

SALISBURY CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION AGENDA

JANUARY 16, 2024 (TUESDAY)

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS WILL BE HEARD AFTER EACH OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- 4:30 p.m. Budget amendment for providing an EMS crew and Gator to the 2023 Bay Bridge Walk- Fire Chief Rob Frampton
- 4:35 p.m. Budget amendment to approve WWTP Materials Building renovations- Water Works Director Cori Cameron
- 4:40 p.m. Recovery Homes discussion- City Administrator Andy Kitzrow, City Attorney Laura Ryan, Housing & Community Development Director Muir Boda
- 4:55 p.m. Budget Amendment for ZenCity Community Engagement Platform contract- City Administrator Andy Kitzrow
- 5:05 p.m. Updating Council Rules of Order and Code of Conduct- Council Discussion
- 5:15 p.m. Administration and Council Comments
- 5:25 p.m. Adjournment / Convene in Special Meeting

Times shown are approximate. Council reserves the right to adjust the agenda as circumstances warrant.

The Council reserves the right to convene in Closed Session as permitted under the Annotated Code of Maryland 3-305(b).

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 881 6325 3286 Passcode: 812389

Phone: 1.301.715.8592



Memo

To: Andy Kitzrow, City Administrator

From: Rob Frampton, Fire Chief

Date: 1/2/2024

Subject: Budget Amendment

The Fire Department is requesting the approval of a budget amendment in the amount of \$1,400.00 for re-imbursement received from Queen Anne's County for providing an EMS crew and Gator to the 2023 Bay Bridge Walk that was held on November 12, 2023.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration in this matter. If there are any additional questions, please feel free to contact me.

1	ORDINANCE NO
2 3 4 5 6	AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY APPROVING A BUDGET AMENDMENT OF THE FY2024 GENERAL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE SALISBURY FIRE DEPARTMENT'S OPERATING ACCOUNT.
7 8	WHEREAS, the Fire Department, in collaboration with the Queen Anne's County Department of Emergency Services, provided two (2) personnel and a Utility Vehicle (UTV) for the 2023 Bay Bridge Walk; and
9 10	WHEREAS , the City has received a reimbursement check from The County Commissioners of Queen Anne's County in the amount of \$1,400.00 and has placed the funds in the City's General Fund; and
11 12	WHEREAS , the Fire Department has use for these funds and requests that the funds of \$1,400.00 be reallocated to the Fire Department Operating Budget for FY2024.
13 14	WHEREAS , 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
15 16	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND, as follows:
17	Section 1. The City of Salisbury's Fiscal Year 2024 General Fund Budget be and is hereby amended as follows
18	(a) Increase the Current Year Other Donations Account (01000-456415) by \$1,400.00.
19 20 21	(b) Increase the Salisbury Fire Department's Over-time/Non-Clerical Account (24035-501021) by \$1,400.00.
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.
26 27 28 29 30	<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.
31 32	<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.
33	Section 5. This Ordinance shall take effect from and after the date of its final passage.
34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41	THIS ORDINANCE was introduced and read at a Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Salisbury held on the day of, 2024 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, 2024. [THE REMAINDER OF THIS PAGE IS INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK]
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ATTEST:	
Kimberly R. Nichols, City Clerk	D'Shawn M. Doughty, City Council President
Approved by me, thisday of	, 2024.
Randolph J. Taylor, Mayor	



To: Andy Kitzrow, City Administrator

From: Cori Cameron, Director of Water Works

Date: January 9, 2024

Re: Budget Ordinance - Wastewater Treatment Plant Materials Building Renovations

The Department of Water Works is requesting consideration for a budget ordinance to move funds in the amount of \$67,543 from the Wastewater Treatment Plants Operating account 86083-523600 into the Project account 97010-513026-55022 for the Materials Building Renovations.

The purpose of this project was to add a building addition for Wastewater Treatment Plant equipment storage and a building addition for receiving and security personnel. The WWTP Materials Warehouse Building was originally put out to bid and the bids came in over budget. The building renovations were reassessed, and some design changes were made to decrease the cost of the project. Some of the work has been eliminated, some of the work will be done in house and some has been completed by our city teams. The rebid was put out on 10/19/23 and bids were opened on 11/21/23. Water Works has \$181,500 in the project account for this bid. The low bid came in \$67,543 over budget.

