

Salisbury, North Carolina
September 16, 2003

REGULAR MEETING

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

ABSENT: None

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Mayor Kluttz thanked Mr. Kennedy for the very fine prayer. She said that she would like to add to that by expressing a special thanks to the Fire Department for the good job they did for the 9/11 Ceremony, and noted how proud and appreciative the City is for all they do. She also expressed thanks to Public Services for mounting the flags in the downtown area.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Mayor Kluttz recognized all visitors present.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

Mayor Kluttz noted the following change to the Agenda:

Addition of a Closed Session for the purpose of discussing an economic development matter as allowed in North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11(4).

NATIONAL GUARD PRESENTATION

Mayor Kluttz explained that she and City Manager Treme were recently invited to visit the local National Guard Facility and was afforded the privilege of riding in a Blackhawk helicopter. She commented that they viewed a presentation which explained services that the National Guard provides at both the national and local levels, and felt it would be informative for the Council and the public to hear. She introduced Major Paul Barbee, Facility Commander at the National Guard Army Aviation Support Facility.

Major Paul Barbee indicated that the facility is basically an aviation support facility and that their mission is to support the training and readiness of two aviation units located at the airport. He noted that the first unit is the General Support Aviation Battalion composed of the Blackhawk Helicopters which has as its federal mission that of basic general support in a combat zone and a state mission of support to the governor. He commented that the facility was built in 1977, and that through the years, an additional hangar and additional fuel tanks have been added and recent approval was granted to add a \$1.1 million Crash/Fire Rescue Facility which will assist in providing service to both the airport and the local community as needed. Major Barbee, re-emphasized the mission of the facility as that of overseeing the training and readiness of the two units to support federal missions or go-to-war missions and/or state missions for the governor.

Major Barbee explained that the facility also has an eradication detachment, known as the RAID (Reconnaissance and Interdiction Detachment) Detachment, which assists local law enforcement and marijuana eradication throughout the state. He noted that last year, over \$300 million in illicit drugs was taken in.

Major Barbee stated that federal mission support has included involvement with Homeland Defense, deployment of several

members of the unit to Afghanistan, and active duty support for Fort Bragg through special warfare training for the school academy which qualifies special operation troops. He noted that other federal mission support has included deployment of unit members to Kuwait in 1998, participation in the National Training Center in California, and support for the active Apache battalion as they were deployed through Fort Hood on their way to Afghanistan.

Major Barbee noted that support at the state level includes support for hurricane disasters, forest fires with the use of 600 gallon water buckets, high profile prisoner transport with the latest being Eric Rudolph, and beach erosion projects undertaken by the Army Corps of Engineers.

Major Barbee explained that at the local level support includes tracking local prisoner/convict escapes, lost children, and RAID aircraft assistance for the Police Department on occasions such as the recent drug dealing activities in a Salisbury apartment. He noted that there is support for community relations through crash rescue aid for the airport, tours for scouts and schools, Junior ROTC missions/flights, STARBASE mission at the elementary school, air shows, and training such as hosting the recent Rowan County HAZMAT preparedness training.

Major Barbee indicated that they are also a business. He noted that the facility hires sixty full-time employees and 361 part-time employees who are the traditional week-end guardsmen who are now working about two week-ends per month. The annual payroll is \$3.5 million, and the value of the assigned aircraft is approximately \$72 million.

Mayor Klutz thanked Major Barbee again for the wonderful service provided by the National Guard and the business which it provides to the city.

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PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Klutz proclaimed the following observances:

HONOR OUR HEROES DAY	September 11, 2003
POW/MIA DAY	September 19, 2003
FAMILY DAY - A DAY TO EAT DINNER WITH YOUR CHILDREN	September 22, 2003
FIRE PREVENTION WEEK	October 5-11, 2003
AARP MONTH	October, 2003

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CONSENT AGENDA

(a) Minutes

Approve Minutes of the regular meeting of September 2, 2003.

(c) Acting City Clerk

Appoint Swannetta Fink as Acting City Clerk September 22-26, 2003.

