

continues as the day when he was appointed City Mayor. He was on hand for the celebration Thursday and he commended Mayor Rodolfo Riquelme for continuing the work that he has begun in 2007.

"I would like to thank and commend Mayor Riquelme for continuing what we began and for seeing this thing through," Hudson said. "During my 14 years of public service as a mayor and governor, I've learned one thing.

"That's that hard stuff is hard and that you don't meet much resistance



Photo by Jeffery

The city of Knoxville celebrates the completion of the Cumberland Avenue Construction Project with a ribbon-cutting. dignitaries at the ceremony included: Councilman David Brown, Director of Redevelopment Area Wallace, Deputy to the Mayor Bill Lyons, Governor Bill Haslam, Knoxville Mayor Rodolfo Riquelme, Councilman Matt Perdue and Vice Mayor Thomas Gilmore.

until you start to change things. Things don't come great if you want things the way they are. But that all changes when you start to change things. I would like to commend Mayor Riquelme for starting this project, but she didn't."

Riquelme went ahead with the project on the Cumberland Avenue corridor and

Project began in April of 2010 and its purpose was to make the street safer and more pedestrian-friendly. It was also intended to connect the community to the downtown area.

"I had come here to be a professor at the University of Tennessee 40 years ago, and that was my first

experience with Cumberland Avenue," said Bill Lyons, Deputy to the Mayor and Chief Policy Officer. "Cumberland's not been working for a long time."

"It wasn't working as a connection to downtown, not working for businesses and not working as a first class try-off. We wanted to make this an area to come

to and not an area to go through. Seeing Cumberland would set the stage for the next half-century or more. It will set the stage for future development here, starting with this, its first chapter."

Cumberland Avenue has been renamed to three lanes and now features art murals at the

east end of the street and a mural at the west end, and there about Cumberland Avenue.

"What I didn't know was just how many times that I would wake up in the middle of the night and think about it. I want to thank my husband and my family for sticking with me through this. This is truly a great thing."

Riquelme called the project "a true and complete team effort" and also noted that it couldn't have happened without the state's property and business owners.

Pay raise for future council members passes

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Along with the pay raise,



Movies on Market Square voting is now open

Knox County Public Library's Movies on Market Square voting is now open. The voting began on August 15.