

CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND

REGULAR MEETING (VIA ZOOM MEETING)

AUGUST 10, 2020

PUBLIC OFFICIALS PRESENT

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

*Council Vice-President Muir Boda
Councilwoman Michele Gregory*

PUBLIC OFFICIALS ABSENT

Mayor Jacob R. Day

IN ATTENDANCE

*City Administrator Andy Kitzrow, City Attorney Mark Tilghman, City Clerk Kimberly Nichols,
City staff and interested members of the Public.*

CITY INVOCATION – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The City Council met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. via a Zoom Meeting. Council President John R. Heath called the meeting to order and called for a moment of silent meditation.

PROCLAMATIONS – presented by Deputy City Administrator Andy Kitzrow

“Bob Culver Day”

Deputy City Administrator Andy Kitzrow presented the “Bob Culver Day” proclamation. Bob was elected as an At-Large Member to the Wicomico County Council in 2010 and served one term before being elected as the County’s second County Executive in 2014 and again in 2018. After receiving his cancer diagnosis in February of 2020, Bob continued to work while awaiting treatment. During that time, he and his staff finalized the County’s Operating Budget during the Coronavirus Pandemic and removed the Downtown Salisbury plaque honoring Confederate General John Winder amid the Black Lives Matter Demonstrations throughout the Country.

Mr. Kitzrow proclaimed August 11, 2020 as “Bob Culver Day” to celebrate and recognize Bob’s life, with gratitude for the many lives he touched through his service to family, friends, and community as a lifelong supporter of Wicomico County, and helped the needy.

Bob passed away peacefully in his sleep following a several months-long battle with liver cancer. A memorial service would be held on Tuesday, August 11, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. at the Wicomico Youth & Civic Center.

“Bruce Wharton Day”

Deputy City Administrator Andy Kitzrow presented the “Bruce Wharton Day” proclamation. Bruce devoted half his life to “The Summer Kappa League,” a youth basketball league on Salisbury’s Westside. During the past 29 years more than 250 young men each summer have

participated in the free League, which runs four nights a week from the end of June to August. The League has helped the young players by incorporating enrichment and personal development activities into the program, using basketball as the means to deliver the message. This would have been the 30th Anniversary of “The Summer Kappa League.” Through Bruce’s service the League has provided thousands of youth the opportunity to develop and enhance their basketball and social skills while training in leadership, learning skills to allow for advancement to high school, collegiate, and professional teams, and to successfully navigate the game of life.

Mr. Kitzrow proclaimed August 6, 2020 as “Bruce Wharton Day” to celebrate and recognize his life with gratitude for the many lives he touched through “The Summer Kappa League.” Bruce Wharton passed away on Monday, July 27, 2020 and laid to rest on August 6, 2020.

ADOPTION OF LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA – presented by City Clerk Kimberly Nichols

Ms. Blake moved and Mr. Boda seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. City Clerk Nichols lost connection with the meeting. While awaiting Ms. Nichols’ return to the meeting, Council proceeded to the presentation of the resolutions.

Mr. Boda moved, Ms. Jackson seconded, and the vote was unanimous to lay the Consent Agenda on the table for after the Resolutions were presented to allow time for Ms. Nichols to re-connect.

RESOLUTIONS- presented by Deputy City Administrator Andy Kitzrow

- **Resolution No. 3053**- *accepting a donation of two thousand pounds of deli style turkey meat from Perdue Farms, Inc. to distribute to City of Salisbury employees via the City of Salisbury’s employee food pantry*

Ms. Jackson moved, Mr. Boda seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve Resolution No. 3053. Council thanked Perdue Farms, Inc. for the generous donation.

- **Resolution No. 3054**- *authorizing a temporary construction easement and ongoing maintenance easement, and to grant a deed of easement to First Move Properties, LLC*

Ms. Jackson moved, Ms. Blake seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve Resolution No. 3054.

