

CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND

SPECIAL MEETING

JANUARY 17, 2023

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

City Administrator Julia Glanz, Deputy City Administrator Andy Kitzrow, City Attorney Ashley Bosche and City Clerk Kimberly Nichols

The City Council convened in a Work Session at 4:30 p.m. At 4:39 p.m. the Work Session was adjourned; Council President Heath read the Special Meeting Notice and called the Special Meeting to order.

ADOPTION OF LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Ms. Jackson moved, Ms. Gregory seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve the Special Meeting agenda as presented.

MAYOR’S STATEMENT

Mayor Day announced that Governor Moore had selected him to be the next Secretary of Housing and Community Development for the State of Maryland. He would resign as Mayor effective January 27, 2023. He nominated President Heath to serve out the completion of his term as Mayor, and asked the City Council to approve of the appointment. He asked the Council to remember our values – we take care of our people, we refuse to fail the heart of our city, and we will not be divided by forces of self interest or political rank that pull at political bodies. He said he trusted Council and would miss being their colleague, and was elated to be their partner in a new capacity. He would always be committed to the service of Council and the residents.

ELECTION OF MAYOR

President Heath read the following rules:

- 1. Anyone may be nominated for Mayor.*
- 2. A Council member may nominate himself or herself – no second is needed.*
- 3. After nominations are received, nominations will be closed.*
- 4. The vote will be called in order of nomination.*
- 5. When voting, the first to receive three (3) votes will be elected Mayor. Council members can only vote once and **can** vote for themselves.*

Ms. Blake moved, Ms. Jackson seconded, and the vote was unanimous to accept the rules.

President Heath called for nominations for Mayor.

Vice President Boda nominated John R. Heath to be Mayor. Ms. Jackson seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. Mr. Heath would be Mayor of the City of Salisbury.

Mr. Heath said that if they didn't have this Council, and didn't have the leadership and staff that they had, and if there wasn't a plan, he would not have accepted the position. They do have those things, and he looked forward to carrying the message forward. He promised to put the good of the citizens of Salisbury as the deciding factor of whether something got done or not. He thanked Council and stated he would vacate his chair and step down as President on January 27th.

ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT

President Heath read the same rules to be followed that were used in the election of the Mayor.

Ms. Gregory moved, Ms. Jackson seconded, and the vote was unanimous to accept the rules.

Mr. Boda nominated Mr. Boda for Council President. Ms. Blake seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. Mr. Boda would be President of the Salisbury City Council.

Vice President Boda changed seats with Mr. Heath so that Mr. Boda could preside over the remainder of the Special Meeting.

President Boda thanked his fellow Council members for electing him. In order to fill the vacancy created with his appointment, they would need to next elect the new Vice President.

ELECTION OF COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT

President Boda read the same rules to be followed that were used in the election of the Mayor.

Ms. Jackson moved, Ms. Gregory seconded, and the vote was unanimous to accept the rules.

Ms. Blake nominated Ms. Jackson for Council Vice President. Ms. Gregory seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. Ms. Jackson would be Vice President of the Salisbury City Council.

Vice President Jackson thanked her fellow Council members for entrusting her with the position. She thanked Jake Day and Jack Heath for all that they instilled in her.

COMMENTS

Mayor Day welcomed everyone to the press conference at 6:00 p.m.

President Boda recognized from the audience former Senator Mathias, Wicomico County

Administrator Bunky Luffman, NAACP President Monica Brooks, and former NAACP Mary Ashanti.

Ms. Gregory told Mayor Day that he would be missed, and we expected him to loudly be our advocate here on the Shore.

Vice President Jackson said that Mayor Day would be missed, and Mr. Heath was a great person to fill his shoes. It would be different, but they would get the job done for the constituents.

Mr. Heath said it was a hectic week and a half. He looked forward to the future and thanked everyone for coming tonight.

Ms. Blake said she deeply appreciated Mayor Day's service to the city. Salisbury was a better place to live, work and play because of Mayor Day's dedication and talents. Salisbury would be forever grateful to have had him as Mayor. She was confident in the ones put in place to carry the momentum forward. If you are healthy enough, please donate blood.


President Boda agreed with everyone's sentiments and thanked Mayor Day for all he had done for the City and what he would do for the State.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the Special Meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m.



City Clerk



Council President