REGULAR MEETING

PRESENT: Mayor Karen Kirks Alexander, Presiding; Mayor Pro Tem Maggie A. Blackwell; Council Members William Brian Miller, Kenneth Hardin, and David Post; Assistant City Manager Zack Kyle; Deputy City Clerk Kelly Baker, and City Attorney F. Rivers Lawther, Jr.

ABSENT: City Manager W. Lane Bailey and City Clerk Myra B. Heard.

Salisbury City Council met in Council Chambers in City Hall located at 217 South Main Street. The invocation was given by Councilmember Miller. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Alexander at 5:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Mayor Alexander welcomed all visitors present.
RECOGNITION – 2017 SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYEES

Human Resources Specialist Brianna Price and Human Resources Analyst Scotty Robinson introduced the 10 summer youth employees who will work with the City for eight weeks through the Summer Youth Employment program:

Mr. Shaleek Williams
Ms. Tatyana Streater
Ms. Zyaira Smyre,
Mr. Shyheim Robinson,
Mr. Christion Burns,
Ms. Tayvion Ward
Ms. Hope Evans
Ms. Tempest Robbins
Ms. Takiya Robbins
Mr. Ikey Harrison

Ms. Price stated each employee will work with four City departments during their internship. She pointed out over 25 students applied for the program. Mr. Robinson noted the summer youth employees share their experiences with Council at its August 4, 2017 meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

(a) Bringle Ferry Road Sidewalk Project

Authorize the City Engineer to sign a supplemental agreement to extend the timeframe for the Bringle Ferry Road sidewalk project C-4908E.

(b) Budget Ordinance Amendment – Community Planning Donations

Adopt a budget Ordinance amendment to the FY2016-17 budget in the amount of $42,750 to appropriate Community Planning donations.

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2016-2017 BUDGET ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, NORTH CAROLINA TO APPROPRIATE COMMUNITY PLANNING DONATIONS.

(The above Ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book No. 26 at Page No. 69, and is known as Ordinance 2017-35.)

(c) Budget Ordinance Amendment – Donations Parks and Recreation and Public Services

Adopt a budget Ordinance amendment to the FY2016-17 budget in the amount of $7,190 to appropriate donations to the Parks and Recreation and Public Services Departments.
ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2016-2017 BUDGET ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, NORTH CAROLINA TO APPROPRIATE DONATIONS FOR PARKS AND RECREATION.

(The above Ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book No. 26 at Page No. 70, and is known as Ordinance 2017-36.)

Thereupon, Mr. Miller made a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented. Mr. Post seconded the motion. Messrs. Miller, Hardin, and Post, and Mses. Alexander and Blackwell voted AYE. (5-0)

UPDATE – SALISBURY POLICE CHIEF

Police Chief Jerry Stokes updated Council on the hiring process. He noted the Police Department is in the process of hiring its 11th police officer since January 2017. He pointed out the Police Department is approximately 87% staffed and has 10 vacancies.

Chief Stokes noted the Police Department recently held its first computer statistics meeting to review crimes and problem solving strategies. He noted the Police Department is focusing on four crime categories: assault with a dangerous weapon, residential burglaries, auto burglaries, and shots fired.

Chief Stokes announced a 90-day pilot project for a foot patrol initiative designed to reduce crime and improve citizen satisfaction with Police Department services. He pointed out citizens tend to be more open and share their concerns with police officers in their neighborhoods. He referenced a study from Temple University that found foot patrols reduced short-term crime and improved community relations. He stated the pilot project will take place in the West End, Harrell Street, Fulton Heights, and the Park Avenue communities.

Councilmember Miller asked if the foot patrols will eventually move to other areas of the City. Chief Stokes agreed, and he noted staff will review crime in the pilot communities before and after the project.

Councilmember Hardin asked about the intended outcome for the pilot program. Chief Stokes stated the Temple University study showed a 23% reduction in crime in areas with foot patrol. He explained staff hopes to see a reduction in area crime and receive positive feedback from the community. He added staff is also considering a customer satisfaction survey.

Mr. Hardin asked for clarification regarding an incident that took place on the roof of a local building. Chief Stokes noted the person was arrested and released with a citation and an intent to appear in court. He pointed out the citizen was cooperative during his arrest.
Councilmember Post asked for more information regarding the foot patrols. Chief Stokes explained police officers will not be alone during their street patrol. He commented longer summer days will allow police officers more time to walk through the community. He added police officers may be called off of their foot patrol assignment if they are needed in other areas. He noted additional staffing will help police officers complete more foot patrols.