Water Works had initially identified these funds from the BNR Maintenance grant to be used to make upgrades to our plant scada system, (supervisory control and data acquisition system). We feel we are safe to push this project until next year's grant award and can use this money now to complete funding for this project. To get this project to completion, the Department of Water Works would like to move the funds from their operating account and place in the project account to award the bid.

Unless you or the Mayor have further questions, please forward a copy of this memo, and the ordinance to the City Council.

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ORDINANCE NO. ____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY AUTHORIZING A BUDGET AMENDMENT AND THE MAYOR TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE WWTP MATERIAL WAREHOUSE PROJECT.

WHEREAS, the City of Salisbury has determined an additional \$67,543 is needed to complete the WWTP Material Warehouse Project; and

WHEREAS, the City of Salisbury has \$67,543 that can be applied to this project in Account No. 86083-523600 - Skilled Services and is available to transfer to the Water Sewer Capital Project funds for the WWTP Material Warehouse Project; and:

WHEREAS, the appropriations necessary to execute this budget amendment 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:

Section 1. Mayor Randolph J. Taylor is hereby authorized to appropriate additional funds for the WWTP Material Warehouse Project in the amount of \$67,543.

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 Water Sewer Fund Budget be and hereby is amended as follows:

Increase	Account	Project			
Decrease	Туре	Description	Account Description	Account	Amount
Increase	Expense		Transfer Water Sewer Capital	91002-599108	67,543
			Projects		
Decrease	Expense		Skilled Services	60100-469810	67,543

<u>Section 3.</u> The City of Salisbury's Water Sewer Capital Project Fund Budget be and hereby is amended as follows:

Increase	Account	Project			
Decrease	Туре	Description	Account Description	Account	Amount
Increase	Revenue	WWTP	Transfer Water Sewer	97010-469313-	67,543
		Material	Capital Projects	55022	
		Warehouse			
Decrease	Expense	WWTP	Construction	97010-513026-	67,543
		Material		55022	
		Warehouse			

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37	BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
38	SALISBURY, MARYLAND, as follows:
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41	of this Ordinance shall be deemed independent of all other provisions herein.
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44	section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid,
45	unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable under applicable Maryland or federal law, such adjudication
46	shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision so adjudged and all other
47	provisions of this Ordinance shall remain and shall be deemed valid and enforceable.
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49	Section 6. The recitals set forth hereinabove are incorporated into this section of the Ordinance as
50	if such recitals were specifically set forth at length in this Section 6.
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59	ATTEST:
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63	Kimberly R. Nichols, City Clerk D'Shawn M. Doughty, City Council President
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69	Randolph J. Taylor, Mayor
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TO: City Council

FROM: Andy Kitzrow, City Administrator

DEPT: Mayor's Office

DATE: 1/9/24

SUBJECT: ZenCity Budget Amendment

In order to improve transparency efforts and community engagement, the City is proposing to procure ZenCity 360 Essentials – a Community Engagement SaaS Platform for cities. The product is tailored and priced for a community of our size (15K – 50K residents).

The platform is comprised of three segments that all have value to the City. There are:

- 1) Processing organic feedback on various channels, including:
 - a. Unlimited full track of official sources and limited coverage of leading unofficial channels;
 - b. Unlimited anomaly highlights, automated reports, digests and media mentions;
 - c. Project and analyst insights.
- 2) Community engagement, collaboration, and input interface, including:
 - a. An "Engage Domain" and multiple active engagement projects;
 - b. Basic engagement templates with automatic translation to 29 languages;
 - c. Community Asks simple templated polling with selected language translations.
- 3) Experience survey questionnaires designed to immediately collect feedback on nonemergency services provided by the City

Funding for the annual subscription of \$26,000 will come from General Fund Surplus. Note, the City recently closed a prior year purchase order for different software platform returning approximately \$41,000 to the General Fund, a net difference of approximately \$15,000.



ZENCITY SERVICES AGREEMENT - 2023 ICMA PROGRAM SALISBURY, MD

Order form #: 229010 Order form prepared for: Salisbury, MD

Order form expiration date: 1/31/2024

This Order Form ("Order Form") is entered into between the Zencity entity detailed below ("Zencity"), and the entity identified below ("Customer", and jointly with Zencity the "Parties")), as of the Effective Date (as defined below) which shall remain in effect for the duration of the Initial Term as defined below and any renewal term (the "Term") unless agreed otherwise explicitly and in writing between the Parties. This Order Form includes and incorporates the Zencity Terms and Conditions (the "T&Cs"). All prices are quoted in USD.

