

CITY OF SALISBURY COUNCIL MEETINGS

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Presiding Officer

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- 2. To encourage community engagement, the Council allows public comment using the following guidelines:
 - a. Work Sessions persons desiring to speak on matters specific to the topics on the agenda may do so for up to three (3) minutes after each topic has been presented.
 - b. Regular Meetings persons desiring to speak on any matter may do so for up to four (4) minutes during the "Public Comments" portion of the meeting.
 - c. Please fill out a comment form from the table as you enter Council Chambers, and turn it in to the Clerk.
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 - e. Questions posed by the public during the public comment portion will be logged and tracked by the City Clerk. The City Clerk will forward the questions to the appropriate individual or body for a response.
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- 5. Please approach the City Clerk if you have questions or materials for the Council.



CITY OF SALISBURY CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

MARCH 11, 2024 6:00 p.m.

Salisbury Headquarters at 115 S. Division St. and Zoom Video Conferencing Times shown for agenda items are estimates only. 6:00 p.m. **CALL TO ORDER** 6:01 p.m. WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/PLEDGE 6:03 p.m. CITY INVOCATION- Pastor Greg Carlson, Park Seventh Day Adventist Church 6:04 p.m. CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION- Council President D'Shawn Doughty Wi-Hi Girls Basketball Team Bayside Champions 6:05 p.m. PROCLAMATION- Mayor Randy Taylor **Endometriosis Awareness Month** 6:07 p.m. ADOPTION OF LEGISLATIVE AGENDA 6:07 p.m. CONSENT AGENDA- Assistant City Clerk Julie English January 22, 2024 Closed Session Meeting Minutes February 12, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes February 20, 2024 Work Session Minutes February 26, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes RESOLUTIONS- Mayor Randy Taylor and City Administrator Andy Kitzrow 6:09 p.m. Resolution No. 3333- recognizing and remembering racial injustice and apologizing to the families and descendants of the victims of the lynchings that occurred in this Resolution No. 3334- proposing the annexation to the City of Salisbury of a certain area of land contiguous to and binding upon the Corporate Limits of the City of Salisbury to be known as "2407 N. Salisbury Boulevard – JDOliver, LLC Annexation" Resolution No. 3335 - proposing the annexation plan of a certain area of land contiguous to and binding upon the Corporate Limits of the City of Salisbury to be known as "2407 N. Salisbury Boulevard – JDOliver, LLC Annexation" 6:15 p.m. ORDINANCES- City Attorney Ashley Bosché Ordinance No. 2858- 2nd reading- approving a budget amendment of the FY2024

General Fund budget to appropriate funds to the Salisbury Zoo

PUBLIC COMMENTS

6:16 p.m.

6:26 p.m. ADMINISTRATION and COUNCIL COMMENTS

the City decide to move in that direction.

6:35 p.m. ADJOURNMENT

6:35 p.m. CLOSED SESSION #1- Motion to convene in Closed Session before a contract is awarded or

bids are opened, to discuss a matter directly related to a negotiating strategy or the contents of a bid or proposal, if public discussion or disclosure would adversely impact the ability of the public body to participate in the competitive bidding or proposal process as authorized by the State Government Article, § 3-305(b)(14). Council will discuss options whether to lease or sell Anne Street Village to include matters related to negotiating strategy and the contents of a possible proposal, having found that a public discussion would adversely impact the ability of the City to participate in the proposal process should

ADJOURNMENT OF CLOSED SESSION #1/CONVENE IN OPEN SESSION/REPORT OUT

7:07 p.m. CLOSED SESSION #2- Motion to convene in Closed Session to consult with counsel to obtain

legal advice on what, if any, legal action the City should take on the Salisbury Town Center

litigation as authorized by the State Government Article, § 3-305(b)(7) and (8).

ADJOURNMENT OF CLOSED SESSION #2/CONVENE IN OPEN SESSION/REPORT OUT

7:37 p.m. ADJOURNMENT OF OPEN SESSION

7:39 p.m.

7:05 p.m.

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NEXT COUNCIL MEETING - March 25, 2024

- Adopting the TIF policy
- Abandoned shopping cart legislation discussion
- Tax Lien Property MOU discussion
- Update on Carroll Street & Eastern Shore Drive
- Update on Anne Street Village
- Lot 10 Sub Recipient Agreement

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 881 6325 3286 Passcode: 812389

Phone: 1.301.715.8592

CITY OF SALISBU	RY, MARYLAND
REGULAR MEETING	FEBRUARY 12, 2024
PUBLIC OFFICIA	ALS PRESENT
Council President D'Shawn M. Doughty Council Vice President Angela M. Blake Councilmember Michele Gregory (via Zoom)	Mayor Randolph J. Taylor Councilmember April R. Jackson Councilmember Sharon C. Dashiell
<u>IN ATTEN</u>	<u>DANCE</u>
City Administrator Andy Kitzrow, Department of I Baldwin, Executive Administrative Assistant Jessic Ittorney Ashley Bosché and members of the public ************************************	e Turner, City Clerk Kim Nichols, City c
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – CITY INVOCAT	<u>TION</u>
The City Council met in Legislative Session at 6:0 Headquarters Building and via Zoom. Council Properties of the Parkway Church of God to the Council Properties of the Parkway Church of God to the Council Properties of the Parkway Church of God to the Council Properties of the Parkway Church of God to the Council Properties of the Parkway Church of God to the Council Properties of the Parkway Church of God to the Council Properties of the Parkway Church of God to the Council Properties of the Parkway Church of God to the Council Properties of the Parkway Church of God to the Council Properties of the Parkway Church of God to the Council Properties of the Parkway Church of God to the Council Properties of the Parkway Church of God to the Council Properties of the Parkway Church of God to the Council Properties of the Parkway Church of God to the Council Properties of the Parkway Church of God to the Council Properties of the Parkway Church of God to the Council Properties of the Parkway Church of God to the Council Properties of the Parkway Church of God to the Parkway Church of Chur	esident D'Shawn M. Doughty called the epledge to the flag, followed by inviting Pastor podium to provide the City Invocation.
 PRESENTATIONS - presented by Mayor Randolp Proclamation - Black History Month 	ph J. Taylor
the Arts, Civil Rights, Education, Entertain Medicine, Military, Music, Politics, Science recognize the many contributions of Africa and life in the United States, this year's the to preserve important issues, people and states visual and performing arts, literature, fash architecture, and culinary. Mayor Taylor educations of the history and contributions of A	of the proclamation. Three members joined to and Joe Venosa. Black History Month is stee the achievements of African Americans in ament, Government, History, Law, Literature, the, Sports, and other endeavors. Designed to an Americans to our history, society, culture theme "African Americans and the Arts" serves tories in African American history through thion, folklore, language, film, music, tencouraged all citizens to join the City in African Americans.
• Certificate of Recognition- Amazing Shak	ke Winner
Mayor Taylor invited Jocelyn Levan forwa her outstanding participation as winner of Street Elementary School and to present to	· .

