

CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND

REGULAR MEETING (COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND ZOOM)

AUGUST 23, 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 Julia Glanz, Deputy City Administrator Andy Kitzrow, Finance Director Keith Cordrey, Department of Infrastructure & Development Director Amanda Pollack, Fire Chief John Tull, Deputy Chief James Gladwell, Procurement Director Jennifer Miller, Assistant City Clerk Julie English, City Attorney Michael Sullivan, 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 President John R. “Jack” Heath called the meeting to order, followed by a moment of silent meditation and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

ADOPTION OF LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Ms. Blake moved, Mr. Boda seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve the legislative agenda as presented.

AWARD OF BIDS- *presented by Procurement Director Jennifer Miller*

The Award of Bids, consisting of the following item, was unanimously approved on a motion and seconded by Ms. Jackson and Ms. Gregory, respectively.

- *Declaration of Surplus, Mitchell Landing Apartments located at 135 Mitchell Road, Salisbury, Maryland*

RESOLUTIONS- *presented by City Administrator Julia Glanz*

- **Resolution No. 3105-** *to approve the East Lincoln Avenue – M & L Rentals, LLP annexation*

Mr. Boda moved, Ms. Jackson seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve Resolution No. 3105.

Ms. Glanz announced the annexation public hearing would be held on September 27, 2021.

- **Resolution No. 3106-** *to approve the East Lincoln Avenue – M & L Rentals, LLP annexation plan*

Ms. Jackson moved, Ms. Blake seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve Resolution No. 3106.

Ms. Glanz announced the annexation public hearing would be held on September 27, 2021.

- **Resolution No. 3118-** *to establish a Park Amenity Donation and Tree Planting Donation policy*

Ms. Jackson moved, Ms. Gregory seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve Resolution No. 3118.

- **Resolution No. 3119-** *to appoint Reena Patel, Esquire, of the Law office of Marianna Batie as Special Counsel for the City of Salisbury*

Mr. Boda moved, Ms. Gregory seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve Resolution No. 3119.

ORDINANCES- *presented by City Attorney Michael Sullivan*

- **Ordinance No. 2677-** *1st reading- to approve an amendment of the City's Capital Project Fund Budget to reallocate funding for projects in the FY2014 bond pool*

Ms. Jackson moved, Ms. Blake seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve Ordinance No. 2677 for first reading.

- **Ordinance No. 2678-** *1st reading- to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract with the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore for the purpose of accepting grant funds in the amount of \$2,000.00, and to approve a budget amendment to the FY2021 Grant Fund to appropriate funds for the Salisbury-Wicomico Integrated Firstcare Team (SWIFT)*

Mr. Boda moved, Ms. Gregory seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve Ordinance No. 2678 for first reading.

- **Ordinance No. 2679-** *1st reading- to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract with the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore for the purpose of accepting grant funds in the amount of \$2,000.00, and to approve a budget amendment to the FY2021 Grant Fund to appropriate funds for the printing/publication of a book of poems written by local poets*

- *Ms. Jackson moved, Ms. Gregory seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve Ordinance No. 2679 for first reading.*
- **Ordinance No. 2680**- *1st reading- to eliminate parking meters on Broad Street*

Ms. Jackson moved, Ms. Gregory seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve Ordinance No. 2680 for first reading.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no requests from the public.

ADMINISTRATION AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Ms. Glanz announced the National Folk Festival was fast approaching and invited the public to consider volunteering at the event. The most needed volunteer areas were site set-up, site break-down, and first aid. Sign-ups were through the United Way website and orientation would be held on September 8, 2022.

Mr. Boda welcomed family members in the audience visiting from Spain, including his niece Rosemary McKittrick who recently became a US citizen on May 14, 2021, and his wife, Briggiti.

Ms. Blake encouraged everyone to yield to First Responders and to be careful of school buses which would soon be back and running on City streets. She implored everyone to donate blood, as the Blood Bank of Delmarva was in a state of emergency due to having only 2 and a half days left of o positive blood. Contact the Blood Bank on Mt. Hermon Road at 888-825-6638 to donate blood.

Ms. Jackson congratulated President and Mrs. Heath on their 52nd Wedding Anniversary. She reminded everyone to get vaccinated, encouraged testing, being cautious and to wear their masks.

Ms. Gregory said that Tidal Health currently had 41 positive COVID cases, nine of which were in ICU. The FDA approved the Pfizer vaccine today, and there were now no excuses to be vaccinated.

President Heath said there were no excuses to being vaccinated. He was tired of reading about young children dying of COVID. He wished his wife a happy anniversary!

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the Legislative Session was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND
CLOSED SESSION
AUGUST 9, 2021

TIME & PLACE: 5:45 p.m., Council Chambers
PURPOSE: 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
VOTE TO CLOSE: Unanimous (5-0)
CITATION: Annotated Code of Maryland §3-305(b)(1)
PRESENT: Council President John “Jack” R. Heath, Mayor Jacob R. Day, Council Vice-President Muir Boda, Councilwoman April Jackson, Councilwoman Angela M. Blake, Councilwoman Michele Gregory, City Administrator Julia Glanz, Assistant City Clerk Julie English, City Attorney Michael Sullivan, Attorney Reena Patel of the Law Office of Marianna Batie

The City Council convened in Open Session at 5:45 p.m. President Heath called for a motion to convene in Closed Session as permitted under the Annotated Code of Maryland §3-305(b)(1). Mr. Boda moved, Ms. Jackson seconded, and the vote was unanimous to convene in Closed Session.


Council received information regarding an attorney to consider for special counsel when there were conflicts with using Cockey, Brennan and Maloney, P.C. Attorney Reena Patel of the Law Office of Marianna Batie was interviewed for the appointment.

After discussion, Council unanimously approved of the additional counsel.

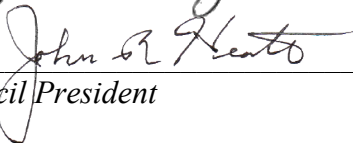
At 5:55 p.m., Ms. Jackson moved, Ms. Blake seconded, and the vote was unanimous (5-0) to adjourn the Closed Session.

Council convened in the regularly scheduled Legislative Session at 6:00 p.m. and President Heath immediately called the meeting to order and reported that while in Closed Session Council had discussed the appointment of an attorney to handle projects or conflicts.

The Council meeting was then held as regularly scheduled.



Assistant City Clerk



Council President