

CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND

REGULAR MEETING (COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND ZOOM)

JULY 26, 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*

IN ATTENDANCE

City Administrator Julia Glanz, Deputy City Administrator Andy Kitzrow, 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). Council Vice-President Muir Boda called the meeting to order and invited Pastor Greg Carlson from Park Seventh Day Adventist Church to the podium to provide the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

COVID-19 Vaccine Art Contest Winners– presented by City Administrator Julia Glanz

City Administrator Julia Glanz announced the winners of the COVID-19 Vaccine Art Contest. The contest began on April 29, 2021 for students under the age of 18 to raise awareness of COVID vaccinations. Johannah Cooper, an intern in the Mayor’s Office, came up with the idea for the art contest. Mrs. Glanz thanked Ms. Cooper, Tidal Health, the Wicomico County Health Department, the Vulnerable Populations Task Force and all participating students for helping to make this a success. Leianna Jones, a 17 year old from Parkside High School, was awarded a one hundred dollar check for winning third place. Nolan Sweitzer, a Bennett Middle School student, was awarded a two hundred dollar check for placing second in the contest. Madison Synowiec, who was unable to attend the meeting, was announced as the first place winner and will receive a check for three hundred dollars. Students joined the Mayor and Council members for a group photo.

Proclamation- Disability Pride Month- presented by Mayor Jacob R. Day

Mayor Jacob R. Day presented the proclamation to proclaim July 2021 Disability Pride Month in the City of Salisbury and to declare that we all matter and have a purpose just the way we are. Mayor Day recognized the City’s Disability Advisory Committee (DAC) as one of the longest

standing committees of the city. Mr. Tim Meagher, Chair for the DAC, was acknowledged and spoke about the projects the committee was working on. Mr. Meagher recognized Councilwoman Gregory for her dedication and assistance with the group. DAC member Dom Sessa shared her enthusiasm with regard to the progress being made in Annapolis for the disabled.

Mayor Day invited DAC member Mike Dyer to the podium to share before officially presenting the proclamation. Mr. Meagher announced that his term on the committee would end in December of this year and after serving for 15 years, his seat would be available to another member of the public.

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 Assistant City Clerk Julie English

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

- **April 21, 2021 Budget Work Session Minutes**
- **May 11, 2021 Budget Work Session Minutes**
- **May 18, 2021 Budget Work Session Minutes**
- **Resolution No. 3116**- to appoint Mary Kiley to the Parks & Recreation Committee for term ending July 2024

AWARD OF BIDS- presented by Procurement Director Jennifer Miller

The Award of Bids consists of the items below. On a motion by Ms. Blake and seconded by Ms. Gregory, the Award of Bids was unanimously approved.

- ITB 22-101, SFD Aerial Ladder Truck
- ITB A-21-109, Citywide Concrete Repair and Replacement
- RFP 21-107, Paleo WTP Filter Replacement Design

ORDINANCES- presented by City Attorney Heather Konyar

- **Ordinance No. 2675**- 2nd 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

Ms. Jackson moved, Ms. Blake seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve Ordinance No. 2675 for second reading.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ADMINISTRATION AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Day shared his appreciation for the approval of the new ladder truck for the Salisbury Fire Department and acknowledged the donation of a dive trailer from the Elks Lodge. These items would not only benefit city residents but the vast majority of the developed area of Wicomico County. He also noted that the Elks Lodge of Salisbury donated \$207,000 to our residents this year.

Mayor Day added that the passing of Ordinance 2675 would assist with ADA improvements for Poplar Hill Mansion and benefit people with regard to accessibility.

Ms. Gregory reminded everyone to get vaccinated and to be safe with the high temperatures this week.

Ms. Jackson reiterated what Ms. Gregory stated regarding vaccinations. The positivity rate for COVID was on the rise. Ms. Jackson spoke from the heart as a two-time COVID survivor and encouraged everyone to get vaccinated to protect themselves and others.

Ms. Blake asked for the public to volunteer for the National Folk Festival. She also requested that we be mindful and kind to our first responders, road workers, and bicyclists. Lastly, she asked that those who are healthy enough give blood.

President Heath expressed how pleased he was to see the Disability Pride Month proclamation and how much it meant to him. He also encouraged everyone to get vaccinated.

Mr. Boda referenced the City's website and highlighted the Boards & Commissions that have vacancies. He mentioned the need for volunteers at the upcoming festival, supported the Mayor's point to the importance of the dive team, and encouraged everyone to check on their neighbors during the increased temperatures this week.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the Legislative Session was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Kimberly R. Nichol

City Clerk

John R. Heato

Council President