

CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND

REGULAR MEETING (VIA ZOOM MEETING)

FEBRUARY 8, 2021

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 / Acting Mayor Julia Glanz, Deputy City Administrator Andy Kitzrow, Fire Chief John Tull, Business Development Director Laura Soper, Department of Infrastructure & Development (DID) Director Amanda Pollack, Senior Buyer Michael Lowe, Secretary of Kindness Grace Murdock, 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.

PRESENTATIONS

• **Black History Month**

City Administrator / Acting Mayor Julia Glanz presented the proclamation declaring February 2021 as “Black History Month.” In February 1926 Black author, historian, and “Father of Black History” Carter G. Woodson introduced Negro History Week, the precursor to Black History Month. Observed each February, Black History Month celebrates the many achievements of African Americans in all things. The City of Salisbury and the Fenix Youth Project Inc. launched a collaborative online program to celebrate Black History Month, focusing on three key themes: Learn. Heal. Empower.

Ms. Glanz invited the Public to visit the City’s website to learn more about the history and contributions of African Americans at www.salisbury.md/blackhistorymonth .

• **Random Acts of Kindness Week / Kindness Update**

Secretary of Kindness Grace Murdock provided an update on kindness and showed pics of all of the City’s Kindness Commissioners. The City received the 1st World Kindness USA City designation on October 4, 2019. Sponsor businesses would receive a door cling designating their business was a Kindness Sponsor in the City. She said it was a joy to work within the community with the Kindness Commissioners to share kindness, and

when COVID-19 began, they continued moving forward. She discussed becoming a sponsor, which was essential for #kindSBY to work. They only had 30 sponsors and could do so much more with more sponsors. If interested, please let her know.

Ms. Glanz presented the proclamation declaring February 14-20, 2021 as “Kindness Awareness Week” and encouraged all Citizens to recognize the importance of being kind, to look for opportunities to perform random acts of kindness every day, and to seek kinder options in all matters.

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

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

- January 11, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes
- **Resolution No. 3089** - approving the re-appointment of Clifton Griffon to the Salisbury Zoo Commission for term ending December 2023
- **Resolution No. 3090**- approving the re-appointment of Dave Harris to the Salisbury Zoo Commission for term ending January 2024
- **Resolution No. 3091**- approving the appointment of Sara-elah Hoffman to the Sustainability Advisory Committee for term ending February 2023

RESOLUTIONS – presented by City Administrator / Acting Mayor Julia Glanz

- **Resolution No. 3092**– adopting a Capital Improvement Plan for the five-year period FY22 – FY26

Ms. Blake moved, Ms. Jackson seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve Resolution No. 3092.

ORDINANCES - presented by City Attorney Mark Tilghman

- **Ordinance No. 2652**- 2nd reading- authorizing the Mayor to sign the grant agreement and accept a grant of \$4,000.00 from the State of Maryland Department of Natural Resources Critical Area Commission and approving an amendment of the Grant Fund Budget to allocate the funds for purposes of critical area program implementation

Ms. Jackson moved, Mr. Boda seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve Ordinance No. 2652 for second reading.

- **Ordinance No. 2653**- 2nd reading- approving an amendment of the City’s General Capital Project Fund Budget to reallocate funding for the Police Communication Project

Ms. Jackson moved, Ms. Gregory seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve Ordinance No. 2653 for second reading.

- **Ordinance No. 2654**- *1st reading- to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract with the Department of Housing and Community Development for the purpose of accepting grant funds in the amount of \$130,730.00, and to approve a budget amendment to the grant fund to appropriate funds for a Main Street business relief program and marketing support*

Ms. Blake moved, Mr. Boda seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve Ordinance No. 2654 for first reading.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no requests for public comments.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Ms. Glanz said she was excited about the Random Acts of Kindness Week, as she was getting to spend Friday with Grace Murdock. She reminded everyone to check out the Black History Month information on the website.

Mr. Boda said it was great to recognize Black History Month and Kindness Week in the same week. He encouraged everyone to keep supporting small businesses, and asked that everyone tipped their servers well. He asked for everyone to get the vaccine if available.

Ms. Jackson said she would be extra kind this week. Black history was 365 days per year for her. It meant a lot to her to have the month recognized. Be safe and do a good deed.

Ms. Blake asked everyone to get their vaccine if possible and donate blood if healthy enough. Wear masks and social distance.

Ms. Gregory asked everyone to get their vaccine. Be patient as the people working at the Health Department were working very hard but did not have enough of the vaccine. Wear a mask at all times.

President Heath said not to be afraid of the vaccine. He had no symptoms with his. Please wear a mask at all times.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the Legislative Session adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND
CLOSED SESSION
JANUARY 25, 2021

TIME & PLACE: 7:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting of City Council
PURPOSE: To discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; or any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals
VOTE TO CLOSE: Unanimous (5-0)
CITATION: Annotated Code of Maryland §3-305(b)(1)
PRESENT: Council President John “Jack” R. Heath, Council Vice-President Muir Boda, Councilwoman April Jackson, Councilwoman Angela M. Blake, Councilwoman Michele Gregory, City Administrator Julia Glanz, Deputy City Administrator Andy Kitzrow, Jana Potvin, City Attorney Mark Tilghman, City Clerk Kimberly Nichols
ABSENT: Mayor Jacob R. Day


The City Council convened in Legislative Session via Zoom Meeting at 6:00 p.m. At 7:00 p.m., President Heath called for a motion to convene in Closed Session as permitted under the Annotated Code of Maryland §3-305(b)(1). Mr. Boda moved, Ms. Jackson seconded, and the vote was unanimous (5-0) to convene in Closed Session.

City Administrator / Acting Mayor Julia Glanz introduced the candidate selected for the position of Director of Field Operations. Council unanimously approved of the nomination as put forth by Administration.

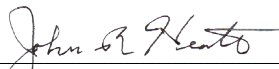
At 7:15 p.m., Ms. Jackson moved, Ms. Gregory seconded, and the vote was unanimous to adjourn the Closed Session.

Council convened in Open Session and President Heath reported that while in Closed Session Council had discussed the appointment of a new City of Salisbury department director.

After brief closing remarks, the Open Session adjourned at 7:18 p.m.



City Clerk



Council President