competition introduced students to the business world by reinforcing and testing their

skills in manners, discipline, respect and professional conduct. The competition was

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54 example to all of her classmates. She spent twenty-two years of her life at Prince Street. Jocelyn's mother and Principal Mr. Miller were recognized by Councilwoman Jackson. 55 56 ADOPTION OF LEGISLATIVE AGENDA 57 President Doughty called for a motion to adopt the legislative agenda. Ms. Jackson moved, Ms. 58 *Blake seconded, and the vote was unanimous (5-0) to approve the legislative agenda.* 59 60 61 **CONSENT AGENDA**- presented by City Clerk Kim Nichols 62 63 The Consent Agenda, consisting of the following items, was unanimously approve on a motion and seconded by Ms. Jackson and Ms. Dashiell, respectively: 64 65 66 January 8, 2024 Closed Session Minutes 67 January 12, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes January 16, 2024 Work Session Minutes 68 January 16, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes 69 January 22, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes 70 **Resolution No. 3324-** approving the appointment of Catherine Skeeter to the 71 72 Sustainability Advisory Committee (Green Team) for the term ending February 2027 **Resolution No. 3325**- approving the re-appointment of Dave Harris to the Zoo 73 Commission for the term ending February 2027 74 75 **Resolution No. 3326-** approving the appointment of Mikayla Somers to the Youth Development Advisory Committee for the term ending February 2027 76 **Resolution No. 3327-** approving the appointment of Nanay Paul to the TRUTH 77 Committee for the term ending February 2027 78 79 Mr. Doughty recognized the committee members' service and commitment to the City of 80 Salisbury. None were present at the meeting. 81 82 AWARD OF BIDS- presented by Procurement Director Jennifer Miller 83 84 The following Award of Bids were unanimously approved on a motion and seconded by Ms. Blake 85 and Ms. Jackson, respectively: 86 87 88 Award of Bid(s) ITB 24-114 Parking Garage Structural Rehabilitation Phase II 89 \$794,773.00

designed to give students the tools to effectively present themselves not only on this day

President Doughty remarked that he and Councilwoman Dashiell had the pleasure to

the winner out of all of the students at Prince Street Elementary, but she also wowed

told her it was a pleasure to meet her and she outshone everyone else as a wonderful

meet Jocelyn at the competition and she definitely was a shining star. She not only was

Superintendent Micah Stauffer. Everyone in the room applauded Jocelyn. Ms. Dashiell

but in the future in their professions outside of school.

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Ms. Miller presented ITB 24-114. President Doughty called for questions from Council. Ms. Dashiell asked to confirm the initial issue with the last inspection of the garage was a safety issue and it was recommended that the garage be repaired in 2020. Why was it not done? If this was an additional cost over the \$592,000, shouldn't that have come before the City Council for the new estimate of \$792,773? Why would we put this kind of money into something that is scheduled for demolition sooner rather than later?

Ms. Miller deferred to Mr. Kitzrow for the answers to Ms. Dashiell's questions. He said the document was the CIP from last year and it included a replacement of the Circle Parking Garage in FY28. It has now been pushed out several years. The work they were now doing was preventative maintenance to allow them to gain additional life out of the existing parking garage. The \$800,000 investment was needed now, but they did not have an immediate time frame to replace the parking garage.

In answering the question about safety, Mr. Kitzrow said a lot of their projects were backlogged and they had been working on trying to get out from underneath. They had a shortage in engineering staff and resources and were finally catching up. This was a higher priority and he recalled the incident at TidalHealth not long ago which made the City move these to the forefront.

The final answer to Ms. Dashiell's question was more of a budget question. He said he thought the \$794,773 was a totality of Phase II, so it was three different buckets. It was not an increase, but was being presented as one sum, that was all part of the same phase.

Ms. Dashiell asked when the garage would be demolished and replaced. Mr. Kitzrow answered it would be ten to fifteen years. Periodically the City brought structural engineers to do a walk through of the garage to see if there was any additional preventative maintenance that could be done to stretch additional life out of it. He said there was no indication there was an immediate issue with it. He asked DID Director Rick Baldwin to join him at the podium.

Mr. Baldwin said this had been ongoing for quite some years and there were multiple assessments done by firms that specialized in parking decks. It was typical that when a parking garage was built it would have a projected useful life of approximately 25 years. The City's parking deck was built in two phases. The various years in funding was in response to the studies we've received. The number of times the City bid was far many more times the number of opportunities we were able to award. He added that with this round they would be able to complete Phase II and all recommended repairs, extending the useful life significantly. They were pleased with the bids that came in this time.

• ITB A-24-105 Fire Apparatus Maintenance and Repair Services \$250,000.00 est.

Ms. Miller presented ITB A-24-105. President Doughty asked if it was typical to only receive one bid for something regarding this nature, and Ms. Miller replied yes. He asked then about the close dates. Did they typically report on when they were closed. She explained the bid date was when they published the bid. Bid opening was when they physically opened the bids, but they were closed to everyone else.

