

Salisbury, North Carolina  
April 7, 2015

## **REGULAR MEETING**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Paul B. Woodson, Jr., Presiding; Council Members Karen Kirks Alexander, William (Pete) Kennedy, and William Brian Miller; City Manager W. Lane Bailey; City Clerk Myra B. Heard; and City Attorney F. Rivers Lawther, Jr.

**ABSENT:** Mayor Pro Tem Maggie A. Blackwell

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 Alexander.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

## **RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

Mayor Woodson welcomed all visitors present.

## **OATH OF OFFICE – CITY MANAGER W. LANE BAILEY**

Mayor Woodson administered the Oath of Office for City Manager of the City of Salisbury to Mr. W. Lane Bailey as Mr. Bailey's wife, Ruth, held the Bible. Mr. Bailey was also joined by his son Brennon and daughter Katherine.

Mr. Bailey noted the three most important things in his life are faith, family, and work. He recognized his family and friends from Lenoir, and former City Manager David Treme, who were in the audience.

Mr. Bailey stated a successful City Manager must have Council's support and an outstanding staff. He indicated he is proud of all that was accomplished during his time as City Manager of Lenoir, and he added those achievements were due to the leadership of the Lenoir City Council and the work of staff. He stated Salisbury also has a supportive Council and outstanding staff. He added he looks forward to working with Council, and he feels the City's best days are ahead. He thanked Council for the opportunity to serve the City and its citizens.

Mayor Woodson stated Council looks forward to working with Mr. Bailey.

Councilmember Miller noted community leadership is changing. He stated Council is ready to work with Mr. Bailey and appreciates the ideas, wisdom, and experience he brings to the City.

Councilmember Kennedy welcomed Mr. Bailey and he added he looks forward to working with him.

Councilmember Alexander also welcomed Mr. Bailey to the City. She stated she is excited about his focus on the importance of staff and customer service.

## **PROCLAMATION**

Mayor to proclaim the following observances:

CIVITAN AWARENESS MONTH  
ARBOR DAY

April 2015  
April 12, 2015

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

(a) Approval of Minutes

Approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 17, 2015, and the Special Meetings of March 26, 2015 and March 31, 2015.

(b) Supplemental Agreement – North Carolina Department of Transportation

Approve a supplemental agreement with the North Carolina Department of Transportation regarding bicycle lanes and sidewalks on Newsome Road, Project C-5160.

Thereupon, Mr. Miller made a **motion** to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented. Ms. Alexander seconded the motion. Messrs. Kennedy, Miller, and Woodson, and Ms. Alexander voted AYE. (4-0)

### **ALLEY CLOSURE – 600 BLOCK OF NORTH CHURCH STREET**

City Engineer Wendy Brindle stated at its March 3, 2015 meeting Council adopted a Resolution of Intent to permanently close an alley in the 600 block of North Church Street. She displayed an aerial map and noted the alley's proximity to North Main Street, the railroad, and the Central School Office Building currently under construction.

Ms. Brindle explained a public hearing was set as required by North Carolina General Statute 160A-299, and all notifications were made to the public. She stated in accordance with the statute:

- Closing of a portion of the street must not be contrary to the public interest
- No individual shall be deprived of reasonable means of ingress and egress to his property

Ms. Brindle indicated staff believes both conditions have been satisfied. She pointed out staff received a petition in support of the alley closing that included signatures from 100 percent of the property owners affected.

(b) Mayor Woodson convened a public hearing, after due notice thereof, to receive comments regarding the proposed alley closure in the 600 block of North Church Street.

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

Thereupon, Mr. Miller made a **motion** to adopt a Resolution pertaining to the acceptance of an Offer of Dedication for public use of an alley in the 600 block of North Church Street. Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion. Messrs. Kennedy, Miller, and Woodson, and Ms. Alexander voted AYE. (4-0)

### **RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO THE ACCEPTANCE OF AN OFFER OF DEDICATION FOR PUBLIC USE OF THE ALLEY IN THE 600 BLOCK OF NORTH CHURCH STREET.**

(The above Resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book No. 15 at Page No. 7, and is known as Resolution 2015-06)

Thereupon, Mr. Miller made a **motion** to adopt an Order closing an alley in the 600 block of North Church Street. Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion. Messrs. Kennedy, Miller, and Woodson, and Ms. Alexander voted AYE. (4-0)

**NORTH CAROLINA  
ROWAN COUNTY**

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

**CLOSING AN ALLEY IN THE 600  
BLOCK OF NORTH CHURCH  
STREET**

\* **BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF**  
\* **THE CITY OF SALISBURY**  
\* **NORTH CAROLINA**

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\* **ORDER CLOSING AN ALLEY IN**  
\* **THE 600 BLOCK OF NORTH**  
\* **CHURCH STREET**  
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**THIS CAUSE**, coming on to be heard and being heard before the City Council of the City of Salisbury, Rowan County, North Carolina, at the regular meeting of said Council held on April 7, 2015, at 4:00 p.m., in the City Council Chambers at 217 South Main Street, Salisbury, North Carolina, and it appearing to the Council that persons, firms and corporations owning property adjoining the alley described in the Petition filed in this cause are parties to this proceeding; and it further appearing that said alleys are not maintained by the Department of Transportation; and it further appearing that notice of this hearing was duly published in *The Salisbury Post* on March 13, March 20, March 27, and April 3, 2015.

And it further appearing to the Council and the Council finding as a fact, that the closing of the alley right of way, as described in the Petition filed in this cause, is not contrary to the public interest or the property rights of any individual, and that no individual owning property in the vicinity of said right of way or alley or in the subdivision in which they are located will be deprived of reasonable means of ingress and egress to his property by the closing of said right of way; and it further appearing to this Council that the relief prayed in the Petition should be granted.

**IT IS NOW, THEREFORE, ORDERED AND DECREED** by the City Council of the City of Salisbury, Rowan County, North Carolina, pursuant to and in accordance with the authority vested in this Council by the General Statutes of North Carolina, Section 160A-299:

Beginning at an existing #5 rebar on the south side of North Church Street, said rebar being the north west corner of Fisher Realty Company, Inc. (Deed Book 613 Page 908) and also being 140.86' south west of West Lafayette Avenue, thence with the line of Fisher Realty Company, Inc. S 41° 44' 59" E, 205.45' to an existing #5 iron rod in the line of C International, LLC thence with their line S 45° 43' 55" W, 7.86' to an existing #5 iron rod thence continuing another line S 45° 43' 55" W, 2.00' to an inaccessible point in building, thence another line with Fisher Realty Company, Inc. N 41° 44' 59" W, 205.62' to an existing p.k. nail in the southern right of way line of North Church Street, thence with North Church Street N 46° 43' 28" E, 9.85' to the point and place of beginning and being 0.046 acres as shown on survey and map by Shulenburg Surveying Company, P.A. dated 10/07/2014.

