REGULAR MEETING

PRESENT: Mayor Paul B. Woodson, Jr., Presiding; Mayor Pro Tem Maggie A. Blackwell; Council Members Karen Kirks Alexander, William Brian Miller, and William (Pete) Kennedy; City Manager W. Lane Bailey; Deputy City Clerk Kelly Baker, and City Attorney F. Rivers Lawther, Jr.

ABSENT: 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 Woodson at 4:00 p.m.

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.
SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

Human Resources Specialist Briana Price addressed Council regarding the Summer Youth Employment Program. She explained every summer the City hires students, who are City residents, to participate in the five-week program. She noted the students gain working experience and exposure to local government. She recognized the students who participated in the Summer Youth Employment Program:

Ms. Sarah Tran – Parks and Recreation Department
Ms. Graciela Nunez – Finance Department
Mr. Justin Cousin – Transit Department

Mr. Cousin shared his experience in the Summer Youth Employment Program. He thanked Council for supporting the program which gave him an opportunity to work in the City’s Transit Department.

Ms. Nunez spoke of her time with the Finance Department. She thanked staff for the warm welcome she received, and she pointed out the Summer Youth Employment Program is a great opportunity for local students.

Ms. Tran thanked Council for allowing her to work in the Parks and Recreation Department.

Mayor Woodson congratulated the students, and he thanked everyone who worked to make the program a success.

Councilmember Kennedy requested more youth be included in future Summer Youth Employment Programs.

CONSENT AGENDA

(a) Approval of Minutes

Approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 4, 2015.

(b) Voluntary Annexation

Receive a Certificate of Sufficiency from the City Clerk regarding the voluntary annexation of 17.5 acres located off Faith Road and adopt a RESOLUTION setting a public hearing for September 15, 2015.

RESOLUTION SETTING DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON QUESTION OF THE ANNEXATION OF THE GABLES PHASES 2A, 3, AND 4 PURSUANT TO GENERAL STATUTE 160A-58.1 AS AMENDED.
Thereupon, Mr. Miller made a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented. Ms. Alexander seconded the motion. Messrs. Kennedy, Miller, and Woodson, and Mses. Alexander and Blackwell voted AYE. (5-0)

COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT WORKSHOP AND JOB FAIR

Ms. Dee Dee Wright; Ms. Tammara Walker, Rowan-Cabarrus Community College; Mr. Rod Kerr, Jobs for Life First Baptist Church; and Human Resources Director Ruth Kennerly addressed Council regarding a Community Employment Workshop and Job Fair. Ms. Kennerly pointed out there is a need in the community for job assistance, and members of the community have come together to meet the need.

Mr. Kerr noted the Community Employment Workshop will be held August 20, 2015. He pointed out members of the community will assist participants with their resume and interview skills. He added participants will also learn to relate to co-workers and resolve conflict in the workforce.

Ms. Walker stated RCCC recruited 35 employers for the Job Fair to be held September 1, 2015 from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. She pointed out the Job Fair will give participants an opportunity to implement the skills they acquired during the Community Employment Workshop. She stated the Community Employment Workshop and Job Fair are open to the public.

Ms. Wright thanked staff for its work on the project. She added some of the employers committed to hiring during the Job Fair. She pointed out child care will be provided along with free bus rides to the Miller Recreation Center.

Ms. Kennerly clarified free child care will be provided at the Miller Recreation Center on Thursday, August 20, 2015. She added free transit service will be provided to the Miller Recreation Center on August 20, 2015 and to the Jobs Fair at the Civic Center on Tuesday, September 1, 2015. She noted volunteers are needed for the Community Employment Workshop.

TA-01-2015 – RELATED TO CHILD CARE

Planning and Development Services Manager Preston Mitchell stated the text amendment before Council is for a type of child care facility not currently permitted in the Land Development Ordinance (LDO).

Mr. Mitchell reviewed the current definition for Child Daycare in the LDO:

- Daycare Home – allows care of three to nine children in a residence
- Daycare Center – allows care of three or more preschool children or nine or more school age children in a nonresidential setting
Mr. Mitchell pointed out the proposed changes to the LDO will add Child Care Center in Residence. He explained a Child Care Center in Residence is a larger-scale daycare operated out of a home. He indicated the proposed text amendment defines child care as care of any child under 13 years of age for greater than four hours.

