

# City of Saluda

## Regular Schedule Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes

Board of Commissioners



Date	6/13/2022
Time	07:00 PM
Location	Saluda Library Chambers Room

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### 1 - Call to Order

Mayor Morgan called the Meeting to order at 7:00 pm on June 13<sup>th</sup>

### 2 - Invocation

A moment of silence was observed

### 3 - Pledge of Allegiance

I Pledge Allegiance to the flag  
of the United States of America  
and to the Republic for which it stands,  
one Nation under God, indivisible,  
with liberty and justice for all.

A pledge of allegiance was recited.

### 4 - Roll Call

Attendance was taken, and those present were Mayor Tangie Morgan, Commissioner Melanie Talbot, Commissioner Stan Walker, Commissioner Paul Marion, Commissioner Mark Oxtoby, City Attorney Jana Berg, City Manager Steven Orr, Police Chief Clay Price, and City Clerk Pamela Waters.

### 5 - Agenda Additions and Deletions

Additions

1. N/A

Deletions

1. N/A

Modifications

1. N/A

Nothing in this section

6 - Approval or Correction of Minutes  
5/9/2022 BOC Meeting & 5/23/2022 Budget Workshop

**Commissioner Walker made a motion to approve the minutes for 5/9/2022 & 5/23/2022 as presented. Commissioner Oxtoby seconded, and all were in favor.**

7 - Consent Agenda

Nothing here

8 - Public Comment

Jim Carson 151 Archer Rd Saluda NC 28773

Wants to ask for the commissioners to work on a way to let people know that there are more places to visit past city hall. I have thought of some things like widening the sidewalk at city hall or making parking spots parallel parking the telephone pole is in the way. There were some ladies that come out of a shop on down Main St. that were talking to each other about wonder if there were any more shops on up the street, I told them that there were and that I was going to open one then. Just asking to see if maybe the commissioners can come up with something to let people know there is more past City Hall. His place, Ice cream place, Glass place, Wakey Monkey and maybe even the BBQ place. Also, the Depot and Library.

9 - Saluda Fire Department

Chief Deputy Zach Pace presented the fire department achievements and Needs  
- Saluda Fire Department is explaining request for \$0.5 cent- Zach Pace  
- Current rate \$ 10.5 cents per hundred, new rate \$.11 cents per hundred valuations.

Zach Pace Deputy Chief came to talk about a .05 increase and what they have been doing.

Calls

- 849 Calls
- 213 Calls inside the City Limits
- 149 Overlapping calls
- 394 EMS Calls
- 455 Fire Calls
- 3554 Training hours for the Department
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Achievements

- Squad 23 placed in service (Custom Rescue Pumper)
- Received a grant from Fire House Subs to replace our 2007 Polaris Ranger
- Received a grant from FEMA for all the Hose, Nozzles, and Extrication tools for Squad 23
- Part-Time Chief started on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021

The FEMA grant Was like 100,000.00 worth of equipment. Cost of the truck was like 540,000.00 total loan for the truck is 580,000.00 something.

Goals and Needs 2022-2023

- Increase salaries for our staff to remain competitive
- Addition of an Administrative Assistant
- Start repairs on the station and parking lot
- Replace Self Contained Breathing Apparatus
- Improve our services provided to the community by continued training and updating equipment

2022-2023 Budget

- Requested increases from all 3 contracts
- .07 Cents in Polk County
- .05 Cents in Henderson County/Raven Rock
- .05 Cent in the City of Saluda
- All contracts would be the same .12 Cents per Hundred

Where the increase would go.

- Increasing Full-Time employee salaries
- Addition of an Administrative Assistant (20—25 Hours per week)
- Cover the increased fuel cost
- Fleet maintenance and repair

City Manager Orr said that Finance officer Julie Osteen had the increase add into the budget and each year they are to come talk about what they are trying to do. They were able to lower the insurance rating for Saluda inside city and out we are now a 4 district wide it was a split rating 5 inside the city and 6 outside the city. This helps with insurance cost for business and homeowners. Everyone liked the new logo that they have now they have the wildcat on it. Commissioner Marion is that on the new truck and have the kids seen it yet. Zach said we were at the school with the truck but not sure they seen it we were by the tennis courts.

Commissioner Oxtoby when do you think the parking lot will be fixed? Zach says we must get quotes. I'm thinking sometime this year or next. Commissioner Oxtoby is it concrete? Zach, I think concrete on the main way out then asphalt since it is such a big parking lot maybe put some grass.