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139 140	• 1.	TB 24-107 Wastewater Treatment Plant Materials Building Renovations	\$249,043.00
141	λ	As. Miller presented ITB 24-107. There were no Council questions.	
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143	• I'	TB 24-113 Truitt Street Community Center HVAC Installation	\$148,880.00
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145	λ	As. Miller presented ITB 24-113. President Doughty said he was excited t	the City was
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148	• I	TB 24-112 Truitt Street Community Center Electrical Installation	\$142,000.00
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150	Λ	As. Miller presented ITB 24-112 and there were no questions from Counc	eil.
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152	• R	FP A-24-102 Engineering Services	\$ 0.00*
153		a. *Multiple vendor awards on a task-order basis	
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155	Λ	As. Miller presented A-24-102. Mr. Doughty commented that the firms we	ere familiar names
156	а	nd good to work with.	-
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158	<u>Approva</u>	<u>l of Tier 6 Change Order</u>	
159	• R	PFP 20-103 Laboratory Information Management System – CO #6	\$ 0.00
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161	Λ	As. Miller presented the Change Order RFP 20-103. Council had no ques	stions.
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163	<u>ORDIN</u>	ANCES- presented by City Attorney Ashley Bosche	
164		Ordinary as No. 2052 and was diver surveying a hardest survey during a	41 EV2024
165	•	<u>Ordinance No. 2853</u> - 2 nd reading- approving a budget amendment of General Fund Budget to appropriate funds to the Salisbury Fire Depa	
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169		Ms. Blake moved, Ms. Jackson seconded, and the vote was unanimous	to annrova
170		Ordinance No. 2853 for second reading.	to approve
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172	•	Ordinance No. 2854- 2nd reading- authorizing a budget amendment a	nd the Mayor to
173		appropriate funds for the WWTP Material Warehouse Project	na inc mayor io
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175		Ms. Blake moved, Ms. Jackson seconded, and the vote was unanimous	to approve
176		Ordinance No. 2854 for second reading.	Tr Tr
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178	•	Ordinance No. 2855- 1st reading- authorizing a budget amendment to	reallocate
179		\$149,000.00 from the Main Street Master Plan Project to serve as the	
180		Transportation Alternative Program – Salisbury Citywide Bikeways D	
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182		Ms. Jackson moved, Ms. Dashiell seconded, and the vote was unanimo	ous to approve
183		Ordinance No. 2855 for first reading.	

185	•	Ordinance No. 2856- 1st reading- authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with
186		the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore for the purpose of accepting grant
187		funds in the amount of \$1,500, and to approve a budget amendment to the Grant Fund to
188		appropriate these funds for the Salisbury-Wicomico Integrated Firstcare Team
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Ms. Blake moved, Ms. Jackson seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve Ordinance No. 2856 for first reading.

• <u>Ordinance No. 2857</u>- 1st reading- to amend Chapter 15.24 of the Salisbury City Code, entitled "Housing Standards", to clarify fire and life safety provisions regarding the Fire Marshal and this code

Ms. Jackson moved, Ms. Blake seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve Ordinance No. 2857 for first reading.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Four people provided the following comments:

- Speaker stated he emailed Council on the Award of Bids parking structure rehab item and attended to hear the discussion, but only heard it said that the City would take that \$30 million item in the CIP to replace the existing parking garage. The work at the existing parking structure was already pushed back in the CIP to 2028.
- Speaker said he found \$592,000 appropriated for the garage in a CIP from four years ago. It was difficult reading through the City's documents, so there could be more funds appropriated.
- There were 703 parking spaces in the garage and part of the sale of the existing parking lots was that there was extra room in the garage for them to park. All the lots now have been sold except for a small lot on Rt. 50.
- If the parking garage was torn down to be replaced, where were the people going to park?
- We've sold the lots where they might park while the parking structure was being replaced. It would make sense to do the replacement now and strike a deal with one of the developers that bought those lots to use them for the time needed. This epitomized the ridiculous way the City was managed in recent years.
- 3.25.010 established the HORIZON program. (Speaker handed the copy of the code to Ms. Nichols and it has been attached as part of the minutes.) It stated the program shall be reevaluated after three years, and the Council could amend the program or end the program at any time by resolution. It was time to bring the program under control or to rescind it.
- Speaker read from an article in the Baltimore Sun from April 8, 2021 in which it stated that Harford County's former Planning & Zoning director made a mistake when he determined that five sober living facility houses could be built in a residential neighborhood south of Belair without a Special Exception, as determined by a County Zoning hearing examiner.
- Speaker passed out to Council another article that states Maryland made it easy to open and operate sober living homes. The argument was that the State of Maryland was overseeing these homes and that was not the case, with very few exceptions. It was months since he

- received an update. Mr. Kitzrow offered a conversation with Mr. Boda last month, but speaker had not heard from that office.
 - The conversation has been going on here since July 4th for some kind of process to be made to certify recovery homes. He advised the City to create a citizens advisory committee on group living or sober living. He was getting disheartened to come every two weeks to speak into the void.
 - While trying to avoid litigation from recovery homes against Salisbury, he brought the article to remind County that citizens were suing governments. He was getting close to create a community organization effort to gather the concerned citizens to consider a lawsuit of their own.
 - Speaker thanked Council for their leadership on behalf of the community. Approving the bikeways grant was a step in the right direction. Bike lanes have been worked on in the City since 2012. There were things done well and other things that we've learned from and will do differently. We were mature enough as a community to be good stewards of the money to turn into meaningful improvements. He thanked Council for supporting the legislation.
 - Speaker said she mentioned getting reports from commission meetings attended by members of the City Council so that the public would get a synopsis of what the boards and commissions were doing. It would open transparency and build relationships with the City Council members.
 - Two meetings ago there were members of the community who addressed the tragedies that occurred during a very cold spell. There were questions from those individuals about what was going on and responses were not given by Council members. This standard had held for years. She thought a report should come out to the public about what was discovered and learned and what our procedures and policies were. She asked how many people were in the Anne Street Village, who were the employees hired by the City as homeless coordinators, what were they doing, and were they pursing their duties to offer the homeless individuals respite, care, warmth, and concern, or did they go home after work to their warm homes when everybody else went home.
 - The HORIZON Program was up for review and and the infrastructure built should carry their weight in providing revenue for fire, police, streets, maintenance, and upkeep.

