

# CITY OF SALISBURY

#### **CITY COUNCIL AGENDA**

# SEPTEMBER 11, 2023 6:00 p.m.

## Salisbury Headquarters at 115 S. Division Street and Zoom Video Conferencing

Times shown for agenda items are estimates only.

6:00 p.m. CALL TO ORDER

6:01 p.m. WELCOME/PLEDGE

6:03 p.m. INVOCATION- Pastor Greg Carlson, Park Seventh-day Adventist Church

6:04 p.m. MOMENT OF REFLECTION- Mayor John "Jack' R. Heath

Salisbury Fire Headquarters

6:09 p.m. ADOPTION OF LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

6:10 p.m. CONSENT AGENDA- City Clerk Kimberly Nichols

- July 17, 2023 Work Session Minutes
- July 31, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes
- August 7, 2023 Work Session Minutes
- Resolution No. 3282 to approve the appointment of Chelsye Phillips-Hutton to the Zoo Commission for term ending September 2027

6:20 p.m. RESOLUTION- City Administrator Andy Kitzrow

Resolution No. 3283- to establish a Public Art Committee

6:24 p.m. ORDINANCES- City Attorney Ashley Bosché

- Ordinance No. 2820- 2<sup>nd</sup> reading- to approve a budget amendment of the FY24 General Fund Budget to appropriate funds received from the Blue Heron Agility Association of Delaware
- Ordinance No. 2822 2<sup>nd</sup> reading- to convert Calvert Street from US 13 Business North to 300 feet west to one-way westbound traffic only
- Ordinance No. 2823- 2<sup>nd</sup> reading- to approve a budget amendment of the FY2024 General Fund Budget to appropriate additional funds required for legal services
- Ordinance No.2824- 1<sup>st</sup> reading- approving a budget amendment of the FY2024
   General Fund Budget to appropriate funds to the Department of Field Operations
   Budget for increased overtime
- Ordinance No.2825- 1<sup>st</sup> reading- to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract with the Maryland State Arts Council for the purpose of accepting grant funds in the amount of \$17,846 and to approve a budget amendment to the Grant Fund to

- appropriate these funds to be used for eligible expenses associated with a Public Art Fund for the Arts & Entertainment District
- Ordinance No. 2826- 1<sup>st</sup> reading- approving a budget amendment of the FY2024
  General Fund Budget to appropriate additional funds required for a Downtown
  Ambassador Program
- Ordinance No. 2827- 1<sup>st</sup> reading- amending Chapter 5.69 of the Salisbury City Code to include exclusions from the Paper Carryout Bag Fee

6:35 p.m. PUBLIC COMMENTS

6:40 p.m. ADMINISTRATION and COUNCIL COMMENTS

6:45 p.m. ADJOURNMENT

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#### NEXT COUNCIL MEETING - September 25, 2023

- <u>Ordinance No.2824</u>- 2<sup>nd</sup> reading- approving a budget amendment of the FY2024 General Fund Budget to appropriate funds to the Department of Field Operations Budget for increased overtime
- Ordinance No.2825- 2<sup>nd</sup> reading- to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract with the
  Maryland State Arts Council for the purpose of accepting grant funds in the amount of \$17,846
  and to approve a budget amendment to the Grant Fund to appropriate these funds to be used for
  eligible expenses associated with a Public Art Fund for the Arts & Entertainment District
- <u>Ordinance No. 2826</u>- 2<sup>nd</sup> reading- approving a budget amendment of the FY2024 General Fund Budget to appropriate additional funds required for a Downtown Ambassador Program
- Ordinance No. 2827 2<sup>nd</sup> reading- amending Chapter 5.69 of the Salisbury City Code to include exclusions from the Paper Carryout Bag Fee

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4 5	Public Officials Present		
6	Council President Muir Boda Council Vice-President April Jackson Councilmember Michele Gregory	Mayor John R. Heath (via Zoom) Councilmember Angela M. Blake Councilmember Megan Outten	
7 8 9	In Attendance		
10 11 12 13 14	Assistant City Administrator Tom Stevenson, Information Services (IS) Director Bill Garrett, Arts, Business & Culture Department (ABCD) Director Allen Swiger, ABCD Events & Culture Manager Caroline O'Hare, Transportation Manager Will White, Department of Infrastructure and Development (DID) Director Rick Baldwin, City Planner Brian Soper, Fire Chief John Tull, City Clerk Kimberly Nichols, City Attorney Ashley Bosché and interested members of the public		
15 16 17 18 19	On July 17, 2023 the Salisbury City Council con Room 301 in the Government Office Building discussed in Work Session.		
20 21	DIG Grant Acceptance for Anne Street Vil	lage Resident Training	
22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33	IS Director Bill Garrett informed Council that No. 2801 for the fiber internet and WIFI for the was approved twice for two different grants. It additional years of service out of the project at to change the scope of the grant to allow the computer technology and office tech training made with Wor-Wic Community College and for training in all manner of different technologies also receive job services to find better employ opportunities available to the residents of Amemployment options.  Council agreed this was a great opportunity as	he Anne Street Village facility. The grant The larger grant would be used to get and permission was received from the State City to instead use the money to provide for jobs to the residents. An agreement was the residents would be taken to Wor-Wic ogy and office productivity. They would yment. He discussed the training ne Street Village in order to increase their	
35 36	advance the legislation to legislative agenda.		
37 38	Maryland Folk Festival sponsorship		
39 40 41 42 43	Arts, Business & Culture Department Director Manager Caroline O'Hare joined Council. Mr working diligently to prepare for the MD Folk Festival. A significant partnership they Maryland State Arts Council and specifically	c. Swiger indicated ABCD had been k Festival, particularly since the National wanted to maintain was their work with the	

Traditions Area. The City was very fortunate that they were going to continue to support the City with a \$150,000 sponsorship for this year. He requested the City accept the sponsorship and move forward with the legislation. Ms. O'Hare said that the City was rolling out artist announcements for the next three weeks and then would push for their volunteers again. Anyone interested in volunteering could go to MDFolkFest.com and click on volunteer to find out how to help the festival.

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

#### **Budget amendment to purchase portable radios**

Fire Chief John Tull presented the budget ordinance prepared by Finance Director Keith Cordrey. It cancelled a previous appropriation of \$805,000 for the Computer Aided Dispatch Project that was part of the FY24 Bond Proceeds and reallocated \$185,000 in a PayGo account. He said that \$145,000 of the PayGo money would be reallocated for the Fire Department to allow them to continue their purchase of portable radios and the remaining \$40,000 would go back into General Surplus.

President Boda asked if the Computer Aided Dispatch Project was cancelled, and Chief Tull said he thought it was shelved.

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

### **Vision Zero presentation**

Transportation Manager Will White explained that the resolution that established Vision Zero as a City policy required Council receive a report by June 30<sup>th</sup> of each year. The report was submitted but was just now being presented due to scheduling difficulties. He noted Alex McRae was present in the audience. He was a representative from BPAC who was very instrumental in the project. The Vision Zero Action Plan, Year 3 has been attached as part of the minutes.

After presenting the Action Plan, Ms. Outten remarked that the State was seeing an uptick in crashes, and asked for the cause. Mr. White said there were many theories and no one knew for sure, but the most likely explanations was most of it was COVID because people may have become more reckless during COVID or with less congestion people may have been travelling faster. Before COVID people were walking and biking more nationally, and cars were getting heavier. As cars got bigger and heavier they more likely caused more bodily injury.

Ms. Outten said she appreciated the level of work done on this for the past few years. Ms. Blake said the City could never compromise on safety and thought the City was doing a great job. She could not wait for Carroll Street to get its full design so that people could see and understand how it would look. Ms. Jackson said they had to make sure everyone was as safe as possible. There were aggressive drivers who flew through

their communities. Mr. White said that a perfect to Ms. Jackson's corollary was on West Road where DID recently completed the protective bike lane. The project was reprioritized after a fatal crash in 2020 in which an individual was killed by a car crash. If the bike lanes had been installed, the individual would have likely still been alive.

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Ms. Gregory asked about whether the five-point intersection of Truitt and Main would have a circle installed. Mr. White said the feasibility study was almost ready to begin for the roundabout at that location.

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Ms. Outten asked how they were working on communicating this to the community. Mr. White said every project had a specific website and they were looking to push the info out more with a social media campaign that would each more people.

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#### **Administration and Council Comments**

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Mayor Heath congratulated Information Services Director Bill Garrett for the grant. Anne Street Village was not traditional, permanent housing. This would give tools to the residents to get a job quicker and move through to give room to people still homeless. This was a prime example of what the project was supposed to do. He said he appreciated Mr. White's comments. Part of the City's problem was partial projects uncompleted. Under this direction, DID was tasked with not starting new projects until current projects were finished. The goals and priorities of those would be handled in order. He indicated Carroll Street was Number 1 and Waverly was Number 2, or viceversa. They would be completed first and begin other projects in order of priority based on statistics.

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Mr. Kitzrow said that Salisbury was doing what the State and Federal Governments wanted to see happen, and he looked forward to seeing the projects moved forward.

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Mayor Heath also appealed for blood donations, as the area was extremely low. He thanked Field Operations on their hard work during the rain.

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Ms. Outten said that she and Ms. Jackson attended the Community Prayer Vigil Peace Walk at the Wesley Temple United Methodist Church. It was a wonderful experience to see such a strong turnout. We had to keep our kids safe and continue the conversations.

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Ms. Blake asked for bag ban ordinance to be reposted on the City's Facebook page. She was inundated by the public regarding the ten cents and clarified the City was not collecting money and it was not a tax. She asked that the Vision Zero plan be placed on the page as many people asked her about the traffic calming. She requested Bird Scooters be placed on the agenda for discussion and also asked those healthy enough to donate blood and become an organ donor.

