

CITY OF SALISBURY
WORK SESSION
AUGUST 5, 2019

Public Officials Present

Council President John “Jack” R. Heath (teleconferenced) Mayor Jacob R. Day
Council Vice-President Muir Boda Councilwoman Angela M. Blake
Councilwoman April Jackson

Public Officials Not Present

Councilman James Ireton, Jr.

In Attendance

City Administrator Julia Glanz, Fire Chief John Tull, Deputy Fire Chief James Gladwell, Fire Marshal Eric Cramer, Department of Infrastructure & Development (DID) Director Amanda Pollack, Grants Manager Deborah Stam, City Clerk Kim Nichols, City Attorney Mark Tilghman, and interested citizens.

On August 5, 2019 Salisbury City Council convened in Work Session at 4:30 p.m. in Council Chambers, Room 301 of the Government Office Building with Vice-President Boda presiding because President Heath teleconferenced in for the Work Session. The following is a synopsis of the topics discussed:

Updating the Fire Code- Business Licenses

Fire Chief John Tull, Deputy Fire Chief James Gladwell, and Fire Marshal Eric Cramer joined Council at the table to discuss updating Title 5- Business Licenses to add a section requiring a satisfactory fire inspection for code compliance with all businesses in order to receive their Business Licenses. Every establishment subject to the provision of the section upon application for annual license shall submit proof of an inspection by the City Fire Marshal.

Council reached unanimous consensus to advance the ordinance to the next legislative agenda.

Aldi Budget Amendment for street lights

DID Director Amanda Pollack and PennTex Ventures, LLC Executive Vice President Ted Donald joined Council to discuss a potential fee in lieu of installing lights at the Aldi grocery store on Dagsboro Road and Rt. 13.

Ms. Pollack explained PennTex was required, and the approved construction drawings showed (5) street lights being installed along Dagsboro Road. The street lights have not been installed, and PennTex has offered to pay \$35,000 in lieu of installing the lights since there is adequate lighting already on Dagsboro Road. Field Operations has verified \$35,000 was an adequate amount to furnish and install the lights. The request was not what DID wanted to be the norm, as they preferred developers to install street lights along the length of their property. This situation was

unique since the grocery store was situated on the corner of a state road and the street was already adequately lit when it was a county road.

Ms. Pollack supported the offer to use the money in other areas in the City that did not have street lights rather than adding light to an already lit area.

President Heath was concerned that since the agreement and contract were signed, this situation would open the door for other developers to get out of their agreements. Mayor Day said he agreed that a contract was a contract, but also the visual and esthetic consistency will ultimately build out the City to have a more complete fabric of well-lit, walkable, safe areas. He saw two options, 1) go ahead and put the lights in, or 2) accept payment and put the lights in elsewhere, where there was a higher priority identified for the City. He did not want to see infrastructure cut up, or cutting asphalt and sidewalks to fix a mistake. He thought in this case, this was an appropriate action, and they had the flexibility in future agreements to only allow this when there has been a mistake, and to accept payment instead.

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

Acceptance of FY20 MCIN Grant Funds Awarded to the Salisbury Police Department

Grants Manager Deborah Stam joined Council to explain the FY20 MCIN grant was included in Schedule C, but for only \$50,000 when they City actually received \$369,924. A budget amendment was needed in order to formally accept the funds. She explained the funds would be used to help reduce existing gaps in services and foster collaboration and cooperation among partner agencies and stakeholders, and the program would take the form of a state-wide network of criminal justice agencies focused on identifying, disrupting, and dismantling criminal networks through collaboration and comprehensive data sharing, both locally and statewide, with the ultimate goal of prosecuting more crimes under the Racketeering Influenced and Corrupt Organizations (RICO) Act. Several sub-recipients would receive funds, and the City would retain some for its own purposes. The mistake made to Schedule C was a typo.

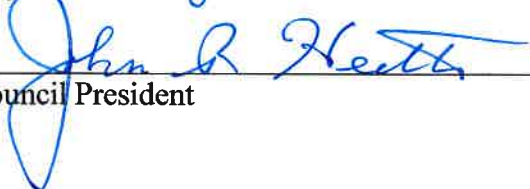
Council reached unanimous consensus to advance the budget amendment to legislative session.

Adjournment

With nothing further to discuss, the Work Session adjourned at 4:45 p.m.



City Clerk



Council President