ADMINISTRATION AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Kitzrow stated if Council was interested in creating a Task Force or committee, it may be a useful use of time. He would follow back up after speaking with the Mayor. They would continue to work on providing updates to questions and concerns. Salisbury had a big structural fire over the weekend. It was a great response time by our team, and luckily no lives were lost.

Mayor Taylor said he did an analysis on assessments that were coming online. He thought it was a good idea to incent people to push into the urban core around downtown. The current HORIZON program was too long in its repayment and could be tweaked to keep the incentive going downtown. The Ross only had a 4 ½% increase in the amount of new assessments coming onboard. He said he pushed the Apology Resolution over to the TRUTH Committee. They were to meet on February 21st and he had positive results so far. He hoped to have it presented very soon.

Ms. Gregory reminded everyone that Covid was still around. She was fortunately over it, but we really needed to be very careful. to get a flu shot and wear a mask. The flu was running rampant.

Ms. Dashiell reported she attended the Wicomico County Airport Commission this afternoon. The airport was establishing a maintenance tech school to train airline mechanics. The target for starting the school was in the Fall of this year. As Wayne Strausburg stated, there were planes flying over us all the time and we needed to have a reason to pull them down. This school would hopefully help do that and help grow. She attended the Rotary Luncheon where two heroes were honored – Bill Suess and Alfred Jones.

Ms. Blake asked drivers to stop for school buses. On Long Avenue where the Board of Education office building was, buses stop and let students off there. Many people do not stop for them. She noted the fire on Pemberton looked very, very bad. She was happy nobody was hurt and praised the Fire Department. She frequently attended the Human Rights Committee over the past two years, and the committee has re-grouped over the past two months or so. The Board members were addressing by-laws and how the group should function. She met with the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee in December and enjoyed hearing the discussion on the bike lanes, Rails to Trails project, and getting bike education out to the community. If healthy enough, please donate blood or plasma, and become an organ donor. The Eastern Shore remains very low.

Ms. Jackson had a report from the Parks & Rec Committee next week. She reported on some prominent African American leaders here on the Shore, including James Leonard. He initiated the Leonard Apartments for domestic farm workers only, which was on the corner of Booth Street in 1988. He was passionate about having housing for domestic farm workers, and the apartments were named in his honor. He also owned a store at 617 Lake Street.

 Mr. Phillip Deshields was the first African American man that she knew of in Salisbury as being the President of the Wicomico County NAACP. Reverend J.C. Mills, former pastor of First Baptist Church, was a civil rights leader and strong advocate for the African American community. Emerson Holloway, a school teacher, was the first African American to serve on the Wicomico County Council. There was a park named in his honor. Ms. Gertrude Shockley was the first African American female to serve on the Salisbury City Council.

On May 18, 1968, a Salisbury police officer shot and killed someone who was deaf. It triggered unrest for three days with burning and looting. Ms. Jackson said she remembered the riots against anyone in the area who was not of color. She remembered seeing the cinder blocks and bricks, and recalled a fireman getting knocked off of a fire engine. Her father was on one end of Lake Street trying to stop everyone not of color from coming down the street so they would not get hurt.

Professor and Jeanette Chipman were members of the same church she and her family attended. Professor Chipman was the epitome of greatness, intelligence and faithfulness. Her father sued the City before redistricting, and he won! Before that, they had no representation or way to enter this political arena. Billy Gene Jackson was a youth advisor, civil rights leader, and loved children.

Downtown Salisbury was a thriving area, with The Blue Moon, Ritz Theater, Willow and Allied Cab, Blue Tango, Mr. Curleys, Lock and Load, and Big-Hearted Charlie. These were the people we should teach our young people about.

324 There were African American women in leadership roles including Lavonzella Siggers, Rachel

Polk, Shanie Shields, Mary Pinkett, and even herself- all who represented District One in Salisbury.

326 The first African American female on the Wicomico County Council was Sheree Sample-Hughes.

327 She went to become the first African American woman to represent 37A and Speaker Pro Temp.

Rudy Kane, Sr. who recently passed was the first African American to represent 37A and the first African American man to sit on the Wicomico County Council.

She did not find much online, and would not have known these things if her father had not shared them with her. It was up to us to keep our Black History alive because it was not online anywhere.

 President Doughty said he was glad she was furthering her father's legacy and glad to get some history lesson. He got that every week when visiting his grandparents. A lot of youth and community members did not know all of the Black history in Salisbury and Wicomico County, and he did not want the work of our ancestors to be in vain. He said the Rules of Order would include Council reporting on their committees. He said he attended the monthly Planning & Zoning and last month the big topic was that there would be a Dollar General on Milford Street near Mitchell's Martial Arts. Last week Mr. Doughty said he volunteered at the Junior Achievement Leadership Academy. It was amazing spending time with 10-12 graders from the community and being a part of that. He attended the Business After Hours at Wor-Wic Community College.

