CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND

REGULAR MEETING (ZOOM CONFERENCING VIDEO)

FEBRUARY 28, 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 Councilwoman April Jackson

<u>IN ATTENDANCE</u>

City Administrator Julia Glanz, Deputy City Administrator Andy Kitzrow, Housing and Community Development Director Ron Strickler, Housing & Homelessness Manager Christine Chestnutt, Procurement Director Jennifer Miller, City Attorney Ashley Bosche, Assistant City Clerk Julie English, and members of the public

<u>CITY INVOCATION – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</u>

The City Council met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. via 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 invited Pastor David Thorpe of New Life Seventh-day Adventist Church to provide the invocation.

PROCLAMATION- presented by Mayor Jacob R. Day

Scott Rogers Day

Mayor Day presented a proclamation to Mr. Scott Rogers that declared February 28, 2022 as Scott Rogers Day. Mr. Rogers dedicated 17 years (2005-2022) to the Salisbury-Wicomico County Planning Commission. His responsibilities included interpreting the zoning code, reviewing development plans, and providing valuable recommendations to update and improve the City's long-range comprehensive plan. Mayor Day recognized Mr. Rogers for having been an integral part of this city.

ADOPTION OF LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Mr. Boda moved, Ms. Gregory seconded, and the vote was unanimous (5-0) 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 unanimously approved (5-0 vote) on a motion and seconded by Ms. Jackson and Ms. Gregory, respectively:

- February 7, 2022 Work Session Minutes
- February 7, 2022 Closed Session Minutes

- February 14, 2022 Council Meeting Minutes
- <u>Resolution No. 3152</u>- to approve the reappointment of Michael Piorunski to the Parks and Recreation Committee for term ending February 2025
- <u>Resolution No. 3153</u>- to approve the appointment of Melissa Drew to the Board of Zoning Appeals for term ending February 2025
- <u>Resolution No. 3154</u>- to approve the appointment of Amy Heger to the Salisbury Zoo Commission for term ending February 2025
- <u>Resolution No. 3155</u>- to approve the appointment of Edwin Linderkamp to the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee for term ending February 2025
- <u>Resolution No. 3156</u>- to approve the appointment of Darrell Walker to the Board of Zoning Appeals for term ending February 2025

AWARD OF BIDS- presented by Procurement Director Jennifer Miller

The Award of Bids, consisting of the following item, was unanimously approved (5-0 vote) on a motion and seconded by Ms. Jackson and Ms. Blake, respectively.

• Declaration of Surplus- HCDD Vehicle #12

RESOLUTION- presented by City Administrator Julia Glanz

• Resolution No. 3157- authorizing the establishment of a temporary housing facility for homeless persons, to be known as "Anne Street Village"

Ms. Jackson moved, Mr. Boda seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve Resolution No. 3157.

ORDINANCES- presented by City Attorney Ashley Bosche

• <u>Ordinance No. 2712</u>- 2nd reading- for the abandonment of an unimproved paper road known as Linwood Avenue located between East Isabella Street and Grace Street

Ms. Jackson moved, Ms. Blake seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve Ordinance No. 2712 for second reading.

• <u>Ordinance No. 2713-</u> 1st reading- amending Section 13.16 of the Salisbury City Code, entitled "Sanitary Facilities," to add an exemption for the facilities owned or operated by the City of Salisbury for the purpose of providing temporary housing for homeless persons

Ms. Jackson moved, Ms. Gregory seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve Ordinance No. 2713 for first reading.

<u>PRESENTATION</u>- presented by the Founder of The Eastern Shore of Maryland Sickle Cell Disease Association Shanda Ward, LCPC

The Eastern Shore of Maryland Sickle Cell Disease Association

Ms. Ward shared with the Council what Sickle Cell Disease was and how it affected the body. She offered personal stories of how her family has dealt with this disease as well as the struggles they faced to obtain the proper medication. Ms. Ward mentioned that there were very few doctors available in this area to properly treat Sickle Cell Disease. Donating blood was one way individuals could assist those who suffer from this disease. Ms. Ward stressed the importance of educating the public on Sickle Cell Disease and noted that September is Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month.

ADMINISTRATION AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Day stated that today was the closing of the Here is Home permit fee moratorium time period. He also shared that today was the first day of work for the SAFER employees.

Ms. Jackson shared her desire for people to donate blood. She related to what Ms. Ward spoke about regarding Sickle Cell disease. She would love to help out in any way possible.

Ms. Blake also encouraged everyone to donate blood. She mentioned that her thoughts and prayers were with the Ukraine crisis.

Ms. Gregory informed everyone that there would be a Ukrainian Prayer Vigil at the amphitheater on Thursday, March 3rd from 5:30-6:30pm.

President Heath agreed that all should say prayers for those in Ukraine. He shared a very sad story about his first encounter with Sickle Cell disease. Finally, he urged those that could to give blood.

ADJOURNMENT/MOTION TO CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION

With no further business to discuss, at 6:49 p.m. President Heath called for a motion to convene in Closed Session before a contract is awarded or bids are opened, directly related to a negotiating strategy or the contents of a bid or proposal, if public discussion or disclosure would adversely impact the ability of the public body to participate in the competitive bidding or proposal process; in accordance with the Annotated Code of Maryland §3-305 (b)(14).

Ms. Blake moved, Ms. Gregory seconded, and the vote was 4-0 with one absent to convene in Closed Session.

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

At 6:57 p.m., upon a motion and second by Ms. Blake and Ms. Gregory, respectively, and approved by unanimous vote in favor (4-0), the Closed Session was adjourned and Council convened in Open Session.

President Heath reported that while in Closed Session Council discussed a proposal on a parking lot. The Open Session was then immediately adjourned.

City Clerk

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Council President