

CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND

REGULAR MEETING

NOVEMBER 14, 2022

PUBLIC OFFICIALS PRESENT

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

*Mayor Jacob R. Day
Councilwoman Michele Gregory*

PUBLIC OFFICIALS ABSENT

Councilwoman Angela M. Blake

IN ATTENDANCE

City Administrator Julia Glanz, Deputy City Administrator Andy Kitzrow, Information Services Director Bill Garrett, Procurement Director Jennifer Miller, Fire Chief John Tull, Deputy Chief Chris O’Barsky, City Attorney Ashley Bosche (via Zoom), 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 and in person. Council President John “Jack” R. Heath called the meeting to order. After the recital of the pledge to the flag, Rev. Dr. Maggie Gillespie provided the invocation.

PROCLAMATIONS- presented by Mayor Jacob R. Day

- **National Runaway Prevention Program**
Mayor Day presented the proclamation to Keisha from Fenix Youth Project, Inc. to urge citizens to support the effort to increase public awareness and provide positive and safe alternatives to runaway and homeless youth and their families. National Runaway Prevention Month began in 2002 because the occurrence of runaways and homelessness among youth is staggering. Fenix Youth Project, Inc. in Salisbury, Maryland, under the leadership of Executive Director Amber Green provides support for marginalized youth through a variety of programs.
- **National Epilepsy Month**
Mayor Day presented the proclamation to recognize November as Epilepsy Month. Epilepsy is a brain disorder in which recurrent, unprovoked seizures develop at any age, and affects about 470,000 children and 3 million adults in the United States. Currently, there is no cure for epilepsy, but there are ways to minimize the risk and frequency of seizures including reducing stress levels, wearing protective gear when playing sports, eating a balanced diet, and taking prescribed medications as directed by your physician.

ADOPTION OF LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Mr. Boda moved, Ms. Gregory seconded, and the vote was unanimous (3-0) to approve the legislative agenda as presented. Ms. Jackson had momentarily left Council Chambers when the vote was called.

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 second by Ms. Gregory and Mr. Boda, respectively.

- *October 3, 2022 Work Session Minutes*
- *October 3, 2022 Closed Session Minutes (emailed separately)*
- *October 10, 2022 Council Meeting Minutes*
- *October 17, 2022 Work Session Minutes*
- *October 24, 2022 Council Meeting Minutes*
- *November 7, 2022 Work Session Minutes*
- *Resolution No. 3197- to approve the appointment of Jon Wilson to the Parks & Recreation Committee for term ending November 2025*

AWARD OF BIDS- *presented by Procurement Director Jennifer Miller*

The following Award of Bids was unanimously approved on a motion by Ms. Jackson and seconded by Ms. Gregory:

- *ITB A-23-106 Multi-function Copier Lease Agreement \$213,960.00 (5 yr. term)*

ORDINANCES- *presented by City Attorney Ashley Bosche (via Zoom)*

- **Ordinance No. 2746-** *2nd reading- approving a budget amendment of the FY2023 General Fund Budget and Water and Sewer Fund Budget to appropriate funds to the Operating Budget of the Department of Field Operations and the Operating Budget of the Department of Water Works*

Ms. Jackson moved, Mr. Boda seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve Ordinance No. 2746 for second reading.

- **Ordinance No. 2751-** *2nd reading- approving a budget amendment of the FY2023 General Fund Budget to appropriate funds to customize Salisbury Police Department vehicles with proper police equipment*

Ms. Jackson moved, Ms. Gregory seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve Ordinance No. 2751 for second reading.

- **Ordinance No. 2752-** *2nd reading- approving an amendment to the General Fund Budget reflecting the acceptance of grant funds from the State of Maryland,*

Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention and further appropriating such funds to purchase "EZ Child ID - Complete EZ Turnkey System."

Mr. Boda moved, Ms. Jackson seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve Ordinance No. 2752 for second reading.

- **Ordinance No. 2753**- 2nd reading- *authorizing the Mayor to appropriate additional funds for the Paleo Well # 3 project*

Ms. Jackson moved, Ms. Gregory seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve Ordinance No. 2753 for second reading.

- **Ordinance No. 2754**- 2nd reading- *approving an amendment to the General Capital Project Fund Budget to appropriate additional funds required for construction of the Zoo Administration Building*

Mr. Boda moved, Ms. Jackson seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve Ordinance No. 2754 for second reading.

- **Ordinance No. 2755**- 2nd reading- *approving an amendment of the FY2023 General Fund Budget to appropriate additional funds required for Field Operations*

Ms. Jackson moved, Ms. Gregory seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve Ordinance No. 2755 for second reading.

- **Ordinance No. 2756**- 1st reading- *amending Title 5 of the Salisbury City Code, Business Licenses and Regulations, to prohibit retail establishments from providing plastic carryout bags to customers*

Ms. Jackson moved, Ms. Gregory seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve Ordinance No. 2756 for first reading.

- **Ordinance No. 2757**- 1st reading- *approving a budget amendment of the FY2023 General Fund Budget to appropriate funds to the Salisbury Fire Department's Operating Account*

Ms. Jackson moved, Ms. Gregory seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve Ordinance No. 2757 for first reading.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following comments were received by two members of the public and the attached sheets were provided by other members of the public:

- *As a member of the Green Team and Biology professor at Salisbury University, speaker supported the Shop Green SBY initiative.*

- *Plastic waste was a huge issue around the world, and reducing the plastic bag usage in Salisbury was a clear first step on reducing reliance on single-use plastics.*
- *In the course of his work he found bits of plastic in fish in the Wicomico and Nanticoke.*
- *Reusable bags were easy to carry around and plastics were not needed.*
- *Another person spoke on behalf of the Environmental Students Association at Salisbury University and brought 700 plastic bags into Council Chambers.*
- *Discussed the Broken Windows Theory and how the bags which polluted the water, trees and ground could send a sub-conscious signal that residents were not as valuable as the trash they walked around with. The association was in favor of the plastic bag ban.*

ADMINISTRATION AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Day said there were eight important ordinances approved and thanked Council for the impactful evening. He appreciated the visual of the 700 plastic bags on the floor and thanked Elise and the Green Team for their leadership, the Chamber of Commerce, and the community businesses for their support of the ban. He invited the public to the State of the City Address tomorrow night at 7:00 p.m. at Holloway Hall.

Ms. Gregory thanked the Eastern Shore Sierra Club for their support of the ban. She announced Third Friday was this week and there would be Christmas lights and music!

Ms. Jackson asked everyone to stay safe while holiday shopping. Lock your cars and don't go shopping alone. She asked parents to not allow young children to ride scooters around the City because sooner or later someone would get hurt.

Mr. Boda toured the beautiful Ross building and was excited for the City.

President Heath reminded the public that the Eastern Shore and United States were in dire need for blood. If healthy enough, please donate blood. He also invited everyone to the State of the City Address. He thanked the Chamber of Commerce, all the businesses and constituents who supported the bag ban.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Kimberly R. Nichols

 City Clerk

John R. Heath

 Council President