Commissioner Marion can you split up the calls and let us know how many go to Autumn Care and to the interstate East and West bound? Zach, I can do that ill email it to Steven. Our calls to Autumn Care have decreased a lot since Covid Polk County went to EMD which is emergency medical dispatch now we only go to real serious calls. I would say we go to more East bound than West bound calls. Commissioner Oxtoby Thank Zach for a great job and all that they do. Everyone agreed and thanked him.

#### 10 - Outside Resources and Funds

- Rep. Jake Johnson and legislative work to absolve the Interconnect Debt for Columbus, Tryon, and Saluda
- Withers-Ravenal to discuss State Funding for review of Water and Sewer on Laurel Dr/Howard Gap and under I -26 Interchange.
- Amy Allison- Director NC Outdoor Recreation Industry Office- Saluda's industry.
- Friends of McCreery Park Foundation- 501c3 for revenue source and funding oversight for McCreery Park- NC Dept Commerce- Rural Development Grant.

City Manager Steven Orr I had a meeting last week with Rep. Jake Johnson last week he is working on the interconnect debt bill or legislative which ever one it ends up being a grant or whatever. I'm trying to set up a meeting with Withers – Ravenal if we can get the interconnect debt taking care of and sign the paperwork Jana drew up that would dissolve the partnership with the interconnect, we would then look at some funding money from the department of environmental quality. Looking at taking some of those assets from the interconnect taking care of that are still viable, still certifiable for the state to be able to use to work to possible improving the water system out on Howard Gap Holbert Cove to get it under the interstate that would be a benefit to a lot of people.

Amy Allison- Director NC Outdoor Recreation Industry Office- this is a office created by the department of commerce. North Carolina is one of the leading outdoor recreation states for manufacturing and participation because of the mountain to coast topography. I was talking to her to give her some ideals of what Saluda has to offer. Zipline, Green River adventures, biking, and things like that. To try to get her to talk about us so there may be some kind of monies from the commerce. We are currently in front of the department of commerce with their industrial development brand we haven't heard anything there yet.

Jana has taken care of the 1<sup>st</sup> stages of Friends of McCreery Park Foundation by creating a 501c3 that we will be able to use as a revenue source to take some of the pressure off the city budget. To use as an oversight mechanism for that funding. Where people can donate to McCreery Park where now they can get a tax write off. And will be restricted funds for McCreery Park. Say we get the grant for 250,000.00 that money would go into that 501c3 fund and used strictly for the park. Don't have to worry about funds being used somewhere else. The more assets we have at McCreery Park the more we will have to be able to sustainable take care of it.

Commissioner Oxtoby when will that be done? City Manager Orr it's done.

Jana Said that we are now a non-profit organization we haven't gotten the 501c3 yet. The 1<sup>st</sup> step is to get the 501c3. Step one of two steps have been completed. Something commissioner Marion had brought up and I will bring it up here is we already have a parks committee consist of a commissioner and a couple residents. This has nothing to do with the parks committee. This is strictly for McCreery Park. It has a requirement of five board members. We need to find board members of this organization and if you still want to have a park committee you can, but you don't have any parks to take care of McCreery Park is the only actual park. These people don't have to be residents they can have property here but live out of state. That way we can get more participation. These people that may not live here may have access to funds that will help us considerable. Meeting our goals with McCreery Park. They have bi laws, and any names would have to be submitted to the board for approval.

#### 11 - Budget and Financial Report

Budget Report from May

City manager Orr went over the budget report.

Audit contract needs to be approved. The audit price is \$185,535 which is down from the Single Audit price. Need a motion and second to approve Carter PC audit contract.

**Report:**

Total collections of property tax and RMV is \$929,486 through May 31.

**9 months of Sales Tax**

Total revenues \$ 1,363,556

Admin is at 78% of budgeted expenses. Two-line items are over budget. Training expense is over because we had to prepay for Akaisha to register for the Zoning certification class in November.

Other festivals expense is over due to additional costs incurred by the city for the Arts Festival and a Child Awareness Program that the Police participated in.

City Hall maintenance exceeds budget due to additional work needed to repair issues with the Coon Dog Day camera and a new router for City Hall.

The coon Dog Day camera I don't have all the story, but Randy will tell me this week there has been some nefarious activity taking place that caused our Coon Dog Day camera to go down. Randy found something and its back up. Under a new account name.

Commissioner Marion could it have been connected to what I say? I may have taken a screenshot of it. City Manager Orr I'm not sure it may even be a former employee. But we will find out.

With the new router for City Hall, we have been getting hacked every 30 days. They use our small municipality as a portal to get to the bigger ones that we deal with all the time. Hopefully we won't be getting hacked anymore or at least as much as we were before we have set up more protocols and measures. Three different accounts got hacked. We get so many emails that come from residents, and it looks like its from a resident and you click on it, and it opens to an invoice then flips to something else.

