

Salisbury, North
Carolina

July 1, 2003

REGULAR MEETING

PRESENT: Mayor Susan W. Klutz, Presiding; Mayor Pro Tem, Paul B. Woodson, Jr.; Councilmen William (Bill) Burgin; Robert (Bob) Martin; City Manager, David W. Treme; City Attorney, F. Rivers Lawther, Jr.; and City Clerk, Myra B. Heard.

ABSENT: Councilman William (Pete) Kennedy

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Klutz at 4:00 p.m. The invocation was given by Councilman Burgin.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Klutz recognized Boy Scout Troop 443 of St. John's Lutheran Church, who led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance of the United States flag. Boy Scout Troop 443 also posted the colors carrying both the flag of the United States and a flag of the City of Salisbury, England.

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING MEMBERS OF BOY SCOUT TROOP 443 AS AMBASSADORS OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY

Mayor Klutz presented to the Salisbury City Council a Resolution Designating Members of Boy Scout Troop 443, St. John's Lutheran Church, as Ambassadors of the City of Salisbury, North Carolina on the occasion of their visit to the City of Salisbury, Wiltshire, United Kingdom, July 24, 2003, to August 2, 2003.

Councilman Woodson made a **motion** to adopt the resolution designating Boy Scout Troop 443 as ambassadors of the City of Salisbury. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. Messrs. Burgin, Martin, Woodson and Ms. Klutz voted AYE. (4-0).

(The above resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book No. 11, under Chapter XII - Miscellaneous, at Page No. 32, and is known as Resolution No. 2003-32.)

Mayor Klutz recognized Mr. George Busby who is the first person known to have traveled officially, as a scout, to Salisbury, England, in 1957. She noted that Mr. Busby was an Eagle Scout, and that, in addition to forty pounds of personal luggage, he carried on his back, as a gift, a twenty-five pound piece of Salisbury pink granite.

Mr. Joe Morris, Planning & Community Development Manager, presented information regarding the upcoming trip to Salisbury, England and noted that this is a first step of what is hoped to be a long-term relationship where there will be exchanges of scouts between the United States and England. The scouts will tour the City of Salisbury, England, and present the local dignitaries with a plate bearing an image of the Bell Tower.

Mayor Klutz expressed appreciation to Mr. Morris and all of the adult scout leadership noting that without them this experience for these young men would not be possible.

Mayor Klutz commented that if there were no objections, the flag of the City of Salisbury, England, would remain up during the meeting instead of the North Carolina flag. She explained that it had been sent from England for the 250 Fest Parade and will be displayed at the Rowan Museum.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Mayor Kluttz recognized all visitors present.

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PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Kluttz proclaimed the following observance:

RECREATION AND PARKS MONTH

July, 2003

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CONSENT AGENDA

(a) Minutes

Approve Minutes of the regular meeting of June 17, 2003, (Recessed) and resumed June 20, 2003.

(b) Group Development Site Plan - G-5-85 - Salisbury Mall

Approve Group Development Site Plan G-5-85, Salisbury Mall A-9, Original Steakhouse and Sports Theatre, 1935 Jake Alexander Boulevard West, for the renovation to the exterior building and addition of a sidewalk area.

(c) Minor Subdivision Plat - S-03-03 - Lonzo and Anna Nix

Approve minor subdivision plat S-03-03 to subdivide a 10.001-acre out of a 13.951-acre tract on Earnhardt Road in the City's Extra Territorial Jurisdiction (ETJ).

(d) Klumac Road Grade Separation - Project U-3459

Staff recommends that City Council conduct a local public hearing concerning the Klumac Road Grade Separation on July 15, 2003.

Thereupon, Mr. Woodson made a **motion** to approve the Consent Agenda as read. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. Messrs. Burgin, Martin, Woodson and Ms. Kluttz voted AYE. (4-0).

ZONING MAP AMENDMENT - Z-06-03 - P. H. MCKINNEY

Z-06-03 - P. H. McKinney

Northeast Corner of Interstate 85/Julian Road Interchange

The request is to rezone approximately 0.78 acres located on the north side of Julian Road at the Interstate 85 interchange from B-CS Convenience Service Business District to M-1 Light Industrial District.