Mr. Post asked if bicycles would help police officers patrol more area and if police officers will be assigned to a certain community. Chief Stokes noted the Police Department has bicycles, but police officers would have to ride their bicycle and manage the equipment they carry. He added the police officers will generally patrol the same area.

**ADDITION - FIRE TRUCK**

Thereupon Ms. Blackwell made a motion to move the firetruck restoration to the next item on the Agenda. Mr. Post seconded the motion. Messrs. Miller, Hardin, and Post, and Mses. Alexander and Blackwell voted AYE. (5-0)

Fire Chief Bob Parnell noted the City’s first ladder truck was a 1941 American LaFrance. He explained the fire truck served the City until the 1980s when it was sold as surplus. He stated the fire truck was purchased and restored by firefighters and gifted to the City. He commented the firetruck will be displayed Saturday, June 24, 2017 at the North Carolina Transportation Museum in honor of the 200th Anniversary of the Salisbury Fire Department.

Councilmember Hardin thanked Fire Station 4 for their response to a recent fire in his neighborhood.

**REPORT – COMMUNITY ACTION PLANNING SESSIONS**

Communications Director Linda McElroy and Human Resources Specialist Brianna Price addressed Council regarding the Community Action Planning Sessions. Ms. Price recognized City ambassadors Mae Carroll, Liliana Spears, and Dee Ellison.

Ms. Spears stated the conversations began in January, and she described the process noting five meetings were held in multiple locations and included a session for Spanish-speaking residents. She explained data was collected from the sessions to be presented to the community.

Ms. Ellison reviewed the strategies that came out of the sessions which included: creating a model/culture and accountability, strengthening educational opportunities, and improving community relations and engagement. She noted the groups suggested focusing on literacy and strengthening the Rowan-Salisbury School System partnership. She noted participants also suggested holding workshops, working to understand the pressure youth feel, positive mentoring, programs for children with special needs, and parenting classes. She pointed out many families lack transportation and affordability can be an issue.
Ms. Carroll noted the planning sessions also focused on safe neighborhoods and healthier communities. She stated the goals for public safety were to implement a community policing model by 2020, achieve population to police staffing ratio, and reduce violent crime by 30% by 2020. She commented when the Police Department and citizens work together the community will be safer for everyone.

Ms. Spears addressed the goals for community relations were to increase positive male role models in the community, reduce the homeless rate in the City, and increase community trust. She reviewed the key initiatives: community engagement surveys, increased Spanish speaking resources, and senior citizen engagement. She suggested a focus on workforce development, transportation issues, participation in second chance programs, initiatives to encourage high school students to stay in the community after graduation, and increase work force development. She stated more City ambassadors are needed for future community planning sessions.

Ms. McElroy noted the facilitator, Ms. Brenda Anderson, will present detailed information to Council at a future meeting. She pointed out the information is provisional and will be brought back to the community for further discussion. She added community action engagement teams will be formed in September.

**DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION INCENTIVE GRANT – 121-123 SOUTH MAIN STREET**

Planning and Development Services Manager Janet Gapen and Planner Kyle Harris addressed Council regarding a Downtown Revitalization Incentive Grant for 121-123 South Main Street. Mr. Harris noted the petitioner is Mr. Eric Robert, and he reviewed the history of the Downtown Revitalization Incentive Grants and the benefits of the program.

Mr. Harris noted the petitioner is requesting building renovation and residential production grants. He stated the property is located next door to Critters and was built in 1887. He added the building is partially occupied, but underutilized. He stated the 2015 market/assessed value of the building is $77,327 and the land is valued at $54,500.

Mr. Harris reviewed photographs of the building and adjoining courtyard. He explained the project is estimated at $174,075, and the request for incentives is for up to $63,320 to create one new 1,890 square foot apartment, to assist with renovations to street front retail of 2,430 square feet, and to renovate upstairs office space of 1,564 square feet. He noted the final incentive is contingent on the final project cost. He pointed out it is projected City tax revenue will increase by $12,352, and the Municipal Service District tax will increase by $3,063 over the next ten years.

