

CITY OF SALISBURY
WORK SESSION
DECEMBER 5, 2022

Public Officials Present

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

Mayor Jacob R. Day
Councilwoman Angela M. Blake
Councilwoman April Jackson

In Attendance

Deputy City Administrator Andy Kitzrow, Housing & Community Development (HCDD) Director Ron Strickler (via Zoom), Arts, Business & Culture Department (ABCD) Director Allen Swiger, Deputy Chief Chris O’Barsky, City Clerk Kimberly Nichols, Attorney Ashley Bosche (via Zoom), and interested members of the public.

On December 5, 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 amend Chapter 1 of the City of Salisbury Municipal Code, granting the authority to require a new certificate of occupancy and inspection for any change of use, group, owner or tenant, and to clarify fire safety provisions regarding the fire marshal’s enforcement powers

Building Official Bill Holland and Building Inspector Chad Goblinger joined Council at the table to present the proposed amendment to require a new Certificate of Occupancy (CO) for commercial occupancies prior to the change of tenants. Currently, the building code required a new CO with the change in occupancy/use classification.

On numerous occasions City Inspectors have discovered interior alteration changes without the required permits, inspections, or new CO upon occupancy of new tenants. If a building permit was not required, only a walk-thorough inspection would be necessary.

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

Ordinance- budget amendment to appropriate funds for the operation of the 2023 Maryland Folk Festival (MDFP)

Deputy City Administrator Andy Kitzrow and Events & Culture Manager Caroline O’Hare presented the budget amendment.

Mr. Kitzrow explained the budget amendment would help fund the MDFP, which would require \$675,000.00. Out of that, about 1/3 was sponsorships, 1/3 was grants, and the remaining 1/3 was from money made on site from vendors, alcohol sales, etc. The budget

amendment would help begin procuring the event, and from there moving forward they would begin collecting the revenue.

Ms. O'Hare provided an overview of the upcoming event, which would be a four-stage event with the addition of a local stage at the end of Main Street to drive traffic down Main Street to businesses and vendors. While it has always been a vibrant part of the festival, they wanted an anchor at the end. They were very conscience of costs and the festival was decreased by about ½ of what the original budget was.

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Administration and Council Comments

Mayor Day thanked Council again for passing the plastic bag ban. There was a press conference today with the public about the challenges in implementing the legislation.

Mr. Boda said the Christmas Parade was a great time.

Ms. Jackson said the Awards Banquet was lovely and commended everyone who helped plan the party. She wanted more participants in the Christmas Parade next year. Next weekend was her annual Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner and Gift Giveaway. So far, she had over 200 seniors attending. She invited the other Council members to come out. She asked everyone to stay safe, lock their vehicles, carry as little cash as possible, and to not shop alone at night.


Ms. Blake said the Christmas Parade was very nice and asked for anyone healthy enough to please donate blood.

Ms. Gregory asked about the 8-amp breaker for the Ann Street Village, and there was none found yet. The parade was great and a lot of fun!

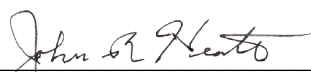
President Heath seconded the need for blood. It was badly needed. He was scheduled to make Bark and would attend April's party if he could still walk afterwards! The Awards Banquet was very nice.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, President Heath adjourned the Work Session at 4:44 p.m.



City Clerk



Council President