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Ms. Jackson said she had a very busy, exciting weekend. Her Senior Citizen Cookout was a success with over 200 seniors attending. The Prayer Vigil last evening was great but the work needed to continue. Resources and programs must be implemented for our

136 families and children. She was starting a program through the Salisbury Advisory 137 Council for Youth Activities- Stand up and Speak out and was looking for a building and 138 donations for field trips for the youth. She was planning a field trip to Killen's Pond. 139 There would be educational trips throughout the year. Anyone wishing to donate towards the cause could call her at 410-726-8478. The land at 617 W Isabella was donated by the 140 141 family of former Council member Gretchen Shockley. She wanted to know if part of that 142 land would be used for a memorial for Ms. Shockley, who was our very first African 143 American on City Council. The City owed her that tribute with a memorial garden and 144 plaque in her honor. She was still waiting to hear from Field Operations. 145 Ms. Gregory announced the Wicomico County Health Department was hosting a food 146 147 pantry drive for July through the Wicomico Partnerships for Families and Children. 148 149 Ms. Jackson said she noticed a lot of the parks were closed in the community. They have 150 become havens for trouble. She asked the County to open them up again. She 151 remembered playground directors were summertime school teachers. She asked the City and County to work together and open up our parks and playgrounds again. 152 153 154 Adjournment / Convene in Closed Session 155 With no further business to discuss, at 5:10 p.m. President Boda called for a motion to 156 157 convene in Closed Session to consult with legal counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal 158 matter and to consult with staff, consultants and other individuals about pending or 159 potential litigation (an annexation) under the authority of the Maryland Open Meetings 160 Law, Annotated Code of Maryland General Provisions Article 3-305(b)(7)(8). 161 162 Ms. Jackson moved, Ms. Outten seconded and the vote was unanimous to convene in Closed Session. The Open Session was immediately closed. 163 164 165 Adjourn Closed Session / Convene in Open Session / Adjournment 166 167 At 5:55 p.m. Ms. Jackson moved to adjourn the Closed Session. Ms. Blake seconded, and the vote was unanimous. 168 169 170 Council convened at 6:00 p.m. in Open Session whereby President Boda reported that 171 Council had met in Closed Session and received annexation updates and obtained legal advice from Counsel on pending or potential litigation. 172 173 174 With no further business to discuss, the Open Session was adjourned. 175 176 City Clerk 177 178 179 Council President 180

CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND		
SPECIAL MEETING	JULY 31, 2023	
<u>PUBLIC OFF</u>	FICIALS PRESENT	
Council President Muir W. Boda Council Vice President April Jackson Councilmember Michele Gregory (Zoom)	Mayor John R. "Jack" Heath Councilmember Angela M. Blake Councilmember Megan Outten	
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Full, Information Services Director Bill Garre Executive Administrative Assistant Jessie Turn Resources (HR) Director Meg Caton, HR Spe Ashley Bosché, City Clerk Kimberly Nichols, a	ner, Media Specialist Jordan Ray, Human cialist- Benefits Melissa Becker, City Attorney	
The City Council convened in a Special Meeting at 6:00 p.m.in Council Chambers of the Government Office Building. President Boda called the meeting to order, and after the recital of the pledge to the flag, called for a moment of silent meditation. He noted that the agenda at the bottom erroneously called for a Work Session, but no work session was scheduled this evening.		
ADOPTION OF LEGISLATIVE AGENDA		
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CONSENT AGENDA- City Clerk Kimberly N	Nichols	
The Consent Agenda, consisting of the followi and seconded by Ms. Jackson and Ms. Gregor	ing items, was unanimously approved on a motion	
• May 1, 2023 Budget Work Session Mir	nutes	
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48 49	• <u>Resolution No. 3266</u> - accepting a sponsorship of one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00) from the Maryland Department of Commerce to operate the Maryland Folk Factives!
50	Folklife Traditions area within the 2023 Maryland Folk Festival
51 52	Ms. Blake moved, Ms. Outten seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve
53	Resolution No. 3266.
54	Resolution IVO. 5200.
55	• Resolution No. 3267- making a Declaration Of Official Intent regarding City of
56	Salisbury's reasonable expectation to reimburse from proceeds of a future borrowing
57	project expenditures made in connection with nine separate projects generally identified
58	as: Apparatus Replacement - Rescue 16; Johnson Pond Dam Improvements; Restore
59	Park Well Field; Restore Paleo Well Field; WWTP Electric Upgrades; Park Well Feld
60	Raw Water Main & Valve RPLC; Glen Avenue Lift Station; WWTP Outfall Inspection
61	and Repairs; and Southside Pump Station Force Main
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63	Ms. Jackson moved, Ms. Gregory seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve
64	Resolution No. 3267.
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66	<u>ORDINANCE</u> - presented by City Attorney Ashley Bosché
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68	• <u>Ordinance No. 2811</u> - 2 <sup>nd</sup> reading- approving a budget amendment of the FY2023
69	forfeited funds fund budget to appropriate funds to purchase a customizable and
70	expandable storage system for the Salisbury Police Department
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7 <del>5</del>	• Ordinance No.2812- 2 <sup>nd</sup> reading- to amend Chapter 2.16 of the Salisbury City Code,
76	entitled "Fire Department", for granting the authority to enforce all laws and ordinances
77	of the City of Salisbury and State of Maryland pertaining to fire, to implement fire safety
78	programs, and to issue permits and licenses to the City Fire Marshal
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80	Ms. Blake moved, Ms. Jackson seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve
81	Ordinance No. 2812 for second reading.
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83	• Ordinance No. 2813- 2nd reading- to amend Chapter 8.11 of the Salisbury City Code,
84	entitled "The Fire Prevention Code", granting the authority to issue permits for the
85	installation, modification, or removal from service of any private fire service water mains
86	and their appurtenances, and prescribing penalties for specific violations
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88	Ms. Gregory moved, Ms. Blake seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve
89	Ordinance No. 2813 for second reading.
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91 92	• <u>Ordinance No. 2815</u> - 1 <sup>st</sup> reading- authorizing the mayor to defund the computer aided dispatch project and to appropriate funds for the purchase of portable radios
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Ms. Jackson moved, Ms. Outten seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve
Ordinance No. 2815 for first reading.

• <u>Ordinance No. 2816</u>- 1<sup>st</sup> reading- to authorize the mayor to enter into a contract with the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) for the purpose of accepting funds from the digital inclusion grant in the amount of \$18,400 for the Anne Street Village Resident Technology Education Project

Ms. Gregory moved, Ms. Outten seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve Ordinance No. 2816 for first reading.

• <u>Ordinance No. 2817</u>- 1<sup>st</sup> reading – to amend the Salisbury City Code to add Chapter 2.25 entitled "Labor Code" in furtherance of Charter Amendment Resolution 2022-4, which authorized collective bargaining for certain employees of the city

Ms. Blake moved, Ms. Jackson seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve Ordinance No. 2817 for first reading.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The following comments were received from five members of the public:

• The speaker lost his business to a fire and moved into the City. He would not charge the ten cents per bag. There were kids on 4-wheelers and motorcycles, and he was run off the road and suffered damage to his truck. He tried calling the City Police but could not reach them. They pulled guns on him at Main and Rt. 13. It was time for the County and City Councils to do something. The same seven street lights have been out on Riverside Drive for over a year. The Citizen Reporter did not work. Over half the lights on Rt. 50 were out. No maintenance was being done on the bike lanes. Fitzwater Street was a mess.

• Speaker said Homes for Hope had a recovery home in Newtown. Eighteen men lived there, paying \$1,000 per week per person. In the home in his neighborhood at 313 Middle Blvd. they were charging \$160 per person per week. It seemed like the number cars were over their limit. His concern was that without regulation the addicts were at extreme risk for exploitation. The manager lied to the neighbors and her credibility was very low. She did not have an occupancy permit before moving them into 223 Middle Boulevard nor was it inspected by the Fire Marshal. He asked the City to look into this and regulate those homes.

• Speaker said that she shared back yards with the Homes for Recovery. There was no fence or privacy in her back yard. It was not safe for the 16 children on the street. The manager told her they did not know whether the residents had records. There had to be regulations in order to help these men. Ms. Outten was the only Council member who returned her call. She could never sell her house now.

• Speaker lived alone and had a couple of break-ins. The City was putting the people in Newtown at risk with an unregulated rehab house which required supervision and background checks. The City should ensure they were properly licensed and inspected.

• Speaker on Zoom asked how the City and young people could help with inflation.

ADMINISTRATION and COUNCIL COMMENTS	
Mr. Kitzrow said he would love to reach out to the speaker and his father about inflation	
bag ban fees would be brought back for discussion. Recovery residences would also be a	
in regards to regulations and certifications. He lived across from the recovery house in	
since its inception. He had a seven and four-year-old who both grew up across the stree	t from
them, and he has never felt safer. The Riverfest was very hot but had a great turnout.	
Mayor Heath recognized Bill Garrett for his work on the technology grant. The services	did not
cost the City a cent. National Night Out would be held on August 1, 2023 from 5:00 pm-	
Drive safely and keep the children safe. There was still a real shortage for blood. Please	-
f you are able. He commended Mr. Kitzrow on hold the City down while he was on vaca	
Ms. Gregory asked for the public to be mindful of children playing outside.	
Ms. Jackson said she attended the prayer vigil and walk on Church Street and was prou	v
Minister Alliance, the community, and officials who were present. She wanted to see mo	
The children needed things to do and places to go during the day. Some of them never go	
anything. The VFW #10159 was holding a free indoor/outdoor event for Unity Day on S	
from 12:00 Noon to 5:00 p.m. Dirt bikes were a big problem and we needed to do somet	hing.
Ms. Blake said she did not receive a phone call from a previous speaker, but asked her t	o reach
out again. They were discussing the situation and working on it as well as the bag ban to	
charge. If healthy enough, please donate blood or plasma. The region was still critically	
Ms. Outten was at Billy Jean Jackson park and Riverfest over the weekend. She encoura	_
public to continue coming out to City Council meetings. School supplies were being acc	epted at
the Newton Community Center until August 5, 2023.	
President Boda mentioned a funeral he attended for Bunky Miller, a lifelong waterman j	from
Tilghman Island whom he knew his entire life. He built many of the workboats on the Ba	
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With no further business to discuss, the Special Meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.	
City Clerk	
Council President	

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<u>Public C</u>	Public Officials Present		
Council President Muir Boda Council Vice-President April Jackson Councilmember Michele Gregory	Mayor John R. Heath Councilmember Angela M. Blake Councilmember Megan Outten		
<u>In A</u>	Attendance		
Chief Dave Meienschein, Department of Infra Baldwin, Zoo Director Chuck Eicholz, Procu Manizade, Housing & Community Developm	aconich, Assistant City Clerk Julie English, City		
On August 7, 2023 the Salisbury City Counce Chambers Room 301 in the Government of the items discussed in Work Session.  Resolution to re-designate the RISE Zo	Office Building. The following is a synopsis of		
Business Development Director Laura So of Commerce designation that allowed que for certain incentives to attract businesses	oper explained the RISE Zone was a Department nalified institutions and governments to account s and jobs. Recently the legislation was apitalize a Rental Assistance Program and an		
The proposed zone encompassed a total o University through Downtown Salisbury.	•		
Council reached unanimous consensus to	advance the resolution to legislative agenda.		
Budget Amendment to complete Naylor	r Mill Raw Water Line Project		
<u>-</u>	e need for a budget amendment in the amount of a of the raw water line for the Naylor Mill		
President Boda noted the Paleo Water Tre City's water supply.	eatment Plant provided about 65 percent of the		
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#### Ordinance to accept grant funds for the Andean Bear Exhibit

DID Director Rick Baldwin requested permission to accept grant funds from the Maryland Department of General Services for the Andean Bear Exhibit. Mr. Kitzrow added the grant was for \$250,000 and would go toward the design of the exhibit. The City also received \$175,000 from Perdue, Inc. for the design.

