

ORDINANCE NO. 2260

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY14 GENERAL FUND TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO COVER THE COST FOR ONE HALF-TIME AMERICORPS MEMBER FOR THE 2013-2014 SHORECORP/PALS SITE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the City of Salisbury desires to develop and engage young local talent by fostering a sense of ownership and civic pride; and

WHEREAS, this ownership can be encouraged by exposing young minds to local government processes, mentorship by local officials, and critical thinking and discussion about community challenges; and

WHEREAS, the City of Salisbury, through participation in ShoreCorp/PALS service site partnership program, can provide an opportunity for a young member of our community to benefit from this program.

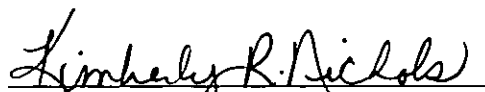
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND, that the City's Fiscal year 2014 General Fund Budget be amended as follows:

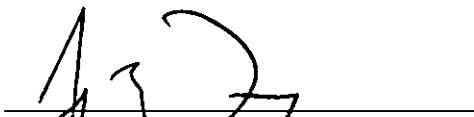
- 1a) Increase Community Promotions Department by \$6,100.00 (six thousand one hundred dollars)
- 1b) Increase Current Surplus by \$6,100.00 (six thousand one hundred dollars)

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall take effect from and after the date of its final passage.

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced and read at a meeting of the Council of the City of Salisbury held on this 9th day of September, 2013, and thereafter, a statement of the substance of the Ordinance having been published as required by law, was finally passed by the Council on the 23rd day of September, 2013.

ATTEST:


Kimberly R. Nichols, City Clerk


Jacob R. Day, Council President

APPROVED BY ME THIS: day 25th of September, 2013


James Ireton Jr., Mayor



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MEMORANDUM

Date: August 2, 2013

To: All City Council Members

From: Jacob R. Day, Council President

Subject: AmeriCorps Member for Youth Civics Council

Friends,

I believe that great cities grow and keep talent by fostering a sense of ownership and civic pride in their young people. It can be embedded in young minds through education about local government process, mentorship by local officials, and critical thinking and discussion about community challenges.

This Spring I spent a great deal of time thinking about, discussing with others and writing about a Youth Civics Council – a small body of young people who have the seeds of interest in their city – whose interest can be nurtured into a deeper commitment through mentorship, civics education and ultimately through discourse about community issues.

I have received warm responses from Wicomico County Council President Matt Holloway and the Wicomico County Board of Education to the concept and I hope to formally

request their participation. I believe that our participation as mentors could be incredibly meaningful to the young people we engage.

The greatest barrier to moving this forward is the identification of a talented individual to manage the project for the City. I was made aware by Dr. George Whitehead of the ShoreCorps program of the AmeriCorps program which includes full-time, half-time and quarter-time fellowships for selected host sites. The Youth Civics Council could succeed with a half-time fellow building and managing it.

I wanted to make everyone aware of the opportunity and that there may be a site match cost to us of \$6,100 if we are to consider this. The first step is for us to be considered by AmeriCorps to be a host site. This is a request I have submitted today. The impact we can have for that investment in young people could be very meaningful. Before we discuss this as a body, I wanted to give everyone this background and open up the opportunity for questions.

Thank you all for your consideration and I hope to bring this to Work Session in early September for discussion.