

CITY OF SALISBURY
WORK SESSION (VIA ZOOM MEETING)
MARCH 15, 2021

Public Officials Present

Council President John “Jack” R. Heath
Councilwoman Michele Gregory

Councilwoman Angela M. Blake
Councilwoman April Jackson

Public Officials Absent

Mayor Jacob R. Day
Council Vice President Muir Boda

In Attendance

City Administrator / Acting Mayor Julia Glanz, Deputy City Administrator Andy Kitzrow, Department of Infrastructure & Development (DID) Director Amanda Pollack, Procurement Director Jennifer Miller, Business Development Director Laura Soper, City Attorney Mark Tilghman, Associate Attorney Peter Golba, City Clerk Kimberly Nichols, and members of the Public and press.

On March 15, 2021 the Salisbury City Council convened in a Work Session at 4:30 p.m. via Zoom. The following is a synopsis of the topics discussed:

Third Party Delivery Commission Cap

Business Development Director Laura Soper reported that after the last Work Session she researched the local restaurant community and other jurisdictions on their thoughts regarding the 3rd Party Delivery Commission Cap. The local restaurant community expressed interest in the cap, but there were mixed feeling about possible ramifications among other subjects related to the cap. The general overtone was that the organizations were hammering the restaurants with fees and delivery mistakes. Most of their conversations evolved around the complaints regarding the delivery companies, but they did rely on them to delivery their food. There was an overwhelming support of the cap, but there was concern that they would lose the delivery companies. The jurisdictions she contacted that enacted the legislation were either much larger or the legislation was enacted county-wide. Based on her research, there was not a lot of evidence of a negative reaction on the part of the delivery companies., but she could not guarantee there would not be negative reactions. Some of the restaurants had discontinued using the companies and provided their own delivery or used other companies.

Council reached consensus to advance the legislation to legislative agenda. President Heath was concerned that the restaurants would have expired inventory and had reservations about the legislation.

Ordinance accepting PRAR Retention Grant for Police Retention

City Administrator Julia Glanz reported during the employment of years one through years five a fair number of officers left the department. Once they were employed with the City for ten years,

they seemed to be more committed. The cash bonus would be provided to the officers, and the amounts were tiered depending on the years of service with the City.

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

Ordinance accepting GOCCP funding for NIBRS training

Ms. Glanz reported the grant would help pay for training the Police Department on the new data system. All policing was switching to a new way of tracking crime. Currently, when there was a crime committed, they only account for the highest level of crime. For example, with a burglary, they did not include theft, property damage, or breaking and entering. Switching to the NIBRS, the Police Department would be mandated to report everything. The training costs were \$15,000. President Heath said some funds spent on marketing this would be helpful

Ms. Blake asked if someone from the Police Department applied for the grant. Ms. Glanz said that it was through the GOCCP, and likely Colonel Dave Meienschein applied for the funding.

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

To abandon the paper street between Washington Street and Eastern Shore Drive-

Associate Attorney Peter Golba explained that the triangular piece of property between Washington Streets and Eastern Shore Drive was being abandoned. Union Realty, LLC would acquire Parcels 1 and 3, and Arapaho Realty, LLC would acquire Parcel 2. Both LLC's have the same managing member, who was Michael Dunn. The ordinance would split the parcel in half, deeding that part of the alley to the property owners on either side.

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

Administration and Council Comments

Ms. Glanz would be receiving updates on the vaccination clinic at the Civic Center and would share the details. The City installed a water bottle refilling station in the City Park by Ben's Red Swings, and would be installing more in the community.

Ms. Jackson said she was still celebrating Women's History Month and asked everyone to get COVID vaccinations when possible, social distance, and sanitize.

Ms. Blake said she was happy to donate blood last week and asked all to donate blood if healthy.

Ms. Gregory said the Disability Advisory Committee created a Facebook page and asked everyone to like it and follow them on social media. Please keep wearing masks and get vaccinated whenever possible.

President Heath said the Disability Advisory Committee was near and dear to his heart. He was happy to see it was active and doing well. There was a press conference scheduled for March 16,

2021 to discuss Safety Stats. He asked everyone to wear their masks. The numbers were ticking up over the past few days.

Motion to convene in Closed Session

At 4:56 p.m. President Heath called for a motion to convene in Closed Session 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 in accordance with the Annotated Code of Maryland §3-305(b)(1).

Ms. Blake moved, Ms. Gregory seconded, and the vote was 4 – 0 to convene in Closed Session.

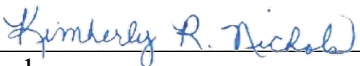
Motion to Adjourn Closed Session / Convene in Open Session / Statement to Public

At 5:23 p.m. Ms. Jackson moved, Ms. Blake seconded, and the vote was unanimous (4-0) to adjourn the Closed Session.

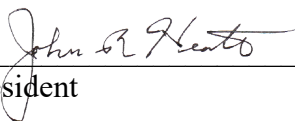
Council convened in Open Session at 5:25 p.m. whereby President Heath reported that Council had discussed the appointment of a candidate while in Closed Session.

Adjournment

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



City Clerk



Council President