Ms. Dashiell added that if anyone had children in the public school system, they may want to share the information Ms. Jackson provided.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the Legislative Session adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

370		CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND	
371		CLOSED SESSION	
372		JANUARY 22, 2023	
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374	TIME & PLACE:	6:36 p.m., Council Chambers, Government Office Building	
375	<i>PURPOSE:</i>	to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on matters that relate to	
376		ongoing collective bargaining negotiations as authorized by the State	
377		Government Article, § $3-3-5(b)(7)(9)$. Council was going to consult with	
378		special legal counsel to consider all matters that related to the City's	
379		ongoing collective bargaining negotiations.	
380	<i>VOTE TO CLOSE:</i>	Unanimous (5-0)	
381	CITATION:	Annotated Code of Maryland §3-305(b)(7)(9)	
382	PRESENT:	Council President D'Shawn M. Doughty, Mayor Randolph J. Taylor, Vice	
383		President Angela M. Blake, Councilmember April R. Jackson,	
384		Councilmember Michele Gregory, Councilmember Sharon C. Dashiell, City	
385		Administrator Andy Kitzrow, City Attorney Ashley Bosché, City Clerk Kim	
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388		nvened in Legislative Session at 6:00 p.m. on December 11, 2023 in Council	
389		vernment Office Building and via Zoom Video Conferencing. At 6:35 p.m.	
390		alled for a motion to convene in Closed Session to consult with counsel to	
391	_	on matters that relate to ongoing collective bargaining negotiations as	
392	-	ate Government Article, \S 3-3-5(b)(7)(9). Council would consult with special	
393	_	sider all matters that related to the City's ongoing collective bargaining	
394	negotiations.		
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396		Ms. Blake seconded, and the vote was unanimous to convene in Closed	
397	Session. The Closed	Session convened at 6:36 p.m.	
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399		uss City business in Closed Session because the special legal counsel was	
400		e. It was thought that he would be joining the Closed Session via Zoom, but he	
401		to a scheduling misunderstanding. After he was contacted via telephone and	
402	Councii realizea ne	was unavailable, the Closed Session immediately adjourned.	
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405	Motion to adjourn Closed Session At 6:45 p.m. Ms. Jackson moved, Ms. Dashiell seconded, and the vote was unanimous to adjourn		
406	the Closed Session.	·	
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408	Convene in Open Se	ession / Report to Public / Adjournment	
409		Open Session and President Doughty reported that Council had just returned	
410		Because special legal counsel had a prior obligation due to a scheduling	
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1 2 3 4	CITY OF SALISBURY WORK SESSION FEBRUARY 20, 2024		
5	Public Official	s Present	
6	Council President D'Shawn M. Doughty Vice President Angela M. Blake Council member Sharon C. Dashiell	Mayor Randolph J. Taylor Council member Michele Gregory (Zoom) Council member April R. Jackson (Zoom)	
7 8 9	In Attenda	ance	
10 11 12 13 14 15 16	City Administrator Andy Kitzrow, Fire Chief Rob Frampton, Department of Infrastructure and Development (DID) Director Rick Baldwin, Associate Planner Amanda Rodriguez, Arts, Business and Culture Department (ABCD) Director Allen Swiger, Sustainability Specialist Dylan Laconich, Ethics Commission Chair Dr. Tim Stock, Elections Board President Susan Carey, City Attorney Ashley Bosché, Assistant City Clerk Julie English and members of the public		
17 18 19 20 21	On February 20, 2024 the Salisbury City Council convened at 4:30 p.m. in Work Session in Council Chambers of SBY Headquarters, located at 115 S. Division Street. President Doughty called for a moment of silence to remember Captain Bryan Lewis, an employee of the Salisbury Fire Department who recently lost his fight with cancer.		
22 23 24	Due to a scheduling conflict, the Code of Ethics was moved to the beginning of the agenda. President Doughty asked for a motion to amend the agenda. Ms. Blake moved, Ms. Dashiell seconded.		
The following is a synopsis of the items discussed during the Work Session.			
28 29	Boards, Committees, Commissions and Task Force Code of Ethics		
30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37	Ethics Commission Chair Dr. Stock began by e Commission. They provided advisory opinions The opinions were meant to contemplate the leg judgements that city residents would reasonably Commission also reviewed complaints they reconsistent process of City employees. In 2023 they had already met three times.	on City matters that were not binding. gal requirements and reflect the "likely y make in reaction to the case." The eived in addition to the Financial	
38 39 40 41 42 43	The City requested that the Ethics Commission different drafts of a code, which were created b it would like a restricted code which stated mat received and by referencing the City Employee Ethics to present to the City Council. The purper avoiding misunderstandings and inconsistencies	y City interns. The Commission decided ters of principle. Using the drafts they Handbook, they compiled a draft Code of ose of the Code was to assist with	

public. Dr. Stock noted that once the Code of Ethics was approved there would need to be updates to the City Employee Handbook. He added that a number of the advisory opinions they received involved the dual employment of City employees and was something they would need to address.

Mr. Kitzrow asked for clarification on the dual employment policy; whether it would be adopted or added as a piece of the Handbook. City Attorney Ashley Bosché recommended that it be adopted. Mr. Kitzrow added that the topic of dual enrollment had also been addressed in the bargaining discussions. Dr. Stock shared a few baseline things that should be considered during those conversations.

Mayor Taylor asked if the Ethics Commission had ever found anyone guilty of an ethical violation. Dr. Stock responded that on the quasi-judicial side of things they had not. However, regarding the advisory opinions they addressed, there were issues discussed. He pointed out that they were a deliverative body so in some cases there was consensus by the Commission members and other cases there was not, which was reflected in the advisory opinion.

Mayor Taylor asked if their primary interest was the Administrative members or employees. Dr. Stock and Ms. Bosché agreed it was both.

Ms. Dashiell shared her concern that the Code was too subjective. Dr. Stock responded that subjective judgements about right and wrong were relevant for public work and could never be totally eliminated. Ms. Bosché, from a legal standpoint, shared that the binding document was the Ethics Code. The Code of Ethics they presented was more of a guidepost. She also pointed out that the Ethics Code applied to elected officials, city officials, and only certain members of the Boards and Commissions.

The following public comments were heard on this topic:

Speaker #1 thanked the Commission for working on the Code. She felt it was still too lengthy and needed to be more concise. She was confused with the meaning of the line referencing "personal and organizational decision responsibility."

Speaker #2 would like to see all committee and commission members held accountable. There should not be exceptions for certain members.

Speaker #3 agreed the Code should be more concise. She was concerned that Community Engagement was listed so far down in the Code. She spoke about an outreach plan for this document as well. She would like community engagement to be higher on everyone's list.