Mayor Pro Tem Blackwell noted the courtyard is beautiful, but it is hidden. She asked if the courtyard will be opened up. Ms. Gapen noted the plans include renovations to the courtyard.

Councilmember Hardin asked how the project will positively impact the community. Mr. Harris explained the presentation is based on basic urban design and downtown revitalization planning, and he noted he can bring Council specific citations from texts that support urban growth.
Mr. Hardin referenced the 10-year revenue return, and he pointed out the City will pay up to $63,000 in incentives, and it will receive $12,000 back in revenue over a 10-year period.

Mayor Alexander asked if staff could provide return information from previous Downtown Revitalization Incent Grant projects. Ms. Gapen explained staff is beginning to receive data from past incentive grant projects. She noted Mr. Harris has begun to track the increased tax revenues of the grant properties and adjacent properties, but she pointed out it is early in the process and the data is limited. Mr. Harris commented over the next several years staff will be able to see how the program has impacted downtown.

Councilmember Miller asked if more activity and investment has taken place in the downtown since the incentive program was adopted. Ms. Gapen stated there has been an increase in interest from local property owners and out of town developers. Mr. Miller pointed out the roads and utilities are already in place for downtown development, and he commented when upper level storage space is converted into residential living space it is beneficial to the community.

Mayor Alexander referred to a program in Rock Hill that was presented to Council regarding the positive results of downtown incentive grants. She requested Council receive a copy of the Rock Hill presentation.

Councilmember Post referred to the Bernhardt project, and he pointed out the incentive was a small percentage of the projected cost. He indicated the incentives were approximately 14% of the total cost of the project and the incentives for the proposed project are almost one-third of the total projected costs. He added the incentive program accelerates too quickly, and he asked if the increase in interest is because of incentives or because the economy is improving. He pointed out the City has spent what is budgeted for incentive grants in the coming fiscal year on a previous project.

Ms. Gapen noted the program is designed to ensure the renovation of downtown and to provide maintenance and stabilization of existing historic buildings.

Mr. Post stated he supports downtown redevelopment, but he pointed out the project before Council is expensive and has a small return on the City’s investment.

(b) Mayor Alexander convened a public hearing, after due notice thereof, to receive comments regarding CD-01-2017.

Mr. Eric Robert 7762 Evans Field Road, Summerfield, stated he is the developer of the project. He explained the purchase price of the building was over $200,000. He added he has redeveloped three buildings in downtown Greensboro, and he understands the importance of incentive grants to downtown redevelopment. He pointed out the building has been neglected for many years.

Mr. Post asked about the value of the property. Mr. Robert noted the property is a foreclosure, and the appraised value is $273,000.
There being no one else to address Council, Mayor Alexander closed the public hearing.

Ms. Blackwell noted staff presented a particular project to Council and the majority of the discussion has been about the grant process. She stated the process is not up for debate. She suggested voting on the project before Council today and bringing the process back for evaluation later in the year.

Mr. Miller noted there may be ways to improve the process, but it must apply to everyone equally. He stated the intent of the incentive grants is to create downtown investment.

Mayor Alexander stated the application before Council meets the requirements for the Downtown Revitalization Incentive Grants that are currently in place. She indicated the project is important because of the investment in the City.

Mr. Post pointed out the incentive grant before Council is not included in the budget. Mayor Alexander asked about funding from previous incentive grant projects that did not take place. Ms. Gapen noted the funds were used for other grant requests.

Assistant City Manager Zack Kyle explained these projects usually have fiscal notes to ensure funds are available for the project. Ms. Gapen noted the memo includes a fiscal note that states the funds are unbudgeted.

Mr. Miller requested staff make Council aware if a project is budgeted or if it would require a budget amendment.

Thereupon, Mr. Miller made a motion to approve a Downtown Revitalization Incentive Grant of up to $63,320 for a rehabilitation project located at 121-123 South Main Street and to amend the budget to appropriate the fund balance. Ms. Blackwell seconded the motion. Mr. Miller and Mses. Alexander and Blackwell voted AYE and Messrs. Hardin and Post voted NAY. (3-2)

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mayor Alexander opened the floor to receive public comments. She explained the City received an unsolicited bid from Power Cross to bring its program to a City facility, and she pointed out no contracts have been signed. She added in its proposal Power Cross suggested it could purchase Lincoln School, which the City does not own. She noted Power Cross also asked to rent or renovate the Miller Center and Hall Gym until a permanent facility could be secured. She stated Power Cross scheduled a community meeting to answer questions and address citizen’s concerns. She stated the community meeting scheduled for June 29, 2017 has been canceled, and Power Cross is looking for other alternatives to host their program.
Reverend Olen Bruner referred to the Power Cross proposal and use of the Miller Recreation Center and Hall Gym. He stated holding a meeting on June 29, 2017 for a proposal to take place on July 1, 2017 does not suggest concern about the community’s response. He added he believes the core of citizens in the community would not appreciate Power Cross using the Miller Recreation Center and Hall Gym during the summer months.