Be and the same is hereby forever closed.

This the 7<sup>th</sup> day of April 2015.

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY,  
NORTH CAROLINA

BY: s/s Paul B. Woodson, Jr.  
Mayor

s/s Myra B. Heard  
City Clerk

**CD-04-2014-45 – ROWAN SALISBURY SCHOOL SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**

Planning and Development Services Manager Preston Mitchell addressed Council regarding a request to rezone approximately two acres at 504 North Main Street, by amending an existing Conditional District (CD) Overlay to add land to the overlay, amend the building design on the north wall, and to change the entire base zoning to Downtown Mixed-Use-Local Historic Overlay (DMX-LHO) district. He explained a previously adopted ordinance rezoned approximately two acres, seven parcels, by:

- Maintaining the existing DMX and Corridor Mixed-Use (CMX) base zoning districts
- Establishing a CD Overlay to allow development of a Rowan-Salisbury School System Administrative Building
  - Government Services requires a Special Use Permit (SUP) or CD Overlay

Mr. Mitchell stated the amendment will:

- Add land to include the Shulenburger lot to be used as green space
- Add windows to the north façade
  - Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) approved
- Extend DMX to improve consistency for the Landscape Plan.

Mr. Mitchell reviewed the original and the proposed Master Plans. He pointed out the square footage and building components will not change. He displayed an artist's renderings of the project, and he explained initially the Fire Code would not allow open windows due to the close proximity of the Shulenburger building, but since that building has been removed they will now be permitted on the north wall.

Mr. Mitchell noted the Vison 2020 Plan:

- Policy D-1 states: The City shall encourage a compatible, diverse mixture of retail, office, institutional, residential, dining, services, entertainment, and public open space in the downtown area
- Policy D-6 states: The City shall maintain a tangible presence and commitment to the downtown through the location of the City's major municipal offices there. The City shall also encourage other local, State and Federal governments to maintain similar commitments to the downtown

Mr. Mitchell noted no specific policies address this block in the Downtown Master Plan 2010 Update. He stated the Planning Board convened March 24, 2015 and recommend:

- Approval of an amendment to:
  - Add land
  - Change the north wall façade
  - Rezone the entire site to DMX
- Petition is consistent with the Vision 2020 Plan
- Petition is not inconsistent with the 2010 Downtown Master Plan Update
- Unanimous approval

Councilmember Miller asked about the Municipal Service District (MSD) in reference to the Rowan-Salisbury School System Administrative Building. Mr. Mitchell stated the MSD runs to the railroad tracks and would include the building.

(b) Mayor Woodson convened a public hearing, after due notice thereof, to receive comments regarding CD-04-2014-45.

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

Ms. Alexander stated the City Council hereby finds and determines that adoption of an Ordinance to rezone the property as described herein by amending, as requested, an existing Conditional District Overlay is reasonable, in the public interest, and consistent with the goals, objectives, and policies of the Vision 2020 Comprehensive Plan for the following reasons:

1. According to the proposed plan, Downtown Policy D-1 has been met by encouraging a compatible, diverse mixture of uses in the downtown area, and
2. According to the proposed plan, Downtown Policy D-6 has been met by commitment of the City, County, and School Board maintaining a tangible presence of major government offices in the downtown, and

The City Council additionally finds and determines that the petition to amend is not inconsistent with the goals, objectives, and policies of the Downtown Master Plan 2010 update because according to the proposed petition and observation provided by City planning staff, there are no policies or objectives specifically related to the project block. Thereupon, Ms. Alexander made a **motion** to adopt an Ordinance amending the Land Development Ordinance and the Land Development District Map of the City of Salisbury, North Carolina, by rezoning two parcels and a portion of another parcel at 504 North Main Street, approximately 2.25 acres, amending an existing a Conditional District Overlay to add land to the overlay, change the building design of the north wall, and change the base zoning for a portion of the project site, to include Government Services with no additional conditions for development. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Messrs. Kennedy, Miller, and Woodson, and Ms. Alexander voted AYE. (4-0)

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE AND THE LAND DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT MAP OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, NORTH CAROLINA, BY REZONING TWO PARCELS AND A PORTION OF ANOTHER PARCEL AT 504 NORTH MAIN STREET, APPROXIMATELY 2.25 ACRES, AMENDING AN EXISTING A CONDITIONAL DISTRICT OVERLAY TO ADD LAND TO THE OVERLAY, CHANGE THE BUILDING DESIGN OF THE NORTH WALL, AND CHANGE THE BASE ZONING FOR A PORTION OF THE PROJECT SITE.

(The above Ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book No. 25 at Page Nos. 15-16, and is known as Ordinance 2015-08)

### **CD-02-2015 – HOME 2 HOTEL**

Planning and Development Services Manager Preston Mitchell and Planner Catherine Garner addressed Council regarding Conditional District (CD) Overlay CD-02-2015 Hotel 2 Home. Ms. Garner noted the request is to rezone one parcel approximately 1.43 acres by rescinding the existing Group Development-A Overlay (GD-A) and establishing a new CD Overlay to permit the construction of a 6-story, 93-room, hotel.

Ms. Garner reviewed the Master Plan, and commented the parking lot will be located on the east side of the hotel. She displayed an artist's rendering of the project and photographs of existing hotels similar to the one proposed. She then presented elevation, utility, and lighting plans submitted by the applicant.

