

CITY OF SALISBURY
WORK SESSION
NOVEMBER 7, 2022

Public Officials Present

Council President John “Jack” R. Heath
Council Vice-President Muir Boda
Councilwoman April Jackson

Mayor Jacob R. Day
Councilwoman Angela M. Blake
Councilwoman Michele Gregory

In Attendance

City Administrator Julia Glanz, Deputy City Administrator Andy Kitzrow, Fire Chief John Tull, City Planner Brian Soper, Attorney Ashley Bosche, City Clerk Kimberly Nichols, and members of the public.

On November 7, 2022 the Salisbury City Council convened at 4:30 p.m. in a hybrid Work Session in Council Chambers and on Zoom Conferencing Video. The following is a synopsis of the items discussed.

Ordinance to approve a budget amendment to appropriate funds to the Fire Department

Fire Chief John Tull explained the ordinance would approve a budget amendment appropriating \$5,600 to the Salisbury Fire Department. The funds were a reimbursement as the Fire Department collaborated with the Ocean City Fire Department to provide their bike EMS teams to cover the Ocean City Bike Fest. The reimbursement has been received and the request was to place the funds back into the Overtime Account.

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

Comprehensive Plastic Bag Reduction Ordinance

City Administrator Julia Glanz and Elise Trelegan, Chair of the Sustainability Advisory Committee (Green Team) joined Council and presented the attached PowerPoint which has been attached as part of the minutes.

Mr. Boda was concerned about forcing businesses to charge 10 cents for bags. Ms. Trelegan thought the 10 cents was important so that all of the businesses were on level playing ground. Ms. Gregory noted some of the stores were already not providing bags and it was not a hardship.

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Public Comments

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

- Speaker thanked Council for considering the plastic bag ban. Chestertown passed a plastic bag ordinance and Easton was considering one this month. There would be three major cities on the Eastern Shore on big rivers supporting the bag ban.
- Speaker strongly supported the ban and reminded everyone that if bags were forgotten when purchasing items from a grocery store, just wheel your cart out to your car and put the groceries in there.
- The local Sierra Club did a Shopper's Survey. Stores such as Sav-A-Lot and Aldi's did not allow giving out plastic bags but instead charged for bags. Prices at these stores were generally lower, so money was already being saved that way. Stores such as Acme and Food Lion where they say they give away free plastic bags, they are being paid for in the cost of the groceries.

Administration and Council Comments

Mayor Day announced painting was planned for Anne Street Village tomorrow from 12:00 pm until 4:00 p.m. They were getting closer, and the challenge was to find an 800 AMP switch for the site. If anyone had one, please let the City know.

Mr. Boda asked everyone to make sure they voted.

Ms. Jackson said the support for the plastic bag ban was great to see. Council rarely saw that kind of support for most of the legislation that was considered.

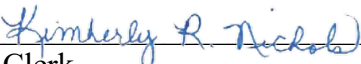
Ms. Blake asked for those healthy enough to please donate blood. Also, Friday, November 11th was Veterans Day. Please thank a veteran.

Ms. Gregory thanked Alyssa Hastings, the City's former Sustainability Coordinator, for all she did for the Green Team and said they missed her so much already.

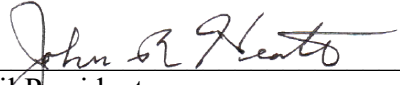
President Heath said that tomorrow's election was very important, and please vote. He announced that Ms. Hastings was the new Eastern Shore Coordinator for Senator Van Hollen, and thanked her for all she did for the City. He said the Eastern Shore's blood supply was critically low, and donations were needed. He also reiterated the desperate need for an 800 AMP breaker.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, President Heath adjourned the Work Session at 5:01 p.m.



City Clerk



Council President