#### Council discussion on recovery/group homes

The following individuals approached Council for the discussion: City Administrator Andy Kitzrow, HCDD Assistant Director Mike Thomason, City Attorneys Laura Hay and Ashley Bosché.

Mr. Kitzrow began by directing the Council to Chapter 15 of the Code to answer the question of what was allowed in residential neighborhoods. He explained there was an accommodation required to be requested if someone would like to have a recovery residency in a residential neighborhood that is more than two unrelated people. The Housing & Community Development team runs the request through two factors: determining if they were defined as a "functional family" according to the Code and determining if they were requesting "reasonable accommodations". Mr. Kitzrow added there were a couple residences currently going through this process.

Mr. Boda asked about residences that did not meet the definition of "functional family." Mr. Kitzrow explained the outcome would depend whether the situation involved a protected class of individuals. He noted there was case law and regulatory agency around recovery residency.

Ms. Hay also explained the City would have to give an accommodation when it's necessary for the individuals to enjoy equal opportunity to the use and enjoyment of a dwelling. The ADA and Fair Housing Act required an accommodation as long as it was determined to be reasonable and necessary.

Ms. Jackson asked if anything was known about the current homes in question. She also asked if they were following the guidelines and if the City had any awareness of the homes. Mr. Thomason responded his department would have received information on the transfer of the property and to whom. They were working through what the City's limit of accommodation was and if denied what the liability would be.

Ms. Blake wanted to know if the properties in question came to the City and asked for an accommodation, and if the City knew how many people were living in those homes. Mr. Thomason responded the property owners did not ask but there was not a policy in place. He also said the City did not know how many people were living in those homes. Mr. Kitzrow added the City was actively working through what policies and guidelines needed to be in place to address these situations.

 Mr. Boda questioned whether these policies and guidelines should be included into the ordinance. He mentioned if there were violations of a policy, there should be reprocussions to follow. Mr. Kitzrow deferred to the Legal team and stated there still needed to be research done to answer that question.

Ms. Bosché shared the initial focus should be on the current residences in question and then turn the attention to what policies and guidelines needed to be established and how.

Ms. Blake wanted to clarify her understanding that anyone could come into the City and start a recovery home with 15 people living there and they may or may not know to request an accommodation. Mr. Kitzrow explained at that point the home would be in violation of the Zoning Code for over occupancy and at that point they would receive a violation notice.

Ms. Blake then asked if the homes in question had received notice of a violation. Mr. Thomason answered that the owners of the properties in question had not received a violation notice. It was then the responsibility of HCDD to notify them, within the next 10-15 days, of the requirement to request an accommodation and provide the guidelines. They would be given 30 days to apply for the accommodation.

 Ms. Jackson asked if the individuals living in the recovery homes were criminals or had been in trouble with the law. She acknowledged she believed in people having recovery but she also believed in people having safe communities. Mr. Kitzrow explained there were Federal regulations (NARR Standards) for certified recovery homes. The City's current Code did not include specific regulations but instead was based off of zoning. Ms. Hay referenced a similar situation from 2018 involving the Oxford House where a letter was sent requesting specific information associated with the individuals living there. After a court hearing, it was determined the requested information was reasonable and the Oxford House was required to provide it. Ms. Bosché added the City was planning to send a similar letter to the owners of the properties in question. It was noted the owners of the recovery homes had a choice whether or not to be a part of the NARR program and receive additional funding. If they chose to, background checks would be a requirement.

Ms. Blake asked if there were any records of our Fire Department doing any inspections of the homes in question. Mr. Kitzrow responded there is a difference in a recovery residence and a halfway house, and they were regulated differently. Halfway houses required a full fire inspection, where recovery houses would be regulated by the HCDD team. Ms. Blake asked Mr. Thomason if they had done any inspections on those homes yet. Mr. Thomason responded they have not.

Ms. Jackson added she didn't want recovery homes existing everywhere for the safety of the community. She emphasized she supports recovery but we should be mindful of who was coming into our communities.

- 135 Ms. Blake asked how soon an inspection could be done by HCDD of these homes. Mr.
- Thomason responded they should be able to do them within 15 to 30 days.

Mr. Boda requested this topic be put on the next Work Session agenda for further discussion.

Council discussion on the plastic bag ban

City Administrator Andy Kitzrow, Sustainability Specialist Dylan Laconich, and Sustainability Advisory Committee Chair Elise Trelegan introduced themselves. In reference to the new plastic bag ban, Mr. Kitzrow shared his office was getting the most calls regarding the ten cents charge for each paper bag and it centered around restaurants and carry out locations. Mr. Laconich informed Council there had been acceptance of the ordinance across the board. The frustration had less to do with the philosophy behind it and more with the implementation of the new ban and the implications if it were not followed. Mr. Laconich acknowledged the concerns with the ten cents charge and frustrations with how to change their point of service. Finally, he stated the City was ahead of the State as they had not implemented a bag ban. Ms. Trelegan added the Green Team and partners had been doing a lot of communication and community engagement to get bags out to the community. She noted the City of Laurel implemented a bag ban in January 2020 with no 10 cents fee. They had recently implemented the fee since residents had defaulted to using paper bags.

Mayor Heath stated we should address the companies who had always used paper bags and were now being told to charge ten cents per bag. Mr. Laconich explained the intention for charging the flat rate regardless of the type of business was to incentivize people to bring their own reusable bags. He stated if a business had already been using paper bags and the concern was passing the cost onto the resident, there was nothing in the ordinance preventing the business from distributing the cost throughout the rest of their costs. In addition, he mentioned the paper bags could still be sources of litter, not all paper bags are environmentally friendly and some did have harmful chemicals on them. The idea was to have people opt out of using the bags. Mayor Heath responded that businesses who had to adjust their whole automated billing system to incorporate this additional fee was another unintended consequence. He understood the goal but he did not want to discourage businesses from doing business in an environmentally sound way if they were already doing that.

Mr. Boda added a point of contention was the fee was not optional. The businesses were forced to charge the additional ten cents.

Ms. Jackson shared her granddaughter, who worked at a fast food restaurant, was attacked every day by customers as a result of this ban.

Ms. Blake shared an experience where someone was charged incorrectly for the number of bags they received. She believed fast food was in a unique position in that regard and also questioned health and safety concerns with the new regulations.

Mr. Kitzrow noted that some topics of discussion for changes to the legislation could be:

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• Changing "shall" to "may" in section 5.69.020B

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• Creating exclusions for the legislation

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• Removing the charge from the legislation

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Ms. Gregory supported giving businesses the option whether or not to charge the ten cents.

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Mr. Laconich shared there were discussions with HCDD as to what was classified as a paper bag versus packaging. Ms. Trelegan responded getting rid of the fee would move them backwards in what they wished to accomplish with the legislation.

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Ms. Outten agreed with keeping the ten cents fee. Ms. Jackson disagreed. Ms. Outten explained that the legislation was to help reduce trash. The purpose of the fee was to prevent the cycle of paper to plastic back to paper. Ms. Trelegan believed there was room for compromise, especially in the area of carry out, delivery, and drive thru.

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In response, Ms. Gregory expressed concern over the logistical aspects of it where one business would be favored over another. She felt giving businesses the option to charge the fee was best.

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Mr. Kitzrow stated some industries were required to provide a bag for health and sanitary reasons. Those businesses could be exempt.

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Ms. Blake felt the list had already been started with the exemptions listed in the legislation. She was in favor of changing "shall" to "may".

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210 Ms. Outten would like to keep the legislation as is.

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Ms. Trelegan recommended holding off and doing a six month check in. Ms. Blake was not in favor of waiting since constituents were already upset.

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Mr. Boda added that businesses could reduce the cost of their goods by ten cents in order to charge that amount for a bag, but they were not allowed to advertise that. He addressed the issue of certain products requiring their own bag; for example, certain medications.

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Mr. Kitzrow summarized that there were categories of food: drive thru, fast food pickup, take out and take out delivery.

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In closing, the legal department would work with HCDD to draft changes to the legislation and bring it back to council.

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**Council discussion on bird scooters** 

228 Ms. Blake shared her constituents had complained that the scooters were left places that 229 inconvenienced them. She asked what the benefit was for them and what the City made 230 from them. She also mentioned DC had docking stations for their scooters and would 231 like Salisbury to have something like that to keep them from being left everywhere.

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236 237 Mr. Kitzrow informed Council there was an option to have "nests" the scooters could be returned to for penalty or profit. The disadvantage of them would be they may not be located near the destination. He did feel a campaign on the scooters would be beneficial. In addition, if we felt the scooters were not getting rebalanced quick enough, that was something that could be addressed with the provider. Council would need to determine what the goal was for the discussion.

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Mayor Heath shared he, too, got frustrated with seeing the scooters laying on their sides in a crosswalk or in a driveway. He was still concerned with the young kids who ride the scooters. He would like to look at the financial aspect of the scooters to see if they made sense. Initially the plan was for the college students to get around but they weren't allowed to use them on campus.

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Ms. Outten questioned the reason behind the students not being allowed to ride the scooters on campus. Mr. Kitzrow responded that, in the initial conversation, the decision was made at a higher level not to allow them on any campuses.

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# **Administration and Council Comments**

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Mr. Kitzrow applauded Council for how well they worked with Administration and were able to discuss difficult topics. He was proud of their behavior and relationships. Local governments should be able to function that way.

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256 Mayor Heath attended Unity Day and enjoyed the car show, people and food. He asked anyone capable to please give blood. 257

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Ms. Outten spent the weekend with family. She thanked everyone who came out to the meeting and encouraged them to continue to come out. She highlighted the Friday Night Live event that was coming up.

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Ms. Blake reminded Mr. Kitzrow about the Dan Quinn for the Win statue. She pleaded for those healthy enough to give blood to do so. One pint of blood saved about three lives.

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267 Ms. Jackson thanked members of the VFW 10159 and their Auxiliary, VFW state and 268 local officials, members of SACYA and We Here car club, Acting Mayor Jack Heath, Councilwoman Blake and Michele Gregory, and all the information persons and vendors 269 that attended Unity Day/Day in the Streets. It was a great day to come together in unity. 270 271 She gave deepest condolensees from the City to the family of Keith Chaney who was murdered at Pemberton on Monday. She spoke of the value of our kids and her concern

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for keeping kids safe in the community. She shared she would be taking kids to Killan's Pond and looked forward to the opportunity to talk with them. Lastly, she shared Friday would be Dre Day. She encouraged everyone to participate in that event at Washington High School.

