

CITY OF SALISBURY
WORK SESSION (VIA ZOOM MEETING)
DECEMBER 21, 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

City Administrator / Acting Mayor Julia Glanz, Deputy City Administrator Andy Kitzrow, Department of Infrastructure & Development (DID) Director Amanda Pollack, Transportation Project Specialist Will White, Associate City Attorney Peter Golba, City Clerk Kimberly Nichols, and members of the Public and press.

On December 21, 2020 the Salisbury City Council convened in a Work Session at 4:52 p.m. via Zoom following the adjournment of the 4:30 p.m. Special Meeting. The following is a synopsis of the topics discussed:

Ordinance to accept funds for Santa’s Workshop

Housing & Community Development Director Ron Strickler reported the Santa’s Workshop was an annual event for HCD where toys were distributed to children that might not otherwise receive gifts for Christmas. Draper Holdings Charitable Fund / Bless Our Children campaign donated \$1,000, and Mr. Strickler recommended accepting the donation.

Council reached unanimous consensus to move forward to legislative session with the grant acceptance.

Ordinance to accept a grant from MDOT for Naylor Mill Bridge Design

DID Director Amanda Pollack reported the State of Maryland grant was for the design to replace the Naylor Mill Bridge. The State would handle the design, hire the vendor, and conduct the entire procurement for the project. The City would oversee, review the scope of work and work with the vendor.

Ms. Pollack said that the City had budgeted the replacement in the CIP and Budget last year based on the grant projections at the time (\$280,000). Since that time, State Highway negotiated the scope of work with their preferred vendor, and the cost came in higher. The total estimated design costs were \$471,382.72. The grant was for \$377,106.18 (80%) and the City match was \$94,276.54 (20%). The design costs included MDOT SHA review costs.

The draft ordinance was a budget amendment accepting the additional grant amount while authorizing entering into the new grant agreement., which was an amendment to the master agreement, specific to the project.

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

Ordinance to create Bicycle Facilities

Ms. Pollack said that the City adopted the Bicycle Master Plan in 2016, and decided to come before Council every year with an ordinance to adjust the Charter with what the City would do on each street.

Mr. White provided an overview of the construction to the following streets: Lake Street, Isabella Street, Delaware Avenue, Cypress Street, West Road and West Main Street. Salisbury University requested bicycle facilities be added on Wayne Street, Power Street, Avery Street, Milford Street and requested improvements to the existing bike facility on Bateman Street.

Each of the facilities would consist of dedicated facilities wherever possible, with shared lanes being placed when street width was not sufficient for some form of dedicated facility type.

President Heath asked if each of the homes on Fitzwater Street had their own driveway. Mr. White said they did not, and President Heath asked where they would park. Mr. White said on-street parking would still be provided on Fitzwater Street. Ms. Jackson asked about West Road since some of it was in the County. Mr. White said the City facility would be terminated once it reached the County, and once the County paved their section, they would be able to tie into it.

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

Ordinance – Parking Removal on Fitzwater Street

Ms. Pollack discussed the removal of 16 parking spaces on Fitzwater Street, only in front of Chesapeake Shipbuilding. On-street parking would still be in front of all of the residential properties. Chesapeake Shipbuilding requested the removal of the parking spaces due to safety issues.

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

Ordinance – Parking Removal on College Avenue

Ms. Pollack reported on the request by Salisbury University to remove 35 parking spaces on the south side of College Avenue between Rt. 13 and Camden Avenue. The City was under design for the College Avenue Bikeways Project (the City received a Maryland Bikeways Grant for the project) and the parking removal would help the City greatly in the design of the bike lanes.

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

Ordinance – Parking removal on Power Street

Ms. Pollack reported that Salisbury University requested 68 parking spaces be removed from Wayne and Power Streets.

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

Administrative and Council remarks

Mr. Boda wished everyone a Merry Christmas. He recognized Donna Haag and Julie English from the Mayor’s Office for putting together the gifts for the City employees. Over 500 gift bags were prepared to be given to each City employee in place of the Christmas Party this year. He appreciated the hard work and thoughtfulness that went into the gifts.

Ms. Jackson wished everyone a Merry Christmas. She asked that everyone wear their masks and stay safe. As Governor Hogan advised, she asked people to limit their guests to 10 people.

Ms. Blake asked everyone to have a Merry Christmas, shop local and donate blood if healthy.

Ms. Gregory reminded everyone that today was Winter Solstice, and from now on the days would begin to get longer. Be careful and keep gatherings to no more than 10 people, and please stay home if possible.

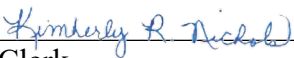
Mr. Kitzrow wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. He was happy to be part of the team that made dreams come to fruition.

Ms. Glanz said it had been an incredibly challenging year and wanted everyone to relax and recharge.

President Heath wished everyone the happiest of holidays, asked them to be careful and wear masks.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, the Work Session immediately adjourned at 5:19 p.m.



City Clerk

Council President