(a) Mr. Harold Poole, Senior Planner, informed Council that the proposal for Z-06-03 is for rezoning from B-CS Convenience Service Business to M-1 Light Industrial District. He noted that there is no other B-CS zoning in the area, but quite a bit of M-1 zoning. Mr. Poole indicated that on the property in question, there is an old service station building which has not been used as such for many years, and that adjacent to the property is a mobile home park and the Julian Road/ Interstate interchange. He pointed out that the diamond-shaped interchange is zoned A-1, and that staff recommends that if Council approves the request for rezoning of Z-06-03, it include the diamond-shaped area to be rezoned from A-1 to M-1. He noted that in the absence of any other A-1 property in the area, the interchange is, in fact, inadvertent spot zoning. Mr. Poole reported that the Planning Board unanimously recommends the request.

(b) Mayor Kluttz convened a public hearing, after due notice and advertisement thereof, on the following zoning map amendment Z-06-03, P.H. McKinney, Northeast Corner of Interstate 85/Julian Road Interchange.

Those speaking **in favor** of the above proposal were:

Mr. P.H. McKinney, 413 Cleo Avenue, Granite Quarry, explained that the reason for requesting rezoning of the property is that it would offer more opportunities for its use, and that at the present time, he has a lease agreement hinging on the rezoning of the property.

No one else was present to speak **for** or **against** the above proposal. Therefore, Mayor Kluttz closed the public hearing.

(c) Thereupon, Mr. Woodson made a **motion** to approve the zoning from B-CS Convenience Service Business District to M-1 Light Industrial District. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. Messrs. Burgin, Martin, Woodson and Ms. Kluttz voted AYE. (4-0)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, NORTH CAROLINA, BY REZONING APPROXIMATELY 0.78 ACRES AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION OF JULIAN ROAD AND INTERSTATE 85, IDENTIFIED AS PARCEL 42 ON SALISBURY TWP. TAX MAP 63, FROM B-CS CONVENIENCE SERVICE BUSINESS DISTRICT TO M-1 LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT.

(The above ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book No. 19, under Chapter XI, Zoning & Planning, at Page No. 30, and is known as Ordinance No. 2003-44.)

(d) Thereupon, Mr. Woodson made a **motion** to approve the zoning from A-1 Agricultural District to M-1 Light Industrial District. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. Messrs. Burgin, Martin, Woodson and Ms. Klutz voted AYE. (4-0)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, NORTH CAROLINA, BY REZONING APPROXIMATELY 17 ACRES LOCATED WITHIN THE INTERSTATE 85 RIGHT-OF-WAY AT ITS INTERSECTION WITH JULIAN ROAD, FROM A-1 AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT TO M-1 LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT.

(The above ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book No. 19, under Chapter XI, Zoning & Planning, at Page No. 31, and is known as Ordinance No. 2003-45.)

FOREST GLEN SUBDIVISION S-2-92 - REQUEST TO GRANT RELIEF FROM SUBDIVISION STANDARDS

Mr. Dan Mikkelson, Land Management & Development Director, presented a request from the developers of the Forest Glen subdivision for modification of standards in accordance with Section 5.05.2 of the subdivision ordinance regarding sidewalks in phases 3, 4, and 5.

Mr. Mikkelson shared a map of the plan of the subdivision showing phases 1 through 5. He noted that phases 1 and 2 were constructed before the City had sidewalk requirements, but that the developer had installed sidewalks on one side of the street in those phases. He stated that the developer is ready to move into phase 3 and has also submitted phases 4 and 5. Mr. Mikkelson pointed out that the developer has installed a private greenway trail for use of the residents and guests of Forest Glen, and that the length is almost as long as either of the roads in phases 1 and 2 or phases 3, 4, or 5. He noted that this is a greenway facility that is encouraged, but not required, by Vision 2020.

Mr. Mikkelson indicated that the developer has requested that in phases 3, 4, and 5, he not be required to install sidewalks on two sides of the street, but only on one side in exchange for having installed the greenway trail. Mr. Mikkelson pointed out that staff will never recommend relief from sidewalk standards, but in a case where Council wants to consider relief, staff would look at what kind of precedent would be set. He noted that if that is the case with this request, staff believes this sets a high standard as a precedent for future requests for relief. He pointed out that the developer has installed a greenway trail that is essentially the same length as the sidewalk that would have been required on the second side of that street system. Mr. Mikkelson noted that it provides another pedestrian facility and that Vision 2020 encourages different ways of coming up with parks and recreation facilities that includes greenway trails that interact with residential neighborhoods. He noted that if Council wants to grant the relief, it would set a *good* precedent.

