RESOLUTION NO. 2053

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR AND EITHER THE DIRECTOR OF INTERNAL SERVICES OR THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF INTERNAL SERVICES-PROCUREMENT TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY IN EXECUTING A CONTRACT FOR ELECTRICITY SUPPLY.

WHEREAS, the City of Salisbury entered into a contract with Washington Gas and Electric (WGES) to purchase electricity that ends in June 2012; and

WHEREAS, the city has been advised that we have the opportunity to extend the existing contract with WGES for an additional two years at favorable rates; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to explore this opportunity in order to lock in favorable electricity rates for an additional two years; and

WHEREAS, the City Charter does not require public utilities to go through the formal bid process; and

WHEREAS, if approved by the Council, the City will be requesting a quote during the months of May 17, 2011 through July 31, 2011 to provide electricity supply services for 12-24 additional months to initiate at the end of the existing contract terms; and

WHEREAS, the goal of this procurement process is to allow flexibility in conducting the bid to respond to the daily changes in market prices for the selection of the optimum rates for the City's electricity accounts; and

WHEREAS, the current electricity market is extremely volatile and decisions to award to a vendor must be made within a four (4) hour window in order to guarantee pricing;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Salisbury, Maryland to authorize the City Administrator and either the Director of Internal Services or the Assistant Director of Internal Services – Procurement Division for the City of Salisbury, to act on behalf of the City to conduct an electricity procurement in accordance with City purchasing regulations and to award and execute a contract for electricity supply services with the selected supplier prior to the close of the market the day price proposals are received, without further authorization or approval by Council. The City Administrator and either the Director of Internal Services or the Assistant Director of Internal Services – Procurement Division will consult with the Mayor and/or the Council President either in person or on the phone, if available, on the recommended selection but have the full authorization of the City to proceed with the selection and contract award on behalf of the City of Salisbury.

THE ABOVE RESOLUTION was introduced and read and passed at a special meeting of the Council of the City of Salisbury held on this 16th day of May, 2011, and is to become effective immediately upon adoption.

ATTEST: Colequ Brenda J. Colegrove CITY CLERK

APPROVÉD by me this 19⁻⁴ day of May, 2011.

James Ireton, Jr.

MAYOR, City of Salisbury

Denny E. Cohen

Terry E. Cohen CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT