kiosks and trail markers
• Fit Community Grant
  o North Main Street sidewalk connectors underway
• Facility and park renovations FY2008-2009
  o Miller Center – new front window coverings, new lobby flooring and new lobby furniture
  o City Park Center – new flooring in hallway and program room
  o Civic Center – renovated kitchen, concrete at service entrance
  o Cannon Park – installed play structures
  o Tennis court entry system
  o Sports Complex – shelter and play structure
  o Installed water lines to shelters at City Park
• Facility and Park Renovations FY2009-2010
  o Miller Center – replace play structure, repair drainage, new counter tops for kitchen, and replace windows
  o City Park Center – replace carpet in meeting room and replace restroom flooring
  o Civic Center – install security cameras
  o Hall Gym – replace basketball goals
  o Lincoln Park – paint fences
  o Fairview Heights – replace play structure
  o General turf improvements
  o Salisbury Community Park – improve road to lake and expand lake parking
• Received program grants
  o Go Girl Go
  o Outdoor Adventure Camp
  o Music and Art Camp
• New Department Procedures
  o Approved new rental
  o Program security
  o Rental ticket sales
  o Merchandise and licensing procedures
• Director receives State award
  o Gail Elder White, Park and Recreation Director, received the Fellow Award from the North Carolina Recreation and Parks Association
Goals for 2010

- Priority Level One
  - Renovate Lincoln Park according to the new master plan
  - Provide financial support of the five year Parks and Recreation Capital Improvement Plan
  - Provide full annual allocation of funds for renovation of existing parks ($100,000)
  - Develop Hall Gym and Miller Center parking lots
  - Provide funding for renovation and additions to the existing Civic Center—gym and pool addition
  - Begin Town Creek Park development
  - Renovation of the Sports Complex, Phase 2
  - Develop Foil-Tatum Park
  - Salisbury Greenway, Phase 2

- Priority Level Two
  - Neighborhood park land acquisition—east of I-85
  - Provide funding to recruit tournaments and events to area parks
  - Design of a Hall of Fame Building and Education Center at the Salisbury Community Park and Athletic Complex

- Supporting Goals
  - Support continued design and development of the Salisbury Greenway
  - Support neighborhood problem solving through programs and park renovations in Jersey City and North Main Street areas

Mayor Kluttz thanked the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for their hard work and noted the latest citizen survey shows Salisbury citizens are happy and appreciative of the parks throughout the City.

HIGHLIGHTS AND GOALS – TREE BOARD

Mr. John Burke, Chair, and Mr. Rodney Queen, Vice-Chair, reviewed the Tree Board’s Highlights for 2009 and Goals for 2010-2011.

Highlights for 2009
- Conducted Arbor Day
- Brown-Wiseman Boxwood and Dixonville Cemetery
- Planted trees as part of Cotton Mills Park project with assistance from Landscape the Operations and Southeast Middle School 8th Grade football team
- Tree City USA – 23rd year
- I-85 and East Innes Street interchange plantings
- City Hall parking lot
- South Lee Street parking lot
- Central City parking lot
Goals for 2010-2011

- Provide funding for neighborhood tree planting projects and dead tree replacement
  - $7,500
- Sponsor a fall conference on the Economic Benefits of Urban Forestry in partnership with the State Urban Forestry Council
  - $2,000
- Continue Educational training for tree trimmers and the general public
  - Purchase classified advertising
  - Newspaper articles
  - Handouts in utility bill
  - Utilize Access Channel 16
    - $2,000
- Continue to seek grants and alternative funding for urban forestry programs
- Continue the development of Brown-Wiseman Boxwood property
- Support the Jersey City neighborhood with a tree planting program
- Continue to participate in Arbor Day and Tree City USA programs
- Continue development of clear cutting Ordinance
- Work with City Geographical Information Services to develop Tree inventory
- Continue to utilize City Green software to identify economic benefits related to tree preservation policies
- Appoint a sub-committee to review current standards, Chapter 9 Environmental Protection of the Land Development Ordinance, and make recommendations to address pre-development grading, clear-cutting, tree preservation and tree planting

Mr. Rodney Queen stated that he recently attended a conference and learned that if citizens plant trees in the rights-of-way the City can be held liable for any incidents that may occur as a result. He added that he feels trees should be planted in the rights-of-way to maintain continuity throughout the City. Mr. Queen indicated that the Tree Board wants to proactively make decisions regarding trees throughout the City. He noted that in the Historic District the Tree Board will have to make reactive decisions to protect existing trees and maintain a plan for tree replacement.

Mayor Kluttz stated that she appreciates the work of the volunteers and staff of the Tree Board.

