

CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND

ORGANIZATION MEETING

NOVEMBER 18, 2019

PUBLIC OFFICIALS PRESENT

*President John "Jack" R. Heath
Councilwoman Angela M. Blake
Councilwoman April Jackson*

*Vice-President Muir Boda
Councilman James Ireton, Jr.*

PUBLIC OFFICIALS ABSENT

Mayor Jacob R. Day

IN ATTENDANCE

City Administrator Julia Glanz, Deputy Administrator Andy Kitzrow, Retired City Clerk Brenda Colegrove, Former City Council President Louise Smith, Police Chief Barbara Duncan, Field Ops Director Tom Stevenson, Human Resources Director Jeanne Loyd, Infrastructure and Development Director Amanda Pollack, Field Ops Deputy Director Operations Bill Sterling, Mayor's Office Executive Assistant Donna Haag, Public Information Officer Chris Demone, IS Director Bill Garrett, Permits & Inspections Manager Bill Holland, Fire Chief John Tull, Planning & Zoning Director Lori Carter, Retired Fire Chief Rick Hoppes, Finance Director Keith Cordrey, City Clerk Kim Nichols, City Attorney Mark Tilghman, and interested citizens.

CITY INVOCATION – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The City Council met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Council President John R. Heath called the meeting to order and invited Pastor Martin Hutchison of Community of Joy Church of the Brethren to the podium to provide the City Invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

ADOPTION OF LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Ms. Jackson moved, Mr. Ireton seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve the legislative agenda as presented.

MINUTES

Mr. Boda moved, Ms. Jackson seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve the following:

- **October 21, 2019 Closed Session Minutes**
- **November 12, 2019 Council Meeting Minutes**

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilwoman Jackson said the past four years were very exciting and the next four years would be even more so. Much work had been done and the City would continue to thrive. She thanked her constituents, supporters, voters and Council, and told Mr. Ireton she would miss him.

Council Vice-President Boda said he was honored to serve with the Council over the past four years; they had become a family. He said President Heath was a great mentor and leader to those on the Council, and he told Mr. Ireton he would miss him. He thanked his wife and mother, and was looking forward to pushing forward. City progress had been extraordinary in the past ten years under Mr. Ireton's leadership and then Mayor Day's.

Councilwoman Blake said it was exciting to be appointed in February, and she learned a lot in nine months. She told Mr. Ireton she appreciated his advocacy for people, and he would be missed. She thanked her father and sisters, and the Council members for helping her.

President Heath told Mr. Ireton that he was in many ways the conscience of the Council. Council decided long ago how they wanted to behave as a group, and this Council did a remarkable job. He thanked his wife and wished Mr. Ireton much success in his next endeavor.

Councilman Ireton thanked Council and Mr. Heath for his leadership. He congratulated Michele Gregory and thanked all of the City employees for the work they did every day. He also thanked the following people: Amanda Pollack, Bill Sterling, Jeanne Loyd, former Fire Chief Rick Hoppes, Diane Carter, Kim Nichols, Brenda Colegrove, Mark Tilghman, Lori Carter, Jack Lenox, Julia Glanz, Tom Stevenson, Donna Haag, Sherrill McBride, Jessi Cocci, Chris Demone, Bill Duck, Chuck Cook, Brian Kemmett, Josh Nordstrom, Greg Bassett, Sharon Boykin, Former Council President Louise Smith, Mary Ashanti, Michele Ennis Benn, and Police Chief Barbara Duncan.

Councilman Ireton discussed highlights of the past years as Mayor and Councilman, and thanked Reverend Lewis Watson, Reverend Chris Martin and Rabbi Bienstock.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE

James B. McAllister, Wicomico County Clerk of Circuit Court administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected officials, individually, in the following order:

- *Councilwoman April Jackson*
- *Councilwoman Michele Gregory*
- *Councilwoman Angela M. Blake*
- *Council Vice-President Muir Boda*
- *Council President John "Jack" R. Heath*

ORGANIZATION OF CITY COUNCIL

City Administrator Julia Glanz announced she accepted the role of President Pro Tempore to conduct the meeting for election of Council President. She then read the rules to be followed in the election, which required adoption with a motion, second and vote by the Council:

- a. Any Council member may be nominated for President - no second is needed;
- b. A Council member may nominate himself or herself – no second is needed;
- c. After all nominations are received, nominations will be closed;
- d. The vote will be called in order of nomination;
- e. When voting, the first to receive three (3) votes will be elected Council President;
- f. Council members can only vote once and can vote for themselves.

Mr. Boda moved, Ms. Jackson seconded, and the vote was unanimous to adopt the rules as read.