Ms. Garner referenced a map of the area and pointed out the site and its proximity to Jake Alexander Boulevard, Interstate 85, Rowan-Cabarrus Community College and Sheetz. She reviewed street view photographs of the site, and she explained a CD Overlay:

- Floating overlay zone
- Master Plan is required
- Allows alternative design
- Certain provisions of the Land Development Ordinance (LDO) may be altered or removed
- Conditions may be added at time of approval
  - Recommended by staff and the Planning Board
  - Adopted by Council
  - Agreed upon by petitioner

Ms. Garner noted the petitioner requested alternative design elements:

- Alternative parking dimensions
- Additional compact car allotment in the parking lot
- Alternative drive isle dimension
- Waiver from the parking connectivity requirement
- Consideration for Home 2 signature design elements in lieu of those listed in Section 5.13 B of the LDO

- Lighting plan shows the lighting will exceed the one foot candle at the property line along Jake Alexander Boulevard
  - Will meet the requirement once the final engineering plans are submitted
- Alternative requested to allow for six-story construction with the understanding hospitality floor-to-floor heights are shorter than commercial floors

Ms. Garner indicated the site is currently zoned Corridor Mixed-Use (CMX), and she reviewed the proposed uses under CMX-CD:

- All uses other than hotel will be prohibited on the site
- The CD Master Plan and Overlay establishes and sets the development type and all uses to what is proposed

Ms. Garner stated the Planning Board met on March 24, 2015 and recommended approval.

Councilmember Miller asked if the Planning Board approval included the alternative design elements. Ms. Garner stated it did.

(b) Mayor Woodson convened a public hearing, after due notice thereof, to receive comments regarding CD-02-2015.

Mr. George Godwin, Godwin Associates P.A., Charlotte, North Carolina, noted the proposed Home 2 Hotel, will be his third project in the City. He introduced petitioner Mr. Deven Patel. Mr. Godwin explained Home 2 Hotel is a Hilton franchise that meets all Hilton standards. Mayor Woodson stated the major request is for two additional stories. Mr. Godwin agreed. He commented the parking adjustments are working at other locations and recognizes that people are driving smaller cars. Mr. Patel pointed out the primary request is for two additional stories. He added area buildings are limited to four stories. He stated the floor-to-ceiling ratio on the proposed hotel is significantly shorter than a commercial floor-to-ceiling ratio making the proposed six stories closer to four commercial stories. He indicated the parcel of land is slightly below the grade of Jake Alexander Boulevard.

Councilmember Alexander asked about the actual height of a six-story hotel verses a four-story commercial building. Mr. Godwin stated a typical commercial building is 14-foot floor-to-floor while the proposed hotel is 10-foot floor-to-floor, with the exception of the first floor which will house the hotel's mechanical equipment.

Mayor Woodson stated the proposed hotel will be approximately six-feet taller than a standard four-story commercial building. Mr. Godwin stated the design includes a parapet that covers mechanical equipment on the roof.

Councilmember Kennedy stated he attended the Planning Board meeting when the proposed hotel was considered. He mentioned the lack of connectivity to the next hotel. Mr. Patel stated the City requests connectivity across commercial parcels throughout the City. He noted the adjacent parcel is a legacy property that does not have connectivity access points to the



proposed hotel site. Mr. Patel explained the petitioner cannot change the property rights to request a connection. He added the parcel will have an ingress and egress only which was a request from the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) during the planning sessions. Mr. Kennedy clarified NCDOT required a median to ensure no left turns into the property.

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

Mr. Kennedy stated the City Council hereby finds and determines that adoption of an Ordinance to rezone the property as described herein by removing a portion of an existing General Development-A Overlay and establishing a Conditional District Overlay is reasonable, in the public interest, and not inconsistent with the goals, objectives, and policies of the Vision 2020 Comprehensive Plan because according to the proposed petition and development plan, and observations provided by City planning staff, there are no policies directly related to the request. Thereupon, Mr. Kennedy made a **motion** to adopt an Ordinance amending the Land Development Ordinance and the Land Development District Map of the City of Salisbury, North Carolina, by rezoning one parcel at unnumbered Jake Alexander Boulevard South, approximately 1.43 acres, by removing the General Development-A Overlay District and establishing a Conditional District Overlay to permit the development of a six-story, 93-room hotel to include hotels, motels, and inns with no additional conditions for development. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Messrs. Kennedy, Miller, and Woodson, and Ms. Alexander voted AYE. (4-0)

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE AND THE LAND DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT MAP OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, NORTH CAROLINA, BY REZONING ONE PARCEL AT UNNUMBERED JAKE ALEXANDER BOULEVARD SOUTH, APPROXIMATELY 1.43 ACRES, BY REMOVING THE GENERAL DEVELOPMENT-A OVERLAY DISTRICT AND ESTABLISHING A CONDITIONAL DISTRICT OVERLAY TO PERMIT THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SIX-STORY, 93-ROOM HOTEL.

(The above Ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book No. 25 at Page Nos. 17-18, and is known as Ordinance 2015-09)

### **CD-03-2015 – 108 DORSETT DRIVE**

Planning and Development Services Manager Preston Mitchell addressed Council regarding CD-03-2015. He explained the Conditional District (CD) Overlay before Council has not been considered since the adoption of the current Land Development Ordinance (LDO). He referenced the original Ordinance Z-6S-97, and he noted amendments to the Ordinance require a new case number.

Mr. Mitchell displayed a map of the area and its location to Statesville Boulevard, Grant Creek, Milford Hills, Milford Hills Baptist Church, and the Hospice Center. He added the properties on Dorsett Drive were developed in accordance with the 1997 Ordinance and the S

District, a precursor to the CD Overlay, which allowed professional and medical offices in the development.

Mr. Mitchell explained the ARC of Rowan moved to 108 Dorsett Drive and would like to add Daycare Center as a permitted use so it can provide after-school care. He noted the request will require an amendment to the existing Ordinance.

Mr. Mitchell stated the request is to keep Ordinance S-6S-1997-37 in place and to:

- Rezone the area of Dorsett Drive from R8 to B1-S
  - Single family to special offices
- Permit the following uses:
  - Business and professional offices
  - Medical clinic and offices
  - Dental clinic and offices
- Add Daycare Center to the permitted uses
- No other development conditions

Mr. Mitchell stated the Planning Board convened on March 24, 2015 and unanimously recommended approval.

Councilmember Miller asked if the Daycare Center will require outdoor space. Mr. Mitchell stated the Daycare Center will not require outdoor space from a zoning perspective. He added if the ARC of Rowan is licensed through the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, the outdoor space will be mandated by the State.

Councilmember Alexander asked if the neighbors have been advised. Mr. Mitchell stated the property has been posted and information mailed in accordance with State law and the City's zoning Ordinance.

