

**CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**MARCH 13, 2023**

**PUBLIC OFFICIALS PRESENT**

*Council President Muir W. Boda  
Council Vice President April Jackson  
Councilwoman Michele Gregory*

*Mayor John R. Heath  
Councilwoman Angela M. Blake  
Councilwoman Megan Outten*

**IN ATTENDANCE**

*City Administrator Andy Kitzrow, City Attorney Heather Konyar, City Clerk Kimberly Nichols, and members of the public*

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**CITY INVOCATION – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

*The City Council met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom and in Council Chambers. Council President Boda called the meeting to order. After the recital of the pledge to the flag, he invited Bishop J. Anthony Dickerson of Greater Mt. Olive Baptist Church to the podium to provide the City Invocation.*

**PROCLAMATIONS & CERTIFICATES-** *presented by Mayor John R. Heath & Council Vice President April Jackson*

***Shawn Lightfoot Day proclamation***

*Mayor Heath presented the proclamation to proclaim March 13, 2023 as “Shawn Lightfoot Day” in celebration of many years of dedicated service to the youth in our area.*

***Salisbury Elite Football Team Certificates***

*Coach Lightfoot presented the following certificates to the Salisbury Elite Football team players:*

- **12 & Under** *for winning third place in the 2019 Nationals in Kissimmee, Florida: Sha’fye Wing, Landon Blumenthal, Dalton Washington, Kristian Purnell, Jr., James Morton III, Devon Thomas, and Dimear White. None of these players were present, but were publicly recognized.*
- **14 & Under** *for competing in All-Stars in the 2019 Nationals in Kissimmee, Florida: Malachi Donaldson, Mekai Jenkins, and Kamarion Dozier.*

**Competitors in the Regionals in North Carolina in November 2022** *and winning the Delmarva SYF Championships:*

- **7 & Under-** *Rufus Braboy III, Julian Byrd, Izayah Clark, Trekwon Cottman-Trader, Mason Creppon, Lincoln Heywood, Jacelon Jean-Charles, Jai’Mir Mccluese, Gavyn*

McIntyre, Kayden Morton, Aye'den Sabr, Nazir Thomas, Cayden Tinsmith-Gaskins, Ta'Varie Wallace-Davis, Ayden Wescott, Thomas Whaley III, and Denym Williams.

- **11 & Under**- Justin Arias, Kaiden Bratten, Keonte Bratten Jr., Devin Brown Jr., Jonathan Byrd, Da'Vion Cannon, Keith Clark Jr., Zyayr Franklin, Ryan Grady, Matthew Grady, Tymere Hardy, Braxton Hastings, Braelon Hastings, Jacob Lankford, Mason McIntyre, Jai'Quor Moore, Darrien Neal, Jayden Peacock, Jacques Sterling, Jayden Thompson, Jamez Thompson, Jason Trader, Dylan Villa, Zavion Waters, Amar Wescott, and Jamez Whitney.
- **13 & Under**- Eugene Bowen, Jahsir Bowen, Christian Brown, Sha/Meer Coles, J'Shawn Dorman, Armon Floyd-Satchell, Jacan Harmon, Jayden McCready, Kristian McMillan, Meko Palmiro, Mahzi Peters, Braeden Richardson, Kah'Maijai Ross, Cooper Senter, Matthew Stanley-Ross, Logan Swift, Kayvon Wallace, Wyatt Wells, Zimear White, and Marcus White, Jr.

### **ADOPTION OF LEGISLATIVE AGENDA**

Ms. Jackson moved, Ms. Blake seconded, and the vote was unanimous (5-0 vote) to approve the legislative agenda as presented.

**CONSENT AGENDA**- presented by City Clerk Kimberly Nichols

The Consent Agenda, consisting of the following items, was unanimously approved on a motion and second by Ms. Blake and Ms. Jackson, respectively.

- February 6, 2023 Closed Session Minutes
- February 6, 2023 Work Session Minutes
- February 6, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes
- February 13, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes
- February 13, 2023 Closed Session Minutes (A)
- **Resolution No. 3232**- to approve the appointment of LaTanya Christopher to the TRUTH Committee for term ending March 2026
- **Resolution No. 3233**- to approve the appointment of Dr. Samuel Henry III to the TRUTH Committee for term ending March 2026
- **Resolution No. 3234**- to approve the appointment of Miya Horsey to the Board of Appeals for term ending March 2026
- **Resolution No. 3235**- to approve the re-appointment of Karen Lutz to the Zoo Commission for term ending March 2026
- **Resolution No. 3236**- to approve the appointment of Demetria Marshall to the Human Rights Advisory Committee for term ending March 2025
- **Resolution No. 3237**- to approve the re-appointment of Sharon Murphy to the Friends of Poplar Hill Board of Directors for term ending March 2026
- **Resolution No. 3238**- to approve the re-appointment of Donald Pulver to the Zoo Commission for term ending March 2026
- **Resolution No. 3239**- to approve the appointment of Kat Savoy to the TRUTH Committee

for term ending March 2026

President Boda thanked the committee members for volunteering to serve the City.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

***John Deere Drive-Salisbury 50 Annexation-*** presented by City Administrator Andy Kitzrow

- **Resolution No. 3199-** proposing the annexation to the City of Salisbury of a certain area of land contiguous to and binding upon the Corporate Limits of the City of Salisbury to be known as “John Deere Drive-Salisbury 50 Annex, LLC Annexation”

Ms. Jackson moved and Ms. Gregory seconded to approve Resolution No. 3199.