Budget amendments will be presented. I guess will be next month I have nothing. Did not do the Amendments.

Police budget is at 82%. One line item is over budget due to additional memberships that we added for the department. 11 months of payments have been made to the Fire department.

Transportation is at 63% of budgeted expenses. We haven't received the invoice yet for the concrete costs for the sidewalk. We just received the invoice from Highland Mapping for the preliminary work on the readdressing.

11 months of garbage collection from waste industries.

Cultural and Recreation: Budget amendments will be presented for Pace Park. Additional bricks were purchased and installed in May. Additional work was performed on the Pace Park bathrooms due to the issues that were encountered during the arts Festival.

11 months of payments made to First Citizens on the City Hall debt.

Anticipated surplus is \$216,251.

Commissioner Marion questioned about the loan for Cit Hall could we get a lower rate? City Manager Orr, I don't think so the rates have gone up. We can look and see.

**Water**

Total revenues for water excluding the ARP funds are \$683,764. Total water purchases are \$178,313 for the 11 months. I anticipate that by the end of the year we should be close to \$195k. No other major expense areas to report. Anticipated surplus if \$25,461 excluding ARP Funds.

**Sewer:**

Total revenues are \$341,176 thru May 31. No major expense areas for May. Anticipated surplus is \$63,608.

**TDA:**

Net profit for the 11 months ended May 31 is \$12,238.

Commissioner Oxtoby did they find any water leaks? City Manager Orr No Kevin was out with some medical issue. We are going to have Hendersonville come down to lake summit.

**Budget amendments:** PAGE 10 & 11

**Resolutions:**

ARP acceptance

Mini Brooks

**Commissioner Talbot made a motion to have the 3<sup>rd</sup> Budget workshop and a special called meeting on June 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 with special called meeting following the Budget workshop Commissioner Walker second all were in favor.**

City Attorney Berg asked about the contract the letter of understanding auditor and city I assume we approved that. If so, it can be signed if nor we must have a motion to approve it.

City Manager Orr She wants a motion to approve it because Carter is who we use in the past she will put it out to bid I think this is the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of using Carter. She will put out to bid for proposals.

**Commissioner Oxtoby made a motion to accept the contract letter of understanding with carter Commissioner Walker second all were in favor.**

12 - Resolution of Acceptance of American Rescue Plan Act Funds

City Manager Orr, this is related to the funds that were giving through ARPA from the state of 160,000.00 we are starting to get ready to do these projects then the state contacted us saying there are things that need to be done this is one of those things where they need done. This is basically what the state is requiring this Resolution. This is the money that Jake put in the budget.

Commissioner Oxtoby so did they tell you the conditions of this?

City Manager Orr, no they Didn't.

Commissioner Oxtoby is this something that can keep changing?

City Manager Orr No. we are in a tussle with them over a limit professional fee requirements which is in the next Resolution. They're not use to dealing with this small amount of money their use to million-dollar amounts. It is blowing their brains that we are doing the work ourselves. There are no engineers, no spec books, were working through it.

Commissioner Oxtoby what keeping them from changing it?

City Manager Orr this is a list that the board has already approved.

City Attorney Berg this is the acceptance of the money with strings attached

Commissioner Marion but we don't know what those strings are.

City Manager Orr We know most of them, but they are always new ones.

City Attorney Berg the strings are pretty much boilerplate which mean you won't discriminate.

City Manager Orr they're not going to change to fit our mold.

City Manager Orr read the Resolution.

Commissioner Oxtoby what are you spending the money on?

City Manager Orr we are spending it on the wastewater treatment plant, on the sewer line between Poplar and Gaffney, Hipp Rd water line, West Columbia waterline, manhole cover on Pace St

**Commissioner Oxtoby made a motion to accept the Resolution as read Commissioner Walker second all were in favor.**

13 - Resolution for Mini-Brooks Act and State Funding Requirements

- Resolution to limit professional fee requirements for municipal projects under \$50,000

City Manager Orr, what this is about that 160,000.00 could be eaten up by engineering fees then there would be nothing to put in the ground. We want all our money to go in the ground. There is a thing called Mini – Brooks Act.

City Attorney Berg typically when you go through a qualifying process where you select who is going to be the lead architect. Whit this since we are dealing with less than 50,000.00, we can exempt ourselves of having to go through that process or even hire a professional engineer. Since the amount of money is so small it's a recognition of exemption. We didn't want to spend more money than we got for engineering.