Budget amendment to appropriate funds to the Salisbury Zoo

Arts, Business and Culture Department Director Allen Swiger explained to Council members that from mid-December into January, the Zoo experienced significant

equipment and facility failures. Among them was the roof of the Education building and the geo-thermal unit at the animal hospital. All invoices for the repairs/replacements were included in the agenda packet.

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Mr. Swiger requested \$50,000 to replenish the building account for the Zoo to allow for the upkeep of the exhibits for the remainder of the fiscal year.

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Mr. Kitzrow added that Administration had been tracking those things and were working on the funding for them but things declined quicker than anticipated. The Zoo had the full support of Administration.

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101 Ms. Dashiell thanked Mr. Swiger for all the work done for the Zoo.

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President Doughty asked if they were taking a deeper dive into the future of the Zoo. Mr. Swiger responded that this was the 70th year of the Zoo and there was a gala planned for June 8th from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m. In addition, there was a 5 year masterplan for the Zoo to regain it's accreditation. The recent repairs were done to AZA standards.

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Ms. Blake asked about the gala and acknowledged that the Zoo was a lot to keep on top of. She stated the zoo was beautiful and she appreciated all Mr. Swiger did. Finally, she added her appreciation for the detailed information in the packet for Council's review.

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112 Ms. Gregory thanked Mr. Swiger for getting the repairs done in a timely manner and for including all of the receipts.

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Ms. Jackson asked if there was a plan in place or money set aside to address the flooding issue in the Zoo. Mr. Kitzrow responded that funding in the 5 year plan was geared toward exhibit upgrades and facility improvements. He added that the Zoo was in a flood plain. The sustainability of it was a bigger conversation that would need to be had. There was not funding set aside to assist with pending weather situations. Mr. Swiger shared that the safety of the animals were always taken into consideration. The alpacas received an upgrade that raised a portion of their exhibit to protect them from water.

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Mayor Taylor asked, on average how many days per year of operation did the Zoo lose due to weather conditions. Mr. Swiger answered about 4 days.

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Speaker #1 stated that this was an example of municipal management that the City
Council needed to pay attention to. She did not believe the things listed in the invoices
were emergency things. They were things caused by deferred maintenance and lack of
municipal management.

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

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Salisbury Fire Department (SFD) 2023 Statistical Update

Fire Chief Rob Frampton began the presentation by informing the Council that, in an effort for transparency, there would be quarterly statistical updates from the SFD. Chief Frampton provided a breakdown of the departments, staffing, stations, services and equipment used by the SFD. He provided a comparison and breakdown of calls received in 2022 and 2023.

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Mr. Kitzrow asked Chief Frampton to highlight what defined which unit(s) responded. Chief Frampton explained that an automatic fire alarm in a residence, for example, required one engine truck or one ladder truck. However, if the call involved a higher occupancy building, an engine and a truck were dispatched. Structure fires received two engines, a truck and outside units.

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Mayor Taylor asked if a structure fire call was considered three calls. Chief Frampton explained that it was considered one call with three units responding.

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In continuing with the presentation, Chief Frampton pointed out the increase in EMS calls received in 2023 located outside of the SFD Districts was up 24%. He explained it was due to the decline in volunteers and the staffing of the stations outside the SFD district. He also pointed out the 6.67% decline in Fire calls in the Incorporated District and attributed that to the work of the Fire Marshal's office.

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Chief Frampton also provided statistics on the following topics:

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 - SWIFT patients
 - MDCN calls
 - Fire unit response times
 - Fire Marshal's office statistics
- Community events and programs
- Opioid calls
- Property loss
 - Employee sick and FMLA hours
 - EMS unit response times
 - Return on investment
 - Comparisons to others areas

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In conclusion, Chief Frampton stated the department was busy but had made a tremendous impact. The numbers showed they were a fiscally responsible department.

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180 181 Mayor Taylor asked for a percentage of calls around the nursing homes with respect to repetative users. Chief Frampton responded that he did not have that information with him but Salisbury was the hub for skilled nursing facilities. Mayor Taylor then asked if

there was a lower cost delivery system for those areas. Chief Frampton shared that there were agreements being made and meetings that happened monthly to discuss those types of concerns. Mr. Kitzrow added that there may be a conversation down the road concerning a partnership with TidalHealth.

Ms. Dashiell thanked the firefighters for also saving animals in distress.

Ms. Blake stated there should not be any question about the Fire Service Agreement with the County at this point. She also shared a story involving one of her students. She appreciated all the department did.

Ms. Jackson commended Chief Frampton and Chief Meienschein for being so forthcoming with the public and Council. She appreciated the SFD and the work they did every day.

Ms. Gregory also commended the SFD. She shared the positive, personal experiences she had with them in taking care of her son. She assured Chief Frampton the Council would support them in their needs.

Critical Area Map Update

Infrastructure and Development Director Rick Baldwin introduced Associate Planner Amanda Rodriguez to Council. Ms. Rodriguez defined *critical area* as a "1,000 foot landward buffer from waters of the Chesapeake Bay that are marked for special protection by the State." She gave a brief history and explained the request by the State to update critical area maps. In completing this task, goals of the Infrastructure and Development Department included making the map available to the public and notifying property owners of any changes in their lot greater than one percent. Ms. Rodriguez explained the different areas on the map.

Mr. Kitzrow asked Ms. Rodriguez to provide a high level definition of 'critical area' for those who were not familiar with it. Ms. Rodriguez reiterated her definition from earlier and added that those areas had limited development, multiple classifications, and areas of conservation. She stated the City of Salisbury's critical area was almost entirely intensely developed.

At the request of President Doughty, Ms. Rodriguez explained that the State GIS team worked on the map and used it to gather their resources.

Mr. Kitzrow asked Ms. Rodriguez to explain what the process was if someone in a critical area wanted to develop it. She stated there were specific permits to be obtained and mitigation needed. The intensely developed areas had limited onsite mitigation.

Council reached unanimous consensus to proceed with the map as presented.

Green SBY Website Presentation

Sustainability Specialist Dylan Laconich presented the Green SBY website
(bit.ly/greensby) to Council. It featured initiatives and provided ways for the public to
engage. Some features Mr. Laconich pointed out were the Infrastructure Viewer Map,

How-to Guides, Resident Resources for Cleanups and Environmental Advocacy Survey.