Mr. Mitchell reviewed Child Care Center in Residence and indicated it will allow care of 3 to 15 children in a residence. He noted the Planning Board recommended requiring a Special Use Permit (SUP) in residential zonings to address neighborhood concerns. He indicated conditions could be applied to SUPs, which are revocable should problems arise. He added a Child Care Center in Residence would require 100 square feet of gross heated area per child. He noted a Child Care in Residence for 13 children would require a 1,300 square feet home.

Mr. Mitchell explained specific requirements, such as minimum area of play or nutrition requirements, are governed by the State. He noted the Planning Board unanimously recommend approval of the proposed text amendment.

(b) Mayor Woodson convened a public hearing, after due notice thereof, to receive comments regarding TA-01-2015.

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

Councilmember Alexander asked if a citizen could lease or purchase a property for a day care under the City’s Ordinance and find out it does not meet State requirements. Mr. Mitchell noted the State recommends local restrictions remain as broad as possible, putting a minimum and maximum on the number of children, in order to let the State handle specific requirements and licenses.

Councilmember Kennedy asked if the proposed text amendment would affect existing home day care centers. Mr. Mitchell noted the proposed text amendments could affect daycare centers operating illegally in residences. He added he is not aware of a Child Care Center in Residence operating inside the City limits.

Mr. Miller stated the City Council hereby finds and determines that adoption of an Ordinance to amend the Land Development Ordinance of the City of Salisbury, as underlined or stricken herein 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 amendment, the specific request, and observations provided by City Planning staff, there are no policies directly supportive of, or objectionable to, the proposal. Thereupon Mr. Miller made a motion to adopt an Ordinance amending Chapter 2 (Districts), Chapter 3 (Additional Use Standards), and Chapter 18 (Definitions) of the Land Development Ordinance of the City of Salisbury, North Carolina, related to Child Day Care. Ms. Blackwell seconded the motion. Messrs. Kennedy, Miller, and Woodson, and Mses. Alexander and Blackwell voted AYE. (5-0)
ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, (DISTRICTS), CHAPTER 3 (ADDITIONAL USE STANDARDS), AND CHAPTER 18 (DEFINITIONS) OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, NORTH CAROLINA RELATED TO CHILD DAY CARE.

(The above Ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book No. 25 at Page No. 58-61, and is known as Ordinance 2015-27)

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CITY CODE REGARDING NEGLECTED AND ABANDONED PROPERTIES

Housing Advocacy Commission (HAC) Chair Barbara Perry, Community Planning Services Director Janet Gapen, and Code Enforcement Officer Michael Hanna addressed Council regarding proposed amendments to the City Code for vacant, neglected, and abandoned residential properties.

Ms. Perry clarified the proposed Ordinance would not require two additional Code Enforcement Officers as initially requested, and she noted Code Enforcement currently has four officers serving the City.

City Manager Lane Bailey pointed out the police officer serving in Code Enforcement is a pilot program. He added if the program is unsuccessful, the police officer will move back to law enforcement and an additional Code Enforcement Officer will be hired.

Ms. Perry noted the HAC has worked on the proposed amendments for over a year and held two community forums with over 300 people in attendance.

Mayor Woodson recognized HAC members in attendance, and he thanked them for their service to the City.

Ms. Gapen explained the focus is on vacant properties that are not maintained by property owners. She commented the Ordinance defines vacant, abandoned, and neglected properties. She added neglected properties are defined as those that are vacant and have received at least one Code violation within a 12-month period. She noted abandoned properties are defined as those that are vacant, have multiple Code violations, and have been out of compliance for at least 30 days.

