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City to Begin Construction of 300 South Main Parking Lot Next Week Lot Budgeted to be Completed 36% Under Initial Estimate

Salisbury_North Carolina_February 7 - Next week the City of Salisbury will begin constructing the new parking improvements on the 300 block of South Main Street.

As part of the incentive agreement to lure Integro Technologies downtown, the City will build a shared 55-space parking lot that will be used by Integro Technologies during the day and be open to public use on nights and weekends. The City has a similar shared parking arrangement at the Gateway building, which has been quite successful.

The new parking lot will replace the former lot that was on the corner of South Main and Bank Streets. This former lot previously housed the Salisbury Farmer's Market and was used for downtown overflow parking during Friday Night Out events, plays and parades.

The Historic Preservation Commission has approved the parking lot improvements in this area. In addition, the City's One Stop Shop has approved the project per the City's administrative review process.

Instead of bidding and contracting out the construction of the parking lot, the City will complete construction of the project internally.

The City has excess asphalt available on the bulk asphalt contract that the City does not want to go to waste, as well as recycled concrete fill taken from the original parking lot that was on site. The City also has the manpower and skill to manage and construct this project. Completing the project internally will result in a better value to the taxpayer and is consistent with the City Council's philosophy of running City government more like a business. In addition, the use of recycled materials is consistent with the City Council's direction of operating the City in a sustainable manner.

Construction of the parking lot will be coordinated with Integro Technologies to minimize the impact on their operations. Cost of the parking improvements is \$35,000, which includes a 15% contingency. Originally, costs were estimated to be \$55,000 or \$1,000 per space. Attached is additional information and a cost breakdown.



Staff managing the construction of the parking lot along with the City's One Stop Shop has advised that the City should defer the outside perimeter work on the lot until the School Central Office issue is resolved. In litigation, Rowan County could be ordered to fund the School Central Office project without a say regarding location. If this occurs, the Rowan Salisbury School Board may desire the 329 South Main Street site, as it is more cost effective than the proposed 504 North Main Street site. As a result, the parking lot needs a flexible perimeter so that parking can be added onto the existing parking lot without altering newly completed construction. City staff has worked to provide this flexibility so that the City does not waste valuable financial resources.

Work on the parking lot improvements will begin next week and should be completed within 30 days.

The public can begin using the parking lot for downtown overflow parking on nights and weekends upon the completion of construction.

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Engineer's Estimate - 329 S. Main Parking Lot

Item Description				Amount
Mobilization				\$3,420.00
Equipment Rental - 7 Ton, 66" Roller				\$4,000.00
S9.5B Asphalt Course 1.5"				\$14,630.00
1'6" Curb and Gutter				\$2,150.00
5000 PSI Concrete				\$687.50
3000 PSI Concrete Curb Mix				\$884.00
Landscaping Trees				\$750.00
Incidental Stone				\$1,850.00
Misc Expenses (Delivery Fees, etc)				\$200.00
				\$28,571.50
			15% Contingency =	\$4,285.73
			Total =	\$32,857.23
			Say =	\$35,000.00

Engineer's Calculations - 329 S. Main Parking Lot

Area to be paved =	19,758			
		<u>Depth (in)</u>	<u>Conversion</u>	<u>Total Tons</u>
Stone		8	140	922.04
Asphalt Base Course		1.5	145	179.056875
Asphalt Surface Course		1	145	119.37125