

RESOLUTION NO. 2351

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND SUPPORTING AN APPLICATION FOR THE CITY OF SALISBURY TO BECOME A MARYLAND SMART ENERGY COMMUNITY.

WHEREAS, energy consumption and costs are of great importance to the City; and

WHEREAS, the City has previously participated in Maryland Energy Administration programs to reduce energy consumption; and

WHEREAS, the Maryland Energy Administration has a program to be designated as a Maryland Smart Energy Community; and

WHEREAS, becoming a Maryland Smart Energy Community will result in the prospect of grant funding, reduced utility and fuel expenses, support of local sustainability initiatives, greenhouse gas emissions reduction, recognition as a Statewide leader in energy and sustainability, and receiving technical assistance from the Maryland Energy Administration and the University of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, to become a Maryland Smart Energy Community, the City of Salisbury will need to commit to passing two policy goals by October 31, 2014, specifically Energy Efficiency and Transportation Petroleum Reduction; and

WHEREAS, the Energy Efficiency policy will establish an electricity consumption baseline and develop a plan to reduce per-square foot electricity consumption of local government-owned buildings by 15 percent within five years of the baseline year; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Petroleum Reduction will establish a petroleum consumption baseline for all local government vehicles, and put in place a plan to reduce petroleum consumption by 20 percent within five years of the baseline year; and

WHEREAS, the City of Salisbury Departments of Public Works and Internal Services – Procurement have researched these goals and believe that these two goals are realistic to achieve within the prescribed timeframe; and

WHEREAS, support of the application does not commit the City to accept funding nor does it ensure implementation of the policy goals; and

WHEREAS, not passing the policy goals by October 31, 2014 will make the City ineligible for funding from the Maryland Smart Energy Communities program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Salisbury, Maryland does hereby support the application for the City of Salisbury to become a Maryland Smart Energy Community.

THIS RESOLUTION was introduced and duly passed at a meeting of the Council of the City of Salisbury, Maryland held on December 9, 2013 and is to become effective immediately upon adoption.

ATTEST:

Kimberly R. Nichols
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CITY CLERK

Jacob R. Day
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PRESIDENT, City Council

APPROVED by me this 11th day of December 2013

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To: Tom Stevenson, Acting City Administrator
From: Michael Moulds, Director of Public Works
Amanda Pollack, Deputy Director of Public Works
Date: November 22, 2013
Re: Maryland Smart Energy Communities

Public Works and Internal Services – Procurement have researched the qualifications and application process to become a Maryland Smart Energy Community. To be designated as a Smart Energy Community, a Maryland local government must adopt a set of policies specified by the Maryland Energy Administration in two of the three policy areas: energy efficiency, renewable energy, and transportation petroleum reduction. The policies are intended to be realistic goals, which the community sets for itself and makes a good faith effort towards achieving, and not a mandate from the State. Communities are eligible to receive their full grant funding for energy-related projects once two of three policies are adopted and related deliverables completed.

The application to become a new Maryland Smart Energy Community is due on December 19, 2013. The application requires confirmation from the City Council confirming that they intend to pursue the policies by October 31, 2014. Staff has met with Richard Anderson from CQI Associates, and believe that the goals are realistic for the City of Salisbury to achieve in the allotted time.

Attached is a Resolution for consideration to support the application to become a Maryland Smart Energy Community. Unless you or the Mayor has further questions, please forward a copy of this memo to the City Council.