(b) Mayor Woodson convened a public hearing, after due notice thereof, to receive comments regarding CD-03-2015.

Ms. Sheila Sapp, Executive Director ARC of Rowan, stated the ARC of Rowan would like to operate a Daycare Center for middle and high school students with intellectual and developmental disabilities. She explained there is a gap in services for middle and high school special needs students and many parents would benefit from the service. She noted the facility will be unlicensed at first, and future direction will depend on the growth of the facility.

Ms. Alexander asked how many students will be served at the facility. Ms. Sapp noted the ARC of Rowan will bring in a daycare consultant to look at the space and make a recommendation. She added the ARC of Rowan has a summer facility that is licensed, and the proposed daycare center will serve approximately 10 students.

Mr. Jake Alexander stated he developed the five-building facility 15 years ago and currently owns two buildings in the area, including 108 Dorsett Drive. He added he strongly supports the ARC of Rowan and the request before Council.

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

Councilmember Miller stated he supports the request, and he commended the ARC of Rowan for reaching out to the special needs community.

Mr. Miller stated the City Council hereby finds and determines that adoption of an Ordinance to rezone the property as described herein by amending an existing Conditional District Overlay to permit a new use is reasonable, in the public interest, and not inconsistent with the goals, objectives, and policies of the Vision 2020 Comprehensive Plan, because according to the proposed petition and observations provided by City planning staff, there are no policies directly related to the request. Thereupon, Mr. Miller made a **motion** to adopt an Ordinance amending the Land Development Ordinance and the Land Development District Map of the City of Salisbury, North Carolina, by rezoning one parcel at 108 Dorsett Drive, approximately two-thirds of an acre, amending an existing Conditional District Overlay to add Day Care Center as a permitted use with no additional conditions for development. Ms. Alexander seconded the motion. Messrs. Kennedy, Miller, and Woodson, and Ms. Alexander voted AYE. (4-0)

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE AND THE LAND DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT MAP OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, NORTH CAROLINA, BY REZONING ONE PARCEL AT 108 DORSETT DRIVE, APPROXIMATELY TWO-THIRDS OF AN ACRE, AMENDING AN EXISTING CONDITIONAL DISTRICT OVERLAY TO ADD DAY CARE CENTER AS A PERMITTED USE.

(The above Ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book No. 25 at Page Nos. 19-20, and is known as Ordinance 2015-10)

### **SPECIAL COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS**

Mayor Woodson opened the floor to receive presentations from Special Community Organizations regarding 2015-2016 City Budget requests.

Mr. Joe Morris, 600 West Henderson Street, addressed Council on behalf of the Pops at the Post Board. He thanked Council for its financial support and invited everyone to attend the 11th annual Pops at the Post to be held Saturday, June 6, 2015. He added the event has become iconic for the City, and the goal is to have a 2016 Pops at the Post. Mr. Morris pointed out the annual budget for the free event is approximately \$50,000, and includes over 80 musicians. He asked Council to consider funding for the 12<sup>th</sup> annual Pops at the Post in 2016.

Ms. Vicky Slusser, 204 East Innes Street, Executive Director Communities in Schools of Rowan County, thanked Council for its continued support. She noted last year Communities in

Schools received half of its request from the City. She asked Council to consider investing \$2,500 in each of the four elementary schools attended by City students. She pointed out in 2013-2014 the City invested \$5,000, and Communities in Schools was able to show a return of \$45,000 in Level II, or case-managed, services and a \$26,000 return in Level I services through February 2015. She asked Council to consider \$10,000 to continue the programs offered by Communities in Schools of Rowan County.

Ms. Kay Hirst, 202 North Main Street, Director Rowan Museum, stated the Rowan Museum has three sites, 202 North Main Street, the Old Stone House in Granite Quarry, and the Utzman-Chambers House on South Jackson Street. She thanked Council for its past support, and she requested Council continue its support and increase it if possible. She displayed photographs of Museum events, and she noted every third and fourth grader in Rowan County visits the Museum. She added the Museum works to bring history to life, and has met with the Fibrant Director and the Rowan-Salisbury School System Technology Director to bring additional technology into the Museum. She thanked Council for its continued support of the Rowan Museum.

Mr. Steve Mersch, President North Carolina Transportation Museum Foundation, and Mr. Mark Brown, Marketing Director North Carolina Transportation Museum, addressed Council. Mr. Mersch stated over 150 volunteers contributed 25,000 hours to the Museum in 2014. He noted many of last year's events sold out, and the events and hotels rooms booked had a \$1.85 million impact on the community. He noted the City has been a key partner in the past, and he asked the City to continue its funding support. Mr. Brown pointed out grant funds were used for social media and marketing. He added community partnerships help make Transpiration Museum events special. He asked Council for its continued support of the North Carolina Transportation Museum marketing grant.

Ms. Jennifer Canipe, Rowan County Crosby Scholars Community Partnership, stated the Rowan County Crosby Scholars helps students in Rowan County and the City prepare academically, personally, and financially for college admission and postsecondary opportunities. She stated the Rowan County Crosby Scholars Community Partnerships has grown from 1,734 students to over 2,300 students, with 1,400 or 61 percent of the students living in the City. She explained the Rowan County Crosby Scholars will offer its second Critical Thinking Camp in partnership with Rowan-Cabarrus Community College. She requested \$2,000 to help with development of the curriculum and to provide materials for the camp. She pointed out critical thinking is necessary for college success. She thanked Council for its consideration.

Ms. Beth Moore, Executive Director Prevent Child Abuse Rowan, 130 Woodson Street, stated Prevent Child Abuse Rowan operates the Terri Hess House which is celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the City. She noted April is Prevent Child Abuse Month, and Prevent Child Abuse Rowan has partnered with the Rowan-Salisbury School System (RSSS) to develop a program *Speak Up Be Safe* that goes into the schools to teach first through fifth graders about child abuse prevention. She explained Prevent Child Abuse Rowan assesses physically and sexually abused children to reduce trauma to the child during disclosure of the abuse. She pointed out Prevent Child Abuse Rowan served 192 children in 2014 and 113 children in 2013, which represents a 65 percent increase in the number of children served. She noted Prevent Child Abuse experienced a 20 percent cut in government funding during the last year. She

pointed out 105 of the children served in 2014 were City residents. She requested \$5,000 to be used in the *Speak Up Be Safe* prevention program.