Mr. Mikkelson noted that representatives of the developer were present if Council would like to hear from them. Mayor Klutz clarified that the representatives did not want to speak, but were in attendance to answer any questions which might be asked.

Councilman Martin commented that he had visited the area, and that since phases 1 and 2 have the sidewalks on one side with a nice greenway on the other side, it makes sense to have phases 3, 4, and 5 match the other phases. He noted that Vision 2020 is encouraging greenways and this is what is out there. He stated that he would be in favor of granting the variance.

Mayor Pro Tem Woodson commented that he would be in favor of granting the variance if it would help get the development going. He noted that Vision 2020 encourages open space and greenways and that Council can grant relief if it so desires. He stated that he would be in favor of granting relief to get the project underway.

Mayor Klutz noted that she was a proponent of greenways, but had concern as to whether or not restrictions should be set as to what kind of greenway it is, noting that she had some problems with it being private rather than public because it could be a part of the City's entire greenway system.

Mr. Mikkelson commented that currently the greenway is privately developed, is posted for use of residents and guests only, and access could be prohibited by the homeowners association. He noted that at this time no plans have been developed for a public greenway in that area, but that if in the future, any plans were to be developed, the area most likely to be considered would be the land which parallels the neighboring creek. He stated that he would not want there to be an obstruction which would prevent development of any future public greenway trail from one point to another along the creek.

Mayor Klutz stated that while she thinks it is a wonderful place to have to walk other than a sidewalk, she is concerned about the precedent.

Councilman Burgin commented that in the development of the sidewalk standards, which were developed by the Planning Board, it was felt that this was an opportunity, as Vision 2020 was developing, to move forward at a faster pace some of the advantages of raising the standard of our development. He noted that this is a model development and all involved are to be applauded, but if the expectation for less affluent developments in our community is to have sidewalks on both sides, it is very tough for me to think that a development of this level would be excepted from that. He suggested that there might be standards which can be developed to address an exchange for two sidewalks, but in the absence of that, he was nervous. Mr. Burgin stated that relevant to the development itself, it is a minor cost and affords people on both sides some opportunity to use sidewalks in establishing boundaries for children without asking the children to cross the street. He stated that it defines where traffic needs to stay so that pedestrians feel safe. He noted that he believes the Planning Board that created the ordinance had those things in mind.

Mr. Burgin further stated that developments cannot be built that are automobile-oriented and expect them to have pedestrians walking in them. He explained that he understands that the greenway offers that, but in terms of what occurs on a sidewalk, the greenway does not necessarily exchange those things equally. He noted that the greenway gives you other things, but that the City is trying to establish in our developments a minimum standard of sidewalks on both sides, and that he is nervous about saying that this is an even exchange. Mr. Burgin stated that the community is going to have to develop sidewalks on both sides in new phases where there is one sidewalk in the other phases, and as those begin to be used, it is hoped that the local community itself will begin to recognize the need to go ahead and put sidewalk in on the other side. He noted that this is a standard that was adopted through a process that he does not want to see ignored. He commented that there have been several developers to come before Council and indicate that they did not want to do this, and Council informed them that this is our community standard and you must comply. Mr. Burgin stated that he cannot excuse this one when he expects the same from others, and that he wants to hold the line and say this is what the ordinance says with the hope that over time, the additional sidewalk will be well worth the investment that this community and these developers are being asked to make. He stated that he would like to see the two sidewalks.

Mr. Mikkelson indicated that he would like to clarify the approval process. He noted that Forest Glen had submitted and previously gained approval for all five phases, and that the subdivision ordinance provision grants two years under that approval to develop. He stated that this particular development took longer than two years, but the thing that made them come back, that was different from a brand new development, was the fact that they had previously had an approved subdivision preliminary plat. Mr. Mikkelson clarified that the plat had been approved before there were any sidewalk requirements. He stated that this is one that was caught in the middle and there are not many in the same situation. He noted that the one thing this neighborhood has that most do not have is the extensive greenway trail, and if Council were to grant relief, that does give them a high standard that they have set.

