

CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND

REGULAR MEETING (VIA ZOOM MEETING)

FEBRUARY 22, 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, Business Development Director Laura Soper, Department of Infrastructure & Development (DID) Director Amanda Pollack, Finance Director Keith Cordrey, Assistant Director of Finance- Accounting Sandra Green, Senior Buyer Michael Lowe, 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

• **The Giving House**

City Administrator / Acting Mayor Julia Glanz presented the proclamation to declare May 9, 2021 as “The Giving House Day” in the City. The Giving House, located at 409 Royal Street, has become home to the Tidal Health Foundation. It was established as the non-profit corporation Peninsula Regional Medical Center Foundation to raise funds for program expansion, capital projects, and medical/diagnostic equipment and to support educational programs and community health/wellness initiatives. Marie Waller earned a nursing degree in 1934 from Peninsula General Hospital School of Nursing and spent 50 years as a private-duty and general-duty nurse at the hospital that was very near her home at 409 Royal Street. Upon Marie Waller’s passing in 2014 at the age of 102 years, family friend and hospital Foundation Board Member Bryan LeCompte wanted to honor her by renovating the home for use as Foundation Headquarters and to establish it as “The Giving House.” Mr. LeCompte secured a resolution from the hospital confirming that the house could never be named after anyone and that it would remain “The Giving House” and permanent home of the Foundation. He oversaw the renovations and began fundraising in order to connect with businesses for their gifts, donations of materials and labor, financial support and volunteer hours from community members.

The Giving House became a tribute to not only the Wallers but other influential figures in the hospital's history - founding hospital member Dr. William Todd and his grandson Dr. Nevins Todd, Jr. who was a member of the hospital staff for 33 years and performed the Eastern Shore's first open-heart surgery in 1974, and Virginia Layfield whose 43 year-career began as an Emergency Room Supervisor and culminated with her appointment as the hospital's first female President.

Community members will gather on May 9, 2021 for the formal dedication of "The Giving House" to the Tidal Health Foundation to use as permanent headquarters.

- **Heart Month**

Ms. Glanz presented the proclamation to proclaim February 2021 as "American Heart Month," observed each February to increase awareness about heart disease and risk factors affecting Americans of all genders, races, and ethnicities, and strategies for reducing risk factors. Approximately 80 percent of cardiovascular diseases can be prevented by controlling risk factors such as high cholesterol, high blood pressure, physical inactivity, obesity, tobacco use, and alcohol abuse. By avoiding tobacco, moderating alcohol consumption, making balanced and nutritious meal choices, and staying active, individuals can lower their risk for heart disease. The American Heart Association was the Nation's oldest and largest voluntary organization dedicated to fighting heart disease and stroke.

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 Ms. Jackson and Ms. Gregory, respectively:

- *January 19, 2021 Work Session Minutes*
- *January 25, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes*
- *February 1, 2021 Work Session Minutes*
- **Resolution No. 3093** - *approving the re-appointment of Marion Keenan to the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee for term ending December 2023*
- **Resolution No. 3094**- *approving the re-appointment of James Maybury to the Salisbury Zoo Commission for term ending February 2024*
- **Resolution No. 3095**- *approving the re-appointment of Michael Perry to the Parks & Recreation Committee for term ending December 2023*

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. Jackson and Ms. Blake, respectively, and approved by unanimous vote in favor:

- *RFP A-21-105 EMS Billing Services- Est. annual service fees: \$115,000 (5.2% of collections)*

- *ITB 21-116 CDBG Sidewalk Construction and ADA Upgrades- Est. cost: \$176,035.07*
- *RFP 19-107 Engineering Services for Inflow & Infiltration Study - Tier 6 Change Order
Cost of change order: \$265,462*

ORDINANCES - presented by City Attorney Mark Tilghman

- **Ordinance No. 2654**- *2nd 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. Jackson moved and Ms. Blake seconded to approve Ordinance No. 2654 for second reading.

Mr. Boda moved, Ms. Blake seconded, and the vote was unanimous to amend Ordinance No. 2654 by striking \$130,730.00 and inserting \$183,021.00 on lines 6, 18, 28, 34 and 36.

Ordinance No. 2654, as amended, was approved by unanimous vote in favor.

- **Ordinance No. 2655**- *2nd 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*

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no requests for public comments.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Ms. Jackson honored Sheree Sample-Hughes, Speaker Pro Tempore of the Maryland house of Delegates. Representing District 37A, Wicomico and Dorchester Counties, Delegate Sample-Hughes was elected to Wicomico County Council in 2006 and served as Council Vice-President in 2009 and 2010. She was the first African American female to be elected to the Wicomico County Council, first African American female from the Eastern Shore to be elected to the House of Delegates, and the first African American Delegate from the Eastern Shore to be elected as Speaker Pro Tempore. Ms. Jackson celebrated all of Delegate Sample-Hughes' accomplishments and thanked her for serving.

Mr. Boda concurred with Ms. Jackson regarding Delegate Sample-Hughes' accomplishments, and said she was his delegate and a wonderful woman. He asked everyone to keep supporting their local businesses and restaurants. If given the opportunity please get the vaccine.

Ms. Blake reminded everyone to donate blood if they were healthy enough.

Ms. Gregory asked everyone to keep wearing their masks and get the vaccine if eligible. Please be patient with the ones administering the vaccine, as they were working best they could.

Ms. Glanz gave a shout out to the Water Works Team, as water had been in the news lately with cyber attacks and such. Also, on Wednesday at the State level the Senate was going to hear SB794, related to Horizon's idea and she would be testifying.

President Heath said if eligible, please get the vaccine and wear a mask at all times. The numbers were going in the right direction, but they did so two other times when suddenly they took a turn.

MOTION TO CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION

At 6:34 p.m. President Heath called for a motion to convene in Closed Session to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter in accordance with the Annotated Code of Maryland §3-305(b)(7).

Ms. Jackson moved, Mr. Boda seconded, and the vote was unanimous to convene in Closed Session.

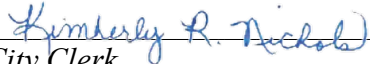
ADJOURNMENT OF CLOSED SESSION RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION / REPORT TO PUBLIC

At 6:54 p.m. Ms. Jackson moved, Ms. Blake seconded, and the vote was unanimous to end the Closed Session and convene in Open Session.

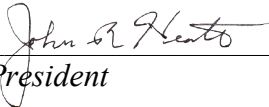
At 6:55 p.m. President Heath reported that Council had met in Closed Session to discuss and receive advice on potential litigation.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the Open Session was adjourned.



City Clerk



Council President