Ms. Gapen stated the proposed Ordinance:

- Defines vacant, neglected and abandoned residential properties
- Identifies owner/property managers and establishes contact for vacant/abandoned properties
- Owner would be required to submit a maintenance plan
- Remain code compliant
- Exemptions for fire damage and properties under historic rehabilitation or renovation
- Must bring property into compliance within 90 days
Ms. Gapen thanked Code Enforcement Officers Michael Hanna, Donovan Hamm, and Rebecca Sexton for their work during the transition. She also introduced new Code Services Manager Troy Powell to Council. Mayor Woodson welcomed Mr. Powell to the City.

(b) Mayor Woodson convened a public hearing, after due notice thereof, to receive comments regarding proposed amendments to City Code regarding vacant, neglected, and abandoned residential properties.

Mr. Geoffrey Hoy, 510 Maupin Avenue, thanked Council for increasing Code Enforcement staff. He added residents are excited about the strengthened Code. He asked Council to consider adding an office person to increase Code Enforcement efficiency.

Mr. Rodney Queen, 101 Ferncliffe Drive, stated the issue regarding neglected and abandoned housing must be resolved. He encouraged Council to adopt the proposed Ordinance which would improve the quality of life for citizens who live near abandoned and neglected houses.

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

Councilmember Alexander questioned if the proposed changes will make it easier for Code Enforcement Officers to take action when occupied homes are in violation. Code Enforcement Officer Michael Hanna noted the proposed Ordinance will make the eviction process easier.

Councilmember Miller stated he supports enhancement to the Code. He questioned how demolitions would be funded if the Ordinance is approved. Ms. Gapen noted the budget includes funds for demolition. She added the proposed Ordinance would complement the Housing Stabilization Program Council approved this year. Mr. Miller asked if enforcement costs would become a lien against the property, and he pointed out it is important for funds received to be allocated back to the process. He asked about the timeline for action regarding abandoned and neglected housing.

Mr. Hanna explained North Carolina General Statues require a 10 to 30 day hearing. He added a certified letter is sent to the property owner to alert them of the hearing date. He explained if the property owner does not respond within 15 days of the signed date on the certified letter, staff can begin the fining process that could lead to a misdemeanor. Mr. Miller asked how much time has to pass before a property qualifies as vacant or abandoned. Mr. Hanna noted as soon as the first violation occurs, the property is classified as neglected and after two or more violations it is classified as abandoned.

Mr. Miller questioned what will take place after the Notice of Hearing letter is sent. Mr. Hanna noted after the Notice of Hearing a Plan of Action is created for the property, and the property owner has 90 days to bring the property into compliance. Mr. Miller asked how much progress has to be made on a property that qualifies for the historic restoration exemption.

Ms. Gapen noted historic renovation can be a lengthy process. She pointed out staff works with property owners whenever possible to avoid demolition. Mr. Miller added a common sense approach must be used to enforce the proposed Ordinance.
Ms. Alexander stated there are 700 to 800 abandoned houses in the City, and it will take years to correct the problem. Ms. Gapen noted staff is reassessing vacant houses to identify the ones that take precedence. Ms. Alexander recommended staff create a matrix to alert citizens of a time frame regarding vacant property in their neighborhood.

Mayor Pro Tem Blackwell pointed out the figure of 700 houses was taken from a 2012 study that included both vacant and abandoned houses. Ms. Perry added the HAC figured approximately 175 of the 700 houses were abandoned and neglected properties.

Councilmember Kennedy stated determining if property taxes are current should be a part of the process. Mr. Miller noted the process will require due diligence and must be well executed. He added staff must do all it can to work with property owners to reach the desired outcome.

Ms. Blackwell noted taking care of the City’s blight issue is key to economic development. She added the North Carolina School of Government reviewed the proposed Ordinance and determined it to be role model quality.

Mr. Miller asked if an appeal process is included in the Code. Mr. Hanna stated appeals go to the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA).

Thereupon, Ms. Alexander made a motion to adopt an Ordinance amending Chapter 10, Article I and IV, of the Code of the City of Salisbury, relating to enforcement. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Messrs. Kennedy, Miller, and Woodson, and Mses. Alexander and Blackwell voted AYE. (5-0)

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 10, ARTICLE I AND IV, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, RELATING TO ENFORCEMENT.

