

CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND

REGULAR MEETING (VIA ZOOM MEETING)

NOVEMBER 23, 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 Julia Glanz, Deputy City Administrator Andy Kitzrow, Department of Infrastructure & Development Director Amanda Pollack, Field Operations Director Tom Stevenson, City Attorney Mark Tilghman, City Clerk Kimberly Nichols, members of the press and 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 City Attorney Julia Glanz

Colonel Robert W. “Bob” Cook Day

Ms. Glanz presented the “Colonel Robert W. “Bob” Cook Day” proclamation to honor Colonel Robert W. “Bob” Cook for receiving the prestigious 2020 Outstanding Eagle Award from the Del-Mar-Va Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Mr. Cook’s lifetime accomplishments included being an Eagle Scout in 1943; a distinguished Military Officer and decorated Veteran serving in Germany, Europe, Korea, and the Maryland Defense Force; and a community leader since 1967 who has left an indelible mark on youth, families, and community organizations. The Del-Mar-Va Council of the Boy Scouts of America honored Mr. Cook with the 2020 Outstanding Eagle Award during a virtual reception on Thursday, November 12, 2020.

Smart Business Saturday

Ms. Glanz presented the “Small Business Saturday” proclamation and urged all residents to support small businesses and merchants on Small Business Saturday and throughout the year. According to the United States Small Business Administration, 30.7 million small businesses in the United States represent 99.7 percent of all firms with paid employees in the United States, and are responsible for 64.9 percent of net new jobs created from 2000 to 2018. Local businesses create jobs, boost local economies, and preserve local communities.

Lung Cancer Awareness Month

Ms. Glanz presented the proclamation to increase awareness of the need for research in lung cancer affecting women and lung cancer health disparities, and encouraged all Citizens to learn about lung cancer and early detection through lung cancer screening. Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death among men and women in the United States, accounting for more deaths in Maryland in 2020 than colon cancer, breast cancer, and prostate cancer combined.

ADOPTION OF LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

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

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. Jackson and Ms. Blake, respectively:

- October 5, 2020 Work Session Minutes
- October 26, 2020 Closed Session Minutes
- November 2, 2020 Legislative Session Minutes

AWARD OF BIDS – presented by Procurement Director Jennifer Miller

The Award of Bids, consisting of the following, was unanimously approved on a motion and seconded by Ms. Blake and Mr. Boda, respectively:

- Award of Contract
 1. ITB A-21-105 Water Meters & Metering Supplies- \$200,000-\$300,000/yr. (est.)
- Declaration of Surplus
 1. Department of Field Operations- Vehicle WM-9- \$0.00

RESOLUTION – presented by City Administrator Julia Glanz

- **Resolution No. 3076**- to purchase improved real property, located at 519 Delaware Avenue, from Twilley Construction, Inc. for use by the Department of Field Operations

Ms. Jackson moved, Ms. Gregory seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve Resolution No. 3076.

- **Resolution No. 3077**- to purchase improved real property, located at 601 West Isabella Street, from Block Investment Group, LLC for use by the Department of Field Operations

Ms. Blake moved, Ms. Jackson seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve Resolution No. 3077.

- **Resolution No. 3078**- to purchase improved real property, located at 605 West Isabella Street, from St. Fleur Family Investments, LLC for use by the Department of Field Operations

Mr. Boda moved, Ms. Jackson seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve Resolution No. 3078.

- **Resolution No. 3079**- authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with First Move Properties, LLC for the purchase of parking permits in the Downtown Parking Garage

Ms. Jackson moved, Ms. Blake seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve Resolution No. 3079.

- **Resolution No. 3080**- supporting the implementation of the HORIZON Program to encourage hotel and large-scale residential development and revitalization in the Downtown area of Salisbury

Mr. Boda moved, Ms. Jackson seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve Resolution No. 3080.

ORDINANCES – presented by City Attorney Mark Tilghman

- **Ordinance No. 2629**- 2nd reading- to authorize the Mayor to sign the grant agreements, to accept two grants in the total sum of \$155,565.60 from the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) Maryland Bikeways Program for the design of the Rail Trail, Phase 1 and West College Avenue Bikeway Projects, and to approve an amendment of the FY21 Budget to allocate said funds for purposes of implementation

Ms. Jackson moved, Ms. Blake seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve Ordinance No. 2629 for second reading.

- **Ordinance No. 2630**- 2nd reading- approving a budget amendment of the FY21 General Fund Budget to appropriate insurance proceeds received in FY21 as part of the payment for vehicle repair

Ms. Blake moved, Ms. Gregory seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve Ordinance No. 2632 for second reading.

- **Ordinance No. 2631**- 1st reading- approving an amendment of the City's General Capital Project Fund Budget to reallocate funding for the GOB Roof Project

Ms. Jackson moved, Ms. Blake seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve Ordinance No. 2631 for first reading.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Two members of the public provided the following comments:

- Eastern Shore Pipeline has been planned to go through Salisbury's minority neighborhoods.
- Leaders in Annapolis will be voting in 9 days to allow this pipeline.
- Salisbury should research and speak out against the pipeline because when Rt. 50 came through and took out the minority communities in Georgetown.
- The State made the decision and did not include the communities in the conversations.
- Many people were unaware the pipeline was coming through at this time.
- With Salisbury moving forward and addressing issues dealing with racial relations, it was important to pause and consider who the pipeline would affect.
- Natural gas pipelines are dangerous because they blow up.
- Community leaders should speak up and say no to the pipeline.
- Thanked Councilwoman Gregory for speaking out against the pipeline.
- Natural gas and fossil fuels are on the way "out" and Maryland has passed legislation requiring that communities move towards green energy.
- It comes off as a "get rich quick" scheme to the investors of the pipeline, but it would be a long-term disaster for Salisbury.
- Hoped the City Council would speak out against the pipeline before the December 2nd vote.
- The pipeline would threaten water quality, wildlife and the Chesapeake Bay.

ADMINISTRATIVE /COUNCIL COMMENTS

Ms. Glanz offered to prepare a letter speaking out against the pipeline on behalf of the City.

Mr. Boda thanked the speakers for speaking. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and asked the public to shop local.

Ms. Jackson congratulated Wicomico County NAACP President Elect Bronte Deshield and thanked Mary Ashanti for her many years of service. Reach out to those during Thanksgiving. Wear your masks, social distance, and wash your hands. When you protect yourself, you protect others.

Ms. Blake reported she researched the pipeline and reached out to Delegate Sheree Sample-Hughes. Please shop local this Saturday. If healthy enough please give blood.

Ms. Gregory thanked those for wishing her son well, and was very thankful for the nurses and doctors in Tidal Health. Please keep your family unit small, no extended family gatherings.

President Heath echoed all the aforementioned comments. He said he and his wife were isolating themselves at Thanksgiving for the first time in 52 years. He wished everyone well and to be safe.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the Legislative Session adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Kimberly R. Nichols

 City Clerk

John R. Heato

 Council President