The following comment was heard on this topic:

Speaker #1 referenced an article that was submitted to Council. She spoke about previous administration and current council members. She added that the City would be losing the only Bed and Breakfast in Salisbury. At that point, President Doughty reminded the Speaker that she could only on the topic of the Green SBY website. The Speaker continued to reference subjects not directly associated with the website. Once again, President Doughty intervened and ended the public comment.

Proposed Ordinance and Charter Amendments associated with the Elections

City Attorney Ashley Bosché explained that the Election Board faced many firsts with the recent 2023 Election. They decided to take a holistic look at what occurred to determine where things could improve. In addition to proposed Charter and Code amendments, the Board would also be reviewing the Candidate Packet, drafting a policy on complaints, reviewing the rules and procedures that govern the Board and looking over the Campaign Financial Disclosure forms. Ms. Bosché stated that the four charter amendments being presented were a result of issues that came up during the 2023 Election.

The proposed amendments to §SC1-1 clarified that any references to the "City" or "Salisbury" in the City Charter or Municipal Code meant within the City of Salisbury.

Council reached unanimous consensus to move the legislation forward to legislative agenda.

The proposed amendments to §SC2-2 served to clarify the qualifications to run for Council. The most significant change was replacing any form of the term 'resided' with forms of the term 'domiciled.'

Mayor Taylor asked what the technical difference was between resided and domiciled. Ms. Bosché explained that an individual could have multiple residences but only one domicilary. She shared that the State and other locations provided criteria that could be used in determining an individuals domicilary. She added that domicilary would be explained further in the Candidate Packets.

Ms. Blake asked if one of the factors (to be considered in determining a domicilary) was proof of residency. Ms. Bosché noted that changes to the Candidate Packet included having the candidates sign under the penalty of perjury that they met the requirements,

signatures would be notarized and verbiage added to allow the Board to request further documentation if anything came into question.

Unanimous consensus was reached to move the legislation forward to legislative session.

The following public comment was received on this topic:

Speaker #1 questioned if the language would include the corporate limits of Salisbury. Ms. Bosché referenced §SC1-1 discussed earlier, which clarified where the candidate was required to domicile.

The proposed amendments to §SC3-2 were similar to those in §SC2-2 except it addressed the position of Mayor rather than Council.

 Mayor Taylor asked for clarification on the required time a mayoral candidate must live in the City of Salisbury and the required time a council candidate must live in the City of Salisbury. Ms. Bosché explained that a mayoral candidate was required to be domiciled in the City for at least one year, where a council candidate must be domiciled in the district for which they were running at the time of filing for the election.

Council reach unanimous consensus to move the legislation forward to legislative session.

The proposed amendments to §SC6-6, §SC6-9 and the addition of §SC6-16 included changes to the Certificate of Nomination and language allowing the Election Board to request additional information if needed, additional language referencing Maryland State law and regulations, and the addition of a new section addressing Write-in Candidates, respectively.

After hearing about the changes to §SC6-6, Ms. Dashiell questioned who the 'person' was in the phrase "...a statement that the person is qualified to be a candidate for that office..." Ms. Bosché answered that it referred to the person applying.

President Doughty referenced line 47 where "and any other information required by the City of Salisbury Election Board" was added. He asked for confirmation that the Board could not request information that was not pertinent to the candidates eligibility. There was discussion between council members, administration, and Ms. Bosché regarding the added language. Ms. Bosché offered examples of revised language that could be used.

Mayor Taylor then asked about what documentation could be provided to prove someone had lived in the City for one year. Ms. Bosché stated it would be up to the candidate to determine what documents provided proof of the matter in question. Mayor Taylor added that the two most likely things that would need to be proven were domicile and length of time.

318 Ms. Bosché clarified that she would make revisions to the language in §SC6-6 so it was 319 not so broad. 320 She then moved forward and presented the proposed changes to §SC6-9. President 321 Doughty pointed out that the City defered to State law if a situation or question was not 322 323 addressed in the City Code or Charter, rather than deferring to County rules and 324 regulations. 325 326 Ms. Bosché explained §SC6-16 and that it provided direction with regard to Write-in 327 candidates. 328 329 The following public comment was given on this topic: 330 331 Speaker #1 addressed §SC6-6. She believed the language was ambiguous. She requested 332 specificity be given as to what documentation could be requested by the Board. She felt 333 the language gave the Board too much power to determine whether or not someone 334 qualified to run for office. 335 336 Ms. Bosché responded that it would be difficult to list specific documents since candidates had different circumstances. She explained that there was a list that could go 337 338 in the Candidate Packet rather than in the Charter or Code. She did not recommend those 339 specifics be included in the amendments. 340 341 Speaker #1 continued to state there should be more specificity and that any requests for 342 documentation should be requested from all candidates for consistency. With that, Ms. 343 Bosché recommended tabling the legislation until the Board was able to work on the Candidate Packet. She did not believe the intention of the Board was to 'put someone 344 345 through the ringer' during the qualification process but there needed to be checks and 346 balances for the candidates. 347 Ms. Jackson felt that a list of all possible documents proving a candidates qualification 348 349 should be provided to all candidates. 350 351 Mayor Taylor shared a situation from a past election where a mayoral candidate used an 352 address that was not his domicilary. 353 354 Ms. Dashiell asked if there was a way to reference the Campaign Packet in the language. 355 356 Mr. Kitzrow asked, as a point of clarification, if the candidate would be the one to determine which document(s) from the list would be presented rather than the Clerk's 357 Office or Board members deciding. Ms. Bosché confirmed that was correct. 358

Assistant City Clerk Julie English asked Ms. Jackson and Speaker #1 for clarification as

to whether they were requesting that all candidates to turn in required documents with

the Candidate Packet or if they were requesting the documents be turned in if a

discrepancy was located or a complaint was filed.