(The above Ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book No. 25 at Page No. 62-65, and is known as Ordinance 2015-28)

FIRST READING - CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY FOR TAXI OWNERS

Salisbury Police Captain Shelia Lingle addressed Council regarding a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for Taxi Owners for Mr. Archie Shavers, doing business as Safety Taxi, Incorporated. She noted Mr. Shavers has been affiliated with Safety Taxi for over 10 years and currently has certificates for two taxicabs.

Captain Lingle stated the Police Department conducted an investigation regarding Mr. Shaver’s experience, ability to maintain a sound financial business, and a vehicle and rate inspection. She concluded the vehicle, a 2005 Chrysler seven passenger van, was fully operational and meets the requirements to be used safely as a taxi vehicle. She added the Police Department is comfortable with issuance of the certificate to Mr. Shaver.
Thereupon, Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve the first reading for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for Taxi Owners for Archie Shavers, DBA as Safety Taxi, Inc. Ms. Alexander seconded the motion. Messrs. Kennedy, Miller, and Woodson, and Mses. Alexander and Blackwell voted AYE. (5-0)

G-09-2003 – THE GABLES AT KEPLEY FARM PHASES 3 AND 4

Zoning Administrator David Phillips explained the request before Council is a Group Development vested under the previous zoning Code. He noted approvals to the plan must be considered under the previous zoning Ordinance.

Mr. Phillips pointed out the request is for The Gables at Kepley Farm located in the 2000 block of Faith Road and will include a satellite annexation. He described the development history, and he explained the developer plans to create a new phase line in Phase 3 to be shown as Phases 3A and 3B. He pointed out the developer does not want to install street or water/sewer infrastructure for 3B until 3A is completed. He pointed out infrastructure for 3A is in place, and Phase 4 has been approved and is ready for development.

Mr. Phillips explained the developer made an additional request for relief from the sidewalk bonding requirement to install sidewalks as the lots are developed. He added the sidewalks were installed as the homes were completed in the earlier phases of The Gables. He stated the request was reviewed by the Technical Review Committee (TRC) who had no problem with the new phase line but had some discussion regarding the sidewalk bonding. He added the TRC approved the request with a six to one vote. He added the Public Services Department expressed concerns regarding the sidewalk installation. He stated the Planning Board recommended all sidewalks in 3A be installed before construction can begin on 3B.

Ms. Alexander asked if the drawings have been updated to reflect the Planning Board’s recommendations. Mr. Phillips stated the sidewalk requirements will be recorded if Council approves the request.

Councilmember Miller explained phase lines were designed to increase sidewalk consistency. He added the Planning Board recommendation solves the connectivity problem. He pointed out developers do not want to put sidewalks in that could be damaged by construction equipment. He noted if the City allowed the developer to install sidewalks as lots were developed in prior phases, the City should remain consistent.

Mr. Miller asked about sidewalk recommendations for Phase 4. Mr. Phillips stated the Planning Board did not have any recommendations for Phase 4. He pointed out the quality of development in the previous phases has been good, and he added he thinks the developer will follow through on the requirements.

Thereupon, Ms. Blackwell made a motion to adopt revisions to Master Site Plan G-09-
2003 the Gables at Kepley Farms Phases 3 and 4, and to allow relief from the sidewalk bonding requirement with the following condition:

1. 100 percent of the sidewalks in Phase 3A must be installed before Phase 3B can be developed.

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

Mayor Woodson recognized Ms. Janie Lane from Spencer Lane Construction who is the developer for the neighborhood.

Ms. Lane explained it is not economically feasible to install sidewalks before the homes are completed. She questioned the complete installation of sidewalks in 3A before construction can begin in 3B.

Mr. Phillips stated the Planning Board did not take action to prevent construction of streets but did not want to allow construction of homes in 3B until sidewalks are completed in 3A. Ms. Lane noted there are three houses in Phase 2 under construction that do not have sidewalks, and the developer cannot get a Certificate of Occupancy until sidewalks are installed. She asked if they will be able to obtain permits for 3B as not to stall construction. She pointed out 12 houses have been sold in Phase 4.