City Manager Orr what this is saying let us do what we know we can do on us on without all the overhead.

Going to start either on the Pace St manhole or sewer line from Poplar to Gaffney. Just some strings attached to free money.

**Commissioner Oxtoby made a motion to accept the Resolution as read Commissioner Walker second all were in favor.**

14 - Public Safety Report

*Participated:* Clay Price

Saluda Police Chief Clayton Price Monthly Report

May we have a total of 3,904 miles

We had a total of 586 calls / events

6 State Citations

1 City Citation

5 Warning Tickets with 5 being driving while license revoked one inspection violation

5 Verbal Warnings

1 Arrest

333 Business checks

72 Church Checks

12 House Checks

For a total of 417 monthly checks

3 Larceny Reports

2 Welfare Checks

2 Alarm Calls

5 Suspicious Vehicle reports

1 Assault

17 Calls thru Police Dept.

5 Walk into the Police Dept.

33 Patrol calls

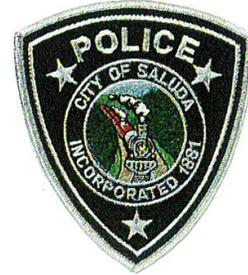
We are still assisting with call outside the city when requested. We are still walking through the schools when needed. Radar sign is still up and functioning. No DCI stuff to report. NIBERS is still at 100% reporting. Officers Still singing up for classes. Still got to get some into the radar class. Last month we had our DCI Audit That was submitted May 31<sup>st</sup>. participated in two governor's highway safety events to get points thru the state to be able to get new or updated equipment. I have mailed letters to subjects for unpaid parking or Noise ordinance all the way back to August of 2021. I put in a grant with the leagues of municipalities and was awarded that for the body armor to help offset the price of those. Commissioner Oxtoby asked if Polk County has signed the mutual aid agreement. Chief Price said not yet that the last email he had received stated that they had given the contract to the county attorney. Just so happens the County attorney is also the city attorney she said he had not received anything from them and that she would email them about it. She also said that they may have given it to the attorney that was with the sheriff's office that isn't anymore. Chief Price said this was last week. She said she will follow up on it. Chief Price said he had sent it to Captain Smith, he advised me that the county attorney had it. said it is the exact same agreement that they signed for Chief Hamby word for word. Our officers without being requested can't go outside the city to assist the county without putting themselves in civil liability until I get mutual aid agreements we must be requested. At their request we fall under their umbrella once we are requested but if we are not formally requested, we are sending our officers out and if something went wrong it is on us. Attorney Berg said she would contact Captain Smith tomorrow. Commissioner Oxtoby they

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don't have to have one to come into the city? Chief Price no we are in their jurisdiction it's the county. But being a municipality in the county we must have one we have one signed with Columbus, Tryon, and will with Henderson County very soon he said he would sign it, so we just got to meet to do it. We can be called to help anywhere in the county and with officer the way they are now there is only two on today with one trainee. We spoke to the Sergeant this morning and he said if we need anything to let him know. He knows he must request us. Commissioner Marion do you know if the resource officers in our county schools do, they all carry? Chief Price yes, they do. Mayor Morgan, I did hear something good about Amy that she helped an elderly lady change a flat tire this is what we need. Chief Price, I gave her that call because it came in at home.



CITY OF SALUDA  
POLICE DEPARTMENT  
NORTH CAROLINA



Clayton R. Price, Chief

Patrol Car Monthly Milage:

Clay: 1448

John: 1001

Amy: 1455

Spare Car: 0

Total Milage: 3,904

Total Monthly Events: 586

Citations Monthly Report:

State Citations: 6 City Citations: 1 Warning Tickets: 5

Written: 0

Verbal: 5

Total Citations: 7

Possible Reason for Traffic Stop:

Expired Registration:

No Operators License:

Drug Paraphernalia:

Possession of Narcotic:

Sale of Narcotics:

Registration Violation:

Careless and Reckless Driving:

Speeding:

Resist Public Officer:

Faulty Equipment:

Driving While Impaired:

Failure to maintain lane:

Possession of Alcoholic Beverage:

Driving While License Revoked: 5

Concealed Weapon:

Open Container:

Driving after Consuming:

Inspection Violation: 1

No Insurance:

Seat Belt Violation:

Stop Sign Violation:

Failure to Reduce Speed:

Impaired Instruction:

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Arrest:

Warrants Served: 0                      Order for Arrest Served: 1

Patrol Checks:

Business Checks: 333                      Church Checks: 72                      House Checks: 12

Total Monthly Checks: 417

Written Reports / Calls Answered:

Possible Reasons for Written Reports / Patrol Response calls:

Vehicle Accident:                      Larceny: 3                      Breaking and Entering:                      Welfare Check: 2

Alarm Calls: 2                      Open Door Calls:                      Suspicious Person / Vehicle Calls: 5

Vandalism:                      Assault: 1                      Communicating Threats:                      Fraud:

Hit and Run:                      Identity Theft:                      Calls Thru Police Department Phone: 17

Walk In Calls at the Saluda Police Department: 5

Total Monthly Written Reports: 5

Patrol Calls: 33

Patrol will assist other Agencies and Departments with calls if requested or available to do so.