Ms. Gregory thanked Ms. Jackson for her efforts in making Unity Day a success. She acknowledged the new semi-pro soccer team coming to Salisbury, the Salisbury Steaks. She encouraged everyone to support them. First game was September 9<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Boda shared he worked all weekend.

#### Adjournment / Convene in Closed Session

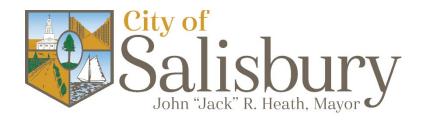
With no further business to discuss, President Boda adjourned the Work Session at 6:11 p.m. and Council immediately convened in the scheduled Closed Session. President Muir Boda called for a vote to convene in Closed Session under the authority of the Maryland Open Meetings Law, Annotated Code of Maryland General Provisions Article § 3-305(b)(14) to discuss a utility easement agreement involving a cell phone tower. The reason for closing the session was due to expressed confidentiality of current and proposed vendor agreements as protected from disclosure under the Maryland Public Information Act of which public discussion at this juncture would adversely impact the ability of the City to participate in the proposal process. Ms. Blake moved, Ms. Jackson seconded, and the vote was 5-0 to convene in Closed Session.

#### Motion to Adjourn Closed Session

 At 6:35 p.m. the Closed Session was adjourned upon a motion and seconded by Ms. Jackson and Ms. Gregory, respectively, and approved by unanimous vote in favor. Council convened in Open Session at 6:36 p.m. and President Boda reported to the public that Council met in Closed Session in accordance with the Annotated Code of Maryland § 3-305(b)(14) to discuss a utility easement agreement involving a cell phone tower. The reason for closing was due to expressed confidentiality of current and proposed vendor agreements as protected from disclosure under the Maryland Public Information Act of which public discussion at this juncture would adversely impact the ability of the City to participate in the proposal process.

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Council President



To: Jack Heath, Mayor

From: Jessie Turner, Administrative Assistant

Subject: Appointment to the Zoo Commission

Date: September 8, 2023

The following person has applied for appointment to the Zoo Commission for the term ending as indicated:

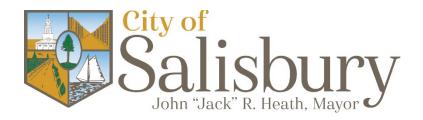
Name Term Ending

Chelsye Phillips-Hutton September 2027

Attached is the applicant's information and the resolution necessary for this appointment. If this appointment is approved, it will be placed on the next City Council agenda for review.

Attachments

RESOLUTION NO. 3282		
	• •	City of Salisbury, Maryland that the following mission for the term ending as indicated.
	Name	Town Ending
	Chelsye Phillips-Hutton	<u>Term Ending</u> September 2027
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TH	HE ABOVE RESOLUTION w	as introduced and duly passed at a meeting of the
		nd held on September , 2023.
ATTEST:		
Kimberly CITY CL	R. Nichols ERK	April R. Jackson PRESIDENT, City Council
APPROV	ED BY ME THIS	
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John R. H	eath, Acting Mayor	



To: City Council

From: Laura Soper, Director of Business Development

**Subject:** Public Art Masterplan and Public Art Committee Creation

**Date:** 8/28/23

In March 2022, the City and Salisbury Arts & Entertainment District enlisted the help of public art planning consultant, Todd Bressi, with creating the City's Public Art Masterplan. The plan explains Salisbury's vision for how public art can impact the city, identify opportunities for projects the city can undertake on its own, and outlines approaches to collaborating on projects with the city's creative and business communities. Through various community conversations, open mics, surveys, and outreach opportunities, Mr. Bressi has helped Salisbury answer three basic questions:

- Big Picture: Why is public art important to Salisbury? What impact can it have on the city?
- Big Moves: What are the best opportunities for new projects that will fulfill the city's vision?
- Toolkit: What tools will the city need funding, project management, guidelines, partnerships to make these projects happen?

A part of Mr. Bressi's planning document also calls for the creation of a City of Salisbury Public Art Committee. The creation of the Public Art Committee formalizes the process by which the City receives proposals for both City projects and community-initiated projects. The Public Art Committee reviews, prioritizes, and recommends proposals for public art from city agencies and the community.

#### Resolution No. 3283

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY TO

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ESTABLISH A PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE. WHEREAS, Public Art has been an increasingly visible part of Salisbury's life for more

than twenty years – from thematic sculptures and colorfully painted utility boxes downtown; to murals downtown, in neighborhoods, and along major arteries; to monumental sculptures in a gateway roundabout; and a new downtown square; and

WHEREAS, these projects have been a community effort. They have been initiated by many of its non-profit organizations, institutions, businesses, communities, local leaders, and the City itself. Many projects have been completed by Artists from Salisbury or the Eastern Shore; and

WHEREAS, these Projects are a testament to the remarkable pride, energy, and creative resources one can find in Salisbury. The City's creative life includes a vigorous program of monthly "3rd Friday" art walks and related events; the fine arts program at Salisbury University, with faculty, students, visiting artists, and galleries both on its campus and downtown; and a variety of creative entrepreneurs in visual arts, design, community arts, and digital arts; and

WHEREAS, as a result of increased community interest, resources, and an expanded palette of opportunity – the City determined that it should develop a strategy for Public Art and launched a Public Art master plan to learn what kinds of Public Art people would like to see in Salisbury, to take stock of the City's Public Art opportunities, to prioritize said opportunities, to identify sustainable funding for Public Art, to establish policies and procedures that provide for an equitable use of City resources that catalyze private sector and community resources, and to provide a framework, based on best practices, for implementing and maintaining Public Art Projects; and

WHEREAS, the Public Art Masterplan was completed in September 2023, lays out the footprint to achieve these goals, and identifies development processes, planning tools, community insights, and key roles and responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the Public Art Masterplan identifies the need for a citywide Public Art Committee to provide a community voice that advises on Public Art priorities and Projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Salisbury City Council that the City Public Art Committee be hereby established, with its current membership, as follows:

### 1. Establishment and Purpose

There is hereby established the City Public Art Committee ("Committee"). The purposes of the Committee are to:

47 48		Public Art Projects within City Limits;
49		b) To provide a forum for the public to express its views related to Public Art, and
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52		c) To promote cooperation among and to support the interests of public and private
53		organizations, agencies, and local residents for the benefit of the city's Public Art
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56		d) Increase community awareness of the city Public Art assets;
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58		e) Make recommendations about Donations of Artwork to the city and installation of
59		temporary Public Art on City property;
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61		f) Advise and assist City staff members in applying for grant funding for projects
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64		g) Be a resource to and interact with the City of Salisbury Director of ABCD and
65		TAG about all matters related to Public Art, including annual workplans and
66		budgets, Project plans and budgets, Artist selections and Artist concept approvals;
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69		h) Act as an advisory resource for City planning processes, such as area plans,
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75		The authority of the Committee shall be to provide advice and make recommendations to
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Public Art Projects within City Limits;

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a) Provide advice to the Technical Advisory Group ("TAG") on the prioritization of

• Has received awards or other forms of recognition from arts juries, arts grant panels, and similar entities for his/her/their artistic abilities or accomplishments.

Environmental design professionals, such as architects or landscape architects, can be considered artists if they otherwise meet the criteria in this definition.

- b) "Artwork" shall mean a work that is created under the direction of an artist or artists to be beautiful or express an important idea or feeling, produced in any form or media, of permanent or temporary duration, and existing in a single copy or limited edition.
- c) "Commemorative Artwork" shall mean an Artwork whose purpose is to commemorate an individual, organization, event or topic.
- d) "Donation" shall mean an Artwork that is given to the City as a gift and accepted through the City's formal donations procedure.
- e) "Public Art" shall mean an original site-specific Artwork in any media, existing in a single copy or in a limited edition, produced by an artist or by a team of artists, and conceived and executed with the intention of being staged in the physical public domain, usually outside and accessible to all. Public Art shall not include matters involving commercial and residential real estate development, including architecture.
- f) "Arts, Business and Commerce Department" or "ABCD" shall mean the lead City agency for Public Art, as part of its broader mission to make Salisbury a place where arts, business, and culture intersect and flourish.
- g) "Project" shall mean a formal proposal for Artwork meant to be Public Art which is either submitted by the City, a party with a request for public funding, or a party with a request to utilize public property, where the following details are known regarding the Artwork: its location; its budget and funding sources; the timeline for completion; the artist selection process and community engagement process; and a list of internal and external stakeholders.

#### 4. Recommendations

a) Projects: Following review by ABCD and TAG of City proposed Projects, Project applications seeking public funding, and Project applications seeking to utilize public property for or related to Public Art, the Committee shall schedule at least one meeting for review of all proposals which ABCD and TAG completed their review of. The Committee shall review those Projects requesting public funding to enable their potential inclusion into the annual Public Art workplan. The Committee shall provide reasonable notice to the public of the time, place, and

138 139 140 consider, at a minimum, the following criteria: 141 142 143 144 community; 145 146 147 contributions, or sponsorships; 148 149 150 151 152 153 Shore: 154 ix. Whether the artist meets the definition of "Artist"; 155 156 157 158 159 160 161 162 163 164 165 166 167 168

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agenda of such meeting(s) and shall provide the opportunity for the public to express its opinion on proposals. In reviewing any proposal, the Committee shall

- i. Whether the Project advances or aligns with any City plans or policies;
- ii. Whether the Project addresses a priority that has been vocalized by the
- iii. Whether the Project has any unique attributes that reinforce Salisbury's image as the cultural hub of the Eastern Shore;
- iv. Whether the Project leverage additional resources, such as grants,
- v. Whether the Project is highly visible to the public at large;
- vi. Whether the Project provides access to Public Art for a group of people who might not otherwise experience Public Art;
- vii. Whether the Project involves Artists from Salisbury or the Eastern
- viii. Whether the Project meets the definition of "Public Art";
- x. Whether a Donation or a Commemorative Artwork includes logos, text, names, or colors reflective of or proprietary to any entity that commissions, funds, or provides a location for the Project and whether any necessary permissions have been obtained;
- xi. Whether the Project is compatible in scale, material, form, and content with the proposed location, and compatible with existing approved community or area plans, especially public realm strategies. Consideration should also be given to the architectural, historical, geographical and social/cultural context of the site or community, as well as the way people may interact with the Artwork(s);
- xii. Whether a Donation or a Commemorative Artwork has cultural significance to the general public, not just one individual or an interest group. The subject will be commemorated only if it is generally accepted that its long-term impact has uniquely shaped Salisbury's
- xiii. The ease of public access to the location of the Artwork, particularly for underserved communities; and
- xiv. The distribution of the locations of Public Art throughout the City, particularly to underserved communities.

