

CITY OF SALISBURY
WORK SESSION
FEBRUARY 6, 2023

Public Officials Present

Council President Muir Boda
Council Vice-President April Jackson
Councilwoman Michele Gregory

Mayor John R. Heath
Councilwoman Angela Blake

In Attendance

City Administrator Julia Glanz, Deputy City Administrator Andy Kitzrow, Building Official Bill Holland, City Planner Brian Soper, City Clerk Kimberly Nichols, Attorneys Ashley Bosche and Laura Hay (via Zoom), and interested members of the public.

On February 6, 2023 the Salisbury City Council convened at 4:30 p.m. in a hybrid Work Session in Council Chambers and on Zoom. President Boda called for a motion to convene in Closed Session to consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto under the authority of the Maryland Open Meetings Law, Annotated Code of Maryland General Provisions Article § 3-305(b)(3). Ms. Jackson moved, Ms. Blake seconded, and the vote was unanimous (4-0 vote).

At 5:29 p.m., upon a motion and seconded by Ms. Blake and Ms. Gregory, respectively, and approved by unanimous vote in favor, the Closed Session adjourned and Council convened in Work Session at 5:38 p.m. President Boda reported that Council had met in Closed Session and discussed a potential lease agreement and contract or award of bid.

The following is a synopsis of the items discussed in Work Session.

Introduction of John Deere Drive- Salisbury 50 Annexation

Building Official Bill Holland explained the proposed annexation consisted of 16 ½ acres. The developer planned to build a business park with fee simple lots as identified in the annexation plan. The annexation went to the Planning Commission in August 2022 and received a favorable recommendation to be rezoned as mixed use, non-residential. Once developed, the property value would be approximately \$9,048,000.00, and property taxes an estimated \$89,000.00. The approximate net fiscal impact of the annexation would be \$56,200.00. Mr. Holland recommended to move forward with the annexation.

Council reached unanimous consensus to advance the annexation to legislative session.

Milton Drive road closure

City Planner Brian Soper explained Milton Drive was currently a paper street. The idea to close the street began with the desire to develop a storage unit on one of the adjoining

lots. Once the road was closed, it would be split down the middle with the properties deeded back to the adjoining owners. The recommendation was to close the paper street.

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

Rezoning 401 and 409 Snow Hill Road

Mr. Soper said the owner of Back Street Grill at 401 Snow Hill Road purchased the adjoining residential lot to expand his business. Upon reviewing the zoning with him, an error was discovered in the GIS coding of the original 2010 Comprehensive Plan. The properties should have been shown as Commercial land Use to be consistent with the rest of the corridor, as it was not the City’s intent to encourage residential uses and properties along Snow Hill Road. Because of the Comp Plan, the owner was not afforded the opportunity to rezone his property as it should have been. This was a mistake and it met all of the criteria as listed per the Zoning Code and state recommendations. The rezoning received a unanimous favorable recommendation from the Planning Commission at their December 15, 2022 meeting to move forward.

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

Comments

Mayor Heath said the blood supply was still low and the Blood Bank had changed some rules regarding eligibility. He encouraged those interested to please check the rules.

Ms. Glanz recognized the Council on their 2020 adoption of an inclusive bathroom bill requiring single sue restrooms to have gender-neutral signage. She was going to testify on behalf of Salisbury.

Ms. Gregory encouraged those who had not received their boosters yet to do so.


Ms. Jackson said there was a new COVID variant. Please protect yourselves.

Ms. Blake asked for those who were healthy enough to consider donating blood.

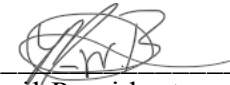
Mayor Heath asked for prayers for his granddaughter who was deployed overseas.

Adjournment / Convene in Special Meeting

With no further business to discuss, President Boda adjourned the Work Session at 5:50 p.m. and Council immediately convened in the scheduled Special Meeting.



City Clerk



Council President