Saluda Police Department will assist with School walk through as available or requested by Polk Sheriff's Office for assistance.

Officers will be doing foot patrols to contact business owners or the public that might have an issue that we can be informed about or assist with.

The radar sign is up and functioning and the department will be moving this sign to various locations to assist with issues of speeding vehicles: example School Zone and Main Street area.

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Evidence Update:

All Evidence has been logged and the items needing to go to the SBI lab for testing have been taken.

Monthly DCI Validation Report:

Completed monthly to have the files that were generated for stolen items by Saluda police Department updated so this can reflect current stolen items or Missing Persons.

NIBERS: This report is done monthly and reported through the state to report certain crimes so these can be added into the state database for assessment in month to month or year to year studies.

2021 Saluda Police Department had 100% reporting

2022 Saluda Police Department has 100% reporting thus far.

Officers Training:

Officers are signing up for classes when found available to further their knowledge in the Law Enforcement Career.

Yearly Inservice Training is available online through the North Carolina Justice Academy and has been Completed along with all other classes mandated by the state of North Carolina. Classes not online have been scheduled and completed as well for the year of 2022. Security Awareness training has been completed for the department

Special Events and Festivals:

Arts Festival: Coon Dog Day: July 9,2022 Hincapie Race: Oct. 2022

Railroad Day: TBD Halloween Stroll: Oct. 2022 Hometown Christmas: Dec. 2022

Saluda Police Department Monthly News:

Some of the paperwork has been changed to further use the software that we already had to be able to give a little more detail on the call logs of the officers. The inventories have been completed so the officers hold more of the accountability of the equipment they have been issued by the department. The officers also have other calls such as the city cemetery and Autumn Care Nursing home along with several city properties that are considered on their call logs for the month. DCI audit was completed and sent to the state in May 2022. Also, we have participated in two governor's highway safety events to be awarded the points thru the state to be able to use these for new or updated equipment. Letters have

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been mailed to the subjects that have unpaid parking or Noise ordinance violations all the way back to august of 2021 to see if we can get these paid and taken care of.

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## Activity Log Event Summary (Totals)

Saluda Police Department

(05/01/2022 - 05/31/2022)

10-82 Stranded Motorist	1	Administrative duties	7
Arrest	1	Assist Columbus PD	1
Assist County Polk	2	Autumn Care Check	25
Business Check	333	Call by Phone	17
Cemetery Check	21	Checkpoint/License Check	1
Church Security Check	72	City Property Check- Laurel Dr	17
City Property McCreary Park / Bathrooms	3	Civil Citation	1
Domestic / disturbance Call	1	Follow Up Investigation	2
Foot Patrol	4	Incident Report	4
Meeting	4	Noise Complaint	1
Paperwork	1	Parking Citation	1
Public Assist	5	Residence Check	12
School Check	13	Stationary Area Watch	10
Suspicious Vehicle	3	Suspicious Persons	2
Talk to Officer	1	Vehicle Stop-Citation/Arrest	6
Vehicle Stop-Civil Citation	1	Vehicle Stop-Verbal Warning	5
Verbal Dispute	1	Walk in at PD	5
Welfare/R U ok Check	2		

**Total Number Of Events: 586**

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## 15 - Zoning and Planning Department Report