ZENCITY	
Entity (legal) name:	Zencity Technologies US, Inc.
Full Address:	1313 N Market St, Suite 5100 Wilmington, DE 19801
Contact:	Alon Maor, Government Solution Manager
Phone:	252-242-1578
Email:	alon.maor@zencity.io

CUSTOMER	
Entity (legal) name:	City of Salisbury, MD
Full Address:	City of Salisbury - Mayor's Office 115 S Division Street Salisbury, MD 21801
Contact:	Andy Kitzrow City Administrator
Phone:	410-548-3100
Email:	akitzrow@salisbury.md

RECURRING FEES						
Package Name	Package Breakdown	Package Description	Unit Price	QTY (units)	Initial Term Discount	Net Price
Zencity 360 Essentials: 15K-50K City	ZC-ECI	Community Engagement SaaS Platform for cities with up to 50,000 residents I. Processing organic feedback on various channels, including: Unlimited full track of official sources and limited coverage of leading unofficial channels (40 unofficial sources) Unlimited anomaly highlights, automated reports, digests and media mentions. Limited projects [10] and Analysts Insights [2) a year II. Community engagement collaboration and input interface: One Engage domain with 3 active engagement projects All basic engagement templates with automatic translation to 29 languages Community Asks - simple templated polling with selected language translations III. Experience survey questionnaire designed to immediately collect feedback on non-emergency services provided by the city	\$36,000	1 Year	27%	\$26,000

Total Gross List Price \$36,000

Total Initial Term Discounts (\$10,000)

Total Fees per year \$26,000



Any additional modules, quantity increases, or other custom development and integration work requested by Customer during the Term shall require an Order Form executed by the Parties, and shall be subject to the prevailing Zencity rate card subject to amendment from time to time.

ORDER FORM TE	RMS
Effective Date:	The date attached to the Customer's signature is stipulated below.
Initial Term:	12 months, commencing on the Effective Date.
Fees:	The Fees are exclusive of any applicable taxes (including sales tax) and withholdings, which will be added to the Fees and paid by the Customer to the extent applicable bill.
	The Initial Term shall be extended for successive renewal terms of 12 months each (each, a "Renewal Term" and collectively with the Initial Term, the "Term") following a written notice of renewal to the other party at least 60 days before the end of each applicable term.
Payment Terms	The "Total Fees Per Year", shall be payable on an annual basis, every 12 months, within 60 days of the Effective Date, and on each anniversary thereof.
	Partnership is subject to the designated budget approval by the Customer, and will be considered as void if such funds are no longer available by the customer.
Customer Billing Contact:	Name: Cheryl Carpenter, Accounts Payable III Phone: 410-677-1920 Email: ccarpenter@salisbury.md
Customer PO # (if applicable):	

CUSTOMER	ZENCITY
Signature:	Signature:
Name <u>Jennifer Miller</u>	Name: Eyal Feder-Levy
Title: Procurement Director	Title: CEO
Date:	Date:

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7 8	WHEREAS , in order to improve transparency efforts and community engagement, the City is proposing to procure ZenCity 360 Essentials – a Community Engagement SaaS Platform for cities; and
9 10	WHEREAS , ZenCity 360 Essentials platform includes a community engagement interface and enables the City to process organic feedback from various (media) channels, both official and unofficial; and
11 12	WHEREAS , the platform allows for the collection of feedback on non-emergency services provide by the City through customizable survey questionnaire; and
13	WHEREAS, the annual subscription cost for ZenCity 360 Essentials for the first year is \$26,000; and
14 15 16	WHEREAS , 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.
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19	Section 1. The City of Salisbury's Fiscal Year 2024 General Fund Budget be and is hereby amended as follows:
20	(a) Increase the Current Year Surplus Account (01000-469810) by \$26,000.00.
21 22 23 24	(b) Increase the Mayor's Office Computer Software (12000-534502) by \$26,000.00. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND, as follows:
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Kimberly R. Nichols, City Clerk	D'Shawn M. Doughty, City Council President
Approved by me, thisday of	, 2024.
Randolph J. Taylor, Mayor	



To: City Council

From: Kim Nichols, City Clerk Date: December 28, 2023

Subject: Council Rules of Order and Code of Conduct

For discussion, the Council Rules of Order (last amended on April 28, 2014) and City Council Code of Conduct (passed on April 23, 2007) are attached.

