

CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND

REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 14, 2022

PUBLIC OFFICIALS PRESENT

*Council 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
Council Vice-President Muir Boda*

IN ATTENDANCE

City Administrator Julia Glanz, Housing and Community Development Director Ron Strickler, Housing & Homelessness Manager Christine Chestnutt, Procurement Director Jennifer Miller, City Attorney Ashley Bosche, City Clerk Kimberly Nichols, and members of the public

CITY INVOCATION – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The City Council met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. via a hybrid meeting (in person and via Zoom Conferencing Video). Council President John R. “Jack” Heath called the meeting to order. After a moment of silent prayer, the pledge of allegiance was recited to the American flag.

ADOPTION OF LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Ms. Jackson moved, Ms. Gregory seconded, and the vote was unanimous (5-0 vote) to approve the legislative agenda as presented.

CONSENT AGENDA- *presented by City Clerk Kimberly Nichols*

The consent agenda, consisting of the following items, was unanimously approved (5-0 vote) on a motion and seconded by Ms. Blake and Ms. Jackson, respectively:

- *February 22, 2022 Work Session Minutes*
- *February 28, 2022 Council Meeting Minutes*
- *February 28, 2022 Closed Session Minutes*
- ***Resolution No. 3158-** to approve the appointment of Kevin Shertz to the Salisbury/Wicomico Planning & Zoning Commission for term ending March 2027*

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. Gregory, respectively.

- RFP 22-104 LIDAR Mobile Imagery \$142,990.00
- ITB 22-121 Park WTP Aerator Bldg. Roof Replacement \$118,800.00

ORDINANCES- presented by City Attorney Ashley Bosche

- **Ordinance No. 2713-** 2nd 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 second reading.

- **Ordinance No. 2714-** 2nd reading- to establish a special revenue fund, to be known as “OSP Fund”, for the purpose of accounting for opioid settlement proceeds received from the State of Maryland

Ms. Gregory moved, Ms. Jackson seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve Ordinance No. 2714 for second reading.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following comments were received from two members of the public:

- Asked when the last time Mill Street was paved and why it had not been paved yet.
- President Heath said it would be paved when it came up next on the paving list.
- With the beautification of Downtown, a lot of the homeless men have found warmer places to sleep at night. If some of them had not taken residence Downtown, the Anne Street Village would not have been planned.
- There were other properties besides Anne Street for sheltering homeless people. There was enough crime, prostitution, small children picking up bad habits, shootings, etc. The Anne St. Village would only make those things worse.
- There are other communities with big yards- possibly they could cover a swimming pool and place houses there, and let them be a shelter. But they would not want to do that.
- Anne Street was in her back yard, and she was tired of what was going on in the black communities. Asked why the village would be placed in an already infested area.
- Asked if the City had consulted the nearby churches, and if the City had considered fixing up the building the City owns on Isabella Street.
- The homeless people have dignity and what the City was proposing to put them in was worse than the Naylor Mill Road jail.
- She said the neighborhood was not notified by the City or by the Council representative.
- She thanked Ms. Jackson for speaking up.

ADMINISTRATION AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Ms. Glanz announced the Here is Home Press Conference would be held Monday, March 21, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. at Johnson's Retreat, and final numbers would be shared.

Mr. Boda said he supported Here is Home and helping those who wanted to move to the City. He knew there was controversy, but the truth was that if you went 100 feet from your door, there was probably someone sleeping closer than you thought. He said the Village would be a place where services could be provided and hopefully help people get from the place they currently were, to the Village, and on to the next step, which was moving out on their own.

Ms. Jackson said she understood how the speaker felt about the Village.. It was not in our backyards, but it was in theirs. She had no problems with the project but she wished they could have selected another location. She worked with the homeless for twelve years, but thought that the community should have been informed it was being placed there, and even though they did not come to meetings, they still had a voice. The next time, be more considerate of the residents.

Ms. Blake said the residents seemed to be misinformed. If she receives calls from people who yell and are otherwise rude, she ends the call. If healthy enough, she asked everyone to donate blood.

Ms. Gregory said she was the Council representative for that district and nobody contacted her about being opposed to the Village. She was easily reached and very responsive to residents, and would like to have a conversation with anyone that may have issues with the Village.

President Heath said that with all legislation passed, there was always a group of people who did not like it. The reason the Village was moved from Marine Road to Anne Street was that the services were closer in walking distance for the individuals, which was the primary reason he was in favor of the location. In regards to the idea that certain people in certain areas did not want it near them, he said he was not sure that his neighbors would be totally opposed to having it near them. There would be water and showers provided, and they would have one place to go for all of the services they needed. Council had to vote for what they believed in their hearts was right. Call your Council representative if you have any further comments or questions. Please pray for the people who live in the Ukraine.

Ms. Jackson said she indicated that his community would have been informed of the Village, not that they would not have wanted it in their area.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND
CLOSED SESSION
FEBRUARY 28, 2022

TIME & PLACE: 6:49 p.m., Council Chambers, Government Office Building, Room 301
PURPOSE: Before a contract is awarded or bids are opened, to discuss a matter 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.
VOTE TO CLOSE: Unanimous (5-0)
CITATION: Annotated Code of Maryland §3-305(b)(14)
PRESENT: Council President John “Jack” R. Heath, Mayor Jacob R. Day, Councilwoman Angela Blake, Councilwoman Michele Gregory, Councilwoman April Jackson, City Administrator Julia Glanz, Deputy City Administrator Andy Kitzrow, Procurement Director Jennifer Miller, City Attorney Ashley Bosche, Assistant City Clerk Julie English
ABSENT: Council Vice-President Muir Boda

The City Council convened in Legislative Session at 6:00 p.m. Upon the adjournment of the meeting at 6:49 p.m. President Heath called for a motion to convene in Closed Session as permitted under the Annotated Code of Maryland §3-305(b)(14). Ms. Blake moved, Ms. Gregory seconded, and the vote was unanimous to convene in Closed Session.


Ms. Miller provided a briefing on two offers received for a parking lot owned by the City.

After discussion, Council reached unanimous consensus to authorize negotiations be made with one of the companies.

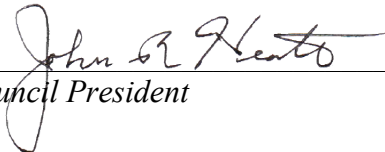
At 6:57 p.m., Ms. Blake moved, Ms. Gregory seconded, and the vote was unanimous (4-0) to adjourn the Closed Session.

Council immediately convened in Open Session and President Heath reported that Council had met in Closed Session for the purpose of discussing a proposal on a parking lot.

The Open Session was then immediately adjourned.



City Clerk



Council President