### - Music Venue and Event Venue recommendations from the Planning Board

City Manager Orr went over the planning and zoning, they will be meeting next week they will be finalizing the Music venue and event venue definitions recommendations for your July meeting we will schedule a public hearing and you can vote on it in July. We are also going to be working on a parking ordinance that Jana has been working on and we have been back and forth Chief Price has looked at it as well. There is a problem with utility trailers, Rv's, campers, camper vans and other equipment. Having problems on Florida, Columbia, Charles, Henderson, just all over people parking utility trailers we need to put up signage up so that the Police Officers can start issuing citations. And everything that has parking will be four-hour parking. That's the only way to do anything. We have numerous calls on the camper van the guy works at the Spot and the Kid goes to School here and this is their only way of transportation. There is nothing we can do because there is no ordinance there has never been a parking ordinance. Unless you designate a parking space say 4 hours. Commissioner Talbot asked if that is considered camping? City Manager Orr it's called overnight. It's not camping because there are no hook ups. Without signage we can't do anything. Commissioner Marion will it be four hours / no overnight. City Manager Orr Need to put parking signs up on streets no parking to keep the trailers from parking. Commissioner Marion do you have to have signs or can you just do an ordinance saying no trailers on the side of the road. City Attorney Berg our signage must be what is on our official record as what and where it can be done you can have only designated parking areas as a rule or resignation. City Manager Orr the problem is they are parking all over. If we just say no parking, there are street that we will want to have parking. One of Jim's ideals is to add parallel parking up the street at the depot and visitors center, how do you get people to know there is more we can put the parallel parking up the street here and that will slow traffic down and when they park, they will walk by it. Commissioner Oxtoby people are just dropping trailers. City Manager Orr Mostly work trailers.

## 16 - Administration Department Report

- Good of the City- Akaisha Hayes, Public Works Department, Police Department, Pam Waters
- Coats St Sewer
- Green St Sidewalk
- N/S R-O-W

City Manager Orr, wanted to let everyone know that Akaisha has finished her associates degree at Blue Ridge. One of the things that Jonathan started was an educational program that we helped her with she is now moving on to get her bachelor's degree through Western Carolina. To do that and have that recognition like Julie said going to invest in here to get her certified zoning official recognition when she passes her test that will give her a level of knowledge that she can build upon. This is an investment into our employees that we all benefit from that I think is important. Commissioner Marion are you looking at the investment as in the time she is taking the or once she gets that degree and experience. Is there a way of we can pay for this, and we get a year or two contract? City Manager Orr, I wasn't going to do this under an apprenticeship for administration it's hard to enforce that and not very conducive for advancement if they want to do it, they will do it. She has shown interest in doing it. There are some in public works that are happy with what they are doing and that's what they will do. I rather them show initiative that give them an easy way of making extra money without the initiative. They got to have the want to.

City Manager Orr public works has real been doing a lot of work. Paul and Jim have stepped up since Kevin had to have Surgery, Kevin is back now on light duty. We will work through that.

City Manager Orr the police dept. Went down and participated in a child prevention at Harmon field. Chief Price it was where we participated with Department of Social services. And several organizations there was DSS, EMS, SBI, Polk County Sheriff's office, steps to hope and other groups. We went down and gave out packets that we made up. We had 250 packs made up that promoted the Police Dept. and the City we ran out within the first two hours. There were over 500 kids there that day enjoying the blowup rides the food and all the packs being handed out. It was a very big success. City Manager Orr that Pam Waters for helping order the stuff for the packs and for helping at the event.

City Manager Orr Coats St sewer you may remember the deal with Jonathan on water / sewer and the issue of people not wanting to sign giving the right of way the Smythe, Zollo, D'Angelo, Knoller and others We think we are coming to decent conclusion that Jonathan had offered at the time when they are working on this to help with some of this to help with D'Angelo, Knoller property about the line that ran across the Zollo's property the D'angelo, Knoller we will get rid of that line. They will probably do a septic system and the city had said they would pay half of the septic

system or the grinder pump to the sewer line. That will eliminate that line across the street that leaks. Eliminates the line on Amy Zollo's property and they must take care and the D'Angelo – Knoller must take care of it and were done. I talked on the phone with the D'Angelo – Knoller attorney, subsequently I talked to Amy Zollo, talked with Jana, I talked with Amy's attorney as of right now there is a 30 day extension on trying to work out what's going to be done and hopefully we will be done and can move on to getting Coats street graded and eventually set it up for paving at some point and deal with the wall.

You have seen the sidewalk on Green St. that Don Mintz is putting in that is the condition of ozone mixed use district and particularly part of their zoning that they are required to do. Jonathan made the commitment that the city would pave that section of Green Street to the first unit that is completed interior, and we would have that done and eventually have that sidewalk all the way up to Louisiana Ave. eventually going out ozone to Louisiana and up green street. There has been cheers and commits but it will help in the long run. Commissioner Marion where is it at now? City Manager Orr, it on Ozone and Green now. That's how you get sidewalks built today because they are expensive to do.

Commissioner Marion do y'all notice a lot of people making u turns on Main St.? Maybe putting the parking up, the street will box it in a little bit and stop some of the u turns.

Commissioner Oxtoby and crossing the street to park.