**J.C. PRICE HIGH SCHOOL – NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES**

(a) Ms. Janet Gapen, Senior Planner, addressed Council regarding a recommendation on the nomination of the J.C. Price High School to the National Register of Historic Places. Ms. Gapen reviewed the architectural and historical significance of the school:

- 1931 Colonial Revival style H-plan school building
- Three complementary buildings were added in the 1950s
- The classroom addition and cafeteria were designed by Salisbury architect Mr. John Ramsay
• The complex served as Salisbury’s black high school from 1932-1969
• Many of the original features are intact—windows, interior doors, plaster walls, wainscot, ceramic tile, oak floors, chalk boards, lockers, and other fixtures
• Associated with educator Mr. Lucio H. Hall
• Earliest structure named in honor of Livingstone President James Charles Price
• Believed to be one of the last and largest facilities assisted by the Julius Rosenwald Fund

Ms. Gapen stated that the nominees must meet applicable National Register criteria. She reviewed the criteria:

• Associated with significant events
• Associated with persons significant in our past
• Embodies distinctive characteristics of a type, period or method of construction
• Property is likely to yield information important in history or prehistory

Ms. Gapen pointed out that J.C. Price High School meets three of four applicable National Register criteria (Associated with significant events, Associated with persons significant in our past, and Embodies distinctive characteristics of a type, period or method of construction).

Ms. Gapen reviewed the nomination process:

• State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO)
  o Process begins with a review from SHPO
• Local Preservation Commission
  o The local preservation commission, chief elected official and public must be given an opportunity to comment.
• Local Governing Body
  o The local government recommendations and citizen comments are forwarded to the North Carolina National Register Advisory Committee
• North Carolina National Register Advisory Committee
  o Will review and if nomination is recommended those findings are forwarded to the National Park Service, Keeper of the National Register
• National Park Service, Keeper of the National Register
  o Will make the final determination

Ms. Gapen noted that under Federal law, SHPO is required to allow the local government a 60 day comment period prior to consideration by the National Register Advisory Committee. She stated that in this case the nomination could not be completed in time to meet the 60 day requirement prior to the J.C. Price Alumni Association’s June meeting. SHPO is requesting a waiver to shorten the 60 day comment period, which is allowed by Federal law providing the local government agrees and public notification requirements have been met. Ms. Gapen indicated that all public notification requirements have been met.
(b) Mayor Kluttz convened a public hearing, after due notice thereof, to receive comments on the proposed recommendation regarding the nomination of the J.C. Price High School to the National Register of Historic Places.

Mr. Rodney Queen, 101 Polo Drive, stated that he and Councilman Kennedy have spent time in this building working on various projects and feels the building is a positive asset because of its history. He pointed out that he has met with the last graduating class of J.C. Price and discussed options to restore the building. Mr. Queen asked Council to support this effort.

Mr. Jack Thompson, Director of Historic Salisbury Foundation (HSF), stated that the HSF strongly supports the nomination of J.C. Price High School to the Nation Register of Historic Places. He indicated that the HSF applauds the J.C. Price High School Alumni Association for pursuing this nomination for this important historic resource for the African American community. He asked Council to endorse the nomination and shorten the 60 day requirement.

Ms. Eleanor Qadirah, introduced the J.C. Price High School National Alumni President, Ms. Barbara Gaul, 728 Pinehurst Street. Ms. Gaul stated that the Alumni Association strongly urges Council to support the nomination. She stated that the building holds meaning for not only the black community but for the entire City of Salisbury. She stated that the building is used for meetings, reunions, and celebrations. Ms. Gaul requested Council’s support of the nomination.

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

Councilman Kennedy stated that he is excited about the prospect of the building becoming a historical place. He stated that the building is a jewel of the community and he supports the action wholeheartedly.

Mayor Pro Tem Blackwell stated that she appreciates the efforts of the Alumni Association and wished them luck.

Councilman Woodson stated that he supports the nomination of the building.

Mayor Kluttz indicated that J.C. Price is a treasure because of the structure and its history in the City and that she supports the nomination.

(c) Thereupon, Mr. Kennedy made a motion to recommend the nomination of the J.C. Price High School to the National Register of Historic Places. Ms. Blackwell seconded the motion. Messrs. Kennedy, Woodson, and Mses. Blackwell and Kluttz voted AYE. (4-0)

(d) Thereupon, Mr. Kennedy made a motion to waive the 60 day requirement for public input. Mr. Woodson seconded the motion. Messrs. Kennedy, Woodson, and Mses. Blackwell and Kluttz voted AYE. (4-0)
NORTH CAROLINA PARKS AND RECREATION TRUST FUND – FOIL-TATUM PARK

Mayor Kluttz noted that Council had previously received reports on the Foil-Tatum Park and asked for Council’s consideration of the grant application to the North Carolina Parks and Recreation Trust Fund.