Mayor Klutz commented that it does make it difficult for developers who have planned so long for the development to be one way, and because of permit expiration and a change in the rules in the meantime, they cannot proceed as planned. She stated that she was not so sure that they should have to abide by the new rules.

Mr. Burgin asked for clarification as to what was done with the development that Jake Alexander and John Henderlite completed on Old Mocksville Road, because that was to be completed in two phases, and when it was time to begin phase 2, they were expected to install double sidewalks. Mr. Mikkelson recalled that in phase 1, sidewalk was installed on one side of the street, and when phase 2 was submitted, double sidewalk was a requirement which had to be met, and the decision was appealed by the developers. He noted that due to the zoning classification, the appeal went to the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) instead of the City Council, and the ZBA upheld the standard and they were required to install sidewalk on two side sides of the street.

Mr. Burgin expressed concern over what a developer might ask for as an exchange at a future time. He noted that in this case, it is an exceptional greenway, but the next situation might be for a nice entryway to a subdivision as an exchange for relief. He stated that he did know how exchanges are made objectively, and that they are making them subjectively, which makes him nervous. Mr. Burgin indicated that he expects developers to meet the standards whose lots are \$10,000 a lot as well as from one whose lots are \$70,000, and that he does not think it is right to make exceptions and thinks that is what he is being asked to do.

Mr. Martin commented that he did not think the value of the lots had a bearing on it, but rather the fact that there was a change in the middle of the game and that they have the greenway there. He stated that he did not foresee developers in the future running into this problem.

Thereupon, Mr. Martin made a **motion** to grant the modification of standards requiring the developer to install sidewalk on only one side of the street. Mr. Woodson seconded the motion. Messrs. Martin, Woodson and Ms. Klutz voted AYE. Mr. Burgin voted NAY. (3-1)

SPEED LIMIT - OAKVIEW DRIVE

Ms. Wendy Brindle, Traffic Engineer, informed Council that a petition has been received from property owners along Oakview Drive requesting that the speed limit be lowered to 25 mph. She stated that 85% of the property owners were in support. She noted that the request is consistent with others which have been submitted and approved in the past.

Councilman Burgin expressed concern over establishing a speed limit at a certain level in order to get drivers to go at a certain speed limit that is at a higher level. He questioned whether or not that is what is being done in this situation and if what was really being said was that it was the goal that people go 35 mph, so the speed limit would be set at 25 mph. He stated that he was a reluctant supporter of this approach.

Thereupon, Mr. Woodson made a **motion** to adopt an ordinance to reduce the speed limit to 25 mph. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. Messrs. Burgin, Martin, Woodson, and Ms. Klutz voted AYE. (4-0)

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

(The above ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book No.19, under Chapter X - Traffic, at Page No. 8, and is known as Ordinance No. 2003-46.)

PERMIT TO OPERATE A POOL HALL - 723 KLUMAC ROAD

Sgt. Hodge Coffield, Salisbury Police Department, informed Council that he represents Mr. Jeffrey K. Alley, who resides at 1000

Emerald Street. He noted that this matter has been referred to the Police Department for investigation, and that Mr. Alley is requesting a pool hall permit to operate at his business at 723 Klumac Road which is the site of the former Klumac Inn.

Sgt. Coffield indicated that an investigation on Mr. Alley has been completed and that he complies with the items under Section 4-53 of the City ordinance. He stated that Mr. Alley's business is named the Rock Harley Saloon, has approximately 1100 square feet, that an inspection shows he is in compliance with Section 4-34 in that the building has been renovated, cleaned, and painted, and that Mr. Alley is requesting to operate with two pool tables. Sgt. Coffield stated that except for a few minor articles on his driving record, Mr. Alley's criminal record is void of anything serious, and recommended that this request move on to the public hearing phase on July 15, 2003.

Thereupon, Mr. Woodson made a **motion** to set a public hearing on July 15, 2003, on the Klumac Road property. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. Messrs. Burgin, Martin, Woodson, and Ms. Klutz voted AYE. (4-0)

PARK AVENUE COMMUNITY CENTER GRANT

Ms. Lynn Raker, Urban Design Planner, introduced Mr. Lou Manning, member of the Planning Board and President of the Park Avenue Redevelopment Corporation. She noted that it is the Park Avenue Redevelopment Corporation which is responsible for securing this HUD grant.