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

### **DOWNTOWN SALISBURY, INC. 2015-2016 BUDGET REQUEST**

Ms. Paula Bohland, Executive Director Downtown Salisbury Inc. (DSI) and Mr. Mark Lewis, DSI President, addressed Council regarding 2015-2015 City Budget Requests. Ms. Bohland noted downtown is the economic center of the community. She stated over \$126 million has been invested in the downtown since DSI's inception in 1980, with a net gain of over 1,060 downtown jobs. She indicated approximately 4,500 people currently work in the downtown.

Mr. Lewis noted last year the City provided DSI with \$129,000 in funding. He pointed out in 2014 there were \$6 million in downtown investment with a net gain of 11 businesses, two business expansions, 34 jobs, and 19 façade improvements.

Ms. Bohland and Mr. Lewis reviewed the 2014 highlights:

- Developed a strategic plan
- Conducted focus group sessions
- Continued historic renovation and repurposing of existing buildings
- Instituted incentives for development
- Followed the basic economic development principals
- Continued attracting innovative and quality retailers, merchants and services
- Effective promotion of downtown and downtown events

Mr. Lewis noted despite the economy downtown continues to thrive, but challenges still exist:

- Vacancies and development needs
- Infrastructure challenges
- A partially recovered economy
- Supporting existing businesses
- Recruit new businesses

Mr. Lewis noted DSI is requesting a three percent increase, which equals \$3,870, in its funding request. He thanked Council for its continued support of DSI, Inc.

Mayor Woodson thanked Ms. Bohland and Mr. Lewis for all they do to promote the downtown.

## **SALISBURY-ROWAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION 2015-2016 CITY BUDGET REQUEST**

Salisbury-Rowan Economic Development Commission (EDC) Executive Director Robert Van Geons stated the EDC consists of four full-time employees. He introduced Ms. Robin Rhine who joined the EDC in February, and he reviewed the services provided by the EDC to promote the community.

Mr. Van Geons reviewed recent projects within the City. He noted in the last 18 months projects with \$299,200,000 in investments have been announced or are currently under construction accounting for 3,049 jobs.

Mr. Van Geons noted the EDC focuses on existing industry, attracting new business, airport development, advanced data technology, and new retail recruitment. He reviewed the available property in Rowan County:

- 152 total buildings listed
  - 99 inside the City limits or 65 percent
    - Smallest building listed is 572 square feet 440 Jake Alexander Boulevard West
    - Largest building listed is 298,680 square feet 906 Airport Road
- Total Sites Listed – 71
  - 16 inside the City limits or 23 percent
    - Smallest site listed is the Cheerwine lot at .57 acres
    - Largest site listed is the Kern Business Park at 72.40 acres

Mr. Van Geons explained Rowan County has a product shortage:

- There are two viable buildings in excess of 75,000 square feet available
  - Alcoa Building
  - OmniSolv Building
- There is one viable building between 50,000 and 75,000 square feet available
  - Dolly Madison Building
- These buildings are lease only

Mr. Van Geons indicated the EDC is following through on its commitment to provide data centric, technology-focused recruitment. He noted the EDC is currently working on a recruitment package that focuses on Fibrant and the downtown, in an effort to bring progressive companies to the City.

Mr. Van Geons reviewed the FY2015-2016 funding request. He explained the EDC is requesting its funding partners return to the 2004 funding formula, and he pointed out the City's tax base has grown 21 percent since 2004. He stated the EDC is grateful for the City's support and is requesting \$89,208 for FY 2015-16.

Mayor Woodson pointed out Amazon located in a neighboring county because a completed building was available. He added the City has a shortage of large, industrial buildings. Mr. Van Geons agreed, and he added pre-permitted engineering and due diligence in certain situations can help a great deal in winning over a building. He stated the goal is to provide a turn-key solution for businesses considering a move to the City.

Councilmember Miller noted preparation, including a focused plan and accountability standards, will help the City and EDC accomplish short and long-term goals. Mr. Van Geons added partnerships between Fibrant, Downtown Salisbury, Inc. (DSI), and the EDC will be critical to the City's future success.

### **FY2015-2016 CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND FY2015-2015 ACTION PLAN**

Planning and Development Services Manager Janet Gapen presented the FY2015-2019 Consolidated Plan for Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization and the FY2015-2016 Action Plan for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME program funds. She recognized the Community Development Corporation (CDC), who has partnered with the City for 15 years to implement and manage City housing programs. She pointed out the City is working with the Salisbury Housing Authority (SHA) as a development partner on the Civic Park Apartments currently under construction on Brenner Avenue.

Ms. Gapen noted the Consolidated Plan is a five-year plan, and the Action Plan is a budget for the coming year. She pointed out funding is provided by the United States Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for CDBG and HOME programs to benefit low to moderate income families.

Ms. Gapen explained the goal of the Consolidated Plan is to set priorities for implementing the programs and to determine how funds will be spent. She added the Plan is data and community outreach driven. She reviewed the consultation process which requires discussions with:

- Agencies serving the low to moderate income population
- Residents of public housing
- Homeless including veterans, victims of domestic abuse, other groups
- Persons with disabilities
- Persons with HIV/AIDS
- Elderly
- Neighborhood groups
- Local and regional plans
- United States Census/American Community Survey and analysis of available data on demographics, population, education, workforce, the housing market, housing affordability and similar measures

Ms. Gapen reviewed the City's labor force and wage comparisons for various education levels. She indicated unemployment levels drop as education increases, and she noted

populations with a Bachelors or advanced degree tend to be underemployed when compared to larger communities.

Ms. Gapen noted housing problems, as defined by HUD, include substandard housing, overcrowded housing, and housing cost burdens. She explained housing cost burdens create financial hardships, especially for renters. She indicated there is a need for affordable rental units closer to the urban center of the City and transit service, which increases access to jobs and basic services.

Ms. Gapen displayed a map of the area, and she pointed out lower income housing and renter occupied housing tends to be closer to downtown. She noted many downtown homes are older and can be costly to maintain. She reviewed a map of race and ethnicity in the City, and she indicated the African American population is at 38 percent making it the largest minority population within the City limits.

Ms. Gapen pointed out the cost of housing creates a cost burden for many low-wage households. She explained a person earning minimum wage earns approximately \$1,250 per month gross salary, and if the person is paying more than \$375 per month for rent, or 30 percent of their income, the rent would be considered a cost burden. She added when the Civic Park Apartments are completed a one-bedroom apartment will rent for \$380 to \$400 per month.