Mr. Phillips stated the Planning Board was clear that sidewalks must be installed completely before construction begins in 3B. He explained no permits will be issued for housing in 3B until all sidewalks are constructed for 3A.

Mr. Miller noted Council does not want to put a hardship on the developer, but it cannot deviate too far from the standards.

Mr. Phillips pointed out Council is relieving the developer of the bond requirement, so there will be no monies if lots are left without sidewalks.

Mayor Pro Tem Blackwell added The Gables at Kepley Farm is a lovely development, and neighbors noted the new developer kept promises made by the previous developer.

**FINAL PLAT – THE GABLES AT KEPLEY FARM PHASE 3A**

City Engineer Wendy Brindle noted at its last meeting Council accepted the final plat for Phase 4 of The Gables at Kepley Farm. She added Council just approved a revised phase line for Phase 3 along with the requested relief from sidewalk bonding for Phases 3 and 4.

Ms. Brindle explained approval of the final plat for Phase 3A will allow the developer to obtain building permits pending the completion of the voluntary annexation process.

Thereupon, Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve the final subdivision plat S-02-2015
for the Gables at Kepley Farms Phase 3A subject to completion of the voluntary annexation process. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Messrs. Kennedy, Miller, and Woodson, and Mses. Alexander and Blackwell voted AYE. (5-0)

SPEED LIMIT – WEST MONROE STREET

Traffic Engineering Coordinator Vickie Eddleman stated staff received a request to reduce the speed limit on West Monroe Street from South Fulton Street to Brenner Avenue. She noted staff is working with Livingstone College and the neighborhood to improve pedestrian safety.

Ms. Eddleman pointed out the speed limit on Monroe Street is currently 35 mph. She explained the Engineering Department, Police Department, Livingstone College, and the neighborhood requested a reduced speed limit of 25 mph for this section of Monroe Street based on traffic studies and pedestrian use.

Councilmember Kennedy commented there are crosswalks in the area and traffic speed needs to be reduced. Councilmember Alexander agreed with Mr. Kennedy, and she pointed out the speed limit was lowered at Catawba College to improve safety.

Thereupon, Mr. Kennedy made a motion to adopt an Ordinance amending Chapter 13-336, Article X, of the Code of the City of Salisbury, relating to speed limits generally. Ms. Blackwell seconded the motion. Messrs. Kennedy, Miller, and Woodson, and Mses. Alexander and Blackwell voted AYE. (5-0)

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 13-336, ARTICLE X, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, RELATING TO SPEED LIMITS-GENERALLY.

(The above Ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book No. 25 at Page No. 66, and is known as Ordinance 2015-29)

ON-STREET PARKING – CRAWFORD STREET

Traffic Engineering Coordinator Vickie Eddleman explained Crawford and South Railroad Streets intersect in a curve near the old Cone Mill plant. She noted staff was alerted to a safety concern regarding parking on the side of the road in the curve where the streets intersect. She stated vehicles are allowed to park on both sides of Crawford Street, and she noted parking is restricted on both sides of South Railroad Street. She explained drivers cannot see around the curve or the parked vehicles to safely pass.

Ms. Eddleman pointed out the road is not wide enough to sustain two travel lanes and a parking lane. She explained staff recommends removing parking in the curve and adding parking to the straightaway.
Ms. Eddleman stated letters were sent to property owners and renters but no replies were received. She asked Council to consider amending Section 13-336 of the City Code, relating to parking prohibited at all times.

Mayor Woodson questioned the width of Crawford and South Railroad Streets. Ms. Eddleman stated both streets are 25 feet wide.

Thereupon, Ms. Alexander made a motion to adopt an Ordinance amending Chapter 13, Article X, of the Code of the City of Salisbury, relating to parking prohibited at all times. Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion. Messrs. Kennedy, Miller, and Woodson, and Mses. Alexander and Blackwell voted AYE. (5-0)

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 13, ARTICLE X, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, RELATING TO PARKING PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES.

(The above Ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book No. 25 at Page No. 67, and is known as Ordinance 2015-30)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Woodson opened the floor for public comment.