Mr. Manning recognized members of the Park Avenue Redevelopment Corporation Board who were present. He also recognized Mr. Daryl Darby, who is not on the Board, but is an instructor at Rowan-Cabarrus Community College and who is going to install the computer network at the Community Center at no cost. He noted that there are people on board who will be helping with the fitness, arts and crafts, and tutorial centers when the Community Center is opened.

Mr. Manning explained that approximately two years ago, the Salisbury Housing Authority and the Park Avenue Redevelopment Corporation applied for an anti-drug initiative grant from HUD for use in neighborhood capital improvement, and that the grant totaling \$14,499.81 has now been awarded and received. He stated that the Board would like to turn the grant funds over to the City to be used for the purchase of equipment and furnishings for the new Park Avenue Community Center.

Mayor Klutz commented that this is what makes the Park Avenue neighborhood so special in that they actually go out and find money to help with projects such as this. She noted that the City is very appreciative of what is being done. She also extended appreciation to the Salisbury Housing Authority for their role in this project.

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BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT FY2003-2004 - TO APPROPRIATE A DONATION TO THE PARK AVENUE COMMUNITY CENTER

Mayor Klutz introduced the request for a budget ordinance amendment to the FY2003-2004 budget in the amount of \$14,499.81 to appropriate a donation to the Park Avenue Community Center.

Thereupon, Mr. Burgin made a **motion** to accept the \$14,499.81 and increase the General Fund and put it in Special Projects. Mr. Woodson seconded the motion. Messrs. Burgin, Martin, Woodson, and Ms. Klutz voted AYE. (4-0)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2003-2004 BUDGET ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, NORTH CAROLINA, TO APPROPRIATE DONATION FOR THE PARK AVENUE COMMUNITY CENTER.

(The above ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book No. 19, under Chapter II - Administrative, at Page No. 40, and is known as Ordinance No. 2003-47.)

REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE PROCEEDS OF TAX-EXEMPT FINANCING

Ms. Teresa Harris, Budget & Performance Management Manager, explained that in the FY2004 Budget, Council approved lease purchase financing for telecommunications equipment and some facility renovations. She noted that some expenditures would be incurred before receiving the lease purchase financing. Ms. Harris explained that staff has conferred with banks and financial advisors, and it is felt that it is in the best interest of the City to wait until after January 1, 2004 to issue the lease purchase financing, because at that point financing will be bank qualified and interest rates would be lower. She noted that with expenditures which will be incurred, it is necessary to have these resolutions in place in order to spend money prior to receiving the funds.

Councilman Burgin asked for clarification on what makes it turn to bank qualified. Ms. Harris explained that if in a calendar year, one incurs debt of \$10 million or more, it is non-bank qualified, and since the City is doing bond refinancing in this calendar year, any other debt incurred will be non-bank qualified.

(a) Thereupon, Mr. Woodson made a **motion** to approve the resolution of the City of Salisbury to declare the intention to reimburse the issuer from the proceeds of a tax-exempt financing for certain expenditures to be made in connection with the acquisition, construction, and equipping of certain telecommunications capital improvements. Mr. Burgin seconded the motion. Messrs. Burgin, Martin, Woodson, and Ms. Klutz voted AYE. (4-0)

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY TO DECLARE THE INTENTION TO REIMBURSE THE ISSUER FROM THE PROCEEDS OF A TAX-EXEMPT FINANCING FOR CERTAIN EXPENDITURES TO BE MADE IN CONNECTION WITH THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, AND EQUIPPING OF CERTAIN TELECOMMUNICATIONS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS.

(The above resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book No. 11, under Chapter XII - Miscellaneous, at Page Nos. 33-34, and is known as Resolution No. 2003-33.)

(b) Thereupon Mr. Woodson made a **motion** to approve the resolution of the City of Salisbury to declare the intention to reimburse the issuer from the proceeds of a tax-exempt financing for certain expenditures to be made in connection with the acquisition, construction, and equipping of certain facilities capital improvements. Mr. Burgin seconded the motion. Messrs. Burgin, Martin, Woodson, and Ms. Klutz voted AYE. (4-0)

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY TO DECLARE THE INTENTION TO REIMBURSE THE ISSUER FROM THE PROCEEDS OF A TAX-EXEMPT FINANCING FOR CERTAIN EXPENDITURES TO BE MADE IN CONNECTION WITH THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, AND EQUIPPING OF CERTAIN FACILITIES CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS.

