

CITY OF SALISBURY  
WORK SESSION  
AUGUST 15, 2022

Public Officials Present

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

Mayor Jacob R. Day  
Councilwoman April Jackson

Public Officials Absent

Councilwoman Angela Blake

In Attendance

City Administrator Julia Glanz, City Planner Brian Soper, Fire Chief John Tull, Deputy Chief Chris O’Barsky, Assistant Chief Chris Truitt, SWIFT Coordinator David Phippin, Assistant City Clerk Julie English, Attorney Ashley Bosche, and members of the public.

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On August 15, 2022 the Salisbury City Council convened at 4:30 p.m. in a hybrid Work Session in Council Chambers and on Zoom Conferencing Video.

**Ordinance to permit townhouse development in general commercial districts**

City Planner Brian Soper explained that the ordinance was favorably recommended by the Planning Commission after a public hearing was held on May 19, 2022. The ordinance would allow for additional housing development options in the general commercial zoning district adjacent to residential districts providing a transitional pattern of development.

Council reached unanimous consensus to advance the legislation to legislative agenda.

**Presentation - SWIFT Program Update**

Chief Tull turned the floor over to Assistant Chief Truitt, Tidal Health’s Director of Community Health at Tidal Health, Katherine Rodgers and Tidal Health employee and SFD Paramedic Charles Dolan. They collectively provided an update on the SWIFT Program as requested by Council.

The presentation began with the evolution of the SWIFT Program. The panel shared that the program received international recognition. Ms. Rodgers gave an overview of SWIFT 1.0 and SWIFT 2.0. It incorporated plans that expanded the SWIFT 1.0 program which included Allen, Parsonsburg, Sharptown, and Westside. Several success stories were shared which gave an understanding of the true impact of the program. The graphs and dashboard metrics verified that the patients who enrolled in the SWIFT program had a

reduction in Emergency Department visits, in turn creating a cost savings for the charges to the health system.

The presentation closed with a status update on the funding for the SWIFT Program. Ms. Rodgers also explained next steps for the program: reconvene the Advisory Board, expand SWIFT team service area, financial stability, Telehealth capabilities, and behavioral health integration.

President Heath asked if the SWIFT Program took interns. Ms. Rodgers explained that the nursing students they worked with served more in a shadowing capacity. President Heath shared his love for dashboards. Ms. Rodgers mentioned that having the dashboards and collecting this data would allow them to determine the most vulnerable populations and would assist in locating hot spots.

President Heath shared how proud the Council was of all involved in this program. Too often the media only focuses on the negative.

Mayor Day shared that presentations had been made to the Acting County Executive about this program, which opened a conversation on how to collaborate with County government.

President Heath thanked everyone and congratulated them on their progress.

### **Administration and Council Comments**

Mayor Day encouraged all to sign up to assist with the upcoming National Folk Festival. He added that having volunteers keeps the festival free to the public.

Mr. Boda reminded everyone that this weekend was the Wicomico County Fair. He also acknowledged the event he attended at Doverdale over the weekend.

Ms. Jackson announced there were over 1,500 people in attendance at the Day in the Park event. She thanked her fellow council members for attending. She also thanked everyone who attended, participated, and sponsored the event. She was truly grateful. Ms. Jackson asked that everyone remain mindful of COVID. Lastly, she asked to have a discussion in the near future about the scooters and underaged children riding them at night.

Ms. Gregory also encouraged everyone to volunteer for the National Folk Festival.

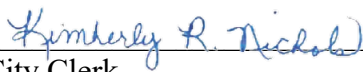
Ms. Jackson added that her daughter will have a tent in the festival where Ms. Jackson will be a model.

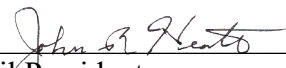
In Councilwoman's absence, President Heath made sure he asked for those who were capable to please give blood. He reiterated the need for volunteers during the National Folk Festival.

Mayor Day responded to Ms. Jackson's concern about the scooters. He shared that an officer who observed any individuals violating Maryland traffic laws, while riding a scooter, had the right to determine what course of action could be taken safely. Mayor Day also recommended that anyone who observed unsafe behavior on the scooters should contact the owner of the scooters and provide the location and time of the behavior. The company had the ability to track the scooter and block the credit card and account used to operate the scooter.

**Adjournment**

With no further business to discuss, President Heath adjourned the Work Session at 5:16 p.m.

  
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City Clerk

  
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