Ms. Gapen reviewed a 2015 Housing and Community Development Needs Survey conducted by staff. She noted the citizens ranked community development needs:

- Housing repairs and rehabilitation at 61.9 percent
- Community Centers at 13.6 percent
- Sidewalks at 12.2 percent
- Parks and public facilities at 12.2 percent

Ms. Gapen then reviewed the priority needs:

- Affordable housing
  - Production of new units
  - Rehabilitation of existing units
  - Acquisition/rehabilitation of existing units
- Non-housing community development
  - Public improvements and infrastructure
  - Public services

Ms. Gapen indicated staff is proposing the City continue work in the revitalization areas: Jersey City, West End, East End, and Park Avenue neighborhoods. She pointed out City housing programs are open to any citizen within the City's jurisdiction that meets the income eligibility requirements.

Ms. Gapen presented the FY2015-2016 budget for CDBG and HOME Program funds:



CDBG	\$286,468
HOME Investment Partnership	\$90,352
Program Income	\$30,000
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$406,820</u>

Ms. Gapen reviewed the CDBG Budget for FY2015-2016:

Housing Activities		
Owner-occupied rehabilitation	\$125,905.80	
Emergency Rehabilitation	\$30,000.00	
		\$155,905.80
Infrastructure- Civic Park Phase II		\$18,000.00
Public Services: (15 percent cap)		
Rowan Helping Ministries	\$17,250.00	
Family Crisis Council	\$10,900.00	
Community Care Clinic	\$8,400.00	
Salisbury Youth Council	\$5,450.00	
		\$42,000.00
Program Administration (20 percent cap)		\$62,000.00
Debt Service – Park Avenue Center		\$38,562.20

Ms. Gapen then reviewed the HOME Investment Partnership Budget for FY2015-2016:

Housing Activities		
Civic Park Redevelopment Phase II	\$75,000.00	
Owner-occupied rehabilitation	\$10,238.00	
		\$85,238.00
Program Administration (20 percent cap)		\$5,114.00

Ms. Gapen explained Civic Park Apartments will provide 170 affordable rental units for low to moderate income families. She reviewed the CDBG funding from 2004 through 2015 and she pointed out a decrease in funding since 2004. She stated 2015 allocations show an increase in funding but it is approximately \$100,000 less than the 2004 allocation:

Ms. Gapen noted there is a 30-day public comment period to be held from April 13, 2015 until May 13, 2015, and the documents will be available for review at the following locations:

- City of Salisbury website [www.salisburync.gov](http://www.salisburync.gov)
- CDC – 1400 West Bank Street
- Rowan Public Library – 215 West Fisher Street

Councilmember Alexander asked if the numbers provided for public services are an exact allocation of funds the City is committing to provide to neighborhood agencies. Ms. Gapen

stated that is correct. Ms. Alexander pointed out the remaining funds do not identify a specific project. Ms. Gapen agreed, and she noted specific projects have not been identified, but there is \$125,000 to be used for rehabilitation projects.

Ms. Alexander asked if the funding can be leveraged to other grants. Ms. Gapen noted sometimes Federal funds can be used as a match or leveraging tool. Ms. Alexander asked if the funds could be used for a private/public institutional partnership. Ms. Gapen stated they could.

Thereupon, Ms. Alexander made a **motion** to adopt the FY2015-2019 Consolidated Plan for Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization and the FY2015-2016 Action Plan for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME program funds. Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion. Messrs. Kennedy, Miller, and Woodson, and Ms. Alexander voted AYE. (4-0)

### **TEMPORARY USE APPROVAL FOR A CARNIVAL TO OPERATE AT THE J.C. PRICE LEGION POST**

Zoning Administrator David Phillips stated staff received a request from the J.C. Price Legion Post for a permit for its annual Memorial Week Celebration. He noted the celebration has taken place for over 50 years and is scheduled for May 27, 2015 until June 7, 2015. He noted the Land Development Ordinance (LDO) requires carnival or circus events to obtain a temporary use permit from City Council, provided the use does not exceed 21 days.

Mr. Phillips indicated conditions have been placed on the permit in the past. He stated staff recommends the temporary use permit be approved with the conditions:

1. All alcohol must be served and be kept inside the Post facility. No alcohol is allowed in the upper level
2. The maximum number of people allowed in the lower level at any time is 75
3. No alcohol will be allowed in the carnival area
4. The Post agrees to pay \$600 as reimbursement to the Salisbury Police Department for security
5. The number of police officers needed for the event shall be at the complete discretion of the Salisbury Police Chief, or his designee
6. The Salisbury Police Chief or his designee, upon consultation with the Chief of Police, is authorized by City Council to close the event due to any problems that may arise

Mr. Phillips stated staff and the Police Department recommend issuance of a temporary use permit for the J.C. Price Legion Post annual Memorial Week Celebration based upon the conditions being met.

Councilmember Kennedy asked if the J.C. Price Legion Post agrees with the proposed conditions. Mr. Phillips stated the J.C. Price Legion Post has agreed to the proposed conditions.

Mayor Woodson stated the Police Department is reducing the number of police officers it will use for the event. Mr. Phillips stated that is correct.

Thereupon, Mr. Kennedy made a **motion** to approve the temporary use approval for a carnival to operate at the J.C. Price Legion Post, 1433 Old Wilkesboro Road for its annual Memorial Week Celebration with the following conditions:

1. All alcohol must be served and be kept inside the Post facility. No alcohol is allowed in the upper level
2. The maximum number of people allowed in the lower level at any time is 75
3. No alcohol will be allowed in the carnival area
4. The Post agrees to pay \$600 as reimbursement to the Salisbury Police Department
5. The number of police officers needed for the event shall be at the complete discretion of the Salisbury Police Chief, or his designee
6. The Salisbury Police Chief or his designee, upon consultation with the Chief of Police, is authorized by City Council to close the event due to any problems that may arise

Ms. Alexander seconded the motion. Messrs. Kennedy, Miller, and Woodson, and Ms. Alexander voted AYE. (4-0)

### **PARKING – 100 BLOCK RIDGE STREET**

Traffic Engineering Coordinator Vickie Eddleman addressed Council regarding parking restrictions along a portion of the south side of the 100 block of Ridge Avenue. She displayed an aerial photograph that noted the actions taken at Council's February 17, 2015 meeting to restrict parking beginning at the intersection of Fulton Street and Ridge Avenue and extending 69 feet along Ridge Avenue eliminating two parking spaces.