Thereupon, Mr. Burgin made a **motion** to approve the Consent Agenda as read. Mr. Woodson seconded the motion. Messrs. Burgin, Kennedy, Martin, Woodson, and Ms. Klutz voted AYE. (5-0)

RESTORATION AND REPAIR OF MARKERS IN THE OLD ENGLISH CEMETERY

Mr. Joe Morris, Planning & Community Development Manager, explained that sometime ago, Mr. Robert Crum became interested in working through a committee of Downtown Salisbury, Inc. to make improvements to the downtown with a particular interest in potential restoration and renovation of the Old English Cemetery at the intersection of West Council Street and North Church Street. Mr. Crum was asked to provide a report to Council on the current status of the project.

Mr. Crum introduced himself as a visual artist who has worked in downtown Salisbury for the past twelve years and is now a resident. He explained that he has done several landscape paintings around the Old English Cemetery, and while so doing, had noticed in his wanderings through the cemetery that it was in a poor state of repair.

Mr. Crum stated that he serves on the Downtown Salisbury Master Plan Implementation Committee, and had inquired of Mr. Edward Norvell, Chairman, who the caretakers of the cemetery were. He commented that Mr. Norvell identified the City as the caretakers, but that there were no funds available to take care of the monuments. He noted that Mr. Norvell suggested that the cemetery monuments be inventoried and an estimate be made of the cost to restore and repair them.

Mr. Crum indicated that the estimate completed last spring by the Salisbury Marble & Granite Company showed that about 95 percent (224) of the monuments need to be straightened or repaired, and that this includes fifty-eight broken monuments which need to be glued together and seven which need to be resealed and several which need to be re-straightened. He noted that this cemetery is one of the oldest in the city with monuments dating back to the Revolutionary War period, and includes the graves of Confederate soldiers, many founders of this community, and the grave and monument of a governor. He commented that there is a record in the History Room of the Rowan County Public Library which shows who is buried there even though the cemetery has never been surveyed. Mr. Crum stated that the estimated cost of the project would be \$8,483 if repairs were to be done at this time.

Mr. Crum stated that he has made a number of presentations about the need to restore the cemetery, including the Colonial Dames and the Genealogical Society from which contributions have been received. He noted that he has begun to solicit funds and has received about 10 percent of the amount needed. Mr. Crum explained that he had met with the Board of the Rowan Museum and received approval for contributions to be paid through them and placed into a special bank account in order to qualify as tax deductible. He noted that anyone wishing to make donations could make checks payable to the Rowan Museum earmarked for the Old English Cemetery.

Mr. Morris commented that this project has been an educational process for the city staff, due to a lack of curatorial expertise to manage this type of project. He indicated that the city has done routine maintenance of monuments with the most recent case being the vandalism at Chestnut Hill Cemetery. He noted that this is a much older cemetery, that the stones are more fragile, and that there are resources available to us to develop a plan for how this is done. Mr. Morris stated that he had an opportunity to talk about the project with Mr. John Clauser, a retired archaeologist with the State Office for Historic Preservation, and was given the name of a book which would help with ideas and standards for preserving the stones. He indicated that due to budget constraints, the state no longer offers this type of expertise as a service. Mr. Morris suggested that it would probably be beneficial to have Mr. Clauser come to Salisbury, for just a few hundred dollars, and make recommendations to us, meet with the company that Mr. Crum has talked with about making the repairs, and give assurance that the project is being completed correctly. He commented that because this cemetery is a very important resource in our history, we need to make sure that it is restored in a proper way, and as we can assist Mr. Crum in reaching his goal, it will be a benefit to our community as well.

Mayor Pro Tem Woodson stated that he thought it was very nice of Mr. Crum to walk through the cemetery and to take on this project to try and make improvements.

Mayor Klutz also commended Mr. Crum. She noted that one of the things that is wonderful about Salisbury is that there are people who see something which needs to be improved, and take it on themselves, as you have done, without feeling the need to come to Council to request money.

Mayor Pro Tem Woodson asked for clarification as to which governor was buried in the cemetery. Mr. Crum answered that it was Governor John Ellis who died in 1861 and was buried elsewhere, but later buried here in the Old English Cemetery. Mr. Morris pointed out that Senator Overman is also buried in the cemetery.