SALISBURY CITY COUNCIL REGULATIONS AND RULES OF ORDER As Amended on April 28, 2014

1. PREAMBLE

The City Council is the legislative and policy-setting branch of the City's government. The Mayor is responsible for carrying out the executive and administrative duties of the City, including administering the policies and enforcing the laws set by the Council. The laws enacted by the Council are called ordinances. Usually, the policies established by the Council are enacted by resolution. The Council is made up of five (5) members, elected by the people to four (4) year terms.

It is the policy of the Salisbury City Council to facilitate the expression of views and the introduction of legislation by members of the Council and to promote the orderly, open discussion of issues relevant to the government of the City. These Rules shall be construed to promote that policy and shall be in effect upon their adoption by a simple majority of the City Council present and voting until they are amended or new rules are adopted.

2. ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION AT COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council members are expected to attend all meetings (regular, special, work sessions, closed sessions, and budget sessions) of the City Council. If a Council member cannot attend a meeting of the City Council because of illness, vacation, business travel or other unavoidable circumstance, the City Clerk shall be advised of such absence and shall notify the entire Council. Council members shall be physically present in legislative meetings in order to participate and/or vote. Any Council member may participate in work and budget session meetings via any appropriate and available electronic means, such as telephone or video conference, provided that no more than one Council member is exercising this option at one meeting and that no one Council member exercises this option more than four (4) times a year, beginning with the start date of the Council member's term of office.

3. COUNCIL MEETINGS

- A. Regular open meetings of the Salisbury City Council will be held in Room 301 of the City/County Government Building, 125 N. Division Street, Salisbury, Maryland, unless notice to the contrary is given. Regular meetings are held on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 6:00 p.m. except when Monday falls on a legal holiday. In the event that a City holiday falls on Monday, the meeting will be moved to the following Tuesday.
- B. Special open or closed meetings may be held at any time and place the City Council determines is appropriate.

- C. All meetings of the Salisbury City Council will be electronically recorded by the City Clerk. A recording of an open session made by a member of the public, or any transcript derived from such a recording, may not be deemed a part of the record of any proceeding of the City Council of the City of Salisbury.
- D. Notice of open and closed meetings will be posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of the City/County Government Building, 125 N. Division Street, Salisbury, Maryland and on the City's web site, for a reasonable time in advance of the meeting.
- E. The City Clerk will notify the news media of regular and special open meetings, work sessions and closed sessions.
- F. A representative of the news media or any member of the public may record or photograph the proceedings of the City Council at an open session if:
 - 1. The equipment is operated from a fixed position that does not block the view of any other person. The equipment may be occasionally moved about the room, but only to the extent that the use of the recording device or camera does not become disruptive of the meeting. Artificial light may be used, but only reasonably and not for any extended period of time or in any manner that is disruptive.
 - 2. The equipment or its operator does not create a noise or confusion that disturbs members of the City Council or other persons attending the session.
 - 3. Microphones placed on the City Council table are to be kept in a central location and maynot interfere with or disturb the meeting.

A representative of the news media or any member of the public who desires to arrange for the use of a recording device or camera at an open session in a manner not consistent with the provisions of this section may request such special arrangements in advance by contacting the City Clerk's Office.

G. Council Meetings and Work Sessions are broadcast live on PAC14. An individual Council member desiring to schedule a televised meeting or record a meeting for later broadcast, using the facilities in the Council Chambers, must receive a consensus of the City Council in advance.

4. AGENDAS

- A. On the agenda for each work session shall be an opportunity for Council members to discuss the proposed agendas for upcoming regular Council meetings and work sessions.
- B. The preliminary agenda for each regular Council meeting shall be prepared by the City Clerk by 4:00 p.m. on the Thursday preceding the next regularly scheduled meeting by eleven (11) days. The Clerk shall distribute the preliminary agenda to the

administrative staff and the Council as soon as it is prepared. If any Council member or a member of the administrative staff wishes to add or delete an item, they are to submit the request in writing, including a brief description, timeline, and any other pertinent information related to the item, to the Council President by noon on the Wednesday preceding the next regularly scheduled Council meeting by five (5) days.

The Clerk shall distribute supporting materials and details for items published on the Council agenda to Council no later than the close of business on the Wednesday preceding the Council meeting or Work Session.

