RECESSED MEETING OF DECEMBER 16, 2014

Continued
December 19, 2014
2:00 p.m.

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

ABSENT:  Councilmember Karen Kirks Alexander

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 2:00 p.m. The invocation was given by Councilmember Kennedy.

PROPERTY DONATION TO HURLEY PARK

Planning and Development Services Manager Janet Gapen addressed Council regarding a property donation to Hurley Park by the Borland Family in memory of Thomas W. Borland and Margaret Rudisill Borland.

Ms. Gapen explained the property is adjacent to Hurley Park and will round out the holdings along North Caldwell Street and provide a buffer to privately owned property along Henderson Street. She noted the wooded parcel is approximately two-thirds of an acre.

Mayor Woodson stated he visited the site and it is a nice piece of property. He noted the City is very fortunate to receive the land for Hurley Park.
Councilmember Kennedy asked if the City would incur any liabilities by accepting the donation. Interim City Manager John Sofley stated the City would not incur any liabilities.

Thereupon Mr. Miller made a motion to accept the donation of Tax Map 003 Parcel 050 for use as public park property and extension of Hurley Park. Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion. Messrs. Kennedy, Miller, and Woodson, and Ms. Blackwell voted AYE. (4-0)

Mayor Woodson thanked the Borland family for their generous donation. He stated the property is a wonderful addition to Hurley Park that will be enjoyed by the entire community and future generations. He asked City Clerk Myra Heard to send a note of appreciation from Council to the Borlands.

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Woodson requested Council go into a closed session to consult with an attorney as allowed by NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3) and concerning a personnel matter and as allowed by NCGS143-318.11(a)(6).

Thereupon, Ms. Blackwell made a motion to go into closed session. Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion. Messrs. Kennedy, Miller, and Woodson, and Ms. Blackwell voted AYE. (4-0)

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Thereupon, Mr. Kennedy made a motion for Council to return to open session. Ms. Blackwell seconded the motion. Messrs. Kennedy, Miller, and Woodson, and Ms. Blackwell voted AYE. (4-0)

Mayor Woodson announced no action was taken in closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Miller seconded by Ms. Blackwell. All council members in attendance agreed unanimously to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Paul B. Woodson, Jr., Mayor

Myra B. Heard, City Clerk