Ms. Kaye Brown Hirst, Executive Director of the Rowan Museum, commented that the Museum is supportive of this project, and that the hundreds of students and campers who visit that cemetery each year engage in a phenomenal learning experience. She pointed out that it is, however, dangerous in some areas.

Mayor Klutz expressed appreciation to those who brought this undertaking to the attention of the Council, and indicated that she assumed the staff would continue to work on the project.

Councilman Kennedy commented that it is certainly befitting that Council support fund raising for this cemetery just as it has for the Freedman Cemetery. He noted that Council is trying to remember the history of all of our people.

Mr. Edward Norvell, President of the Rowan Museum, noted that he is also working on the Freedman Cemetery Project and that there is going to be a gate between the two cemeteries. He commented that it was felt only appropriate to perk up the Old English Cemetery, and that Mr. Crum has come up with this project. He indicated that he feels it is a very timely project, that there is support from foundations within the community, and that he strongly encourages having someone like Mr. John Clauser come in as a consultant for the project.

Mayor Klutz clarified that what Mr. Norvell was suggesting was the possibility of financial support from monies through local grants. She commented that the point made by Councilman Kennedy is very important. She stated that having a bridge between the two is very significant in knowing that even though we can look back, but cannot change history, we need to appreciate and understand it.

SALISBURY EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION (ETJ)

(a) Mr. Joe Morris, Planning & Community Development Manager, indicated that at the last Council Meeting on September 2,

2003, Council adopted a schedule for the relinquishment of a portion of the Salisbury Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ). He pointed out that the specific area in question is east of I-85, south of Julian Road, and a portion of Heilig Road. He noted that this property primarily consists of the Summit Corporate Center which is the industrial park that is owned by Rowan County. Mr. Morris explained that the request was made subsequent to a meeting of a couple of Council members with the Chairman of the County Commission and the County Manager. He stated that staff investigated the procedures for relinquishment of ETJ.

Mr. Morris stated that a public hearing was conducted by the Planning Board on September 9, 2003 at which no one spoke. He noted that there was discussion among the Planning Board members regarding the reasoning for the request for the relinquishment of the ETJ and possible reciprocal cooperation in the future at such time as the city might look at expansion of the ETJ in other areas. He indicated that the Planning Board recommended unanimously in favor of this particular relinquishment.

Mr. Morris explained that there are four areas of administration which will be jettisoned by the City once the Council conducts its public hearing, considers the resolution, and if the resolution should be adopted. He stated that those areas are the zoning, the subdivision administration, the administration of our flood plain protection ordinance, and fire inspection. He emphasized that it is very important that the County understand that fire inspections will no longer be provided in that area.

Mr. Morris stated that the protocol would be for Council to conduct the public hearing and consider the prepared resolution that relinquishes the ETJ effective September 22, 2003.

(b) Mayor Klutz convened a public hearing, after due notice and advertisement thereof, concerning relinquishing a portion of the Salisbury Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ).

Since no one was present to speak **for** or **against** the above proposal, Mayor Klutz closed the public hearing.

Councilman Kennedy asked for clarification with reference to the Fire Department. Mr. Morris explained that at some point in the past, there was an agreement between the City and the County for the provision of fire inspection within the ETJ. He noted that in the provision, the City Fire Department went into the ETJ, which is outside of the city limits, and provided inspections based on the fire code. He commented that since this area will no longer be in the ETJ, inspections would not be provided by the city, but that it would become the duty of the County Fire Marshall, or however that service is provided on a countywide basis. Mr. Treme commented that this follows state law.

(c) Thereupon Mr. Burgin made a **motion** to adopt the resolution to relinquish that portion of the ETJ discussed and approved by the Planning Board. Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion. Messrs. Burgin, Kennedy, Martin, Woodson, and Ms. Klutz voted AYE. (5-0)

A RESOLUTION TO RELINQUISH A PORTION OF THE SALISBURY EXTRATERRITORIAL PLANNING JURISDICTION (ETJ).

(The above resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book No. 11, under Chapter XII - Miscellaneous, at Page No. 58, and is known as Resolution No. 2003-43.)

VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION - SALISBURY APARTMENTS

(a) Mr. Patrick Ritchie, Staff Engineer, indicated that the staff has been working with the developer of the Salisbury Apartments to voluntarily annex the site which is located off of Bringle Ferry Road and contains 6.376 acres. He commented that this item has come before Council on two previous meetings, and that this third occasion is to gain input from the public. He noted that if after this meeting, Council wishes to proceed with the voluntary annexation; it would be necessary to adopt an ordinance to annex the 6.376 acres into the city with an effective date of December 31, 2003.

(b) Mayor Klutz convened a public hearing, after due notice and advertisement thereof, on the voluntary annexation of Salisbury Apartments, 1100 Bringle Ferry Road.

Since no one was present to speak **for** or **against** the above proposal, Mayor Klutz closed the public hearing.

(c) Thereupon, Mr. Kennedy made a **motion** to adopt the ordinance annexing 6.376 acres (Salisbury Apartments) on Bringle Ferry Road with an effective date of December 31, 2003. Mr. Woodson seconded the motion. Messrs. Burgin, Kennedy, Martin, Woodson and Ms. Klutz voted AYE. (5-0)

AN ORDINANCE TO EXTEND THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, NORTH CAROLINA, 6.376 ACRES TO INCLUDE SALISBURY APARTMENTS.

(The above ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book No. 19, under Chapter XV - Miscellaneous, at Page Nos. 34-35, and is known as Ordinance No. 2003-63.)

VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION - YADKIN RIVER PUMP STATION - HANNAH'S FERRY ROAD

(a) Mr. Patrick Ritchie, Staff Engineer, indicated that the city has been working with the utility staff to annex city-owned property at the Yadkin River Pump Station on Hannah's Ferry Road. He commented that this item has come before Council on one previous meeting, and that this occasion is to gain input from the public. He noted that if after the public hearing, Council wishes to proceed with the voluntary annexation, it would be necessary to adopt an ordinance to annex the 1.417 acres into the

city with an effective date of December 31, 2003.

(b) Mayor Kluttz convened a public hearing, after due notice and advertisement thereof, on the voluntary annexation of Yadkin River Pump Station on Hannah's Ferry Road.

Since no one was present to speak **for** or **against** the above proposal, Mayor Kluttz closed the public hearing.

(c) Thereupon, Mr. Woodson made a **motion** to annex the Yadkin River Pump Station on Hannah's Ferry Road. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. Messrs. Burgin, Kennedy, Martin, Woodson and Ms. Kluttz voted AYE. (5-0)

AN ORDINANCE TO EXTEND THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, NORTH CAROLINA, 1.417 ACRES TO INCLUDE THE YADKIN RIVER PUMP STATION ON HANNAH'S FERRY ROAD.

(The above ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book No. 19, under Chapter XV - Miscellaneous, at Page Nos. 36-37, and is known as Ordinance No. 2003-64.)

SPEED LIMIT - ROBIN ROAD

Ms. Wendy Brindle, Traffic Engineer, informed Council that a petition has been received from property owners along Robin Road requesting that the speed limit be lowered to 25 mph. She stated that about 93 percent of the property owners, including Catawba College, are in support, and that the request is consistent with others which have been submitted and approved in the past. She noted that action would be to adopt an ordinance amending Section 13-336 of the City Code.

Thereupon, Mr. Kennedy made a **motion** to adopt an ordinance amending Section 13-336 of the City Code pertaining to speed limits. Mr. Woodson seconded the motion. Messrs. Burgin, Kennedy, Martin, Woodson, and Ms. Kluttz voted AYE. (5-0)

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. 12, and is known as Ordinance No. 2003-65.)

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CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PLANNING AND EVALUATION REPORT (CAPER)

(a) Mr. John Brooks, Community Development Consultant, informed Council that every year the Community Development Division is required to make available to the public a report of the accomplishments of the past fiscal year in the CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) and HOME Programs. He noted that the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) includes both of these programs as well as any program income received during this past fiscal year. He stated that \$621,00 in federal funds was received during this past fiscal year, and commented that it has been a member of the Home Consortium since 1996 during which time over \$900,000 in additional funding has been received for community development projects.

