

CITY OF SALISBURY
WORK SESSION
JUNE 17, 2019

Public Officials Present

Council President John “Jack” R. Heath Mayor Jacob R. Day
Council Vice-President Muir Boda Councilwoman Angela M. Blake
Councilman James Ireton, Jr.

Public Officials Not Present

Councilwoman April Jackson

In Attendance

Deputy City Administrator Andy Kitzrow, Department of Infrastructure and Development (DID) Director Amanda Pollack, Housing and Community Development (HCDD) Director Everett Howard, City Clerk Kim Nichols, City Attorney Mark Tilghman, and interested citizens.

On June 17, 2019 Salisbury City Council convened in Work Session at 4:30 p.m. in Council Chambers, Room 301 of the Government Office Building.

The following is a synopsis of the topics discussed in the Work Session.

Lot 30 alley and street abandonment

DID Director Amanda Pollack reported Lot 30 was surplus and advertised in an RFP to sell to a developer. In the title search they discovered there was an unnamed, unimproved alley and street on the parking lot. In order to complete the sale of the property, they both need to be abandoned.

Council reached unanimous consensus to advance the legislation to legislative agenda.

Donation of 621 Delaware Avenue

HCDD Director Everett Howard handed out the attached packet to Council, which is made part of the minutes. He explained the blighted property was located at 621 Delaware Avenue, on the corner of Rose Street and the east side of Delaware Avenue, and had a very dilapidated structure on it. The current owner acquired the property last year with plans to demolish the building and re-build, but discovered the property was in a floodway and almost impossible to build on. It would become a vacant lot once the building was demolished.

The building was a blight for the City. Field Operations could demolish it and HCDD would pay the tipping fees (\$3,000 to \$5,000). Mr. Howard said the lot could then be offered for sale to one of the adjacent property owners. It had a clear title and the owner wanted to donate it to the City.

President Heath wondered if the lot would be suitable for a park area, and Mr. Howard said it was small and the Lake Street Playground basketball courts were close. Council discussed building a community garden there.

Council reached unanimous consensus to advance the legislation to legislative agenda.

Discussion regarding Lot 30


Mayor Day reported they were working to get Lot 30 to the finish line. Lot 16 settled that day and the next step would be for the owners to obtain construction permits from DID.

Adjournment

With nothing further to discuss, the Work Session adjourned at 4:39 p.m.



City Clerk



Council Vice-President