Mr. Jerry Shelby, Morlan Park neighborhood, shared his concerns regarding the intersection of Morlan Park Road and Jake Alexander Boulevard. He extended a personal invitation to Mayor Woodson, Council, and City Manager Lane Bailey to tour the intersection. He asked Council to reconsider the closing of the intersection of Morlan Park Road and Jake Alexander Boulevard.

Mayor Woodson asked City Manager Lane Bailey to arrange a time to tour the site with Mr. Shelby.

Rodney Queen, 101 Ferncliffe Drive, shared his thoughts on the definitions of abandoned and neglected homes. He indicated Code Enforcement will work with citizens trying to repair their property. Mr. Queen stated he supports the construction at The Gables at Kepley Farms, and he agreed with the Planning Board’s recommendation that sidewalks must be completed in Phase 3A before construction can begin in Phase 3B. He added he does not support street and sidewalk bonding.

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

CITY MANAGER’S COMMENTS

(a) Cabarrus-Rowan Metropolitan Planning Organization Projects

City Manager Lane Bailey noted staff has spoken with the Historic Salisbury Foundation (HSF) and Amtrak regarding Amtrak’s lease with the HSF. He explained the City would assume
the lease and sublease to Amtrak. He added staff is considering improvements to the facility that could be funded through the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) grants. He asked City Engineer Wendy Brindle to address Council regarding proposed grant requests.

Ms. Brindle stated the City is a member of the Cabarrus-Rowan Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), and every two years the City prepares a Local Transportation Improvement Program for submission to the State-wide program through the MPO. She explained the City must submit its Local Transportation Program through the MPO to have the project considered. She pointed out submission does not guarantee funding, and there are different types of projects such as highway and rail.

Ms. Brindle noted staff has two rail projects it would like to submit: improvements to Salisbury Station and a platform to accommodate freight operations. She explained improvements to the Salisbury Station would include a waiting room and surface parking expansion for Amtrak. She pointed out over the next five years a 50 percent increase in rail transportation in the City is predicted. She added staff does not anticipate right-of-way acquisition, but there may be some acquired easements. She noted staff estimates $250,000 for easements associated with parking and approximately $3 million for the total project.

Ms. Brindle explained the second project would be a platform to accommodate freight operations making it eligible for a State-wide tier. She noted the State estimates the project at $7.8 million, and it would provide a platform on the east side of tracks and a grade-separated crossing to access the platform.

Ms. Brindle explained staff would like to get the projects placed on the State-wide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) through the MPO and will need a Resolution of support for each project.

Councilmember Alexander asked if the City would have to match funds if NCDOT funds the entire project. Ms. Brindle noted the application indicates the City may support the project with matching funds up to, or equal to, 10 percent depending on availability of funds from the General Fund operating budget. She added NCDOT likes to see some form of local commitment. Mr. Miller asked if the commitment could be in-kind. Ms. Brindle stated it could, and she noted the City has partnered with NCDOT in the past with in-kind provisions.

Mayor Pro Tem Blackwell pointed out if the projects were approved they would not take place in the current budget year. Mr. Bailey noted staff received the information late last week and there is a deadline for project consideration. He explained if the project is not submitted by the end of the month, the City will have to wait two years to apply. Ms. Blackwell encouraged staff to keep the HSF informed.

Thereupon, Ms. Blackwell made a motion to adopt a Resolution endorsing Salisbury Station improvements to the Cabarrus-Rowan Metropolitan Planning Organization. Ms. Alexander seconded the motion. Messrs. Kennedy, Miller, and Woodson, and Mses. Alexander and Blackwell voted AYE. (5-0)
RESOLUTION ENDORSING SALISBURY STATION IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CABARRUS-ROWAN METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION.

(The above Resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book No. 15 at Page No. 17, and is known as Resolution 2015-14)

Thereupon, Ms. Blackwell made a motion to adopt a Resolution endorsing a second platform to accommodate freight operations at the Salisbury Station to the Cabarrus-Rowan Metropolitan Planning Organization. Ms. Alexander seconded the motion. Messrs. Kennedy, Miller, and Woodson, and Mses. Alexander and Blackwell voted AYE. (5-0)

RESOLUTION ENDORSING A SECOND PLATFORM TO ACCOMMODATE FREIGHT OPERATIONS AT THE SALISBURY STATION TO THE CABARRUS-ROWAN METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION.