After Mr. Kitzrow presented Resolution No. 3199, President Boda opened the Public Hearing at 6:33 p.m. As there were no requests to speak, the Public Hearing was immediately closed.

Resolution No. 3199 was approved by unanimous vote in favor.

- **Resolution No. 3200-** proposing the annexation plan for the “John Deere Drive-Salisbury 50 Annex, LLC Annexation”

Ms. Jackson moved and Ms. Outten seconded to approve Resolution No. 3200.

After Mr. Kitzrow presented Resolution No. 3200, President Boda opened the Public Hearing at 6:40 p.m. There were no requests to speak, and the Public Hearing was immediately closed.

Resolution No. 3200 was approved by unanimous vote in favor. President Boda announced the annexation would be effective on April 28, 2023.

***Rezoning 401 & 409 Snow Hill Road-*** presented by City Attorney Heather Konyar

- **Ordinance No. 2778-** 2nd reading- to rezone two properties located at 401 Snow Hill Road and 409 Snow Hill Road from R-10 Residential to General Commercial

Ms. Jackson moved and Ms. Gregory seconded to approve Ordinance No. 2778 for second reading.

After Ms. Konyer presented the ordinance, President Boda opened the Public Hearing at 6:42 p.m. There were no requests to speak, and the Public Hearing was immediately closed.

Ordinance No. 2778 for second reading was approved by unanimous vote in favor. President Boda announced the ordinance would become effective on March 23, 2023.

**ORDINANCES-** presented by City Attorney Heather Konyar

- **Ordinance No. 2780**- 2<sup>nd</sup> reading- approving a budget amendment of the City’s Special Revenue Fund Budget and to accept and appropriate donated funds from the Bless Our Children Campaign for the Santa’s Workshop Program

*Ms. Blake moved, Ms. Jackson seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve Ordinance No. 2780 for second reading.*

- **Ordinance No. 2781**- 2<sup>nd</sup> reading- to accept grand funds from the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore in the amount of \$7,500 for the Summer Youth Employment Program

*Ms. Jackson moved, Ms. Gregory seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve Ordinance No. 2781 for second reading.*

- **Ordinance No. 2782**- 2<sup>nd</sup> reading- to accept additional SFY 2023 Homelessness Solutions Program funding in the amount of \$9,574 and to approve a budget amendment to the grant fund to appropriate these funds for the Homeless Services Case Specialist Position

*Ms. Gregory moved, Ms. Jackson seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve Ordinance No. 2781 for second reading.*

- **Ordinance No. 2783**- 1<sup>st</sup> reading- to set Billboard License fee for FY 2023 and thereafter unless and until subsequently revised or changed

*Ms. Jackson moved, Ms. Gregory seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve Ordinance No. 2783 for first reading.*

- **Ordinance No. 2784**- 1<sup>st</sup> reading- authorizing the Mayor to transfer from the General Fund and appropriate funds for the Government Office Building #1 and #2 Project in the General Capital Project Fund

*Ms. Blake moved, Ms. Jackson seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve Ordinance No. 2784 for first reading.*

- **Ordinance No. 2785**- 1<sup>st</sup> reading- amending Sections 17.136.010, 17.136.030 and 17.136.050 of the Salisbury City Code to permit additional residential uses and revise development standards for Harbor Pointe Phase III

*Ms. Jackson moved, Ms. Gregory seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve Ordinance No. 2785 for first reading.*

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

*The following comments were received from one member of the public:*

- *In 1994 the speaker purchased property in Salisbury, has had a dump truck at that location ever since, and has parked it in his driveway for 29 years.*

- The other day he received for the very first time a notice from the City stating that parking of commercial vehicles on residential zoned properties was forbidden.
- He was afraid of vandalism if he parked it somewhere else, as this truck was his livelihood.
- He asked City Council to allow him to park the truck on his property so he could maintain it.

Council discussed the situation and Mr. Kitzrow would look into the Corrective Action Letter and they would discuss this in an upcoming work session. In the meantime, Administration would investigate and contact the speaker, and he could continue parking in the driveway until contacted.

**ADMINISTRATION AND COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Mayor Heath announced the breaker issue was resolved at Anne Street Village and they were on track to open up in early April. He mentioned that blood donations were still needed. March was National Women’s Month and National Disabilities Awareness Month.

Ms. Gregory said the BUAGO art was still on for another weekend on Picnic Island. Also get your booster if you have not already done so.

Vice President Jackson said that March was National Women’s History Month and applauded the women in the audience. She thanked all of the women for the work they did in the City and County. She thanked her colleagues for the wonderful birthday cake last week.


Ms. Blake urged those healthy enough to donate blood, as the region was urgently low. She asked when the Labor Code was coming to Council, and Mayor Heath said it was not quite ready yet. Mr. Kitzrow said it should be ready on April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Ms. Outten announced the Wicomico Womens’ Commission was putting on “Bring Your Own Baby,” which was an opportunity for women to bring their babies to work. If anyone was interested, Camden Farmers Market was opening tomorrow. She discussed her onboarding experience and was excited to be a part of this fantastic team.

President Boda announced it was announced that this Fall the Delmarva Chicken Festival would be back to celebrate 100 years of the chicken industry being on the Eastern Shore. It would be held on October 7, 2023 at the Arthur W. Perdue Stadium. Ryan and Amanda Weaver were returning to Salisbury to head up the We Heart SBY. They have recertified the organization as a non-profit. He thanked Ms. Blake’s intern Monica for being with the City. She was almost done with her Master’s.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, the Legislative Session was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

  
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 City Clerk

  
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