The above list is not meant to be exhaustive, and the Committee may consider any other factors it may deem relevant and weigh them accordingly. Following a review and public meeting concerning Public Art Projects, the Committee shall provides its advice and recommendations to TAG and the Director of ABCD. Within thirty (30) days of a meeting on a Project, the Committee shall report, in writing (either on paper or electronically), its advice and recommendations to TAG and the Director of ABCD on a particular project. In making recommendations, the Committee shall take into consideration the estimated or potential costs and benefits of any recommended changes or policies.

b) Non-Projects: In fulfilling its other functions listed above, other than those related to Projects, the Committee shall, following a public hearing with reasonable notice given to the public, report, in writing (either on paper or electronically), its advice and recommendations to TAG and the Director of ABCD. In making recommendations, the Committee shall take into consideration the estimated or potential costs and benefits of any recommended changes or policies.

### 5. Membership

The Committee shall be governed by a board of seven (7) members serving three (3) year terms. However, of the initial seven (7) members one (1) shall serve a one (1) year term and three (3) shall serve a two (2) year term. The Mayor, with the advice and consent of the City Council, shall appoint the Committee's members. The membership of the Committee should reflect, as much as possible, the diversity of the community. A minimum of four (4) of the members of the Committee shall be working artists, arts professionals, and/or design professionals. The other members of the Committee shall be drawn from Salisbury's civic, community, non-profit, and/or business leadership.

Members shall attend a majority of the Committee meetings. Excessive absences could subject a member to removal by a majority vote of the Committee. Members of the Committee shall be subject to all public ethics laws.

#### 6. Holding Over and Reappointment

Upon the expiration of their terms, members of the Committee may be reappointed. Members shall continue to serve until they are reappointed and confirmed or their replacements are appointed and confirmed.

#### 7. Council Liaison

The City Council may designate one of its members to be its liaison to the Committee, and the liaison shall be invited to attend all committee meetings and. The liaison may not hold an Officer position or be entitled to a vote.

#### 8. Officers

The membership shall elect, by majority vote, a chair, vice-chair, and secretary from among its membership to serve for a term of one year. The election shall be at the last meeting of each calendar year and take effect the coming calendar year.

The Chair, selected by the Committee, shall head the Committee's affairs. The Chair shall prepare an agenda and will preside over all Committee meetings. The Chair may assign duties to other officers from time to time.

The Vice-Chair, selected by the Committee, shall preside over meetings in the absence of the Chair, and shall perform such other duties as the Chair shall direct.

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The Secretary, selected by the Committee, shall record minutes of all meetings, keep an up-to-date roll of members, record member attendance, issue notices of all meetings, and perform other such duties, as the Chair shall direct. The Secretary shall ensure the City Clerk's office receives a copy of all Committee records. The Secretary shall preside over meetings in the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair.

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#### 9. Staff Support

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The Committee shall receive staff support from the City of Salisbury ABCD. Staff support shall not be a voting member of the Committee.

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# 10. Meetings

The Committee shall meet regularly and at a minimum, bi-annually, at times and places to be determined by the Committee, and shall hold additional regular meetings as it deems necessary to perform its functions, not to exceed once per month. The Committee shall also attend special meetings when called by the Chair. The meetings of the Committee shall be open to the public and be advertised in accordance with the Maryland Open Meetings Act, as amended from time to time.

Committee members may participate in meetings via any appropriate and available electronic means, such as telephone or video conference, provided that no more than one Committee member is exercising this option at one meeting and the member has unusual circumstances preventing their physical attendance.

Robert's Rules of Order shall govern all meetings, except insofar as such rules are inconsistent with this Resolution.

# 11. Minutes

Minutes shall be taken at all regular and special meetings of the Committee, which shall consist of a record summarizing all motions, proposals, resolutions, and any other matters formally voted upon, and the vote thereon.

#### 12. Quorum

A majority of the members currently appointed to the Committee, excluding the City Council Liaison, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and a majority of those present shall decide any question.

### 13. Compensation

The members of the Committee shall serve voluntarily and shall not receive compensation for their services on the Committee.

THE ABOVE RESOLUTION was introduced, read and duly passed at a meeting of the Council of the City of Salisbury held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023, and is to become

ATTEST	:	
Kimberly	R. Nichols, City Clerk	April R. Jackson, City Council President
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	d by me, thisday of	, 2023.
	ck" R. Heath, Acting Mayor	

1	ORDINANCE NO. 2820
2 3 4 5 6	AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY TO APPROVE A BUDGET AMENDMENT OF THE FY24 GENERAL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE BLUE HERON AGILITY ASSOCIATION OF DELAWARE.
7 8 9	<b>WHEREAS</b> , the Blue Heron Agility Association of Delaware wishes to donate \$4,000.00 to the Salisbury Police Department to be used for the purchase of police K-9 bullet proof vests; and
11 12 13	<b>WHEREAS</b> , this donation will provide a direct benefit to the Salisbury Police Department K-9 program and, accordingly, the Salisbury Police Department desires to accept this donation; and
14 15	WHEREAS, § 7-29 of the Salisbury City Charter prohibits the City from entering into an agreement that requires an expenditure not appropriated or authorized by the Council of the City of Salisbury; and
16 17	<b>WHEREAS</b> , appropriations necessary to execute the purpose of this donation must be made upon the recommendation of the Mayor and the approval of four-fifths of the Council of the City of Salisbury.
18 19 20 21	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND, as follows:
22 23	Section 1. The City of Salisbury's Fiscal Year 2024 General Fund Budget be and hereby is amended as follows:
24 25	(a) Increase General Fund Revenue, Donations Other, Acct. No. 01000-456415, by \$4,000.00; and
26 27	<b>(b)</b> Increase Police Department, Animal Supplies, Acct. No. 21021-546010, by \$4,000.00.
28 29	BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND, as follows:
30 31	Section 2. It is the intention of the Mayor and Council of the City of Salisbury that each provision of this Ordinance shall be deemed independent of all other provisions herein.
32 33 34 35 36	<u>Section 3</u> . It is further the intention of the Mayor and Council of the City of Salisbury that if any section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable under applicable Maryland or federal law, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision so adjudged and all other provisions of this Ordinance shall remain and shall be deemed valid and enforceable.
37 38	<u>Section 4</u> . The recitals set forth hereinabove are incorporated into this section of the Ordinance as if such recitals were specifically set forth at length in this Section 4.
39 40 41 42 43 44 45	Section 5. This Ordinance shall take effect from and after the date of its final passage.  THIS ORDINANCE was introduced and read at a Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Salisbury held on the day of, 2023 and thereafter, a statement of the substance of the Ordinance having been published as required by law, in the meantime, was finally passed by the Council of the City of Salisbury on the day of, 2023.

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Kimberly R. Nichols, City Clerk	April R. Jackson, City Council President
Approved by me, thisday of	, 2023.
John R. Heath, Acting Mayor	
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1	ORDINANCE NO. 2822
2 3 4	AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND TO CONVERT CALVERT STREET FROM US 13 BUSINESS NORTH TO 300 FEET WEST TO ONE WAY WESTBOUND TRAFFIC ONLY.
5 6	WHEREAS, the Salisbury Charter, SC11-2, gives the City charge of all public ways in the City; and
7 8	WHEREAS, Calvert Street intersects US 13 Business where access is currently limited to right-in/right-out only; and
9 10	WHEREAS, automobile accidents persist at that intersection due to eastbound traffic attempting illegal left-hand turns; and
11 12 13 14	<b>WHEREAS</b> , the conversion to one way traffic on Calvert Street from US 13 to 300 feet west of the intersection with US 13 Business will increase safety by eliminating a common cause of automobile accidents in the area, improve operations at the intersection and allow the City to convert underutilized space to new on-street parking; and
15 16	<b>WHEREAS</b> , the State's Attorney Office will require access to its back driveway 55 feet from Poplar Hill Ave; and
17	WHEREAS, the City will place signage and markings to delineate such changes.
18 19	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND, as follows:
20 21	<u>Section 1</u> : For the purposes and reasons hereinabove set forth, Calvert Street shall be converted to one-way traffic from US 13 to 300 feet west from the intersection with US 13 Business.
22 23	BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND, as follows:
24 25	<u>Section 2</u> . It is the intention of the Mayor and Council of the City of Salisbury that each provision of this Ordinance shall be deemed independent of all other provisions herein.
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#### **ORDINANCE NO. 2823**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY APPROVING A BUDGET AMENDMENT OF THE FY2024 GENERAL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS REQUIRED FOR LEGAL SERVICES.

WHEREAS, the City of Salisbury is requiring services of a special counsel for labor training and negotiations; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Salisbury has determined an additional \$50,000 will be required for these services; and

**WHEREAS**, the appropriations necessary to execute the appropriation of \$50,000 as provided hereinabove, must be made upon the recommendation of the Mayor and the approval of four-fifths of the Council of the City of Salisbury.

# NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND, as follows:

<u>Section 1</u>. Acting Mayor John R. Heath is hereby authorized to appropriate funds for special counsel services in the amount of \$50,000.

# BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND, as follows:

Section 2. The City of Salisbury's FY24 General Fund Budget be and hereby is amended as follows:

Increase	Account			
(decrease)	Type	Account	Description	Amount
Increase	Revenue	01000-469810	Current Year Surplus	\$50,000
Increase	Expenditure	17000-513302	Other City Attorney	\$50,000

# BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND, as follows:

<u>Section 3</u>. It is the intention of the Mayor and Council of the City of Salisbury that each provision of this Ordinance shall be deemed independent of all other provisions herein.

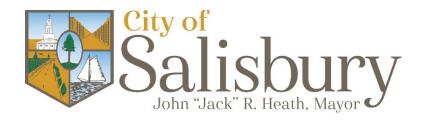
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<u>Section 5</u>. The recitals set forth hereinabove are incorporated into this section of the Ordinance as if such recitals were specifically set forth at length in this Section 5.

**Section 6.** This Ordinance shall take effect from and after the date of its final passage.

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To: Andrew Kitzrow, City Administrator

From: Samuel Ireland, Deputy Director of Field Operations

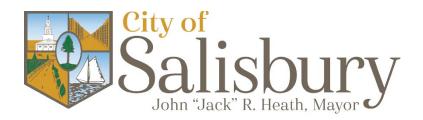
Subject: Budget Amendment

Date: September 4, 2023

In recent months the combination of an expanded residential footprint of the City of Salisbury as well as both regular and unexpected maintenance of vehicles within the Sanitation Division's fleet has caused the Division's overtime budget to become depleted. The Fleet requires constant upkeep because the majority of the vehicles operating within the Sanitation Division have surpassed their projected lifespans meaning this will be a continuous occurrence until new sanitation vehicles arrive. While **two** side loading sanitation vehicles and **a single** rear loading sanitation vehicle are anticipated to be delivered in February of 2024 (earliest projected delivery date) the use of overtime funds is not projected to last through December. Based upon the comparison of overtime funds used in years prior and calculations of remaining pay periods multiplied by the average amount of overtime funds used to date (August 16, 2023) this fiscal year, the Sanitation Division will require \$57,000 to be distributed amongst solid waste collection, recycling, and street sweeping overtime budgets to prevent an interruption in service.