Ms. Regina Dancy referred to a recent incident involving an arrest for public intoxication. She stated police officers handled the situation in a calm manner. She added she does not agree with the arrest and citation since the individual was intoxicated and possessed a knife and hatchet. She added she hopes the same de-escalation tactics can be used in other incidents that take place in the City.

Mr. Michael Kirksey read a letter from Ms. Carolyn Logan regarding her belief that her right to speak was violated during the last public comment session.

Ms. Al Heggins referred to the cancelled Power Cross meeting and requested it take place. She noted some members of the community wanted to hear from Power Cross and provide feedback regarding how the space could be used. She asked when Power Cross submitted its proposal, and she questioned if there was a request for proposals to address a particular need. She asked about the process for submitting proposals, and the criteria for accepting and approving proposals.

Reverend Latasha Wilks asked if experts outside the City can help solve the murder of Ayanna Allen. She referred to West End and Power Cross, and she noted it would have been respectful to share the information with community.

Mr. Larry Jones asked why outside entities, such as Power Cross, are allowed to come into the West End. He added the Parks and Recreation Department has staff, and he asked what outside agencies can do that City staff cannot.

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

Assistant City Manager Zack Kyle asked Parks and Recreation Director Nick Aceves to respond to Ms. Heggins questions. Mr. Aceves explained a program proposal form is available online. He noted the Parks and Recreation Department received an unsolicited proposal from Power Cross several weeks ago. He pointed out Power Cross requested a community meeting to discuss their proposal.

Councilmember Miller clarified the meeting was not initiated by the City. He stated Power Cross is online and citizens can reach out to Power Cross for information about their program. He noted Power Cross initiated the meeting and then it withdrew the meeting request and its application to use the Miller Recreation Center and Hall Gym.
DEMOLITIONS

Planning and Development Services Manager Janet Gapen noted at a previous meeting 10 properties were brought to Council that were going through the minimum housing process. She stated three of the properties before Council today are dilapidated and the cost of repair would exceed 50% of the assessed value of the structure.

Ms. Gapen reviewed the properties being considered for demolition and displayed photographs of the properties:

- 1033 Short Street
  - Taxes last paid in 2011
    - $3,475.50 due in back taxes
  - Building value $691
  - 15 Code Enforcement cases
- 622 South Caldwell Street
  - Taxes last paid on 2008
    - $5,933.94 due in back taxes
  - Building value $33,343
  - 4 Code enforcement cases
- 624 West Kerr Street
  - Taxes last paid in 2010
    - $5,098.35 due in back taxes
  - Building value $1,347
  - 16 Code enforcement cases

Ms. Gapen noted staff is working to analyze the number of dilapidated homes in the City and their current condition. She pointed out more homes will be brought to Council for demolition as staff works through the process. She explained staff must adhere to North Carolina General Statutes regarding demolition of dilapidated housing.

Ms. Gapen reviewed the status of the remaining demolition candidates:

- 711 East Liberty Street – burned
- 711 West Fisher Street – private demolition
- 920 Locke Street – sold for rehabilitation
- 916 Pine Street - sold for rehabilitation
- 200 E 11th Street – under contract
- 1003 Grady Street – procedure required new hearing
- 418 South Craig Street – procedure requires adjusted process because it is a commercial property

Thereupon Ms. Blackwell made a **motion** to adopt an Ordinance to order the demolition of a dwelling unit unfit for human habitation located at 1033 Short Street in the City of Salisbury, North Carolina. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Messrs. Miller, Hardin, and Post, and Mses. Alexander and Blackwell voted AYE. (5-0)
ORDINANCE TO ORDER THE DEMOLITION OF A DWELLING UNIT UNFIT FOR HUMAN HABITATION LOCATED AT 1033 SHORT STREET IN THE CITY OF SALISBURY, NORTH CAROLINA.