Ms. Glanz called for nominations for Council President, and Mr. Boda nominated Mr. Heath. As there were no further nominations, Ms. Glanz closed the nominations and called for the vote. Mr. Heath was unanimously approved as President.

President Heath then assumed his position and called for nominations for Council Vice-President. Ms. Jackson nominated Mr. Boda. As there were no further nominations, President Heath closed the nominations and called for the vote. Mr. Boda was unanimously approved as Council Vice-President.

CLOSING COMMENTS

President Heath thanked the citizens and Council for their vote of confidence in him.

Councilwoman Gregory thanked Council for welcoming her and was eager to get to know them individually and as a group.

Councilwoman Blake said Council had a great opportunity to keep what was important for Salisbury, the citizens, growth, development, and leadership moving forward in the next four years.

Councilwoman Jackson thanked her children and said that Mary Ashanti was an encourager who kept her on her toes. She presented the Certificate of Recognition to the Salisbury City Council from First Baptist Church of Salisbury in recognition of the City's partnership and service rendered to the community and church.

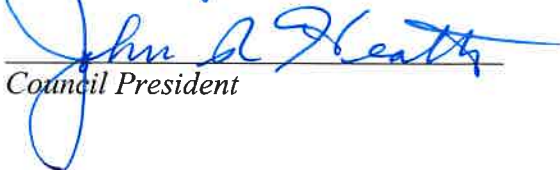
Vice-President Boda thanked the Council for their confidence in him.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the Legislative Session adjourned at 6:53 p.m.



City Clerk

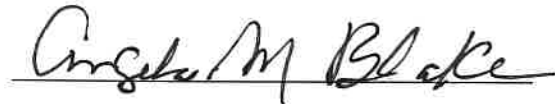


Council President

OATH OF OFFICE

MD Constitution, Art. 1, § 9

I, Angela M. Blake, do swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States; and that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of Maryland, and support the Constitution and laws thereof; and that I will, to the best of my skill and judgment, diligently and faithfully, without partiality or prejudice, execute the office of City Council Member for the City of Salisbury, Maryland, according to the Constitution and Laws of this State.



Angela M. Blake

Subscribed and sworn to me, James B. McAllister, Clerk of the Circuit Court for Wicomico County, Maryland this 18th day of November, 2019.



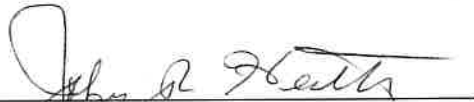
James B. McAllister

Clerk of the Circuit Court

OATH OF OFFICE


MD Constitution, Art. 1, § 9

I, John R. Heath, do swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States; and that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of Maryland, and support the Constitution and laws thereof; and that I will, to the best of my skill and judgment, diligently and faithfully, without partiality or prejudice, execute the office of City Council Member for the City of Salisbury, Maryland, according to the Constitution and Laws of this State.



John R. Heath

Subscribed and sworn to me, James B. McAllister, Clerk of the Circuit Court for Wicomico County, Maryland this 18th day of November, 2019.



James B. McAllister
Clerk of the Circuit Court

OATH OF OFFICE


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I, Muir Boda, do swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States; and that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of Maryland, and support the Constitution and laws thereof; and that I will, to the best of my skill and judgment, diligently and faithfully, without partiality or prejudice, execute the office of City Council Member for the City of Salisbury, Maryland, according to the Constitution and Laws of this State.



Muir Boda

Subscribed and sworn to me, James B. McAllister, Clerk of the Circuit Court for Wicomico County, Maryland this 18th day of November, 2019.



James B. McAllister
Clerk of the Circuit Court


OATH OF OFFICE

MD Constitution, Art. 1, § 9

I, Michele Gregory, do swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States; and that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of Maryland, and support the Constitution and laws thereof; and that I will, to the best of my skill and judgment, diligently and faithfully, without partiality or prejudice, execute the office of City Council Member for the City of Salisbury, Maryland, according to the Constitution and Laws of this State.


Michelle Gregory

Subscribed and sworn to me, James B. McAllister, Clerk of the Circuit Court for Wicomico County, Maryland this 18th day of November, 2019.


James B. McAllister
Clerk of the Circuit Court

OATH OF OFFICE

MD Constitution, Art. 1, § 9

I, April Jackson, do swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States; and that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of Maryland, and support the Constitution and laws thereof; and that I will, to the best of my skill and judgment, diligently and faithfully, without partiality or prejudice, execute the office of City Council Member for the City of Salisbury, Maryland, according to the Constitution and Laws of this State.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "April Jackson". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

April Jackson

Subscribed and sworn to me, James B. McAllister, Clerk of the Circuit Court for Wicomico County, Maryland this 18th day of November, 2019.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James B. McAllister". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

James B. McAllister
Clerk of the Circuit Court