1	ORDINANCE NO. 2824				
2 3 4 5 6 7	AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY APPROVING A BUDGET AMENDMENT OF THE FY2024 GENERAL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FIELD OPERATIONS BUDGET FOR INCREASED OVERTIME.				
8 9	WHEREAS, solid waste collection and disposal in the City is of vital importance; and				
10 11 12	<b>WHEREAS</b> , the Sanitation Division's refuse pickup footprint has expanded considerably in recent years due to expansive residential development; and				
13 14 15	<b>WHEREAS</b> , the majority of the Sanitation Division's vehicles continue to function beyond their expected life cycles causing a need for both regular and unexpected maintenance; and				
16 17 18	WHEREAS, the Sanitation Division within the Department of Field Operations is experiencing a significant increase in the use of overtime that surpasses the current budget configurations; and				
19 20 21	<b>WHEREAS</b> , the budget amendment as provided herein must be made upon the recommendation of the Mayor and the approval of four-fifths of the Council of the City of Salisbury.				
22 23 24	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND, as follows:				
25 26	$\underline{\textbf{Section 1}}.$ The City of Salisbury's Fiscal Year 2024 General Fund Budget be and is hereby amended as follows:				
27	(a) Increase the Current Year Surplus Account (01000-469810) by				
28 29 30 31	\$57,000.00  (b) Increase the Sanitation Division's Overtime Account (32061-501021) by \$57,000.00				
32 33 34	BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND, as follows:				
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66	John R. Heath, Acting Mayor	



**To:** City Council

From: Laura Soper, Director of Business Development

**Subject:** Main Street Improvement Grant

**Date:** 8/22/23

Attached is an Ordinance to accept funding from the Maryland State Arts Council (MSAC), Arts and Entertainment Operating Grant. The purpose of the Arts and Entertainment Operating Grant is to enable eligible designated Arts & Entertainment Districts to obtain operating support through the designation.

This funding, in the amount of \$17,846, will be utilized to create a public art fund that can be used to help support public art projects in the designated Arts & Entertainment District area. Artists would submit a detailed RFP and proposal to the City of Salisbury Arts, Business, and Culture Department, and funds would be appropriated on a competitive basis, in keeping with the City's Public Art Masterplan.

Included is the proposed Grant Agreement, which includes the proposed budget and uses.



August 22, 2023
Arts and Entertainment Operating Grant - Off-Year
2024-23791

## MARYLAND STATE ARTS COUNCIL GRANT AGREEMENT

THIS GRANT AGREEMENT (this "Agreement") is made by and between the Maryland State Arts Council ("MSAC"), a unit of the Department of Commerce (the "Department"), a principal department of the State of Maryland ("State") and [City of Salisbury, MD] ("Grantee") whose Federal Identification Number (FID) or Social Security Number (SSN) is 52-6000806.

#### **RECITALS**

Grantee has requested grant assistance from MSAC in order to undertake activities consistent with Title 4, Subtitle 5 of the Economic Development Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, which authorizes MSAC to make grants to organizations and individual artists in order to create a nurturing climate for the arts in the State and to ensure that the role of the arts in the lives of citizens of the State shall continue to grow and play a significant part in their welfare and educational experience.

The General Assembly of Maryland has authorized the grant assistance through an appropriation in the annual state budget.

MSAC is also authorized to use certain funds received by various federal entities to help fund its grant assistance programs. All, some, or none of the funds disbursed through this Agreement may be from such federal funding. In the event that some of the funds disbursed through this Agreement contain federal funding, MSAC will make the Grantee aware and Grantee acknowledges and agrees that it may be required to adhere to certain rules, regulations, and/or guidelines imposed by the federal entity providing the federal funding.

MSAC has approved the award of grant funds to the Grantee, to be expended by Grantee in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

IN CONSIDERATION of the foregoing and the mutual promises and covenants contained in this Agreement, MSAC and the Grantee agree as follows:

1. **Grant**. Subject to the continuing availability of funds, as determined by MSAC in its sole discretion, MSAC agrees to provide Grantee with funds in an amount not to exceed [\$17,846.00] (the "Grant Funds").

- 2. **Application**. Grantee's application for grant assistance (the "Application") is available to grantee in Smart Simple where Grantee submitted the application. Grantee can view the application by logging into Smart Simple (marylandarts.smartsimple.com) with their login and password. Grantee warrants and certifies that all of the information and representations contained in the Application are and remain true and complete in all material respects. **The Application is incorporated herein as Exhibit A.**
- 3. **Grant Guidelines**. Grantee acknowledges receipt of the FY 2024 Grant Guidelines and Information available on the MSAC website <a href="http://www.msac.org">http://www.msac.org</a> under the appropriate grant type, incorporated herein by reference, and agrees to abide by its terms and conditions.
- 4. **Use of Grant Funds:** Grantee will use Grant Funds in accordance with the activities described in Exhibit A (Grantee's Application) and in accordance with all applicable guidelines set forth in Provision 3 above.
- 5. Grantee shall not use any Grant Funds to make contributions:
- (a) to any persons who hold, or are candidates for, elected office;
- (b) to any political party, organization, or action committee;
- (c) in connection with any political campaign or referendum; or
- (d) for lobbying activities.

### 6. Term of Agreement.

This Agreement is effective upon execution by MSAC. Unless sooner terminated pursuant to Section 18 or 19 of this Agreement or by the mutual consent of Grantee and MSAC, this Agreement shall remain in effect until the final amounts of the Grant have been disbursed, all reports and records due by the Grantee have been received by MSAC, and there has been a final settlement and conclusion between MSAC and Grantee of all issues arising out of the Grant. It is anticipated and agreed that all reports and records due by Grantee shall be delivered to MSAC no later than the final report due date as communicated to the grantee in grant guidelines, if not sooner as provided otherwise herein or in any exhibit attached and incorporated herein, and that the final settlement and conclusion between MSAC and Grantee shall be no later than the final report due date. Failure by the Grantee to deliver all reports and records by the final report due date and failure by Grantee to provide MSAC with all necessary documents and information to reach final settlement and conclusion by the final report due date shall constitute a material breach by the Grantee of this Agreement.

### 7. Disbursement.

- (a) (i) Except for Grantees notified pursuant to paragraph (ii) below, Grants for Organizations grants and Community Arts Development grants, up to seventy five percent (75%) of the Grant shall be disbursed to Grantee upon full execution of the Agreement, provided that Grantee has submitted all reports and documentation for prior year grant(s) required by MSAC, if applicable. The remaining Grant funds shall be disbursed to Grantee after Grantee has met grant report requirements, such as submitting a satisfactory interim report.
- (ii) For Grantees notified by MSAC, payment will occur in four payments of 25% based on the review of additional required documentation (quarterly fiscal actuals v. projections; quarterly updated financial recovery plan) by the MSAC Program Director, MSAC Grants Director, MSAC Executive Director, Assistant Secretary of Commerce and/or Secretary of Commerce. Payment release is based on the approval of the quarterly submission review.

- (b) For Arts in Education grants, Independent Artist Awards, Maryland Touring grants, Maryland Traditions grants, Public Art Across Maryland grants, Creativity grants, Professional Development grants, Grants for Artists, Special Request grants, and other grants to organizations and independent artists, up to 100% of the Grant shall be disbursed to Grantee upon full execution of the Agreement, provided that Grantee has submitted all reports and documentation for prior year grant(s) required by MSAC, if applicable.
- (c) MSAC reserves the right, at its sole and absolute discretion, to withhold any disbursement of Grant Funds if MSAC reasonably believes that the Grantee is incapable of using the Grant Funds as provided for under this Agreement or that the Grantee is reasonably likely to become incapable of using the Grant Funds as provided for under this Agreement. In the event MSAC elects to withhold Grant Funds, Grantee shall not be entitled to receive the withheld Grant Funds until Grantee provides MSAC, at MSAC's sole and absolute discretion, all necessary and required assurances and affirmations, including any documentation required by MSAC, that Grantee will be able to use the Grant Funds in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement. If Grantee does not provide or is otherwise incapable of providing the necessary and required assurances and affirmations, MSAC may elect to terminate this Agreement as provided for under Provision 19 below. Nothing in this provision shall act in any way to relieve the Grantee from any damages or losses caused by Grantee's incapability to use the Grant Funds as provided for under this Agreement, and Grantee shall remain fully liable for any such damages and losses caused by its incapability to use the Grant Funds as provided for in this Agreement.

#### 8. Indirect Costs.

- (a) If Grantee is a nonprofit entity under Section 501(c)(3), (4) or (6) of the Internal Revenue Code, Grant Funds may be applied to indirect costs in accordance with § 2-208 of the State Finance and Procurement Article, Annotated Code of Maryland.
- (b) If Grantee opts to apply Grant Funds to indirect costs:
- (i) the total amount of Grant Funds provided under this Grant Agreement will not be increased;
- (ii) the costs to be paid with Grant Funds under this Agreement as described in Exhibit A of this Agreement will be reduced on a pro rata basis to reflect that certain indirect costs have been paid with Grant Funds; and
- (iii) Grantee shall report any Grant Funds applied to indirect costs in funding requests and financial reports submitted to Commerce and shall provide the basis and documentation for the calculation of indirect costs in compliance with subsection (a) of this section.
- 9. **Inspection of Records.** Grantee shall allow any duly authorized representative of MSAC, the Department, or the State to inspect and audit, at reasonable times, all records and documents of Grantee relating to this Grant, which records shall be retained by Grantee for at least three (3) years after the termination of this Agreement.
- 10. **Acknowledgement.** Grantee shall acknowledge MSAC funding in all programs and promotional materials relating to the funded activities in the manner set forth in the Grant Recognition Guidelines, which can be viewed on the MSAC website, <a href="https://msac.org/resources/recognizing-msac-grants">https://msac.org/resources/recognizing-msac-grants</a>, incorporat ed herein by reference.
- 11. **Reports.** Grantee shall provide MSAC with reports or information in a form acceptable to the MSAC, as MSAC may from time to time require.

