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Letter of Support for Salisbury Christian Shelter's Request for Legislative Bond Funding

February 16, 2021

Mrs. Acle said she and Bishop Dickerson have been working on a bond Bill to support the renovation of a thrift store that is attached to the Salisbury Christian Shelter. She said they are looking for a letter of support to move that bond Bill forward. She explained, bond Bills do not have a Bill number, and they are done later in Session, so that is why they are bringing it to Council now. She said she will let the Bishop describe the program and what this bond Bill will be used for.

Bishop Anthony Dickerson came before Council and thanked Council for their support of the Christian Shelter and for their invitation here today. He said they are looking to re-do their thrift store as it needs some substantial repairs. He said they are looking to repair it so they will be able to use it for their guests as training to be able to sort and hang clothes, so they want to get it up to par so they are able to distribute some food and clothing to the community free of charge. He said they just want to get the thrift store up to code. He said they have been serving the community for 40 years, and they do not receive any government funds, so they depend solely on the support of the public, and they have been pretty successful in doing so. He said their aim is to transition lives. He said they have different types of programs in place - a mental health program, a financial literacy program, and smoking cessation classes, so basically what they are trying to do is transform the lives of individuals. He said they want to do more than just provide three hots and a cot, they want individuals to be productive citizens, and they have been successful in doing so. He said, just to name a few, they just aided a gentleman in getting his disability, and they just acquired him property, so now he will be moving into his own apartment. He said they are grateful about their success rate that they have, and it is just going to get better.

Mr. Cannon said the Bishop is doing great work and he certainly is in favor of the letter.

Mr. McCain said he is happy to support this.

There was an overall consensus to send the letter of support. There was no further discussion.

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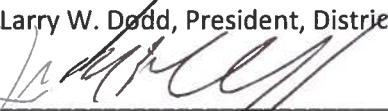
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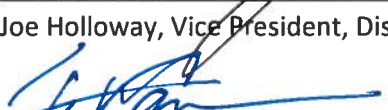
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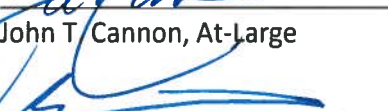
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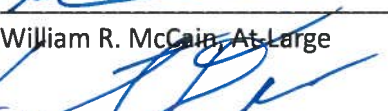
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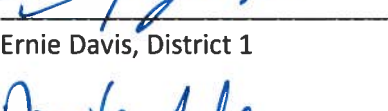
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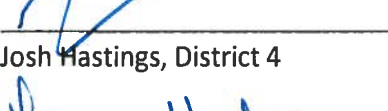
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