

CITY OF SALISBURY
WORK SESSION (VIA ZOOM MEETING)
SEPTEMBER 8, 2020

Public Officials Present

Council 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

Deputy City Administrator Andy Kitzrow, Fire Chief John Tull, City Attorney Mark Tilghman, and City Clerk Kimberly Nichols.

On September 8, 2020 the Salisbury City Council convened in a Work Session at 4:30 p.m. via Zoom. The following is a synopsis of the topics discussed:

Budget Amendment to accept DOJ Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Grant for the purchase of COVID-19 PPE for the Salisbury Fire Department and Salisbury Police Department

Fire Chief John Tull reported on the ordinance to accept a grant from the DOJ BJA through the FY20 Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program in the amount of \$78,445 to be used to purchase PPE for the Salisbury Police Department and Salisbury Fire Department as necessary to appropriately respond to the COVID-19 crisis.

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

Budget Amendment to accept Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore (CFES) COVID-19 Grant for Salisbury Fire Department PPE Purchases

Chief Tull reported on the ordinance to accept a grant for \$5,000 from the CFES for PPE purchases to be utilized by the Salisbury Fire Department in response to the COVID-19 pandemic to purchase any sort of PPE necessary.

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

Budget Amendment to accept Maryland Community Health Resources Commission (MCHRC) Grant for the SWIFT Tele-Health Projects

Chief Tull reported on the ordinance accepting a grant from the MCHRC for the SWIFT Tele-Health Project in the amount of \$24,799. The funding was for remote patient monitoring,

pharmacy/med reconciliation, iPads/tablets for telehealth visits, mobile wi-fi hotspot to facilitate access and PPE for paramedics or CHW to facilitate telehealth visits.

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

Council Remarks

Mr. Boda thanked Chief Tull for bringing the grants to Council. He thanked all of the teachers who were adapting and adjusting to the educational situation, and wished the students luck in the Fall semester. He encouraged everyone to support local businesses and to tip their waiters and drivers.

Ms. Jackson reminded everyone to practice social distancing, wear their masks, and to continue sanitizing.

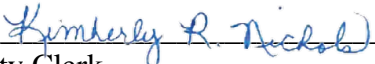
Ms. Blake asked those to donate blood who were healthy enough.

Ms. Gregory, who was participating in the Zoom meeting from the Peninsula Regional hospital room of her son, thanked the Fire Department for the professional EMS help and caring attitudes of everyone she and her family came in contact with, and the great amount of work by the hospital's nurses and doctors during the pandemic. She asked college students to practice social distancing.

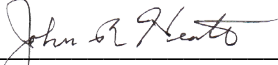
President Heath encouraged everyone healthy enough to give blood. He also asked those who had not registered in the Census to take the time to do so, as the City's state and federal funding for the next ten years depended on the results of the Census. He reminded everyone to wear their masks and stay safe.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, the Work Session adjourned at 4:43 p.m.



City Clerk



Council President