(The above Resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book No. 15 at Page No. 18, and is known as Resolution 2015-15)

(b) Road Construction – East Innes Street

City Manager Lane Bailey announced staff will be accepting bids Thursday, August 20, 2015 for median work on East Innes Street. He noted the anticipated cost is less than $200,000, and he pointed out the project was discussed during Council’s Budget Retreat. He added the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) moved the construction date up, and he indicated funds are allocated in the budget for the project.

City Engineer Wendy Brindle noted NCDOT will mill East Innes Street before the street is paved, and it would like the medians to be in place so the paving will be smooth. She indicated staff will work to complete the project by September 2015.

Ms. Brindle pointed out the location of the medians was determined by the Complete Streets Plan adopted by Council in January 2015. She added staff notified property owners of the project, and the public seems to be supportive.

Ms. Brindle indicated after the resurfacing is complete, staff will install stamped decorative crosswalks at the intersections. She pointed out the medians will not block the fire station access, and she added some of the medians will include mountable curb and plantings.

Ms. Brindle noted North Long Street is also being resurfaced. She reviewed the location of bicycle lanes to be included. She explained rapid flashing beacons and stamped crosswalks will be installed near the intersection of Long and Liberty Streets. She added the project will end at Park Avenue with stamped crosswalks.

Ms. Brindle commented staff will have a follow-up meeting with NCDOT and their contactor to ensure all aspects of the project are coordinated.
MAYOR’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

(a) “School Tools” Campaign

Mayor Woodson announced the City of Salisbury is partnering with Communities in Schools to collect items for its annual “School Tools” Campaign. Last year Communities in Schools packed more than 500 book bags for students, and with the community’s help, it hopes to reach even more students this year. The types of supplies needed include: book bags/backpacks, notebook paper, pencils, crayons, colored pencils, three-ring binders, and rulers. The “School Tools” Campaign kicks off August 3, 2015 and lasts through August 19, 2015. Supplies will be collected at the following locations:

- City Hall – 217 South Main Street
- Customer Service Center – 1415 South Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue
- City Office Building – 132 North Main Street
- Fire Station 1 – 514 East Innes Street
- Police Department – 130 East Liberty Street
- Civic Center – 315 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue
- Hall Gym – 1400 West Bank Street
- City Park – 316 Lake Drive

(b) Movies in the Park

Mayor Woodson announced the Salisbury Parks and Recreation will host “Movies in the Park” at City Park, Friday, August 21, 2015. Pre-movie activities will begin at 8:00 p.m. The movie will begin at approximately 9:00 p.m. Bring a blanket or chair to watch the featured movie “Mr. Peabody and Sherman.” This free event is sponsored by Fibrant and open to the public.

(c) Music at the Mural

Mayor Woodson announced Salisbury Parks and Recreation will host “Music at the Mural” Saturday, August 29, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the 100 block of West Fisher Street. Bring a chair and enjoy music in the heart of downtown Salisbury. The event is free and open to the public.

(d) 2015-2016 Historic Preservation Incentive Grants

Mayor Woodson announced applications are being accepted for the 2015-2016 Historic Preservation Incentive Grants. The matching grants are available on a competitive basis for exterior projects on owner-occupied homes in the four residential local historic districts: North Main Street, Brooklyn South Square, West Square, and Ellis Street Graded School. Applications are available by calling (704) 638-5324. All applications must be received by September 30, 2015.

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 Mses. Alexander and Blackwell voted AYE. (5-0)

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Thereupon, Ms. Alexander made a motion for Council to return to open session. Ms. Blackwell seconded the motion. Messrs. Kennedy, Miller, and Woodson, and Mses. Alexander and Blackwell voted AYE. (5-0)

Mayor Woodson announced no action was taken in closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ms. Blackwell seconded by Ms. Alexander. All council members in attendance agreed unanimously to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Paul B. Woodson, Jr., Mayor

Myra B. Heard, City Clerk