CITY OF SALISBURY WORK SESSION JUNE 18, 2018

Public Officials Present

Council President John R. Heath Councilwoman April Jackson Council Vice-President Muir Boda

Public Officials Not Present

Mayor Jacob R. Day Councilman James Ireton, Jr. Councilman R. Hardy Rudasill

In Attendance

City Administrator Julia Glanz, Deputy City Administrator Andy Kitzrow, Infrastructure and Development Director Amanda Pollack, Infrastructure and Development Permits and Inspections manager Bill Holland, City Attorney Mark Tilghman, City Clerk Kimberly Nichols, and interested citizens.

On June 18, 2018 the Salisbury City Council convened in Work Session at 4:33 p.m. in Council Chambers, Room 301 of the Government Office Building. The following is a synopsis

of the topics discussed.

<u>Letter of Support for Habitat for Humanity of Wicomico County Inc.'s. Application to DHCD for their CITC program.</u>

Holly Hilligoss, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity of Wicomico County, Inc. joined Council to discuss the application to the Department of Housing and Community Development for their Community Investment Tax Credit Program and letter of support from the City of Salisbury. She said the letter of support did not require financial support from the City, and reported Habitat for Humanity planned to develop homes on 15 lots in the next three (3) years. She explained the Community Investment Tax Credit program allows for donors of \$500 or more to Habitat to receive half of their donation as a Maryland Tax Credit, thus paying less in Maryland taxes. The donors can carry that credit forward three (3) years. Ms. Hilligoss said Habitat would focus on the lots at 704 S Westover, 504 Tangier Street, and Grace Street.

Council reached unanimous consensus to move forward with the letter of support.

North Salisbury Boulevard/PennTex Annexation

Joining Council were Infrastructure and Development Permits and Inspections Manager Bill Holland and PennTex Ventures Executive Vice President Ted Donald to introduce the North Salisbury Blvd/PennTex Annexation.

Mr. Donald reported the Aldi grocer located on the parcel annexed last year would be ready to open in October 2018. The group discovered more demand on the location for retail space. Two restaurants are being planned, one of which will be fine dining. The company has signed letters of intent for both of the tenants, and they would be located beside Aldi's.

Vice-President Boda asked if sidewalks would be installed for pedestrian activity leading to the restaurants. Mr. Donald said they would be connected somewhere, but was not sure if it would be in front or somewhere else. The more customers that could easily access the site, the better.

President Heath asked if State Highway (SHA) had any comments, and Mr. Donald reported they were working with SHA to tweak the entrance to determine exactly where it should be.

Ms. Jackson asked about the truck loading and Mr. Heath responded that Aldi resolved the issue.

President Heath said the next step would be to take the annexation to the Planning Commission, and it would then return to City Council.

Council reached unanimous consensus to advance to the Planning Commission.

Council Discussion

Ms. Jackson had a concern to discuss, and she and President Heath stepped outside the room to decide whether it should be heard in Closed Session. They returned and reported it would be discussed at the next Work Session.

Adjournment

With nothing further to discuss, the Work Session adjourned at 4:46 p.m.

City Clerk

Council Vice-President