Mayor Morgan wanted to thank City Manager Orr, Chief Price, and myself for the work on the kid's day from the Saluda elementary school. Got to see the Police Department and Chief Price spoke with the m and then a walk through the City Hall.

#### 17 - Artist Mural Contest

##### Art Contest

This was not supposed to be on the agenda this time but there was a discussion on the deadline of July 1st and put on the agenda July 11<sup>th</sup> and then the public will vote on the top three. And for there not to be any names on the pictures for them to just be numbered. Maybe doing something with taking photos in mind like the wings.

Commissioner Talbot people will post pictures of look where I'm at of Facebook, Instagram because it's a poseable picture. Spoke about the poor internet service. Spoke about getting someone to paint the artwork from the winner.

Attorney Berg what do you have on your water tower? Do you lease any on your water tower? City manager Orr AT&T. Will discuss more at the July 11<sup>th</sup> meeting

#### 18 - SDF Report

- Special Event Permit- Saluda Grade Concert, June 24th, 2022, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

- Additional Dates July 22, 2022, and August 26, 2022

City manager Orr, they can have alcohol only in the prescribed areas. Chief Price asked about alcohol on coon dog day if they had changed that City Manager Orr, no this is a special event permit and Coon Dog Day is a city festival. Commissioner Oxtoby do you think Coon Dog Day will be as busy as the arts festival. City manager Orr I don't know I would say as busy as the arts festival but not as crazy as it's been in the past. Commissioner Talbot All the businesses thought that the arts festival was great. Commissioner Oxtoby when I was there, I didn't see people carrying much Commissioner Talbot. I shared the Love all around. There were great vendors there. With lots of people.

**Commissioner Talbot made a motion to accept the Special event permits Jun 24<sup>th</sup>,2022 7:00 pm -9:00 pm and July 22<sup>nd</sup> and August 26, 2022, Commissioner Oxtoby 2<sup>nd</sup> all were in favor.**

#### 19 - Resolution to Schedule a Public Hearing for Vehicle and Equipment Parking Ordinance, July 11th, 2022

- A Public Hearing for the Review of a Vehicle and Equipment Parking Ordinance, City of Saluda Board of Commissioners Regular Schedule Meeting, July 11th, 2022, Saluda Public Library, 2nd Floor, 7:00 pm

City Manager Orr this is the draft that we are working on. Commissioner Marion so if the street doesn't have a sign and they park half on the grass and half on the road can we ticket them. City Manager Orr no because we don't have a signage. If someone parked a utility trailer up in your area and there's not a sign it's going to make it hard to give them a ticket because they will say they didn't know. Commissioner Marion you can't have something that covers all city streets other than signs? City Attorney Berg if that is what you. Commissioner Marion something that says city streets no parking half on and half off the grass. Commissioner Talbot I like that better than having signs all over town saying no parking. Commissioner Marion can't there be an ordinance. City attorney Berg I can amend this to say vehicles and trailers shall adhere to the signage so where we want to have signage, we can have it. We can say no vehicle or trailer is allowed to park except in designated areas I can word different where all vehicles and trailers shall be parked on city streets and right of ways alleys property owned or managed strictly in accordance with the signage

located thereon. Then I could add some language no vehicles shall be parked on city streets and right of ways alleys property owned or managed unless designated as a parking. Or as designated otherwise. City Manager Orr let us work on it. City attorney Berg I understand the direction you are wanting to go. Commissioner Marion 90% of the city doesn't need signs. City attorney Berg most of the time if they are parking on city street, they are parking on city right of way. Commissioner Oxtoby where is this happening? City manager Orr up on Florida Commissioner Talbot they are parked there weeks at a time. City Manager Orr most of them don't live here year-round and their doing stuff. Most are double spaced lots they have a street on one side and a street on the other. Its more homeowners and service workers. Chief Price named a few of the ones that are parked in Florida. Commissioner Talbot there is also a couch and chair buy the road Chief Price that is on Church St. Commissioner Oxtoby is that going to hit Gaffney Street up to that road Andrews Street? City Manager Orr, we got a bigger problem there the city is encroaching on someone else's property Maxine Barnette Andrews and Gaffney you can walk and see the nail in the asphalt.

City Manager Orr, read the resolution to schedule a public hearing on vehicle and equipment parking ordinance for July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

**Commissioner Oxtoby made a motion to accept the resolution to schedule a public hearing on vehicle and equipment parking ordinance for July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022. As read. Commissioner Marion second all were in favor.**

20 - Resolution to Schedule a Public Hearing for the designation of Cullipher St to be One-Way and the addition of (7) 4-Hr Parking Spaces

- Public Hearing for the Review of the diagram and the designation of Cullipher St to be One Way with the addition of (7) 4-Hr Parallel parking spaces. City of Saluda Board of Commissioners Regular Schedule Meeting, July 11th, 2022, Saluda Public Library, 2nd Floor, 7:00 pm

City Manager Orr, this goes back to last year on what to do about parking I engaged watermark that is a landscape architecture Company. This is what was proposed that made the most logical sense. It will allow people to get into the property that Ryan Griffin owns, and Sharon Hipp would be able to get into hers. You could put a couple signs that says turn your wheels into curb like they have in San Francisco. How we did church St do something on Cullipher St. I don't think we would be able to do put any kind of barriers that would signify one way. You see how this is laid out. It doesn't make sense unless we can do a diversion of some type. This is the reason we need to talk about this is we are getting complaints as Mr. Carson discussed. The parking situation I'm have a meeting with SBA we are going to write a joint letter to all the businesses that the employees need to park across the railroad tracks or on your property. Because this has become such a hot topic it appears businesses are getting into conflict over it. We have to step in and help people understand they need to act like adults not children. Commissioner Oxtoby would it help to change the 4 hours to 2-hour parking. City Manager Orr. No.It's rare that someone is parked here 4 hours unless it's an event.

Commissioner Marion Don't shoot me down hear me out what if you get rid of the 1<sup>st</sup> parking spot and put a couple on the left side kind of like the flow in Hendersonville. We did it this way because of the sidewalk and getting out of the vehicle. There wouldn't be but traffic one way. So, parking on the left shouldn't be a problem

Commissioner Talbot it may be a problem parking on that side of the street and there isn't a sidewalk on the left.

Commissioner Oxtoby so where does the school traffic go?

Commissioner Marion if they all park on Henderson St they can go around.

Chief Price are you saying line them up to Church St. cars can't go around when people are lined up on Henderson St. because of the big curve. School traffic is starting to line up at 2:35 pm the signs specifically say 2:50 pm instead of walking up there and handing each on a ticket I have let it go. If they are going to go by parking signs 2 hours here four hours there, they need to go by the signs posted on that road.

Commissioner Marion I understand what you are saying but this doesn't change that.

Chief Price It will change that because your school overflow goes down Cullipher St. most of the time just Cullipher.

Commissioner Marion so you could potentially have cars lined on Main St.

Chief Price on Main or Henderson. If you continue to allow them to line up at 2:30 pm

Commissioner Marion I know before we have talked to the principle at the school about that.

Chief Price once you settle on an ordinance, I expect to be back on it. Because I will tick some people off with that.

City Manager Orr they can go around closer to Church St. and go down Cullipher St to avoid the rest of it.

Chief Price I'm talking about parents coming to pick their kids up lining up Cullipher St. you are sitting a vehicle in a main two-way road 2 directional roadway for 30 minutes.

Commissioner Oxtoby I avoid that area, if possible, you can't know that you can go in the other lane.

Chief Price If you go into the other lane and meet someone head on then the traffic is at a stop.

Commissioner Marion have you contacted the superintendent about it?

Chief Price no I haven't but I will. I know the sign says 2:50 pm and I know that has been relaxed in the past.

Saluda is going to have a new principle this year, so I recommend you talk to them and Aaron Greene.  
Commissioner Marion I would get rid of the number one parking space for sure I don't think there is enough room to get out of the drive.  
City Manager Orr according to the designer it's enough room  
Commissioner Oxtoby it's one way so you have the whole road.  
Commissioner Marion we will take two vehicles down and test to see if there is enough room.  
City manager Orr, I'm going to have to send certified letters to all adjacent property owners Sharon, Ryan, Clark, Don, the church so if you're going to do the hearing better off getting the public to come and see what they have to say.  
Commissioner Marion I think we should pursue it.

City Manager Orr, read the resolution to schedule for a Public Hearing July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022, for the designation of Cullipher St to be One-Way and the addition of (7) 4-Hr Parking Spaces

**Commissioner Marion made a motion to accept the resolution to schedule for a Public Hearing July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022, for the designation of Cullipher St to be One-Way and the addition of (7) 4-Hr Parking Spaces as read Commissioner Walker second all were in favor.**

21 - Adjourn

With no further business to discuss, **Commissioner Marion made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Talbot seconded, and all were in favor.**

Meeting Adjourned at 8:46 pm on June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**Respectfully submitted by Pamela Waters, City Clerk. Adopted this 11th day of July, 2022.**

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**Tangie Morgan, Mayor**

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**Pamela Waters, City Clerk**