Ms. Eddleman explained since the meeting, the owner of Mean Mugs, a coffee shop located on the Corner of Fulton Street and Ridge Avenue, expressed concerns regarding the loss of a parking space the business planned to use for curb-side service.

M. Eddleman indicated since the parking restrictions were questioned, additional studies were conducted and staff discovered school buses have issues similar to City transit buses making the turn onto Ridge Avenue.

Ms. Eddleman reviewed a compromise to assist City Transit and school buses and the business owner. She explained everyone agrees parking in the first space on Ridge Avenue should be prohibited anytime except Sundays.

Ms. Eddleman indicated the owner of Mean Mugs feels prohibiting parking in the second parking space is excessive and would hinder her business and make the current lack of parking worse. She noted the business owner would like to use the second parking space to provide curbside service from the side door located on Ridge Avenue. She noted staff determined

limiting the second parking space to a 15-minute parking space would benefit all parties. She pointed out the 15-minute parking space would not guarantee that the parking space would be open, but it would mean that the driver is nearby and ready to leave allowing bus drivers safe passage.

Ms. Eddleman added the owner of the complex, Ms. Paula Bohland, requested a parking study, which will be a lengthy process. She reviewed parking restrictions in the area, and she pointed out the only quick solution is to allow parking on South Fulton Street just past Ridge Avenue. She explained parking in the area is currently restricted per section 13-153 of the City Code. She noted staff will look for ways to address the parking issues in the area, and will bring its findings before Council.

Ms. Eddleman stated Ms. Bohland questioned if the buses could be rerouted to avoid the parking restrictions. She explained Mr. Tim Beck, Rowan-Salisbury School System Transportation Director, noted school bus stops are directly affected by where a student lives and cannot be re-routed. She noted if City Transit buses were re-routed residents of Wiley School Apartments would have to walk further to the bus stop. She pointed out many residents of Wiley School Apartments have mobility issues, and there are currently no handicap ramps for them to use if the bus stop is moved.

Ms. Eddleman stated staff recommends Council adopt an Ordinance amending Section 13-339, Parking Prohibited except Sundays, and Section 13-366, Loading Zones, of the City Code.

Councilmember Kennedy asked for clarification.

Councilmember Miller noted if the bus routes are changed the parking restrictions along Ridge Avenue will not be needed. Ms. Eddleman added if the bus routes are changed parking restrictions will be needed for the first parking space. Mr. Miller added citizens would have to walk further to catch the bus.

Councilmember Alexander pointed out many Wiley School Apartment residents have mobility issues and would have to travel farther to catch the bus. Ms. Eddleman stated sidewalk improvements would also be needed. Ms. Alexander stated staff is recommending eliminating the first parking space on Ridge Avenue and marking the second parking space as a 15-minute space to accommodate the business owner as a compromise.

Mr. Miller asked staff to review the options and bring a recommendation back to Council for its consideration. He added Council does not want to inconvenience businesses or residents who are mobility challenged.

Mayor Woodson asked if the 15-minute parking space would help the business. Ms. Eddleman noted the 15-minute space should accommodate the business, and it would allow the transit buses to maneuver the turn with limited obstacles.

Mayor Woodson pointed out it is possible the second parking space will be empty when the bus makes its turn. He asked if the bus could make the turn onto Ridge Avenue if a vehicle is

parked in the second parking space. Ms. Eddleman clarified if a vehicle is parked in the 15-minute space and the bus cannot make the turn, and the bus driver would have to wait for the driver to return.

Ms. Alexander asked about the safety of the bus and its passengers if the bus is blocked at the intersection of Fulton Street and Ridge Avenue. Ms. Eddleman noted staff asked for the original restriction of two parking spaces to ensure bus safety. Ms. Alexander stated Council made a decision based on the information it received regarding bus safety, and the decision should stand.

Mr. Miller stated he understood the parking spaces Council restricted at its last meeting were in conflict with bus traffic. Ms. Eddleman explained the original request was for both spaces to be restricted anytime except Sundays. She added since the business owner expressed concerns staff re-evaluated the situation to provide a compromise.

City Engineer Wendy Brindle noted staff will be adding a parking space on South Fulton Street between Ridge Avenue and the currently marked parking spaces. She pointed out drivers currently use this undesignated area as a parking space.

Mr. Miller pointed out parking in the area is limited, and staff is considering additional parking options. He added he would like to hear from staff regarding a parking plan before a decision is made. Ms. Alexander recommended tabling the item due to bus safety concerns. She added she does not want to risk the safety of citizens or bus drivers. She stated she also supports legalizing the parking space along Fulton Street.

Mr. Miller asked about the timeframe to study parking improvements in the area. Ms. Brindle stated staff will review the area to see if any parking restrictions could be removed while ensuring safety and allowing business patrons a close proximity so they can walk to their destination. Mr. Miller asked if 90-days would give staff adequate time to make a recommendation to Council. Ms. Brindle stated staff could have a recommendation for Council at its May 5, 2015 meeting.

Councilmember Kennedy noted a compromise would be to give the business owner the parking space on Fulton Street and keep the restrictions on Ridge Avenue. Ms. Alexander commented allowing parking in the restricted parking spaces on Ridge Avenue could create a safety issue.

By consensus, Council agreed to table the issue until its May 5, 2015 meeting.

### **RIGHT-OF-WAY ENCROACHMENT – LUMEN CHRISTI LANE**

City Engineer Wendy Brindle stated staff received a request from Sacred Heart Catholic School for permission to allow a statue in the traffic circle on Lumen Christi Lane. She noted the statue is currently on the property. She explained staff was made aware of the statue when the Church submitted a different request. She noted the Church is requesting the right-of-way encroachment to bring the statue into compliance.

Ms. Brindle displayed a map of the area and a photograph of the statue. She explained the encroachment is allowed per Sections 22-18 and 22-19 of the City Code. She noted Section 22-18 establishes the conditions that must be met, and Section 22-19 allows Council to issue the permit for the structure. She explained the property owner must agree in writing to keep the structure in good repair, and accept responsibility if there is injury or death due to the structure.