(The above Ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book No. 26 at Page No. 71-72, and is known as Ordinance 2017-37.)

Thereupon Ms. Blackwell made a motion to adopt an Ordinance to order the demolition of a dwelling unit unfit for human habitation located at 622 South Caldwell Street in the City of Salisbury, North Carolina. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Messrs. Miller, Hardin, and Post, and Mses. Alexander and Blackwell voted AYE. (5-0)

ORDINANCE TO ORDER THE DEMOLITION OF A DWELLING UNIT UNFIT FOR HUMAN HABITATION LOCATED AT 622 SOUTH CALDWELL STREET IN THE CITY OF SALISBURY, NORTH CAROLINA.

(The above Ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book No. 26 at Page No.73-74, and is known as Ordinance 2017-38.)

Thereupon Ms. Blackwell made a motion to adopt an Ordinance to order the demolition of a dwelling unit unfit for human habitation located at 624 West Kerr Street in the City of Salisbury, North Carolina. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Messrs. Miller, Hardin, and Post, and Mses. Alexander and Blackwell voted AYE. (5-0)

ORDINANCE TO ORDER THE DEMOLITION OF A DWELLING UNIT UNFIT FOR HUMAN HABITATION LOCATED AT 624 WEST KERR STREET IN THE CITY OF SALISBURY, NORTH CAROLINA.

(The above Ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book No. 26 at Page No.75-76, and is known as Ordinance 2017-39.)

REMEDIAL ACTION PLAN

Planning and Development Services Manager Janet Gapen explained the proposed Remedial Action Plan Ordinance is designed to reduce repetitive disorderly activity at single family residential and rental properties. She stated the proposal was brought to a Neighborhood Leader’s Alliance meeting by a citizen who pointed out a similar Ordinance was adopted by Gastonia. She stated the Housing Advocacy Commission (HAC) studied the ordinance and found it to have merit.

Ms. Gapen noted the proposed Ordinance would:

- Support community policing efforts
- Be more proactive when dealing with criminal and disorder activity sometimes associated with rental property
• Promote peace, public safety and quality of life in neighborhoods
• Protect investment and property values
• Help landlords and property managers maintain safe and desirable income-producing properties that add value to neighborhoods

Ms. Gapen noted staff will work with the Police Department to implement the proposed Ordinance. She reviewed the benefits to landlords and property managers:

• Property owners would receive email alerts when disorder activity takes place
  o Registration required when activity exceeds disorderly threshold
• Non-local and out-of-state property owners stay informed
• Build relationships between property owners and police and code enforcement officers
• Free landlord training on eviction process, crime prevention, code enforcement, and basic indicators of drug activity
• Allow management companies to know what is happening on their rental properties

Ms. Gapen commented staff reached out to the cities of Charlotte, Gastonia and Greenville, and to the University of North Carolina School of Government (SOG). She noted the program would establish a threshold for disorderly activity and anything over the threshold would trigger a follow-up from the Police Department and the Code Services Department. She noted disorderly activity not attributable to the property is not counted in the threshold. She commented the threshold will be higher for multi-unit properties, and she pointed out one homicide would place the property under the Ordinance.

Ms. Gapen stated if a property exceeds the disorder threshold the property owner would be required to attend a meeting with police officers and code enforcement staff to work on a plan to address the issue. She stated the property would remain in the program for at least three months and the disorderly activity would be reviewed at the beginning of each month. She commented the property owner’s efforts to comply with the Remedial Action Plan are key to the program’s success. She explained properties that no longer exceed the disorder threshold will receive a Certificate of Compliance and be removed from the program. She noted a property that continues to exceed the disorder threshold after six months will be referred to the City Attorney for legal action.

Ms. Gapen reviewed the civil citations that would be administered under the program:

• $50 for failing to attend the mandatory initial meeting or any other review meeting after notice has been sent
• $50 for failing to register Residential Rental Property as required by Sec. 14.123
  o Registration is only require if property exceeds disorder threshold count
• $100 for providing false or misleading Residential Rental Property registration information
• If additional disorder activity occurs after the 60 days, an additional $250 penalty may be issued to recover costs for additional review, processing and recommendation
Ms. Gapen pointed out free landlord training will be offered by the HAC in coordination with the Police Department and Code Services Department. She stated the HAC has worked on the proposal since December 2015 and has held three public forums that were well attended. She asked Council to consider setting a public hearing for July 11, 2017.

