

Salisbury, North Carolina

May 16, 2003

SPECIAL MEETING

PRESENT: Mayor, Susan W. Kluttz, Presiding; Mayor Pro Tem,
Paul B. Woodson, Jr.; Councilmen William (Bill) Burgin;
William (Pete) Kennedy; Robert (Bob) Martin; and
City Attorney, F. Rivers Lawther, Jr.

ABSENT: City Manager, David W. Treme; and City Clerk,
Myra B. Heard.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Kluttz. The invocation was given by Mayor Pro Tem Woodson.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Mayor Kluttz recognized all visitors present.

ACTING CITY CLERK

Mayor Kluttz recommended that City Council appoint F. Rivers Lawther, Jr., City Attorney, as Acting City Clerk for this special meeting of May 16, 2003.

Thereupon, Mr. Woodson made a **motion** to appoint F. Rivers Lawther, Jr., City Attorney, as Acting City Clerk for the special meeting of May 16, 2003. Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion. Messrs. Burgin, Kennedy, Martin, Woodson, and Ms. Kluttz voted AYE. (5-0)

GROUP HOMES MORATORIUM

Mr. Joe Morris, Urban Resource Manager, reminded Council that several meetings ago, City Council considered new regulations for group homes. Those recommendations were sent to a Council committee composed of Councilmen Kennedy and Martin. Mr. Morris told Council that the committee met on April 29, 2003 with several group home operators. The final recommendations are being prepared but will not be ready in time to accommodate the expiration of the group home moratorium, which is May 17, 2003. Mr. Morris informed Council that the Council committee recommends extending the group home moratorium until June 4, 2003. Mr. Morris noted that City Council meets on June 3 at which time the recommendations will be ready for Council consideration.

Thereupon, Mr. Kennedy made a **motion** to extend the group home moratorium until June 4, 2003. Mr. Woodson seconded the motion. Messrs. Burgin, Kennedy, Martin, Woodson, and Ms. Kluttz voted AYE. (5-0)

BUDGET WORKSHOP

Mayor Klutz said it had been brought to her attention that Council needs to set a budget workshop. However, since City Manager Treme is not present today, Mayor Klutz suggested waiting until the May 20, 2003 Council meeting to set the budget workshop. All Council members were in agreement.

YMCA PROPERTY

Mayor Pro Tem Woodson stated that he had recently received a citizen complaint regarding the YMCA property. He said the citizen told him this matter has been going on for over a year and nothing has been cleared. Mr. Woodson asked staff to look into this matter.

Mr. Joe Morris, Urban Resource Manager, reminded Council that they had directed staff to investigate the possibility of an ordinance that would control this type of clear-cutting in the future. He said this recommendation has been submitted to the North Carolina General Assembly through our representative, Ms. Lorene Coates. Mr. Morris noted it has been assigned a bill number but he does not know the status at this time. He said enabling legislation would adopt a local ordinance to control clear-cutting in Salisbury. However, this will not help the existing situation, Mr. Morris stated.

Mayor Klutz noted this is private property, not city-owned property, and asked staff to look into this matter.

Mr. Dan Mikkelson, Director of Land Management and Development informed Council that staff would look into this matter and report back to Council at the May 20, 2003 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Woodson, seconded by Mr. Martin. All Council members agreed unanimously to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Mayor

Acting City Clerk