

CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND

SPECIAL MEETING VIA ZOOM

FEBRUARY 16, 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, Fire Chief John Tull, Deputy Fire Chief James Gladwell, City Clerk Kimberly Nichols, and City Attorney Mark Tilghman

The City Council convened in a Special Meeting via Zoom on February 16, 2021 following the adjournment of the 4:30 p.m. Work Session. President Heath called the meeting to order at 5:19 p.m.

ADOPTION OF LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

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

ORDINANCE – presented by City Attorney Mark Tilghman

- **Ordinance No. 2655**- 1st reading- authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services System for the purpose of accepting grant funds in the amount of \$1,200.00, and approving a budget amendment to the Grant Fund to appropriate funds for the purchase of pediatric educational equipment

Ms. Jackson moved, Mr. Boda seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve Ordinance No. 2655 for first reading.

ADMINISTRATION AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

City Administrator Glanz thanked Council for their feedback on Rooming Houses. She updated the community on the SWAC and Childcare Providers Grants available. Also, In the cold, nasty weather on Saturday, the community gave out 1,000 boxes of food, coats and masks.

Mr. Boda asked everyone to support local businesses and restaurants, and to tip their waiters and drivers well. He noted Council would be discussing tow truck drivers in the near future.

Ms. Jackson gave some Black History facts since February was Black History Month. On February 16, 1857 Frederick Douglas was elected President of the Freedom Bank and Trust. On February 16, 1923 American blues singer Bessie Smith made her first recording, Down Hearted Blues, which sold over 800,000 copies in the first six months. On February 16, 1951 the New York City Council passed a bill against racial discrimination in the City assisted housing developments. She reminded everyone to wear masks, register for the COVID vaccine, sanitize and stay home, if possible.

Ms. Blake said the schools were back in session, and to be careful of school buses. Donate blood if healthy enough, as the Shore was still in dire need.

Ms. Gregory said the COVID numbers were looking very good. If anyone had the opportunity to get the vaccine, please get it. The Health Department was working as hard as they could to get everyone vaccinated. Everyone should read the Daily Times report about the environment on the Eastern Shore (on their website). Wear masks and social distance.

President Heath was pleased with the declining positive COVID number of 4.13%, which was below the State level. His second shot was two weeks ago, and he had no complications. He encouraged everyone to be safe and wear masks.

With no further business to discuss, the Special Meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

Kimberly R. Nichol

City Clerk

John R. Heato

Council President