- 12. **Unused Funds.** Grantee shall repay to MSAC any disbursed Grant Funds not spent or obligated by Grantee on or before the date indicated in the appropriate grant program Guidelines set forth in Provision 3 above.
- 13. **Fair Practices Certification**. Grantee certifies that it prohibits, and covenants that it will continue to prohibit, discrimination on the basis of: (a) political or religious opinion or affiliation, marital status, race, color, creed, ancestry genetic information, or national origin; or (b) age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identification, or any otherwise unlawful use of characteristics, except when such characteristic constitutes a bona fide occupational qualification; or (c) the physical or mental handicap of a qualified handicapped individual. Upon the request of MSAC, Grantee will submit to MSAC information relating to its operations, with regard to political or religious opinion or affiliation, marital status, physical or mental handicap, race, color, creed, sex, age, gender identification, sexual orientation, genetic information, or national origin.
- 14. **Anti-Discrimination.** Grantee shall operate under this Agreement so that no person, otherwise qualified, is denied employment, subcontract, or other benefits on the basis of race, color, religion, creed, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identification, marital status, national origin, ancestry genetic information or any otherwise unlawful use of characteristics, or disability of a qualified individual with a disability unrelated in nature and extent so as to reasonably preclude the performance of the employment or contract, or the individual's refusal to submit to a genetic test or make available the results of a genetic test. Except in subcontracts for standard commercial supplies or raw materials, Grantee shall include a clause similar to this clause in all subcontracts. Grantee and each subcontractor shall post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices setting forth the provisions of this non-discrimination clause. Grantee shall not retaliate against any person for reporting instances of such discrimination. The Grantee further covenants that it shall prohibit its contractors from engaging in such discrimination in the hiring of subcontractors to carry out any portion of the project funded by proceeds of the Grant.
- 15. **Legal Compliance.** Grantee covenants that it shall comply with all applicable federal, State, and local laws and regulations. Grantee acknowledges and agrees that it is responsible for knowing and understanding all applicable federal, State, and local laws and regulations.
- 16. Grantee's Certifications. Grantee certifies to MSAC that:
- (a) Grantee, if a corporation or other form of limited liability entity, is duly organized and validly existing under Maryland law, and has all requisite power and authority to enter into this Agreement; and
- (b) This Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by Grantee in such manner and form as to comply with all applicable laws to make this Agreement the valid and legally binding act and Agreement of Grantee.
- 17. **Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace.** Grantee warrants that Grantee shall comply with the State's policy concerning drug and alcohol-free workplaces as set forth in COMAR 01.01.1989.18.
- 18. Default, Repayment and Remedies.
- (a) A default shall consist of (i) any use of Grant Funds for any purposes other than authorized by this Agreement; or (ii) any breach of any covenant, agreement, provision, representation or warranty of

Grantee which was made in this Agreement.

- (b) Upon the occurrence of any default, MSAC immediately may suspend Grantee's authority to receive any undisbursed Grant funds by written notice at any time to Grantee.
- (c) Upon the occurrence of any default, Grantee shall have 30 days from the date MSAC's notice is postmarked to cure the default. After the conclusion of this 30 day period, if Grantee has not cured the default to the satisfaction of MSAC, MSAC may terminate this Agreement. In the event of termination:
- (i) Grantee's authority to request a disbursement shall cease and Grantee shall have no right, title or interest in or to any of the Grant funds not disbursed;
- (ii) MSAC may immediately demand repayment of all or any portion of the Grant Funds which have been disbursed; and
- (iii) MSAC's remedies of withholding disbursement and of obtaining repayment as described in Section 18(c) (i) and (ii) above may be exercised contemporaneously with remedies pursuant to Section 18(d) below, and all of such rights shall survive any termination of this Agreement.
- (d) If a default occurs, MSAC may at any time proceed to protect and enforce all rights available to MSAC, by suit in equity, action at law, or by any other appropriate proceedings.
- 19. **Termination Prior to Expiration of Term Period** MSAC, the Department, and/or the State reserves the right to terminate this Agreement by written notice to Grantee if (a) the purpose of the Agreement can no longer be fulfilled or met and/or (b) it's in the best interest of the Grantor and/or the State to terminate. If so terminated, the Grantor shall disburse Grant Funds to cover the eligible expenses, as determined in its sole discretion by MSAC, incurred by Grantee prior to termination. Grantee shall return to Grantor any Grant Funds, in excess of permitted eligible expenses, received prior to such termination.
- 20. **Indemnification.** Grantee releases MSAC, the Department, the State, and its employees or agents from, agrees that MSAC, the Department, the State, and its employees or agents shall not have any liability for, and agrees to protect, indemnify and save harmless MSAC, the Department, the State, and its employees or agents from and against any and all liabilities, suits, actions, claims, demands, losses, expenses and costs of every kind and nature incurred by, or asserted or imposed against, all or any of them, as a result of or in connection with the Grant. All money expended as a result of such liabilities, suits, actions, claims, demands, losses, expenses or costs, together with interest at a rate not to exceed the maximum interest rate permitted by law, shall constitute an indebtedness of Grantee and shall be immediately and without notice due and payable by Grantee to MSAC, the Department, the State, and/or its employees or agents, as their interests may appear. If Grantee is a government agency of the State of Maryland, any and all such indemnification obligations arise; further, if Grantee is a government agency of the State of Maryland, any and all such indemnification obligations of Grantee are limited to the extent of the State of Maryland's statutory waiver of its sovereign immunity.
- 21. **Notices.** All notices, requests, approvals and consents of any kind made pursuant to this Agreement shall be in writing. Any such communication, unless otherwise specified, shall be deemed effective as of the date it is postmarked, postage prepaid, addressed as follows:
- (a) Communications to MSAC shall be mailed to: Maryland State Arts Council, 401 E. Pratt Street, Suite

- 1400 Baltimore, MD 21202 or emailed.
- (b) Communications to Grantee shall be mailed to Grantee or emailed.
- 22. **Amendment.** This Agreement, or any part hereof, may be amended from time to time only by a written instrument executed by both parties, or in the case of a modification of Section 4, by action of MSAC.
- 23. **Assignment.** Grantee may neither assign all or any of the benefits of, nor delegate all or any of the duties imposed upon Grantee by this Agreement, without the prior written approval of MSAC.
- 24. **Governing Law.** This Agreement shall be construed, interpreted and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Maryland.
- 25. **Setoff.** The State has the right to set off and apply Grant Funds against amounts that Grantee may owe the State as an unpaid liability, without notice and without resort to any judicial proceeding. Should this occur, it will affect the amount of Grant Funds received by Grantee.
- 26. **Entire Agreement; Counterparts; Signatures.** This Agreement, together with any exhibits, documents, and/or electronic or internet based documents, incorporated by reference, represents the complete and final understanding of the parties. No other understanding, oral or written, regarding the subject matter of this Agreement, may be deemed to exist or to bind the parties at the time of execution. This Agreement may be executed in any number of duplicate originals or counterparts, each of which such duplicate originals or counterparts shall be deemed to be an original and all taken together shall constitute one and the same instrument. Signatures provided by facsimile or other electronic means, for example, and not by way of limitation, in Adobe .PDF sent by electronic mail, shall be deemed to be original signatures.

<b>THIS AGREEMENT</b> , together with the documents incorporated herein by reference, represents the complete, total and final understanding of the parties and no other understanding or representations, oral or written, regarding the subject matter of this Agreement, shall be deemed to exist or to bind the parties hereto at the time of execution. THIS FORM WAS APPROVED FOR FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY BY AN ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL IN JULY 2023.	
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#### **ORDINANCE No. 2825** 1 2 3 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE MARYLAND STATE 4 5 6 ARTS COUNCIL (MSAC) FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACCEPTING GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,846 AND TO APPROVE A BUDGET 7 8 AMENDMENT TO THE GRANT FUND TO APPROPRIATE THESE FUNDS TO BE USED FOR ELIGIBLE EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH A PUBLIC 9 ART FUND FOR THE ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT 10 WHEREAS, the City of Salisbury submitted an Arts & Entertainment District Operating Grant 11 application to the Maryland State Arts Council (MSAC), a unit of the State of Maryland Department of 12 Commerce, for financial assistance in carrying out community development activities, specifically to include 13 assistance with creating a public art fund to be used toward creating a nurturing climate for the arts and to 14 ensure that the role of the arts in the lives of the citizens of the City of Salisbury continues to grow and play a 15 16 significant part in their welfare and educational experience; and 17 18 WHEREAS, MSAC has awarded grant funds to the City of Salisbury in the amount of \$17,846; and 19 20 WHEREAS, § 7-29 of the Salisbury City Charter prohibits the City from entering into a contract that requires an expenditure not appropriated or authorized by the Council of the City of Salisbury; and 21 22 WHEREAS, appropriations necessary to execute the purpose of this grant must be made upon the 23 recommendation of the Mayor and the approval of four-fifths of the Council of the City of Salisbury. 24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENANCTED AND ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE 25 26 CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND, as follows: 27 28 Section 1. Acting Mayor Jack Heath, on behalf of the City of Salisbury, is hereby authorized to enter 29 into a grant agreement with the Maryland State Arts Council for the City's acceptance of grant funds in the amount of \$17,846, to be allocated for assistance with the public art fund for the Arts & Entertainment District. 30 31 32 BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND, as follows: 33 34 35

**Section 2.** The City of Salisbury's Grant Fund Budget be and hereby is amended as follows:

(a) Increase MSAC Revenue Account No. 10500–424105–XXXXX by \$17,846.

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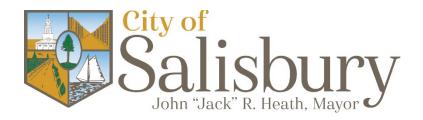
**(b)** Increase Operating Expense Account No. 10500–546006–XXXXX by \$17,846.

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND, as follows:

Section 3. It is the intention of the Mayor and Council of the City of Salisbury that each provision of this Ordinance shall be deemed independent of all other provisions herein.

Section 4. It is further the intention of the Mayor and Council of the City of Salisbury that if any section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable under applicable Maryland or federal law, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision so adjudged and all other provisions of this Ordinance shall remain and shall be deemed valid and enforceable.

