

CITY OF SALISBURY
WORK SESSION
MARCH 6, 2023

Public Officials Present

Council President Muir Boda
Councilwoman Angela M. Blake
Councilwoman Megan Outten

Mayor John R. “Jack” Heath (Zoom)
Councilwoman Michele Gregory

Public Officials Absent

Vice President April Jackson

In Attendance

City Administrator Andy Kitzrow, City Planner Brian Soper, Finance Director Keith Cordrey, City Clerk Kimberly Nichols, Attorney Ashley Bosche and interested members of the public.

On March 6, 2023 the Salisbury City Council convened at 4:30 p.m. in a Work Session in Council Chambers of the Government Office Building. The following is a synopsis of the items discussed in Work Session.

Ordinance to change the rate for billboards

Finance Director Keith Cordrey Building requested to change the billboard license fee back to the rate that was charged the prior year, and requested the rate be applied retroactively back to the beginning of the fiscal year since it was more appropriate.

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

Ordinance to move funds for GOB renovation and relocation

Mr. Cordrey said the budget amendment would fund the improvements to the new and existing Government Office Buildings to incorporate the revisions that were planned. The funds were mostly from a reallocation of PAYGO previously transferred from the General Fund to the Capital Project Fund. Many accounts were being cleaned up.

Council reached unanimous consensus to advance the budget amendment to legislative agenda.

Discussion on Council representatives for Boards & Committees

As President Boda was moving into some of former President Heath’s committees, several changes in representation would be assigned.

Ms. Gregory noted the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee would be assigned to Ms. Blake

because they switched with that committee and the library to accommodate schedules. The following is a list of the Council assignments:

President Boda- Planning & Zoning Commission, Town Gown, SWMPO, Zoo Commission
Vice President Jackson- Wicomico Truth & Reconciliation, Parks & Rec
Councilwoman Blake- Youth Development Advisory Committee, Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, Human Rights Advisory Committee
Councilwoman Gregory- Wicomico Library Committee, Disability Advisory Committee
Councilwoman Outten- Sustainability Advisory Committee, Airport Committee, PAC14
Tri-County Council – No rep at this time

Text Amendment for Harbor Pointe Phase III- Infrastructure and Development Director Rick Baldwin

City Planner Brian Soper presented the text amendment for Harbor Pointe Phase III. This was consistent with some previous Planning Commission approvals. The owner of the property asked the City to review upcoming options and plans for the property. Upon review, it was thought that this would be the best path moving forward, to make it consistent with where they wanted to head into the future and what the needs were for the community based on when the Phase III was first approved. They would subdivide out the cottages into fee simple lots. There was currently a care home on the property. There was potential expansion for an elderly/handicap apartment building. They felt this was a good mix of use for the area and would provide some very much needed housing.

Council agreed that this was exactly what was needed in the community and reached unanimous consensus to advance the text amendment.

Public Comments

The following comments were received by one member of the public:

- Was awakened at 1:00 a.m. by two men banging on his door. He called the SPD and asked them to look in the neighborhood and come back to his home to let him know if they apprehended the two men. They did not return so he called the non-emergency Police number and was told to get a door bell camera.
- Public safety was getting worse. House near him was broken into three times. Two windows are boarded up on the back of the house.
- House for sale on the corner of Pennsylvania and Federal was boarded up for over a year. During the summer the grass is never cut.
- He said the police needed to go through training because the officers who came to him asked if the two people banging on his door were Black.
- Last Fall there were college parties up and down the street and his neighbor had someone use the restroom in his yard. He had a family with daughters and was sure that was inappropriate.
- Speaker asked if he was allowed to protect himself in his own property.

Mr. Kitzrow would make sure the information was forwarded to Captain Drewer and he would be contacted.

Council Comments

Ms. Gregory said it was beautiful outside and encouraged everyone to see the art installation at the BUAGO exhibits in the City Park. The Zoo also had new animals.

Ms. Blake reminded she was looking for feedback on questions she had before the budget process began this year. She knew there had been a lot of transitions. There was another plea to donate blood today. Please donate if you are healthy enough.

Ms. Outten announced the Wicomico Commission for Women was hosting an open house for the “Bring Your Own Baby” program on Tuesday, March 14th, 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. at 31516 Winterplace Drive (Bay Area Center for Independent Living).


Mr. Boda asked everyone to place the MD Folk Festival on their calendars for September 22-24, 2023. If anyone wanted to volunteer, select the volunteer section on the website. Today was Council Vice President April Jackson’s birthday.

Mayor Heath apologized to everyone he had to cancel appointments with last week due to having Covid, and looked forward to rescheduling with everyone. Please donate blood if healthy enough. He reminded everyone that Daylight Savings Time began on Sunday.

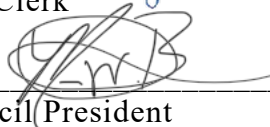
Mr. Kitzrow said he looked forward to filling the role as City Administrator. There would be a new Zoom link beginning next week due to the departure of former City Administrator Julia Glanz. Tickets for the April 15th Hops on the River were on sale.

Adjournment / Convene in Special Meeting #2

With nothing further to discuss, President Boda adjourned the Work Session at 4:52 p.m.



City Clerk



Council President