

CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND

REGULAR MEETING (COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND ZOOM)

SEPTEMBER 13, 2021

PUBLIC OFFICIALS PRESENT

*President John “Jack” R. Heath
Councilwoman Angela M. Blake*

*Council Vice-President Muir Boda
Councilwoman April Jackson*

PUBLIC OFFICIALS ABSENT

*Mayor Jacob R. Day
Councilwoman Michele Gregory*

IN ATTENDANCE

City Administrator Julia Glanz, Deputy City Administrator Andy Kitzrow, Department of Infrastructure & Development Director Amanda Pollack, Fire Chief John Tull, Senior Buyer Michael Lowe, Assistant City Clerk Julie English, City Attorney Michael Sullivan, 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 and invited Pastor Maggie Gillespie from Wicomico Presbyterian Church to the podium to provide the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

PRESENTATIONS

Equal Justice Incentive Student Essays

City Administrator Julia Glanz announced the winners of the Equal Justice Incentive (EJI) Student Essays. Trey Walk, Project Manager at EJI, shared about his involvement in the contest and acknowledged the efforts of the participating students. Mrs. Glanz then recognized the Chair of the Human Rights Advisory Committee, Stephen Feliciano, as well as the Salisbury Memorial Lynching Task Force members for their role in the essay contest.

As the main point of contact in Salisbury for the student essays, Mrs. Glanz invited James Yamakawa to the podium. Mr. Yamakawa applauded the essay writers and encouraged them to continue their efforts.

The top four winners of the essay contest received a swag bag, a certificate, a plaque, and a check (ranging in value from \$500 to \$2,500). The winners were announced: Alaynah Martin in 4th place, Ty’Jah Butler in 3rd place, Ian Hyland in 2nd place, and Madjesca Loudine Limage in 1st place. Miss Limage read her essay from the podium.

Proclamation – National Suicide Prevention Month

Mrs. Glanz then presented a proclamation in recognition of National Suicide Prevention Month. Following the reading of the proclamation, Mrs. Glanz remembered former Officer Aaron “Bull” Hudson.

ADOPTION OF LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Ms. Jackson moved, Mrs. Blake seconded, and the motion was passed with a vote of 4-0 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 approved unanimously (4-0) on a motion and seconded by Mr. Boda and Ms. Jackson, respectively:

- August 2, 2021 Work Session Minutes
- August 9, 2021 Legislative Session Minutes
- August 9, 2021 Closed Session Minutes
- August 16, 2021 Work Session Minutes
- August 23, 2021 Legislative Session Minutes
- **Resolution No. 3120-** to approve the appointment of Cody Drinkwater to the Human Rights Advisory Committee for term ending September 2024
- **Resolution No. 3121-** to approve the appointment of Kevin M. Utz to the Board of Zoning Appeals for term ending August 2024
- **Resolution No. 3122-** to approve the appointment of Matthias F. Pieplak to the Sustainability Advisory Committee for term ending September 2024
- **Resolution No. 3123-** to approve the appointment of Matthias F. Pieplak to the Salisbury Historic District Commission for term ending September 2024

AWARD OF BIDS- presented by Senior Buyer Michael Lowe

The Award of Bids, consisting of the following items, was approved unanimously (4-0) on a motion and seconded by Mrs. Blake and Ms. Jackson, respectively.

- **Award of Contract**
 - ITB A-22-102 City-Wide Street Resurfacing \$1,042,000.00 (base bid amt.)
 - RFP A-22-102 Master Lease Agreement/Capital Leases \$909,000.00 (FY22 lease amt.)
 - ITB A-22-101 Pump Station Wet Well Cleaning \$40,370.00 (FY22 award amt.)
- **Declaration of Surplus**
 - Salisbury Police Department- Vehicle 1475 \$0.00

ORDINANCES- presented by City Attorney Michael Sullivan

- **Ordinance No. 2676**- 2nd reading- to amend Chapter 5.28 – Fortune-telling of the Salisbury Municipal Code to amend the requirements for fortune-telling

Ms. Jackson motioned and Mrs. Blake seconded to approve Ordinance No. 2676 for second reading.

Ms. Jackson motioned to amend Ordinance No. 2676 as read by Mr. Sullivan. Mr. Boda seconded and the vote to amend was unanimously approved.

Ordinance No. 2676, as amended for second reading, was approved by unanimous vote in favor.

- **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, Mr. Boda seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve Ordinance No. 2677 for second 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)

Mrs. Blake moved, Ms. Jackson seconded and the vote was unanimously approved to pass Ordinance No. 2677 for second 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

Mr. Boda moved, Ms. Jackson seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve Ordinance No. 2679 for second reading.

- **Ordinance No. 2680**- to eliminate parking meters on Broad Street

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

- **Ordinance No. 2681**- approving an amendment of the City's Grant Fund Budget to reallocate budgeted matching funds from other grant projects to the Zoo Special Events Pavilion, Phase 2 project

Ms. Jackson moved, Mr. Boda seconded and the vote was unanimously approved to pass Ordinance No. 2681 for first reading.

- **Ordinance No. 2682**- approving an amendment of the City's General Capital Project Fund budget to reallocate funding for the Zoo Administrative Office Space project

Mrs. Blake moved, Mr. Boda seconded and the vote was unanimous to pass Ordinance No. 2682 for first reading.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

In reference to Ordinance No. 2676, a member of the public asked if fortune-tellers were limited to practicing only at the address listed on the application. Mr. Heath stated that the license applies to the individual rather than the location. Mr. Sullivan verified that information.

ADMINISTRATION AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mrs. Glanz thanked everyone involved in the 80th National Folk Festival (NFF) and shared that preliminary numbers were in the works. She also announced that the mural on the side of the VFW building was underway. Lastly, she stated that the Bird Scooter Program had a record day of use on Labor Day.

Ms. Blake echoed the positive comments surrounding the NFF and enjoyed her time volunteering. She alerted people to the school buses now on the roadways and asked that everyone be cautious of the children getting on and off them. Her last request was for those who are healthy enough to please give blood.

Mr. Boda enjoyed his time volunteering backstage at the Perdue Stage. He also had the opportunity to ride a Bird Scooter. It was more challenging than he anticipated.

Ms. Jackson commended the artist who worked on the mural. She thanked the City of Salisbury and VFW for making the project happen.


President Heath also thanked all of the volunteers for the NFF. He had fun driving the entertainers for the third year in a row. Mr. Heath recognized the efforts of the Public Works staff as well as Police and Fire. He only received compliments from the public about the City of Salisbury. He echoed Ms. Blake and encouraged everyone to give blood since we are in a crisis. Lastly, he encouraged those who could not get over to the VFW to see the mural to go on Facebook and look at the pictures.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the Legislative Session was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.



City Clerk



Council President