48 49	Section 5. The recitals set forth hereinabove are incorporated into this section of the Ordinance as if such recitals were specifically set forth at length in this Section 5.	
50 51	Section 6. This Ordinance shall take effect fr	om and after the date of its final passage.
52 53 54 55	THIS ORDINANCE was introduced and read a Salisbury held on the day of the Ordinance having been published as required by law the City of Salisbury on the day of	y, in the meantime, was finally passed by the Council of
56 57 58 59 60	ATTEST:	
61 62 63 64	Kimberly R. Nichols, City Clerk	April R. Jackson, City Council President
65 66 67 68	Approved by me, thisday of	, 2023.
69 70 71 72	John R. Heath, Acting Mayor	



To: City Council

From: Laura Soper, Director of Business Development

**Subject:** Downtown Ambassador Program

**Date:** 8/28/23

The Arts, Business, and Culture Department is in the midst of standing up the Downtown Ambassador program in Downtown Salisbury. The program will be split in to daytime and evening shifts with a focus on beautification, safety, and hospitality in the Downtown corridor. Downtown ambassadors will monitor the parking areas, provide hospitality escorts, and assist anyone with any questions they may have. They will also check in with businesses, pick up trash and sanitize areas as needed. The Downtown Ambassadors will work in Downtown Salisbury, Tuesday through Thursday 10 a.m. - 11 p.m. and Friday & Saturday 10 a.m. - 2 a.m. They cover the area of Downtown bounded by Route 13, Route 50, the Wicomico River, and Mill Street.

The Arts, Business, and Culture Department has already done a soft launch of the evening shifts, being spearheaded by Devine Security and daytime ambassadors are slated to start September 5. These ambassadors will work with numerous City Departments, in particular, Ambassadors will act as eyes and ears for the Police Department and will collaborate with them on a regular basis. The Salisbury Police Department has earmarked funding for this program and wishes to transfer it to the ABC Department, to oversee and execute the program. It is anticipated that the daytime ambassador piece will cost around \$40,000 annually and the evening piece will cost around \$47,000. These funds exist as a result of several open positions that Police Department is working to fill.

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 2826**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY APPROVING A BUDGET AMENDMENT OF THE FY2024 GENERAL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS REQUIRED FOR A DOWNTOWN AMBASSADOR PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the City of Salisbury is planning to launch a Downtown Ambassador Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Salisbury has determined an additional \$87,000 will be required for this program, and

**WHEREAS**, the Police Department has determined \$87,000 is available to be transferred to support the program due to vacancies incurred in FY2024, and

**WHEREAS**, the appropriations necessary to execute the appropriation of \$87,000 as provided hereinabove, must be made upon the recommendation of the Mayor and the approval of four-fifths of the Council of the City of Salisbury.

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND, as follows:

<u>Section 1</u>. Acting Mayor John R. Heath, on behalf of the City of Salisbury, is hereby authorized to appropriate funds for the Downtown Ambassador Program in the amount of \$87,000.

<u>Section 2</u>. The City of Salisbury's FY24 General Fund Budget be and hereby is amended as follows:

Increase	Account			
(decrease)	Type	Account	Description	Amount
Decrease	Expenditure	21021-501002	Salaries – Non Clerical	\$87,000
Increase	Expenditure	11600-513000	Professional Services	\$87,000

# BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND, as follows:

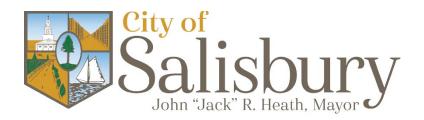
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<u>Section 5</u>. The recitals set forth hereinabove are incorporated into this section of the Ordinance as if such recitals were specifically set forth at length in this Section 5.

**Section 6.** This Ordinance shall take effect from and after the date of its final passage.

48 49 50		nd read at a Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of, 2023 and thereafter, a statement of the substance
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52 53	Council of the City of Salisbury on the	
54 55	ATTEST:	
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57 58 59	Kimberly R. Nichols, City Clerk	April R. Jackson, City Council President
60 61 62	Approved by me, thisday of	, 2023.
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64 65	John R. Heath, Acting Mayor	



**TO:** City Council

**FROM:** Kim Nichols, City Clerk

**SUBJECT:** Bag ban revisions

**DATE:** September 1, 2023

As you are aware, on August 7, 2023 City Council discussed Ordinance 2756 passed on November 28, 2022 which banned the distribution of plastic carryout bags by retail establishments.

The attached ordinance has been drafted based on Councils' direction to amend Chapter 5.69 which would include exclusions from the paper carryout bag fee.

1	ORDINANCE NO. 2827		
2 3 4 5	AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY AMENDING CHAPTER 5.69 OF THE SALISBURY CITY CODE TO INCLUDE EXCLUSIONS FROM THE PAPER CARRYOUT BAG FEE		
6 7 8 9 10	WHEREAS, the ongoing application, administration and enforcement of Title 5 (Business Licenses and Regulations) of the City Code of the City of Salisbury (the "Salisbury City Code") demonstrates a need for its periodic review, evaluation and amendment, in order to keep the provisions of Title 5 current, comply with present community standards and values, and promote the public safety, health and welfare of the citizens of the City of Salisbury (the "City");		
11 12 13 14 15	WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Salisbury (the "Mayor and Council") are authorized by MD Code, Local Government, § 5-202 to adopt such ordinances, not contrary to the Constitution of Maryland, public general law or public local law, as the Mayor and Council deem necessary to assure the good government of the municipality, to preserve peace and order, to secure persons and property from damage and destruction, and to protect the health, comfort and convenience of the citizens of the City;		
16 17 18	WHEREAS, on November 28, 2022, the Mayor and Council passed Ordinance 2756 prohibiting retail establishments from providing plastic carryout bags to customers and mandating a fee be charged to the consumer for the provision of a paper carryout bag, which is now codified in Chapter 5.69 of the City Code;		
19 20 21	WHEREAS, Chapter 5.69 went into effect July 1, 2023 and the City has determined that Chapter 5.69 requires amendment to preserve the public health and to balance such public health concerns with necessary and appropriate measures to protect the environment;		
22 23 24	<b>WHEREAS</b> , the Mayor and Council find that the health, safety and general welfare of the citizens of the City will be furthered by amending Chapter 5.69 to provide for certain limited exclusions to the charging of a fee for paper carryout bags; and		
25 26	<b>WHEREAS</b> , the Mayor and Council have determined that the amendments of chapter 5.69 of the Salisbury City Code set forth shall be adopted as set forth herein.		
27 28 29	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND, that Chapter 5.69 of the Salisbury City Code is hereby amended by adding the bolded and underlined language as follows:		
30	Section 1. Chapter 5.69 of the Code is hereby amended as follows:		
31	5.69.010 - Definitions:		
32 33	For the purpose of this title, the following words and terms shall have the following meanings, unless another meaning is plainly intended:		
34	"Excluded organization" means:		
35 36 37	A. A bona fide nonprofit fraternal, civic, war veterans', religious, or charitable organization or corporation that does not serve food to the public more often than 4 days per week except that once a year an organization may serve food to the public for up to 30 consecutive days; and		
38 39 40	B. A volunteer fire company that does not serve food to the public more often than 4 days per week except that once a year a volunteer fire company may serve food to the public for up to 30 consecutive days.		
41	"Food Service Facility" means:		
42 43	<ul><li>A. A place where food or drink is prepared for sale or service on the premises or elsewhere; or</li><li>B. Any operation where food is served to or provided for the public, with or without charge.</li></ul>		

"Food Service Facility" does not include:

59	1. A plas	tic bag used to:
60 61	i.	Package bulk items, including fruit, vegetables, nuts, grains, candy, or small hardware items;
62	ii.	Contain or wrap frozen foods, meat, or fish, whether prepackaged or not;
63	iii.	Contain or wrap flowers, potted plants, or other damp items;
64	iv.	Contain unwrapped prepared foods or bakery goods;
65	v.	Contain a newspaper;
66	vi.	Contain garments or dry-cleaned clothes, including suits, jackets, and dresses; or
67	vii.	Contain ice.
68	2. Plastic	bags sold in packages containing multiple plastic bags; or
69 70	•	stic bag provided by a retail establishment to take live fish, insects, mollusks, or ceans away from the retail establishment.
71 72	"Reusable carryout bag" means a bag with stitched handles that is specifically designed and manufactured for multiple reuse and is made of:	
73	A. Cloth or of	ther washable fabric; or
74	B. A durable	material suitable for multiple re-use that is not made of plastic film.
75 76		means a store, a food service facility, or any other establishment that provides bags to t of the sale of a product.
77	5.69.020 - Prohibition on providing plastic carryout bags	
78	A. On or after Jun	e 30, 2023, a retail establishment may not provide a plastic carryout bag to a customer.
79 80		ne 30, 2023, a retail establishment shall charge, collect, and retain at least 10 cents for ryout bag and reusable carryout bag that it provides to a customer.
81 82 83 84 85 86	delive (ii) a p which	sions. A retail establishment shall not collect a charge required under 20(B), for any paper bag (i) a food service facility gives a customer or third party ry service to take food sliced or prepared to order from the food service facility; charmacy gives to a patient or customer that contains a prescription drug; or (iii) constitutes an essential part of the packaging of the product, the product itself, ich was packaged in such manner at the time of manufacture.

A. A kitchen in a private home where food is prepared at no charge for guests in the home, for

B. A food preparation or serving area where food is prepared or served only by an excluded

C. A location in a farmer's market or at a public festival or event where raw agricultural products

A. "Plastic carryout bag" includes a compostable plastic bag that meets the specifications of the

American Society of Testing and Material International Standard Specification for Compostable

"Plastic carryout bag" means a plastic bag that is provided by a retail establishment to a customer at the

guests at a social gathering, or for service to unemployed, homeless, or other disadvantaged

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are sold; or

D. A cottage food business.

point of sale and is not a reusable carryout bag.

B. "Plastic carryout bag" does not include:

Plastics D6400.

87 88 89	C. A retail establishment may not advertise, hold out, or state to the public or to a customer, directly or indirectly, that reimbursement of any part of the money collected under this section will be assumed or absorbed by the retail establishment or refunded to the customer.		
90 91	D. A retail establishment shall indicate on the consumer transaction receipt the number of paper and reusable carryout bags provided by the retail establishment and the total amount of money charged.		
92 93	BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND, as follows:		
94 95	<u>Section 2</u> . It is the intention of the Mayor and Council of the City of Salisbury that each provision of this Ordinance shall be deemed independent of all other provisions herein.		
96 97 98 99 100	<u>Section 3</u> . It is further the intention of the Mayor and Council of the City of Salisbury that if any section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable under applicable Maryland or federal law, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision so adjudged and all other provisions of this Ordinance shall remain and shall be deemed valid and enforceable.		
101 102	<u>Section 4</u> . The recitals set forth hereinabove are incorporated into this section of the Ordinance as if such recitals were specifically set forth at length in this Section 4.		
103 104 105 106 107 108	Section 5. This Ordinance shall take effect from and after the date of its final passage.  THIS ORDINANCE was introduced and read at a Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Salisbury held on the day of, 2023 and thereafter, a statement of the substance of the Ordinance having been published as required by law, in the meantime, was finally passed by the Council of the City of Salisbury on the day of, 2023		
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120 121	John R. Heath, Acting Mayor		