

RESOLUTION NO. 2050
AS AMENDED ON APRIL 25, 2011

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND,
TO COMMIT TO THE REVIEW AND FORMAL APPROVAL OF
CLOSED MEETING AND WORK SESSION MINUTES
IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE MARYLAND OPEN MEETINGS ACT

WHEREAS, the Maryland Open Meetings Compliance Board is charged with issuing advisory opinions in connection with the Maryland Open Meetings Act; and

WHEREAS, the Compliance Board has stated, "The Act is aimed at *any* meeting in which public business is *considered* or transacted" in its Compliance Board Opinion 02-5 (June 3, 2002), which includes closed meetings and work sessions of the Salisbury City Council; and

WHEREAS, in the Compliance Board Opinion 02-5 (June 3, 2002), the Compliance Board stated, "...it is the public body that is responsible for ensuring that minutes of its meetings are accurate and satisfy the requirements of §10-509. In fact, minutes are not considered minutes of the body until such time as the body has had an opportunity to review and correct the work of whoever prepared them and then formally approve the draft....This ultimate responsibility cannot be shifted elsewhere"; and

WHEREAS, the Compliance Board has asserted this condition of compliance in other opinions it has rendered, both prior and subsequent, such as 5 OMCB Opinion 105 (2007); and


WHEREAS, the Salisbury City Council wishes and endeavors to be in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act; and


WHEREAS, review and adoption of these minutes will increase transparency for the public and efficiency for the Council;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Salisbury City Council commits to review and to formally approve in legislative session the minutes of its closed meetings and its open work sessions, in addition to doing so for its legislative sessions, commencing with the closed meeting and the open work session of April 19, 2011.

The ABOVE RESOLUTION was introduced and duly passed at a meeting of the Council of the City of Salisbury, Maryland, held on the 25th day of April, 2011, and is to become effective immediately upon adoption.

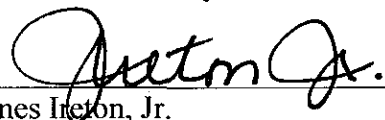
ATTEST:


Brenda J. Colegrove
City Clerk


Terry H. Cohen
Council President

Approved by me this

27th day of April, 2011


James Irlon, Jr.
Mayor