Mr. Brooks indicated that CAPER also includes the reports and the accomplishments made during this past year, and he noted them as follows:

- Completed eight (8) rehabilitation projects of homes
- Provided home ownership assistance to three (3) new families which is \$10,000 in assistance that is payable back to the city through program income
- Acquired nine (9) new properties to build houses for first-time homebuyers
- Continued to support sub-recipients by providing \$67,000 in funding for

Rowan Helping Ministries

Community Care Clinic

Family Crisis Council

Summer Youth Employment Program

Master Gardeners Association (West End Community Garden Project with recent addition of raised beds to encourage Senior participation)

- Initiated and completed a planning study for the Jersey City Neighborhood and are in the process of implementing some of the recommendations received from the Jersey City Neighborhood
- Constructed four (4) new homes in the Jersey City Neighborhood through the Salisbury Community Development Commission (CDC) in conjunction with the city.

Mr. Brooks indicated that the last time HUD (Housing and Urban Development) visited the city was in 1997, and that this reveals a great deal about the administration of the program. He noted that this fifty-page report has been available to the public

since August 24, 2003, and that the only required action is a public hearing prior to the report being submitted to HUD by September 28, 2003.

(b) Mayor Kluttz convened a public hearing, after due notice and advertisement thereof, on the Consolidated Annual Planning and Evaluation Report (CAPER).

Since no one was present to speak **for** or **against** the above report, Mayor Kluttz closed the public hearing.

Mayor Kluttz expressed appreciation to Mr. Brooks and his department for all they accomplish for the city.

City Manager Treme noted that a number of excellent properties to be used for houses have been purchased in conjunction with the Community Development Corporation (CDC), and that the goal for that corporation next year is to put an additional ten (10) houses on the ground for first-time home owners. He expressed gratitude to Mr. Brooks, the CDC, and Mr. Joe Morris for their efforts in these programs.

Mayor Kluttz commented that community development is so important, because it not only helps individuals, but also strengthens the neighborhoods which Council feels is the way to make the whole city better and safer.

Councilman Kennedy stated that he was very impressed with the project on Park Avenue. He noted how much improvement there has been since he looked at it earlier, and expressed appreciation for the accomplishment.

PERFORMANCE REPORTING DEMONSTRATION GRANT

Mr. Evans Ballard, Budget and Benchmarking Analyst, recommended to City Council that a letter of support be submitted and that the City Manager be authorized to sign and file an application for a Performance Reporting Demonstration Grant in the approximate amount of \$30,000.

Mr. Ballard pointed out that the terms and conditions of the grant require the governmental entity to involve the citizenry in a performance measurement process as follows:

- Conduct citizen satisfaction and recommendation surveys.
- Incorporate survey results with the performance measures in at least two annual reports that would be made available to the public.
- Initiate a public information campaign designed to raise citizen awareness about the survey, the performance measures of the city, and the public nature of the annual reports.

City Manager Treme commented that in the absence of funds in the city budget for undertaking many desired projects, staff is attempting to secure grant funds. The city has been participating for a number of years with the Institute of Government on measurement and benchmarking. He stated that it was also felt that citizens should be involved as much possible in this process. He noted that this grant would allow the city to accomplish one of the management services goals for the city. He commented that the Council is a firm believer in measurement of city services against benchmarks, and that this project would help the city to take this to the next level.

Thereupon, Mr. Woodson made a **motion** to authorize the City Manager to sign this application for a Performance Reporting Demonstration Grant for approximately \$30,000. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. Messrs. Burgin, Kennedy, Martin, Woodson, and Ms. Kluttz voted AYE. (5-0)

BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT - FY2003-2004 - TO APPROPRIATE RECEIPT OF RESTRICTED FUNDS - POLICE DEPARTMENT

Ms. Barbara Fuller, Fiscal Analyst, informed Council that the city has received restricted funds with which the Salisbury Police Department would like to purchase video equipment for investigative purposes. She noted that some of the current equipment is outdated.

