

CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND

REGULAR MEETING (COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND ZOOM)

JULY 12, 2021

PUBLIC OFFICIALS PRESENT

*President John “Jack” R. Heath
Council Vice-President Muir Boda
Councilwoman Michele Gregory*

*Mayor Jacob R. Day
Councilwoman Angela M. Blake
Councilwoman April Jackson*

PUBLIC OFFICIALS ABSENT

IN ATTENDANCE

Deputy City Administrator Andy Kitzrow, Finance Director Keith Cordrey, Department of Infrastructure & Development Director Amanda Pollack, Fire Chief John Tull, Assistant City Clerk Julie English, City Attorney Heather Konyar, 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. in a hybrid meeting (in person and on Zoom Conferencing Video). Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Council Vice-President Muir Boda called the meeting to order. Following the Pledge to the Flag, Mr. Boda invited Pastor Greg Morris of Parkway Church of God to the podium to provide the invocation,

PRESENATIONS

Matrix Soccer Academy Day proclamation– presented by Mayor Jacob R. Day

Mayor Jacob R. Day presented the Matrix Soccer Academy Day proclamation. Matrix Soccer Academy was founded by Charlie Jackson, who is an UEFA qualified coach, former coach at Manchester United and currently the Skills Development Coach at Manchester City FC and the Scottish FA. He came to the United States in 2014 to run the first Matrix summer camp and saw the need for a vetted program to teach soccer to players from the Eastern Shore. In 2015 Matrix Soccer announced Salisbury, Maryland as its United States headquarters awarding Salisbury the first and only operation of the United Kingdom organization to field teams under Matrix Soccer Academy. The Matrix methodology growth was directed by the relationship formed between UK President Charlie Jackson and US President Bryan Watson. The Academy has produced 17 professional players and over 50 academy players in the United Kingdom and now fields six teams for boys and girls ages five to fifteen. The Matrix Mavens U13 boys team recently became the first Maryland’s Eastern Shore team to win the Maryland State Cup Championship.

Matrix President Brian Watson was present and accepted the proclamation. Founder Charlie Jackson spoke via Zoom Video Conferencing.

Employer Support to the Guard & Reserve (ESGR)- presented by Chairman Mike Comeau & Volunteer Bill Peters

ESGR State Chairman Mike Comeau, Volunteer Bill Peters, Chief John Tull and FF/EMT Ryan LeCates went forward to the podium. The ESGR is a volunteer committee of the Department of Defense and exists to foster a good relationship between employers and their citizen soldiers (employees) who are members of the reserve component of the military. Most of the committee members were reservists at some point, and joined the committee upon retirement.

Mr. Comeau said the City of Salisbury did a wonderful job of supporting their reservist employees. Awards were presented to President Heath (accepted by Vice-President Boda), Mayor Jacob R. Day, City Administrator Julia Glanz, and Fire Chief John Tull.

ADOPTION OF LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Ms. Jackson moved, Ms. Gregory 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 item, was unanimously approved on a motion and seconded by Ms. Blake and Ms. Gregory, respectively:

- **April 19, 2021 Budget Work Session Minutes**

RESOLUTION- presented by City Administrator Julia Glanz

- **Resolution No. 3113**- waiving the City's Comprehensive Connection Charge for one hundred and four (104) equivalent dwelling units allocated to the redevelopment of 130 East Main Street, 132 East Main Street and 144 East Main Street

Ms. Blake moved, Mr. Heath seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve Resolution No. 3113.

- **Resolution No. 3114**- authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with First Move Properties, LLC to allow the use of soil located at the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant for the redevelopment of 130 East Main Street, 132 East Main Street and 144 East Main Street

Ms. Jackson moved, Ms. Gregory seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve Resolution No. 3114.

- **Resolution No. 3115**- authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with First Move Properties, LLC to provide tax credits through the HORIZON Program for the redevelopment of 130 East Main Street, 132 East Main Street and 144 East Main Street

Ms. Blake moved, Mr. Heath seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve Resolution No. 3115.

ORDINANCES- presented by City Attorney Heather Konyar

- **Ordinance No. 2672**- 2nd reading- to authorize the Finance Department to establish a Project Expenditure Account in order to pay those invoices for Mitchell Landing Apartments that will be reimbursable through the Mitchell Landing Reserve for Replacement (RFR) Account

Ms. Jackson moved and Ms. Gregory seconded to approve Ordinance No. 2672.

Ms. Gregory moved to amend Ordinance No. 2672 with the following:

1. Line 21- insert “which has necessitated additional inspections of all apartment buildings comprising the Mitchell Landing Apartments complex, and” after the word “Bldg. 139”.
2. Line 22- strike “which” and insert “for such inspections of the apartment buildings and the associated repairs” after the word “invoices”.
3. Line 26- strike “\$20,000” and insert “\$60,000”
4. Line 27- insert “to the City” after “reimbursement”.
5. Line 45- strike “\$20,000” and insert “\$60,000”
6. Line 47- strike “\$20,000” and insert “\$60,000”

Ms. Blake seconded, and the amendment was unanimously approved.

Ordinance No. 2672, as amended for first reading, was approved by unanimous vote in favor.

- **Ordinance No. 2673**- 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 \$20,000.00, and to approve a budget amendment to the Grant Fund to appropriate these funds for eligible expenses associated with the 2021 National Folk Festival

Ms. Jackson moved, Ms. Gregory seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve Ordinance No. 2673 for second reading.

- **Ordinance No. 2674**- 2nd reading- to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract with the Federal Emergency Management Agency for the purpose of accepting grant funds in the amount of \$12,708.50, and to approve a budget amendment to the Grant Fund to appropriate these funds for offsetting COVID-19 expenses

Ms. Jackson moved, Ms. Blake seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve Ordinance No. 2674 for second reading.

- **Ordinance No. 2675**- 1st reading- to approve 2021 GO Bonds for GOB air handler replacement, apparatus replacement- aerial ladder, Field Operations Facility Plan- Phase 3 Garage, Downtown street scaping, Market Street Shoreline Improvements, Northwood and Brewington Branch Culvert, ADA ramp and bathroom conversion, Field Operations Facility Plan- Phase 2, Port Exchange Riverwalk Replacement

Mr. Heath moved, Ms. Jackson seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve Ordinance No. 2675 for first reading.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ADMINISTRATION AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Ms. Blake asked everyone to be mindful of bicyclists. Also, if healthy enough, please give blood.

Ms. Jackson asked everyone to get their children vaccinated, wear masks, and social distance.

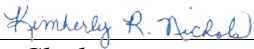
Ms. Gregory reiterated what Ms. Jackson said.

President Heath said that this evening Council passed three significant milestones as a continuation of the Master Plan (HORIZON program and associated resolutions). They would encourage developers to make significant investments in the City. He said that heads and beds was what it took to make a vibrant downtown. If you have not been vaccinated, please do so.

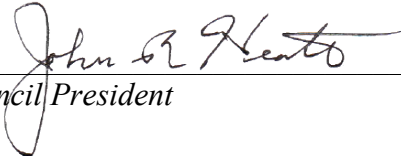
Mr. Boda reiterated the comments about the HORIZON program, reminded everyone to check on their neighbors, drink water and take breaks during the heat of the summer and to be kind to one another.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the Legislative Session was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.



City Clerk



Council President