

CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND

REGULAR MEETING (COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND ZOOM)

OCTOBER 25, 2021

PUBLIC OFFICIALS PRESENT

*President John “Jack” R. Heath
Council Vice-President Muir Boda
Councilwoman April Jackson*

*Mayor Jacob R. Day
Councilwoman Michele Gregory*

PUBLIC OFFICIALS ABSENT

Councilwoman Angela Blake

IN ATTENDANCE

City Administrator Julia Glanz, Deputy City Administrator Andy Kitzrow, Special Assistant to the Mayor Nate Sansom, Executive Administrative Assistant- Mayor’s Office Jessica Turner, Fire Chief John Tull, Department of Infrastructure and Development Director Amanda Pollack, Procurement Director Jennifer Miller, 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) and Council President John R. “Jack” Heath called the meeting to order. After the recital of the pledge to the flag, he then invited Pastor Bill Reid of Parkway Church of God to provide the invocation.

PROCLAMATION- presented by Mayor Jacob R. Day

Mayor Jacob R. Day presented the Family Court Awareness Month proclamation to increase awareness on the importance of a family court system that prioritizes child safety and acts in the best interest of children. The Family Court Awareness Month Committee works to provide education on domestic violence, childhood trauma and post separation abuse for professionals within the family court system, including judges and other court professionals.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION- presented by Council President John “Jack” R. Heath

President Heath announced the City’s Friendship Bridge was dedicated on October 1, 2021 to show our relationship and love for our sister cities. Senators Cardin and Van Hollen were both present and received a plaque. Mr. Heath said that one person did not receive a plaque, and he then presented one to Mayor Day, who was surprised and very appreciative.

ADOPTION OF LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Mr. Boda moved, Ms. Jackson seconded, and the vote was unanimous (4-0) to approve the legislative agenda as presented.

CONSENT AGENDA- presented by City Clerk Kimberly Nichols

The Consent Agenda, consisting of the following items, was approved by a 4-0 vote on a motion and seconded by Ms. Jackson and Ms. Gregory, respectively:

- October 4, 2021 Work Session Minutes
- October 11, 2021 Legislative Session Minutes
- **Resolution No. 3130**- to approve the appointment of Cody Drinkwater to the Disability Advisory Committee for term ending October 2024

AWARD OF BIDS- presented by Procurement Director Jennifer Miller

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

- **Award of Contracts**
 - ITB 21-119 Riverwalk Polymer Overlay \$ 159,032.00
 - ITB 22-109 Zoo Administration Building \$ 156,509.00

Mr. Boda moved, Ms. Jackson seconded, and the vote was unanimous (4-0) to approve the following Declaration of Surplus items:

- **Declaration of Surplus**
 - Department of Field Operations – Trailer, Camera & Generator \$ 0.00
 - Salisbury Fire Department – 3 Ambulance Units \$ 0.00
 - Salisbury Fire Department – Ford Crown Victoria \$ 0.00

ORDINANCES- presented by City Attorney Michael Sullivan

- **Ordinance No. 2689**- 2nd reading- to grant a property tax credit against the City property tax imposed on certain real property owned by Habitat for Humanity of Wicomico County, Inc.

Mr. Boda moved, Ms. Gregory seconded and the vote was unanimous (4-0) to approve Ordinance No. 2689 for second reading.

- **Ordinance No. 2690**- 2nd reading- an ordinance of the City of Salisbury to amend Chapter 17.16 of the Salisbury City Code by adding Subsection 17.16.090 Nonconforming Use Zoning Exemption Program

Ms. Jackson moved and Ms. Gregory seconded to approve Ordinance No. 2690 for second reading.

Mr. Boda moved to amend Ordinance No. 2690 by inserting November 30, 2022 on Page 3, Line 3. Ms. Jackson seconded, and the vote on the amendment was 4-0.

Ordinance No. 2690 for second reading, as amended, was approved by unanimous vote in favor on a 4-0 vote.

- ***Ordinance No. 2691-*** *2nd reading- authorizing the Mayor to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Wicomico County Health Department and approving a budget amendment of the FY2022 General Fund Budget to appropriate funds received from the Wicomico County Health Department in the amount of \$10,000.00*

Ms. Jackson moved and Ms. Gregory seconded to approve Ordinance No. 2691 for second reading.

Mr. Boda moved to amend Ordinance No. 2691 as read by Mr. Sullivan. Ms. Jackson seconded, and the amendment was approved by unanimous vote in favor (4-0 vote).

Ordinance No. 2691, as amended, was unanimously approved on a 4-0 vote.

- ***Ordinance No. 2692-*** *1st reading- to establish a program to encourage the expansion of residential housing in the City of Salisbury, known as the Housing Expansion Incentive program*

Ms. Jackson moved, Mr. Boda seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve Ordinance No. 2692 for first reading.

- ***Ordinance No. 2693-*** *1st reading- to establish a payment in lieu of taxes (“PILOT”) to encourage affordable housing development*

Mr. Boda moved, Ms. Gregory seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve Ordinance No. 2693 for first reading.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Two members of the public provided the following comments:

- *The legislation passed was very important. For the past year speaker had discussed home inventory and needed ways to increase the housing stock in the City and across the country.*
- *The City was leading the charge in this and he congratulated Mayor Day and the Council.*
- *Speaker said she had been talking about the affordable housing crisis for years, and the City with this legislation would make an incredible impact. She could not wait to see which developers took advantage of the opportunities. The cost of land in Salisbury was very affordable compared to the rest of the state..*
- *Habitat For Humanity made an offer on six homes that were currently rental properties, and they would be turned into owner-occupied homes in the Church Street community after the settlement in mid-January.*

ADMINISTRATION AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Day said that there would be an increasing need for other tools and legislation. Expect that they would find the right tools to solve the problem.

Ms. Glanz informed Council that the camera being surplused in the Award of Bids was a 2016 model.

Ms. Jackson asked everyone to love one another. She lost several family members in three weeks and lost a very good friend on Saturday. She said to not take life for granted. COVID was here and many people have passed from it.

Ms. Gregory said that booster shots were approved, and please get your vaccine and booster. Be safe during Halloween.

President Heath encouraged everyone to donate blood if healthy enough. We fell belong one days' need once this past week. Be kind to one another.

VOTE TO CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSSION

With no further business to discuss, at 7:00 President Heath called for a motion to convene in Closed Session to discuss a matter directly related to a negotiating strategy or the contents of a bid or proposal in accordance with the Annotated Code of Maryland §3-305(b)(14).

Mr. Boda moved, Ms. Gregory seconded, and the vote was unanimous to convene in Closed Session.


VOTE TO END CLOSED SESSION / CONVENE IN OPEN SESSION / REPORT TO PUBLIC

At 7:20 p.m., upon a motion and second by Mr. Boda and Ms. Gregory, respectively, and approved by unanimous vote in favor, the Closed Session was adjourned and Council convened in Open Session.


President Heath reported that while in Closed Session Council discussed a negotiating strategy to a potential sale.

Mayor Day reminded everyone that the State of the City was at Revival at 6:30 p.m. on October 26, 2021. Everyone was invited to attend.

The Open Session was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.



City Clerk



Council President