Thereupon, Mr. Woodson made a **motion** to amend the budget ordinance to the amount of \$3,025. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. Messrs. Burgin, Kennedy, Martin, Woodson, and Ms. Kluttz voted AYE. (5-0)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2003-2004 BUDGET ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, NORTH CAROLINA, TO APPROPRIATE RESTRICTED ASSET FORFEITURE FUNDS.

(The above ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book No. 19, under Chapter II - Administrative, at Page No. 42, and is known as Ordinance No. 2003-66.)

COMMENTS FROM CITY MANAGER

(a) Freedman Cemetery Fund

City Manager Treme reported to Council that at the Chamber of Commerce meeting on September 15, 2003, it was announced that funding for the Freedman Cemetery was down to the last \$13,000 needed to match the foundation grant. He noted that since the city had underwritten the project, he was pleased with the success and wanted to pass the information on to Council.

(b) Hurricane Isabel

City Manager Treme commented that Hurricane Isabel has now been downgraded, but that our area may still see rain and high winds. He noted that through Fire Chief Brady, the Police Department, and the county emergency group, staff would keep everyone posted as pertinent information comes in from the office of the governor and the Duke Power Company.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

(a) Mayor's Spirit Luncheon

Mayor Klutz informed Council that the Mayor's Spirit Luncheon would be held on Tuesday, October 7, 2003 at 12:00 noon at City Hall. She commented that as the community becomes more diverse with many different races, cultures and languages, it is an area that the city needs to consider for the future. Dr. Mark R. Sills, Executive Director of FaithAction International House, will share what his group is doing in Greensboro to address these matters.

(b) Pan American Day

Mayor Klutz announced that Pan American Day would be celebrated at the Salisbury Civic Center on Saturday, October 11, 2003 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

(c) Rowan Museum

Mayor Klutz announced that the Rowan Museum is celebrating its fiftieth year, and that the City Council has been invited to the Annual Meeting and Birthday Party of the Board of Directors on Tuesday, September 30, 2003 in the Messinger Room of the Museum. She noted that there will be a tour at 6:30 p.m. and refreshments at 7:00 p.m. followed by the general meeting and program.

(d) Christmas Parade

Mayor Klutz informed Council that the invitation to ride in the Christmas Parade has been received. She noted that the parade would be held on Wednesday, November 27, 2003 beginning at 1:45 p.m. in Spencer and 2:45 p.m. in Salisbury.

(e) Rowan County Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours

Mayor Klutz announced that the Council is invited to attend the Rowan County Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours on Monday, September 22, 2003 on Easy Street from 5:00-7:00 p.m. She commented that the event is sponsored by the F & M Bank.

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR PRO TEM WOODSON

Mayor Pro Tem Woodson indicated that he had talked with both Mayor Klutz and City Manager Treme and would like to make a statement. He commented that with the recent purchase of police cars, many people talked with him about support for the local community. He noted that he understood from Mr. Treme that part of the law requires certain things, but that he is asking that if there were any way, the local government should support the taxpayers whether it be car dealers, hardware stores, or any nature of purchasing. He commented that he really thought that he would hear lots of criticism about purchasing the police cars, but, instead, the criticism was that the city was not purchasing from local businesses. Mr. Woodson indicated again that, in order to help the people who pay the taxes, if there is any way local purchases can be made without doing anything illegal, it would be greatly appreciated. He commented that the city needs to support the local people, and in any way that the City Manager and Purchasing could accomplish this, everyone would be most appreciative.

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Klutz informed Council that she would entertain a motion for the Council to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing an economic development matter as allowed in North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11(4).

Thereupon, Mr. Kennedy made a **motion** to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing an economic development matter as allowed in North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11(4). Mr. Burgin seconded the motion. Messrs. Burgin, Kennedy, Martin, Woodson and Mrs. Klutz voted AYE. (5-0)

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Mayor Pro Tem Woodson **moved** to return to open session. Mr. Burgin seconded the motion. Messrs. Burgin, Kennedy, Martin, Woodson and Mrs. Kluttz voted AYE. (5-0).

Mayor Kluttz announced that no action was taken in closed session.

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ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Burgin, seconded by Mr. Kennedy. All Council members agreed unanimously to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk

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