Mayor Pro Tem Blackwell recognized HAC members who were in the audience, and she thanked them for their work on the proposal. She pointed out domestic issues are excluded from the program. She stated the SOG and City Attorney Rivers Lawther have reviewed and approved the proposal. She added the feedback from landlords has been mostly positive.

Councilmember Miller pointed out property owners are ultimately responsible and must be made aware of the situation. Ms. Gapen noted staff will attempt to contact the property owner and then the property owner can assign it to a property manager. Mr. Miller thanked everyone who has worked on the proposal.

Councilmember Post asked what legal action the City can take when a landlord refuses to comply. Mr. Lawther noted the City could file an action in court, and the property owner could be held in contempt of court for noncompliance.

Police Chief Jerry Stokes noted Chapter 19 in the North Carolina General Statutes would be used to establish the property as a nuisance which could trigger civil and criminal penalties.

Mr. Miller stated the item before Council addresses criminal activity and not the condition of property. Chief Stokes noted the goal is to address a continuous problems. Mr. Miller stated this is an enforcement tool that would be used against people who are causing problems.

Thereupon Mr. Post made a motion to set a public hearing for July 11, 2017 to receive public input regarding the proposed Remedial Action Plan Ordinance. Ms. Blackwell seconded the motion. Messrs. Miller, Hardin, and Post, and Mses. Alexander and Blackwell voted AYE. (5-0)

**CHANGES TO SOLID WASTE ORDINANCE**

Public Services Director Tony Cinquemani and Assistant Public Services Director Craig Powers addressed Council regarding changes to the Solid Waste Ordinance. Mr. Cinquemani explained the initiative began approximately 6 years ago as an effort to run solid waste more like a business.

Mr. Powers noted a plan was developed to adjust the fleet and reduce costs. He pointed out the equipment efficiencies allowed for a reduction in staff from 22 to 15 employees. He noted the new operations help keep costs low and allow solid waste collection to remain in-house.
Mr. Powers reviewed the proposed revisions to Chapter 21:

- Reorganize the Ordinance for clarification
- Removal of operations the City no longer provides
- Standards for collection of rollouts, bulky items and yard waste
  - Items left outside of City issued rollouts will be considered bulky
  - Bulky items will be collection by scheduling an appointment
  - Fall and Spring Spruce up weeks for bulky item collection
    - Consider adding a week after Christmas
  - Limits to yard waste collection
    - One truckload per week based on cubic yardage

Mr. Powers noted Public Services has worked with Code Enforcement to keep waste and trash off of sidewalks and streets. He commented the proposed changes will include centralized collection points in the downtown.

Mr. Cinquemani pointed out Code Enforcement has a process for when renters move out or are evicted and the contents of the home are emptied onto the front yard. He noted the proposed changes will allow Public Services to clean the area quickly for a fee.

Mr. Powers reviewed the proposed changes to collection routes:

- Worked with GIS and waste collection staff to modernize collection routes
  - New routes would affect the entire City and follow logical landmarks for delineation
- Consistent collection points each day would better manage employee workloads
- Keep collection trucks in the same general area allowing employees to work together and improve efficiency
- Reduces the total number of miles driven by approximately 10 miles per week.

Mayor Pro Tem Blackwell asked about the communication plan for citizens whose collection days will change. Mr. Cinquemani noted staff will use social media, flyers, Nixle, the City newsletter and word of mouth to make citizens aware of the proposed changes.

Councilmember Miller asked when the changes will take place. Mr. Cinquemani noted staff would like the changes to take place by August 1, 2017.

Councilmember Post pointed out the City’s population over age 60 has increased and social media may not reach them. Mr. Cinquemani noted staff will also do a mailing that is separate from their utility bill. Mr. Miller suggested mailing a postcard.

Mr. Post noted hotels and hospitals were taken out of the wording for the proposed Ordinance. Mr. Cinquemani explained hotels and hospitals have a higher number of people and use dumpsters. He added solid waste service is provided for residential customers who push a roll-out container to the curb.
Mr. Miller asked about extra pickup in the central business district. Mr. Powers noted solid waste is picked up four times per week in the downtown. He stated staff may finish the proposed routes earlier and be able to provide extra collections or sweep the downtown streets.