Ms. Brindle noted the statue meets all of the conditions and staff has received the letter from the Church. She stated staff recommends the issuance of a permit in accordance with Section 22-19 of the City Code.

Thereupon, Mr. Miller made a **motion** to issue a right-of-way encroachment permit for Lumen Christi Lane in accordance with Sections 22-18 and 22-19 of the City Code subject to the following conditions being met:

1. The encroachment shall not hinder, obstruct or delay, or in any way endanger the free and safe use of the public right-of-way
2. The encroachment shall be constructed entirely of non-combustible materials
3. The encroachment shall not obstruct the view of motorists using any street, private driveway, or approach to any street or intersection
4. The encroachment shall not be placed closer than two feet from the curb
5. The encroachment shall not obstruct the public sidewalk

Ms. Alexander seconded the motion. Messrs. Kennedy, Miller, and Woodson, and Ms. Alexander voted AYE. (4-0)

### **PRE-DEVELOPMENT SITE GRADING PERMIT – 685 JULIAN ROAD**

Zoning Administrator David Phillips addressed Council regarding a pre-development site grading permit at 685 Julian Road. He stated the site is being used as a borrow pit where dirt is removed and used as fill dirt at another location.

Mr. Phillips displayed a map of the area, and he pointed out the site and its proximity to Jake Alexander Boulevard and Rowan Family Physicians. He noted a pre-development site grading permit is required when there is not an approved site plan and the location is greater than one acre of disturbed area.

Mr. Phillips explained the grading at this site will be high impact since the cut of the earth will be greater than three feet. He stated the applicant may be able to cut the earth less than three feet but decided to come before Council as a precautionary measure. He noted the site must comply with Rowan County Erosion Control, and the petitioner has received an approval letter from Rowan County. He pointed out the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) has issued a driveway permit. He noted all other agencies have been contacted, and their approval has been granted.

Mr. Phillips indicated high impact activity requires Technical Review Committee (TRC) approval. He noted TRC reviewed the plan on March 19, 2015 and recommends approval as submitted.

Councilmember Miller asked if signage would be installed to alert traffic of heavy trucks in the area. Architect Bill Burgin stated the grader will have to meet NCDOT requirements for entrance and exits. He stated approximately 800 truckloads of dirt will be excavated from the site.

Councilmember Alexander asked if the site will be visible from Jake Alexander Boulevard. Mr. Burgin indicated the Soil Erosion Control Plan requires the site to be reseeded immediately after it is graded which will improve the area. He explained the goal is to level the property to the street and not to leave a pit on the property. Councilmember Alexander clarified the grading will level the site to street level.

Councilmember Kennedy stated grading will improve the property. Mr. Burgin agreed. Ms. Alexander pointed out topographically it will not affect neighboring property lines. Mr. Burgin noted the slope in the properties is due to the natural lay of the land. Ms. Alexander stated the grading will not leave the site lower than the surrounding land. Mr. Burgin stated that is correct.

Thereupon, Mr. Kennedy made a **motion** to issue a Pre-development Site Grading Permit for 685 Julian Road. Ms. Alexander seconded the motion. Messrs. Kennedy, Miller, and Woodson, and Ms. Alexander voted AYE. (4-0)

### **COME TICKLE OUR IVORIES PROJECT**

City Engineer Wendy Brindle and Ms. Mary Miller James addressed Council regarding the *Come Tickle Our Ivories* project. Ms. Brindle explained the project is a collaboration between the Salisbury Symphony and Rowan County High Schools. She noted the request is to allow installation of a piano at the southwest corner of the Square, under the clock and approximately nine feet from the curb, from May 1, 2015 until September 30, 2015 to promote the project.

Ms. Brindle stated the request has been presented to the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) Art Committee since Main and Innes Streets are maintained by NCDOT. She explained the piano will be decorated to advertise the project. She noted NCDOT has requested a Resolution of Support from Council.

Ms. James explained pianos were donated to the seven area high schools for decoration, and seven downtown businesses have agreed to display the pianos.

- North Rowan High School *Life is a Stage* will be displayed at the Meroney Theatre, 213 South Main Street
- South Rowan High School *Starry Night in China Grove* will be displayed at Maia's Fashions, 103 South Main Street
- East Rowan High School *Let's Create Together* will be displayed at Creative Teaching Aids, 310 South Main Street





### **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board**

Upon a motion by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Ms. Alexander, and with Messrs. Miller and Woodson voting AYE, the following appointment was made to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board:

Mr. Roy Bentley

Term Expires 03/31/18

### **Planning Board**

Upon a motion by Ms. Alexander, seconded by Mr. Woodson, and with Mr. Miller and Ms. Alexander voting AYE, the following appointment was made to the Planning Board:

Mr. Justin Dionne

Term Expires 03/31/18

### **CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS**

There were no comments.

### **MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### (a) Hurley Park Spring Celebration

Mayor Woodson announced the annual Hurley Park Spring Celebration will be held Sunday, April 12, 2015 from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. at Hurley Park located at the corner of Lake Drive and Annandale Avenue. Free entertainment and refreshments will be provided by the Hurley Park Advisory Board and Cheerwine. For more information call 704-638-4459.

#### (b) 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Touch a Truck

Mayor Woodson announced the Salisbury Parks and Recreation Department will hold its 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Touch a Truck event Saturday, April 18, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. in downtown Salisbury in the First Bank parking lot, 215 West Innes Street. The event is free and open to the public.

#### (c) Groundbreaking Ceremony

Mayor Woodson announced the Rowan-Salisbury Board of Education will hold a ground breaking ceremony for the Rowan-Salisbury School System Wallace Educational Forum to be held Saturday, April 18, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. in the 500 block of North Main Street.

(d) Spring Family Campout

Mayor Woodson announced the Salisbury Parks and Recreation Department Spring Family Campout will be held Friday, April 24, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. until Saturday, April 25, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at the Salisbury Community Park. The cost is \$20 per tent for the first four people and \$5 for each additional person. Pre-registration is required. For more information call 704-216-PLAY.

**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).

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

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

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

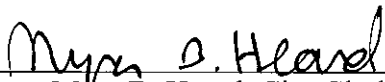
Mayor Woodson announced no action was taken in closed session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Miller seconded by Mr. Kennedy. All council members in attendance agreed unanimously to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.



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Paul B. Woodson, Jr., Mayor

  
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Myra B. Heard, City Clerk