

CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND

REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 28, 2022

PUBLIC OFFICIALS PRESENT

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

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

PUBLIC OFFICIALS ABSSENT

Councilwoman Michele Gregory

IN ATTENDANCE

*City Administrator Julia Glanz, Mayor’s Office Executive Administrative Assistant Jessie Turner, 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, everyone recited the Pledge, and Pastor Maggie Gillespie provided the City Invocation.

PROCLAMATION – presented by Mayor Jacob R. Day

*Mayor Day presented the proclamation to recognize April 4 – 10, 2022 as **Public Health Week** and to recognize ways to improve our health status. In the United States life expectancy dropped from 2014 to 2017, and in 2018 increased only to drop in 2020 by a full year- the largest drop in life expectancy since 1943. Public health professionals assist communities with the preparation of and recovery for many health threats including disease outbreaks and natural disasters. Each year in the U.S. 7 out of 10 deaths are caused by chronic diseases occurring from preventable risk factors such as physical inactivity, poor nutrition, tobacco use, and excessive alcohol use. Mayor Day thanked everyone in Public Health including those a Tidal Health, Wicomico County Health Department, State Public Health Systems, First Responders and Medical Practitioners.*

ADOPTION OF LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Ms. Jackson moved, Ms. Blake seconded, and the vote was unanimous (4-0 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 (4-0 vote) on a motion and seconded by Ms. Jackson and Mr. Boda, respectively:

- *March 7, 2022 Work Session Minutes*
- *March 7, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes*
- ***Resolution No. 3161**- to approve the appointment of Vanessa Junkin to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee for the term ending March 2025*
- ***Resolution No. 3162**- to approve the appointment of Michael Dyer to the Disability Advisory Committee for the term ending March 2025*

President Heath thanked Ms. Junkin and Mr. Dyer for serving on the committees.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments received from the public.

ADMINISTRATION AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Day shared that the community was reminded by Pastor Gillespie not only of our freedom to practice religion, but also of our other First Amendment Rights- freedom of speech and freedom of assembly. As a community we have done a good job of enabling that freedom of expression, freedom of speech and freedom to practice religion. He was excited to see some of those demonstrations of the community spirit coming this summer. The City had all sorts of fun things planned. He discussed the impact of good transportation, and clearly pedestrian and cyclist access was a freedom the community should have. He thanked Ms. Junkin for serving on the committee.

Mr. Boda said he was on vacation this week and would see everyone soon.

Ms. Blake thanked the SPD, SFD and Ms. Jackson for attending Choices Academy for the Bonanza Boardgame Day. The students really appreciated the visit. If healthy enough, please donate blood.

Ms. Jackson announced 3/29/22 was Vietnam Veterans Day. The VFW #10159 was celebrating and Mayor Jake Day speaking. All veterans and their spouses were invited to attend.

President Heath said his son was coming next week to run in the SBY Marathon. In the last 10 weeks Operation We Care put out 1,200 boxes for Tidal Health. The Head of Nursing expressed how difficult the past two years were for them - from housekeeping to nurses to doctors- and were so appreciated. His daughter, Kristin Cashman, was voted Worcester County Teacher of the Year!

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND
CLOSED SESSION
MARCH 21, 2022

TIME & PLACE: 4:55 p.m., Council Chambers, Government Office Building & Zoom
PURPOSE: To discuss the appointment of a candidate; to discuss with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation
VOTE TO CLOSE: Unanimous (5-0)
CITATION: Annotated Code of Maryland §3-305(b)(1)(8)
PRESENT: Council President John “Jack” R. Heath, Mayor Jacob R. Day, Council Vice-President Muir Boda, Councilwoman Angela Blake, Councilwoman Michele Gregory, Councilwoman April Jackson (left at 5:14 p.m.), City Administrator Julia Glanz, Deputy City Administrator Andy Kitzrow, Water Works Director Cori Cameron, Allen Swiger, Charles MacLeod of MacLeod Law Group LLC, Brandon Taylor of Cossich, Sumich, Parsiola & Taylor LLC (via Zoom), City Attorneys Ashley Bosche and Heather Konyar, Assistant City Clerk Julie English, City Clerk Kimberly Nichols

The City Council convened in the Work Session at 4:30 p.m. Upon the adjournment of the meeting at 4:55 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). Mr. Boda moved, Ms. Jackson seconded, and the vote was unanimous to convene in Closed Session.

Discussion of appointment

City Administrator Julia Glanz explained the process in which the nationwide search was conducted for the new director position. The candidate was invited into the Closed Session and interviewed by Council.

Council provided unanimous consent to approve Administration’s selection for the position.

Potential lawsuit

Council was briefed by the attorneys present on the potential lawsuit and steps that would be taken should the City become involved in the suit. Water Works Director Cori Cameron fielded questions from Council and provided technical expertise.

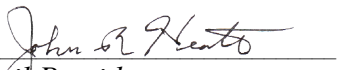
Council provided unanimous consent to proceed as recommended by counsel.

At 5:52 p.m. upon a motion and seconded by Mr. Boda and Ms. Gregory, respectively and approved by a 4-0 vote, Council ended the Closed Session and immediately convened in Open Session. President Heath reported that Council had met in Closed Session for the purpose of discussing an appointment and pending litigation.

The Open Session was then immediately adjourned.



City Clerk



Council President