C. The Mayor, a member of the Council, or a member of the public may request that an item be placed upon the agenda for a Council meeting provided such request is made in writing prior to the established deadlines with a copy to the City Clerk who will acknowledge receipt to the requestor. Only matters of an emergency or urgent nature may be added to the agenda after those deadlines.

Any Council member wishing to present a Certificate of Appreciation or Certificate of Recognition must receive a consensus of the Council in advance before it is placed on an agenda.

- D. The Council President shall place upon the agenda of the Council meeting any item which is legal, constitutional and proper for the Council to consider, provided, however, that the Council President may reasonably defer a requested agenda item until a future meeting of the Council in order to secure full attendance by Council members, to afford the public ample opportunity to appear and observe the Council's consideration of such agenda item, or to secure the input of the City's staff.
- E. Items which are matters of a routine, non-controversial nature may be placed on the agenda under Consent Agenda. The purpose of the consent agenda is to provide a method for the expeditious handling of items which, in the opinion of the Council President, City Clerk and City Administrator, will not require discussion and will be approved unanimously by the Council. Items shall be removed from the Consent Agenda at the request of any individual Council member.
- F. Except in the case of an emergency or a matter of an urgent or time sensitive nature, no matter will be discussed in a Council meeting which was not reasonably described in the published agenda for such meeting in accordance with the City's Open Meeting rules.
- G. The Mayor, the Council President, the City Administrator, the City Clerk, and all persons involved in the process of creating meeting agendas, shall endeavor to provide all members of the Council and other relevant City personnel with as much advance notice of agenda items as is feasible in the interest of fostering informed discussion of such agenda items at meetings.

5. CONDUCT OF REGULAR MEETINGS

- A. The Council President or Council Vice President shall call the meeting to order at the appointed hour. In the absence of both the Council President and Council Vice President, a President Pro Tem shall be selected to preside over the meeting.
- B. After calling the meeting to order, the Council President shall entertain a motion to adopt the agenda for the meeting as presented. After such motion has been made and seconded, any Councilmember may request the deletion of any item on the agenda, a change in the order of any agenda item, or the addition of any urgent or emergency item. Such changes may be approved by consensus, or in the absence of a consensus, such changes shall be approved upon affirmative vote of a majority of the Council. Any member of the Council may also request that an item be removed from the consent agenda for discussion, for further information, or in order that there might be a separate vote on that item as described in 4.E.
- C. The Council President shall control discussion of the Council on each agenda item to assure full participation in accordance with the Rules of Order.
- D. Each agenda item shall be separately announced by the Council President for purposes of discussion and consideration. To place an agenda item on the floor, the Council President shall entertain a motion and a second to approve. All discussion shall be germane to the agenda item.
- E. A Council member shall speak only after being recognized by the Council President. A Council member recognized for a specific purpose shall limit remarks to that purpose. A Council member, after being recognized, shall not be interrupted except by the Council President to enforce these rules. The Council President, as a member of the Council, may enter into any discussion.
- F. In order to afford all Council members an opportunity to speak on an agenda item, a Council member may speak in debate twice on any debatable motion and may speak for up to five minutes each time. A Council member may not save time or transfer/yield their time to another Council member. The period of time allotted for Council debate may be modified by adopting a motion to extend or limit debate.
- G. After being recognized by the Council President, a member of the Council, during discussion of any agenda item, or during a public hearing, may request and receive information, explanations or opinions of the Mayor, City Administrator, City Solicitor, City Clerk or any City department head.
- H. Council members are encouraged to direct comments to agenda items and to conduct meetings in a professional manner as referenced in the adopted City Council Code of Conduct (Resolution No.1513 April 23, 2007). Council members shall be respectful to the public and City staff members at all times.

I. For all required public hearings conducted by the City Council, citizens wishing to provide testimony will be administered an oath by the City Clerk, or in the City Clerk's absence, administered by the City Attorney.