(The above resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book No. 11, under Chapter XII - Miscellaneous, at Page Nos. 35-36, and is known as Resolution No. 2003-34.)

PARTICIPATION IN AN AIR QUALITY AND EMISSIONS REDUCTION PROGRAM

Mr. Ted Phillips, Fleet Division Manager, informed Council that over the past few years, the City has been getting ready for the North Carolina emissions program. He noted that about 1 1/2 years ago, staff began bringing the entire City fleet up to what was expected to be the emissions standards which would be approved by the state of North Carolina. Mr. Phillips indicated that in the end, the state passed a much lower standard than that for which the City had prepared. He noted that the benefits of meeting higher standards would result in less pollution and more fuel savings. He explained that starting last January, the City began converting all of the off-road equipment to burn on-road diesel fuel, and that this results in a 600% reduction in sulfur emissions which is one of the major pollutants from diesel engines. He pointed out that in 1993, the City went to low sulfur diesel on-road fuel which is about 500 parts per million sulfur and to off-road fuel which is about 3,000 parts per million. He stated that the City is currently preparing for the 2006 Standard which will call for ultra-low sulfur diesel fuel which will bring the diesel fuel sulfur content down to 15 parts per million. He noted that the City is working with the Centralina Council of Governments as it moves forward to convert over to ultra-low sulfur diesel fuel.

City Manager Treme noted that in terms of the regional sustainability project that addresses air quality, the staff and Mr. Phillips have reduced the City fleet by forty vehicles, and that these were the vehicles that could not muster the required standards. He noted that if pollution is a problem in North Carolina, it is even more of a problem in this region, and that he wanted to alert the Council that the City is engaged in doing something about it on behalf of the citizens.

Mayor Klutz commented that it was important for the Council to know what is being done, because they are very concerned about the air quality and the recent reports. She noted that the Council showed a commitment to helping clean up the air by funding the Environmental Center Program as the budget was prepared, and that this report is just another example that we are actively working to do that.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION VACANCY

Upon **motion** of Mr. Burgin, seconded by Mr. Woodson, and with Messrs. Burgin, Martin, Woodson, and Ms. Klutz voting AYE, the following appointment was made to the Historic Preservation Commission:

Dick Sylvester appointment to fill vacancy Term expires 3-31-2005

COMMENTS FROM CITY MANAGER

(a) Planning Board recommendations and comments

Council received the Planning Board recommendations and comments from their June 24, 2003 meeting.

(b) Holiday schedule for fiscal year 2003-2004

City Manager Treme informed Council that the Holiday schedule for FY2003-2004 could be found in their packet.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

(a) Correspondence to Senator Brock concerning clear cutting Resolution

Mayor Klutz informed Council that she had presented them with a copy of a letter she had sent to Senator Brock concerning the clear cutting resolution to which he made an amendment to remove Salisbury. She asked Council to note the date of the letter which was

June 12, 2003, and pointed out that it was about three weeks ago. She commented that she had requested a response at his earliest convenience to discuss the resolution, and had invited him to bring along anyone who was opposed to it and might have influenced his decision. She stated that as of today there has been no type of response from Senator Brock.

(b) Annexation Newsletter - Introduction of new employee Ms. Karen Wilkinson

Mayor Klutz shared with Council the new annexation newsletter, recognizing that as of this date the City has gained over 2,000 new citizens, and noted that the population of the City of Salisbury has grown to over 28,000 people. She stated that Council is very happy to have its newest neighbors.

Mayor Klutz noted that she is very proud of the Parks and Recreation Department and their new public relations person. She introduced Ms. Karen Wilkinson and welcomed her to the staff. Mayor Klutz complimented Ms. Wilkinson on the newsletter and indicated that these would probably be published quarterly for the new residents in the annexed area. She noted that Ms. Wilkinson joined the Parks and Recreation Department on June 2, 2003 as Marketing and Community Relations Manager.

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 5:02 p.m.

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Mayor

City Clerk