Mr. Miller asked about the cost associated with yard waste containers. Mr. Cinquemani stated staff has talked about yard waste containers, and he pointed out the equipment and costs must be taken into consideration.

Thereupon Mr. Miller made a motion to adopt an Ordinance amending the Salisbury City Code of the City of Salisbury, North Carolina, specifically Chapter 21-Solid Waste related to collection and disposal. Ms. Blackwell seconded the motion. Messrs. Miller, Hardin, and Post, and Mses. Alexander and Blackwell voted AYE. (5-0)

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SALISBURY CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, NORTH CAROLINA, SPECIFICALLY CHAPTER 21-SOLID WASTE RELATED TO COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.

(The above Ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book No. 26 at Page No. 77-89, and is known as Ordinance 2017-40.)

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Tree Board

Upon a motion by Ms. Blackwell, seconded by Mr. Miller, and with Messrs. Post and Hardin and Ms. Alexander voting AYE, the following appointments were made to the Tree Board to fill an ex officio role:

Ms. Amy Lynn Albertson Term Expires 3/31/2020

Mayor Pro Tem Blackwell requested Council waive the term limit for Mr. Sam Foust, Executive Director Salisbury Housing Authority, who serves on the Transportation Advisory Board. She pointed out the term limit should be waived because it is his role that serves and not him as an individual.

Deputy City Clerk Kelly Baker explained staff is working on an Ordinance amendment to be brought before Council that would allow permanent seats for the Salisbury Housing Authority Executive Director, Town of East Spencer and the Town of Spencer.

CITY MANAGER’S COMMENTS

There were no comments.
MAYOR’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

(a) “First Year Silver Award”

Mayor Alexander announced the City of Salisbury has been recognized by the North Carolina Department of Labor with a “First Year, Silver Award” for maintaining a safe and healthy workplace in 2016. The Silver Award recognizes an organization in which employees did not miss more than 1.7 days of work, were not restricted from activity, and were not transferred due to an injury. This was the first safety award for the City of Salisbury.

(b) “Movies in the Park”

Mayor Alexander announced Parks and Recreation will host “Movies in the Park” Friday, June 23, 2017 at City Park where the movie “The Secret Life of Pets” will begin at 9:00 p.m. The event is free and open to the public, and concessions will be available for purchase. For more information contact Parks and Recreation at 704-216-PLAY.

(c) “Music at the Mural”

Mayor Alexander announced Parks and Recreation will host the first installment of the “Music at the Mural” Concert Series Saturday, June 24, 2017 at 8:00 p.m. on West Fisher Street. Live entertainment will be provided by Cassette Rewind. Bring a chair and enjoy music in the heart of downtown Salisbury. This event is free and open to the public.

(d) 2017 Salisbury Citizen’s Academy

Mayor Alexander applications are now being accepted for the 2017 Salisbury Citizen's Academy. The academy is a 10-week program that meets each Thursday evening from 5:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. beginning September 7 and ending with graduation November 2. Participants will meet at various City facilities and have an inside view of City operations. Applications are available online or by calling the City Clerk's office at 704-638-5224. All applications must be received by July 21.

(e) Salisbury Fire Department’s 200 Year Anniversary

Mayor Alexander announced as a part of the Salisbury Fire Department’s 200 Year Anniversary, the City’s Antique (1941) American LaFrance Firetruck will be shown at the 3rd Annual Fire Truck Festival at the NC Transportation Museum this Saturday, June 24, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. The 1941 truck was Salisbury’s first motorized aerial ladder truck and has undergone restoration to original specifications, with most of the restoration work done by the firefighters. The public is invited to attend the annual Fire Truck Festival at the Spencer Shops which it is North Carolina’s largest display of fire trucks and fire equipment.
(f) July City Council Meeting

Mayor Alexander announced City Council has changed its meeting schedule for July. Council will meet only once on July 11, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Council meetings will resume a regular schedule beginning August 1, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

(g) Special Event Permit Committee

Councilmember Miller announced the Special Event Permit Committee will meet once it receives the recommended language for the proposed Ordinance. He stated the date should be announced at Council’s July 11, 2017 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ms. Blackwell seconded by Mr. Miller. All council members in attendance agreed unanimously to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Karen Kirks Alexander, Mayor

Kelly Baker, Deputy City Clerk