6. PUBLIC INPUT

- A. Public comments should be directed to the agenda item under consideration. The Council President shall rule on the germaneness of the citizen comments.
- B. A citizen who has been recognized by the Council President to address the Council is requested to state his or her name, whether he or she is a resident within the corporate limits of Salisbury, and any organization affiliation he or she is representing.
- C. In order to afford all persons an opportunity to speak regarding an agenda item, the Council President may impose a reasonable limit upon comments made by members of the public, and/or may limit the number of times a member of the public may speak regarding an agenda item.
- D. Any person making personal, impertinent or slanderous remarks, or who becomes boisterous in any manner that disrupts the meeting while addressing the Council, may be requested by the Council President to leave the meeting immediately.
- E. No placards, banners, or signs will be permitted in the Council Chambers or in any other room in which the Council is meeting. Exhibits, displays and visual aids used in connection with presentations to the Council are permitted.
- F. The Council President shall accept public comments from citizens during Council consideration of an item, in addition to a general public comments period. A time limit of three minutes per comment may be imposed and citizens are subject to the same rules of conduct as described above. If a prepared statement is available, a copy should be given to the City Clerk. Generally, members of the Council will not comment upon the remarks made by a member of the public. If they are administrative issues, the Council President will refer them to the Mayor's Office for a response. Questions posed by a citizen during the public comments portion will be logged and tracked by the City Clerk. The City Clerk will forward the questions to the City Administrator for a response. All City Council members and the City Clerk will be provided a copy of the response from the City Administrator.
- G. Members of the public shall be courteous to their fellow citizens and the proceedings while the Council is in session by avoiding conversations within the Council Chambers and the entrance hallway into the Chambers.
- H. Signed communications shall be accepted by the Council, but are not to be read in their entirety during the meeting. Signed communications shall be submitted to the City Clerk to be attached to the minutes as part of the record.

7. VOTING AND THE MAKING OF MOTIONS

- A. Any member of the Council, except the Council President, may make or second a motion for the Council to take action regarding any agenda item, subject to the City Ethics Ordinance and State Ethics Law.
- B. Any member of the Council may vote regarding any agenda item, subject to the City Ethics Ordinance and State Ethics Law.
- C. The Council President may not make a motion, and may second a motion only when there are only three (3) members of the Council, including the President, present and voting.
- D. In the absence of the Council President, the Council Vice President shall be subject to the same limitations upon voting and the making of motions as the Council President.
- E. The City Clerk shall record the name of the Council member making each motion and the name of the Councilmember who seconded the motion.
- F. Discussion shall be closed on any item by the Council President with the concurrence of a majority of the Council. At the conclusion of debate, the Council President shall call for a vote.
- G. During the course of the meeting, if it becomes necessary to temporarily delay action on an agenda item because of more urgent business, a Council member may move to "lay the item on the table". The motion requires a second, is not debatable and requires a majority vote for adoption.
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Amended: 4/28/14 by Resolution No. 2396

RESOLUTION NO. 2396

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND AMENDING THE SALISBURY CITY COUNCIL REGULATIONS AND RULES OF ORDER

WHEREAS, §SC2 - 6 of the Charter of the City of Salisbury provides that the City Council shall determine its own rules and order of business; and

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WHEREAS, the City Council has periodically amended its Regulations and Rules of Order.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Salisbury, Maryland, that the Salisbury City Council Regulations and Rules of Order are hereby amended by the addition of a new section as shown on Attachment A, with deletions struck through and additions underlined.

THE ABOVE RESOLUTION was introduced, read and passed at the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Salisbury, Maryland held on this 28th day of April, 2014, and shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

ATTEST:

Kimberly R. Nichols

City Clerk

Jacob R. Day

PRESIDENT, City Council

SALISBURY CITY COUNCIL REGULATIONS AND RULES OF ORDER

As Amended on February 25, 2013

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It is the fixed policy of the Salisbury City Council to facilitate the expression of views and the introduction of legislation by members of the Council, and to promote the orderly, open discussion of issues relevant to the government of the City. These Rules shall be construed to promote that policy and shall be in effect upon their adoption by a simple majority of the City Council present and voting until they are amended or new rules are adopted.

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- A. Regular open meetings of the Salisbury City Council will be held in Room 301 of the City/County Government Building, 125 N. Division Street, Salisbury, Maryland, unless notice to the contrary is given. Regular meetings are held on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 6:00 p.m. except when Monday falls on a legal holiday. In the event that a City holiday falls on Monday, the meeting will be moved to the following Tuesday.
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 but only to the extent that the use of the recording device or camera does not
 become disruptive of the meeting. Artificial light may be used, but only
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 manner that is disruptive.
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 - 4.A representative of the news media or any member of the public who desires to arrangements for the use of a recording device or camera at an open session in a manner not consistent with the provisions of this section may request such special arrangements in advance by contacting the City Clerk's Office.
- G. Regular-Council Mmeetings and Work Sessions are broadcast live on PAC14. An individual Council member desiring to schedule a televised meeting, or tape-record a meeting for later broadcast, using the facilities in the Council Chambers, must receive a consensus of the City Council in advance.

