CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND

REGULAR MEETING

NOVEMBER 28, 2022

PUBLIC OFFICIALS PRESENT

Council President John "Jack" R. Heath Council Vice-President Muir Boda (Zoom) Councilwoman Michele Gregory Mayor Jacob R. Day Councilwoman Angela M. Blake Councilwoman April Jackson

IN ATTENDANCE

<u>CITY INVOCATION – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</u>

The City Council met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom and in person. Council President John R. "Jack" Heath called the meeting to order. After the recital of the pledge to the flag, Rev. Dr. Maggie Gillespie of Wicomico Presbyterian Church provided the invocation.

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 Assistant City Clerk Julie English

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

- November 14, 2022 Council Meeting Minutes
- <u>*Resolution No. 3198-*</u> approving the re-appointment of David Plotts to the Parks & Recreation Committee for term ending November 2025

<u>ORDINANCES</u>- presented by City Attorney Ashley Bosche

• <u>Ordinance No. 2756- 2nd reading</u>- to amend 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 (5-0) to approve Ordinance No. 2756 for second reading.

• <u>Ordinance No. 2757- 2nd reading</u>- 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. Blake seconded, and the vote was unanimous (5-0) to approve Ordinance No. 2757 for second reading.

• <u>Ordinance No. 2759- 1st reading</u>- amending Section 1.16.100 of the Salisbury City Code, entitled "Waiver of Fines – Authority to Issue Citations – Violations and Penalties – Repealer to add to the categories of persons with the authority to issue citations for municipal infraction and further amending Section 8.04.050 of the Salisbury City Code entitled "False Alarms – Violations and Penalties" to clarify departmental responsibilities specific to false alarm fees and citations

Ms. Blake moved and Ms. Jackson seconded to approve Ordinance No. 2759 for first reading.

• Ordinance No. 2760- 1st reading- approving an amendment to the FY2023 General Fund Budget and the Grant Fund so to further appropriate funds for redesign of the Salisbury Zoo's Andean Bear exhibit

Ms. Jackson moved, Ms. Blake seconded, and the vote was 5-0 to approve Ordinance No. 2760 for first reading.

• <u>Ordinance No. 2761- 1st reading</u>- authorizing the Mayor to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Wicomico County Health Department and approving a budget amendment of the FY2023 General Fund Budget to appropriate funds received from the Wicomico County Health department in the amount of \$10,000.00

Ms. Blake moved, Ms. Jackson seconded, and the vote was 5-0 to approve Ordinance No. 2761 for first reading.

• <u>Ordinance No. 2762- 1st reading</u>- authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with TidalHealth for the purpose of accepting sub-granted funds in the amount of \$62,500

Mr. Jackson moved, Ms. Gregory seconded, and the vote was 5-0 to approve Ordinance No. 2762 for first reading.

• <u>Ordinance No. 2763- 1st reading</u>- to amend Chapter 2.12 of the Salisbury City Code, entitled "Department of Infrastructure and Development," for the purpose of removing the authority to enforce the City Fire Prevention Code from the Director of the Department of Infrastructure and Development

Ms. Blake moved, Ms. Jackson seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve Ordinance No. 2763 for first reading.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no requests for public comments.

ADMINISTRATION AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Day referenced the Topping Out ceremony that was held at the top of the Ross building. He referred to the building as "a symbol of a huge investment in the heart of our city." He also shared the attention the plastic bag ban was getting. Lastly, he announced that the City would be having its annual holiday party and awards banquet on Friday.

Ms. Glanz thanked all who were in attendance to support the plastic bag ban. She added that public education will be the next step in this process.

Mr. Boda expressed his excitement for the upcoming holiday party and awards banquet. He hoped everyone had a great Thanksgiving with their family and he was looking forward to Christmas.

Ms. Jackson commended the young man who ran back into the burning building to rescue his sister. She also mentioned how much she was looking forward to the awards banquet and the Christmas parade.

Ms. Blake asked for anyone who was healthy enough to please donate blood.

Ms. Gregory was looking forward to the parade and Christmas party as well. She also hoped everyone had recovered from Thanksgiving.

President Heath echoed what Ms. Blake shared about the need for blood and encouraged those who were healthy enough to please give blood. He added that he received about 15 emails in favor of the plastic bag ban and one that opposed it.

Mayor Day acknowledged the scouts from PAC151 who were in attendance to see government in action. He shared that they would be visiting the Mayor's Office at the conclusion of the council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

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