Thereupon, Mr. Woodson made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign a grant application to the North Carolina Parks and Recreation Trust Fund for the development of the Foil-Tatum Park. Ms. Blackwell seconded the motion. Messrs. Kennedy, Woodson, and Mes. Blackwell and Kluttz voted AYE. (4-0)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Kluttz opened the floor to receive public comment.

Ms. Sherry Hawthorne, 425 Best Street, thanked Council for its support of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. festivities. Ms. Hawthorne stated that she would like to see more activities in the community and indicated that she would like to host a monthly youth event. Ms. Hawthorne stated that she feels Salisbury does not need non-residents coming to the City in an attempt to make Salisbury better. She indicated that she feels some police officers are being targeted for removal from the Salisbury Police Department. Ms. Hawthorne commented that there are good officers that have cleaned the streets and she is not afraid to walk down any street in the City. She commented that Salisbury has the ability to make its own City better.

Mr. Bob Bailey, 1201 Sumter Court, stated that he received bills from the City for fire inspections for his business and for a building that he owns. He pointed out that businesses pay for garbage pickup, pay taxes on gross revenue of the business and serves as a sales tax collector for the City. Mr. Bailey stated that he feels the inspection fee is unfair and asked Council to rescind the fee. He commented that these fees should be part of the services businesses receive for taxes that they pay.

Mr. Robert Boone, City of Salisbury, owner of Southern Motors, addressed Council regarding elections, rights-of-way and the North Carolina Department of Transportation.

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

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

(a) Ellis Street Bridge deck repair

City Manager David Treme stated that after a recent inspection the North Carolina Department of Transportation recommended closing the Ellis Street Bridge for repairs. He
indicated that in order to resolve the issue, the Ellis Street Bridge has been closed for two weeks and the estimated cost of repair is $30,125. Mr. Treme pointed out that the City has obtained a Right of Entry Agreement with North Carolina Railroad and work can begin mid February.

Councilman Woodson asked how long it would take to complete the project. Mr. Treme indicated that construction would last approximately seven business days.

(b) Greenway Stimulus Funds

City Manager David Treme stated that he is happy to report the City has received Greenway Stimulus Funds in the amount of $350,000 to assist with the construction of the Grants Creek Greenway. Mr. Treme reviewed other stimulus funding the City has received:

- $756,650 – Transit
- $ 82,747 – Community Block Grant Development
- $646,924 – COPS Grant

Mr. Treme thanked staff for securing these funds.

(c) Fire Inspection Fees

City Manager David Treme stated that a fee for fire inspections was approved in the annual budget and that these fees are for general inspection use permits. He indicated that the fees are consistent with surrounding municipalities and this is the first year a fee was implemented. Mr. Treme pointed out that the fees are divided into three categories 12, 24, and 36 months and depending on how a business is categorized determines the fee paid for that specific amount of time. Mr. Treme noted that he has suspended inspections until Council’s next meeting where the Fire Department will report regarding the inspection fee program and Council can determine if the fees should be maintained or rescinded.

(d) Councilman Kennedy Comments

Councilman Kennedy stated that since the Council Committee will give its report on the Ellis Street Bridge in two to four weeks, he would like to put the repairs for the bridge on hold until that time. City Manager David Treme stated that the Ellis Street Bridge replacement could take up to a year to begin and the $30,000 will re-open the bridge for the traveling public. Mr. Treme noted that North Carolina Department of Transportation will require these repairs regardless of the bridge replacement. Mr. Treme recommended proceeding with bridge repairs. Mr. Kennedy stated that he supports Mr. Treme’s decision.

(e) Ellis Street Bridge Council Committee Report

Mayor Kluttz noted that the Council Committee established to review the Ellis Street Bridge recently met and asked Mayor Pro Tem Blackwell if she would like to report on the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Blackwell stated the Council Committee for the Ellis Street Bridge met and there was great representation from the community. She stated that the committee will
MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

(a) Community Development Block Grant and HOME Funds Citizen Comment Session

Mayor Kluttz announced the City will hold a citizen comment session regarding the Five-year Plan and Annual Action Plan for Community Development Block Grant and HOME Funds Thursday, January 21, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at the Park Avenue Community Center, 632 Park Avenue.

(b) Wedding Extravaganza

Mayor Kluttz announced that the Salisbury Parks and Recreation Department will host the 2010 Wedding Extravaganza Saturday, January 23, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at the Salisbury Civic Center, 315 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue.

Councilman Kennedy thanked Ms. Sherry Hawthorne, Ms. Eleanor Qadirah, and Ms. Jill Branch for the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. festivities. Mayor Kluttz thanked the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Committee and the Human Relations Council for their work with the celebrations.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mayor Pro Tem Maggie Blackwell, seconded by Councilman Kennedy. All council members in attendance agreed unanimously to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

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Susan W. Kluttz, Mayor

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Myra B. Heard, City Clerk