CONSENT AGENDA – presented by City Clerk Kimberly Nichols

The Consent Agenda, consisting of the following items, was unanimously approved on a motion and seconded by Ms. Blake and Ms. Gregory, respectively:

- **July 20, 2020** *Work Session Minutes*

- **July 27, 2020** Legislative Session Minutes
- **Resolution No. 3050**- to expand the number of members on the Mayor's Disability Advisory Committee
- **Resolution No. 3051**- to appoint Dominique Sessa to the Disability Advisory Committee for the term ending August 2023
- **Resolution No. 3052**- to appoint Adith Thummalapalli to the Disability Advisory Committee for the term ending August 2023

ORDINANCES- presented by City Attorney Mark Tilghman

- **Ordinance No. 2609**- 2nd reading- accepting grant funds from the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention in the amount of \$1,350 under the FY21 Body Armor Program (BARM) and amending the FY2021 Grant Fund Budget to appropriate these grant funds for the purchase of eight (8) new bullet proof vests (Level II Ballistic) for Salisbury Police Officers

Ms. Jackson moved, Mr. Boda seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve Ordinance No. 2609 for second reading.

- **Ordinance No. 2610**- 2nd reading- approving a budget amendment of the FY21 General Fund Budget to appropriate insurance proceeds received in FY21 to aid in the purchase of a new vehicle for the Police Fleet

Mr. Boda moved, Ms. Jackson seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve Ordinance No. 2610 for second reading.

- **Ordinance No. 2611**- 1st reading- to amend the Salisbury Municipal Code Title 13, PUBLIC SERVICES, Chapter 13.04 to provide for a waiver of Comprehensive Connection Charges

Mr. Boda moved, Ms. Blake seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve Ordinance No. 2611 for first reading.

- **Ordinance No. 2612**- 1st reading- to amend Title 1, GENERAL PROVISIONS OF THE SALISBURY MUNICIPAL CODE to add a new chapter to establish procedures for electronic participation

Ms. Jackson moved and Ms. Blake seconded to approve Ordinance No. 2612.

Mr. Tilghman presented the following amendments to the ordinance before presenting it:

- *Line 26 - insert "unless prohibited by State Law" at the end of the sentence.*
- *Line 47 - insert "Board" is defined as any City Board or Commission.*

Mr. Boda moved to make the amendments to Ordinance No. 2612 as presented, Ms. Jackson seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve the amendments.

The vote was unanimous to approve Ordinance No. 2612, as amended for first reading.

COMMENTS

Mr. Kitzrow reported on a message he received regarding Resolution No. 3054. In the whereas clause that described the attachment for the Temporary Construction Easement and Ongoing Maintenance Easement (beginning on page 27 of the packet), the signature and notaries pages (pages 34 and 35) listed “Mayor Jacob R. Day” as a signatory. The question posed to Mr. Kitzrow was would Julia Glanz sign on that line, or should it officially be changed?

Ms. Tilghman said that Ms. Glanz could sign on the lines for the Mayor, and could sign her name or the Mayor’s name, but it was important that she signed his name “for and with the authority of the Mayor.”

Mr. Kitzrow asked what if the line did not include “for and with the authority of the Mayor.” Mr. Tilghman said the resolution did stipulate it was to be signed by Ms. Glanz with the authority .

Attorney Michael Sullivan asked Mr. Tilghman how to address the notary that was to be executed for recording of the easement. Mr. Tilghman reminded Mr. Sullivan that the resolution authorized any changes by Mayor Day or himself, and this would be an easy correction.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no requests for public comments.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Boda offered condolences to the families of Messrs. Culver and Wharton, and encouraged the public to support the local businesses and restaurants to help them get back on their feet.

Ms. Jackson said she would see everyone on Zoom next Monday.

Ms. Blake encouraged everyone to properly wear their masks and to donate blood.

Ms. Gregory asked everyone to wear their masks properly and to take care of neighbors and family.

Mr. Kitzrow commended the City law enforcement, Fire and EMS, and Field Operations for their top-notch response to Tropical Storm Isaias, keeping the public safe and cleaning up afterwards.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the Legislative Session adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Kimberly R. Nichols

City Clerk

John R. Heato

Council President