

CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND

SPECIAL WORK SESSION

January 24, 2022

PUBLIC OFFICIALS PRESENT

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

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

PUBLIC OFFICIALS ABSENT

Councilwoman April Jackson

IN ATTENDANCE

City Administrator Julia Glanz, City Attorneys Ashley Bosche and Heather Konyar, Assistant City Clerk Julie English, and members of the public

The City Council convened in a Special Work Session via Zoom Conferencing Video on January 24, 2022. Council President John R. Heath called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Resolution to authorize a settlement participation and release between opioid distributors and state and local governments

City Administrator Julia Glanz and Attorney Heather Konyar explained that the resolution would serve two purposes. It would authorize the Mayor to execute a “Settlement Participation and Release” and enter into a State-Subdivision agreement on behalf of the City of Salisbury. This would allow the City to receive an estimated \$285,689.67 to be used toward a portion of past expenses spent on abating the opioid epidemic as well as future uses. In addition, the City was allocated \$514,241.40 in non-competition grant funds. The current numbers were estimates, as the more cities that signed onto the settlement in Maryland, the greater the funds. This lawsuit was only against the distributors and would not preclude the City from entering future lawsuits against the manufactures, pharmacists, etc.

Mayor Day expressed that while there certainly could not be a monetary value associated with the pain and suffering the community has been through due to the opioid epidemic, the funds from this settlement would assist the City in moving forward. It would allow the City to work more closely with key partners in the community.

After discussion, Council reached unanimous consensus to advance the resolution to legislative session.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the Special Work Session adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Kimberly R. Dickel

City Clerk

John R. Heath

Council President