4. AGENDAS

A. On the agenda for each work session shall be an opportunity for Council members to discuss the proposed agendas for upcoming regular Council meetings and work sessions. B. The preliminary agenda for each regular Council meeting shall be prepared by the City Clerk by 4:00 p.m. on the Thursday preceding the next regularly scheduled meeting by eleven (11) days. The Clerk shall distribute the preliminary agenda to the administrative staff and the Council as soon as it is prepared. If any Council member or a member of the administrative staff wishes to add or delete an item, they are to submit the request in writing, including a brief description, timeline, and any other pertinent information related to the item, to the Council President by noon on the Wednesday preceding the next regularly scheduled Council meeting by five (5) days.

The Clerk shall distribute supporting materials and details for items published on the Council agenda to Council no later than the close of business on the Wednesday preceding the Council meeting or Work Session.

C. The Mayor, a member of the Council, or a member of the public may request that an item be placed upon the agenda for a Council meeting provided such request is made in writing prior to the established deadlines with a copy to the City Clerk who will acknowledge receipt to the requestor. Only matters of an emergency or urgent nature may be added to the agenda after those deadlines.

Any Council member wishing to present a Certificate of Appreciation or Certificate of Recognition must receive a consensus of the Council in advance before it is placed on an agenda.

- D. The Council President shall place upon the agenda of the Council meeting any item which is legal, constitutional and proper for the Council to consider, provided, however, that the Council President may reasonably defer a requested agenda item until a future meeting of the Council in order to secure full attendance by Council members, to afford the public ample opportunity to appear and observe the Council's consideration of such agenda item, or to secure the input of the City's staff.
- E. Items which are matters of a routine, non-controversial nature may be placed on the agenda under Consent Agenda. The purpose of the consent agenda is to provide a method for the expeditious handling of items which, in the opinion of the Council President, City Clerk and City Administrator, will not require discussion and will be approved unanimously by the Council. Items shall be removed from the Consent Agenda at the request of any individual Council member.
- F. Except in the case of an emergency or a matter of an urgent or time sensitive nature, no matter will be discussed in a Council meeting which was not reasonably described in the published agenda for such meeting in accordance with the City's Open Meeting rules.
- G. The Mayor, the Council President, the City Administrator, the City Clerk, and all persons involved in the process of creating meeting agendas, shall endeavor to provide all members of the Council and other relevant City personnel with as much

advance notice of agenda items as is feasible in the interest of fostering informed discussion of such agenda items at meetings.

5. CONDUCT OF REGULAR MEETINGS

- A. The Council President or Council Vice President shall call the meeting to order at the appointed hour. In the absence of both the Council President and Council Vice President, a President Pro Tem shall be selected to preside over the meeting.
- B. After calling the meeting to order, the Council President shall entertain a motion to adopt the agenda for the meeting as presented. After such motion has been made and seconded, any Councilmember may request the deletion of any item on the agenda, a or-change in the order of any agenda item, or the addition of any urgent or emergency item. Such changes may be approved by consensus, or in the absence of a consensus, such changes shall be approved upon affirmative vote of a majority of the Council. Any member of the Council may also request that an item be removed from the consent agenda for discussion, for further information, or in order that there might be a separate vote on that item as described in 4.E.
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Amended: 7/11/11 by Resolution No. 2072 Amended: 9/10/12 by Resolution No. 2203 Amended: 2/25/13 by Resolution No. 2251

AS AMENDED ON APRIL 23, 2007

RESOLUTION NO. 1513

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND ADOPTING A CITY COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT.

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WHEREAS, the Salisbury City Council strives to maintain the trust of the community and ensure high levels of professionalism; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Salisbury, Maryland hereby adopts the following Code of Conduct principles:

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 - Be eonsistent in communication with all groups
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THE ABOVE RESOLUTION was introduced and duly passed at a meeting of the Council of the City of Salisbury, Maryland held on April 23, 2007 and is to become effective immediately upon adoption.

ATTEST:

Brenda J. Colegrove

City Clerk

Louise Smith

Council President

APPROVED BY ME THIS

day of

. 2007

Barrie P. Tilghman

Mayor