

CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND

REGULAR MEETING (ZOOM CONFERENCING VIDEO)

APRIL 11, 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

IN ATTENDANCE

Deputy City Administrator Andy Kitzrow, Sustainability Coordinator Alyssa Hastings, Executive Administrative Assistant Jessica 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 Zoom Conferencing Video and Council President John R. “Jack” Heath called the meeting to order. After the recital of the pledge to the flag, Pastor Greg Carlson of Park Seventh-day Adventist Church provided the invocation.

PROCLAMATION- *presented by Deputy City Administrator Andy Kitzrow*

Arbor Day

Mr. Kitzrow presented the Arbor Day proclamation to urge all citizens to plant trees in order to promote the well-being of future generations. Trees provide an abundance of environmental and aesthetic advantages to citizens and wildlife, and can reduce the erosion of topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife.

Sustainability Coordinator Alyssa Hastings received the proclamation and said she was excited that the City was named a Tree City for the third year in a row, with 2022 being the City’s fourth year. The City Parks Donation Program was up and running for anyone wishing to donate a tree to the City. She also reported the Earth Day celebration would be held at the Zoo on April 23rd from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Trees would be given away at the event.

ADOPTION OF LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA- presented by City Clerk Kimberly Nichols

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

- **March 14, 2022 Council Meeting Minutes**
- **March 21, 2022 Work Session Minutes**
- **March 21, 2022 Closed Session Minutes**
- **March 28, 2022 Council Meeting Minutes**
- **Resolution No. 3163-** to approve the reappointment of Matthew Auchey to the Historic District Commission for the term ending April 2025

ORDINANCE- presented by City Attorney Ashley Bosche

- **Ordinance No. 2715-** 1st reading- approving a budget amendment of the GY2022 General Fund Budget to appropriate funds to the Salisbury Fire Department's Training Account

Ms. Jackson moved, Ms. Gregory seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve Ordinance No. 2715.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Two members of the public provided the following comments:

- City of Salisbury Tow rates have not significantly increased since the Towing Ordinance was first passed on January 23, 2012.
- Due to rising costs of materials, insurance and fuel, speaker asked the City to consider increasing the rates for towing.
- For a standard tow fee, the City of Ocean City's fee was \$250 and the accident tow fee was \$325, paid by Ocean City to the tow companies who provided the service.
- Salisbury had independently owned towing companies, and when they towed a vehicle where the person did not have insurance, they ended up with the vehicle a lot of time, and were not being paid for the services.
- The current rates were extremely low compared to the industry standard in the area.
- Speaker requested Council review the rates and increase them to something more reasonable.
- Mr. Kitzrow said the City was currently involved in reviewing the Tow Ordinance and would look at the rates. He appreciated the speaker for bringing it to Administration's attention.
- Speaker said the tow companies were supposed to have yearly meetings and background checks, and it was not being done.
- It was time to meet and sort out all the details.

ADMINISTRATION AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Kitzrow said that the new ABC Director, Allen Swiger, started with the City today. Movies On The River was returning in May along with The Hoppes On The River beer tasting event. River

Races for kayaks, canoes and cardboard boats were being held in June. 3rd Friday would be held on Good Friday.

Mr. Boda was excited about 3rd Friday and the weather was getting better and he looked forward to seeing everyone around town.

Ms. Jackson was very happy that Council was meeting in person again. She said to be careful to keep safe. The VFW #10159 was holding a free community Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday at the Billy Gene Jackson park.


Ms. Blake asked everyone to stay out of the way of first responders. She also encouraged those healthy enough to donate blood.

Ms. Gregory reminded everyone that Earth Day would be held on April 23 2022 at the Zoo beginning at 10:00 a.m. She hoped to see everyone there.

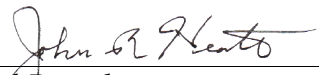
President Heath asked that all kept the Ukraine in their prayers, and said the blood situation was dire, and encouraged those healthy enough to donate blood.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.



City Clerk



Council President