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365 Mr. Kitzrow recommended that all candidates be required to submit the same 366 documentation. Ms. English agreed and shared from her experience with the 2023

367 Election that things would go smoother if all candidates turned in the same

documentation with their Candidate Packet. 368

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Ms. Bosché recommended the legislation that had already received Council consensus be put on hold until this was resolved. She informed Council that the Election Board would meet on Thursday and discuss §SC6-6 along with the Candidate Packet. Everything then would return to a future Work Session for consensus on all legislation.

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The proposed amendments to the Salisbury City Code, Chapter 1.08 Election Board, involved the applications for mail-in ballots and the canvassing of ballots.

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Ms. Bosché explained that one of the amendments corrected the time at which the Wicomico County Board of Elections picked up their mail from the post office and the other amendment referenced current Maryland State law for deadlines to receive mail-in ballots.

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After a question from Mayor Taylor, Ms. Bosché clarified that the amendment to Chapter 1.08.220 referred to the topic of requesting a mail-in ballot.

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President Doughty requested that all proposed amendments that Ms. Bosché presented on behalf of the Election Board be held until all legislation received consensus. All legislation would then be moved forward together.

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ADMINISTRATION AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

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Ms. Blake requested that an update on the following projects be added to the next Work Session: Salisbury Town Center, Mitchell Landing, Anne Street Village. She also asked those who were healthy enough to donate blood.

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Ms. Jackson provided a Black History moment highlighting the late Ms. Loretta B. Jolley. She owned a funeral home for 50 years in Salisbury. It was a family run business that continued to thrive.

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Ms. Gregory also requested an update on the Town Center project. She requested that a Special Meeting be held on Monday to provide the update. President Doughty entertained a motion to hold a Special Meeting for an update on the Town Center project. Ms. Gregory moved, Ms. Blake seconded and the vote was unanimous. Council requested that the meeting be held on the upcoming Monday.

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Ms. Gregory reminded everyone that Covid was still around and asked those feeling poorly, even if they tested negative, to please stay home. She also asked that people be mindful of those who were immunocompromised and those who were not vaccinated for various reasons.

410 411 Ms. Dashiell thanked Russell and Adam from the Water Works-Utilities department for 412 their quick response and customer service. She also issued a challenge to all City of 413 Salisbury departments to participate in the Hands and Hearts Ending Homelessness (HHEH) event after announcing that the Housing & Community Development 414 415 Department would be providing dinner for the shelter one night. She added that Mayor 416 Taylor would be working registration next Thursday. 417 418 President Doughty asked for continued thoughts and prayers for Bryan Lewis' family as 419 everyone would pay their respects the following day at the funeral. He thanked Ms. 420 Jackson for the tribute to Black History Month. He shared that he had the pleasure of attending the Black History Celebration at the home of Governor Wes Moore. President 421 422 Doughty made sure to underscore with the Governor the great work being done in 423 Salisbury. He closed with sharing that the Wi-Hi girls basketball team was playing in the 424 Bayside Championship game, which was where he was headed. 425 426 **Adjournment** 427 428 With no further business to discuss, President Doughty adjourned the Work Session at 429 6:48 p.m. 430 431 432 City Clerk 433 434 435 Council President



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This City In Maryland Has Been Named The Most Miserable City In The State



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Maryland is a state with various attractions, including the Chesapeake Bay, the National Aquarium, and the United States Naval Academy. However, not all of its cities are equally appealing to reside in. According to a recent research conducted by Zippia, a job reference website, Salisbury is the most unhappy city in Maryland.

How The Study Was Conducted

Zippia ranked Maryland cities based on nine criteria, using data from the U.S. Census Bureau and the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

- Percentage of college-educated inhabitants, average commuting time, and unemployment rate.
- Cost of Living
- Poverty Rate
- Percentage of married inhabitants.
- The percentage of residents without health insurance
- Average weekly hours worked.
- The percentage of people who are divorced

The survey granted each city a score for each category depending on how it fared against the state average. The higher the score, the gloomier the city. The points were then combined to get the final ranking.

Why is Salisbury the Most Miserable City in Maryland?

Salisbury, on Maryland's eastern shore, with the highest misery index score of 40 points. The city has a population of around 33,000 and is the biggest in the region. However, it also boasts some of the poorest statistics in the state, including:

- The state average is 39.9%, while just 23.6% of people hold a college degree.
- The average travel time is 21.8 minutes, as opposed to the state average of 19.9 minutes.
- The unemployment rate is 7.1%, whereas the state average is 4.1%.
- The cost of living is 102.3, compared with the state average of 100.
- The poverty rate is 28.6%, whereas the state average is 9.4%.

- The state average is 49.2%, although only 34.9% of inhabitants are married.
- 12.5% of inhabitants lack health insurance, compared to the state average of 6.1%.
- The average number of hours worked per week is 38.4, whereas the state average is 37.6.
- The state average is 10.1%, whereas 14.4% of inhabitants are divorced.

These characteristics show that Salisbury is a city with low educational attainment, considerable economic hardship, low social cohesiveness, and poor health outcomes.

How Salisbury Can Improve Its Situation

Salisbury is not destined to remain unpleasant indefinitely. The city and its citizens may improve their status by taking the following steps:

- Investing in education and training programs to boost workers' skills and credentials.
- Developing and diversifying the local economy to provide more employment and opportunities.
- Improving public transit to minimize car congestion and pollution.
- Supporting and developing social assistance and safety net initiatives to assist the disadvantaged and needy.
- Promoting and supporting community interaction and civic participation to cultivate a sense of belonging and pride
- Encourage and celebrate the city and region's cultural and historical legacy.

Summary

In summary, Salisbury, Maryland, stands out as the state's most miserable city, with issues in education, jobs, economic situations, and general well-being. The report underlines the importance of strategic interventions, such as investments in education, economic diversification, and community-building activities, to benefit Salisbury inhabitants and enhance the city's overall quality of life.

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1	CITY OF SALISBUR	Y, MARYLAND	
2	REGULAR MEETING	FEBRUARY 26, 2024	
4 5	<u>PUBLIC OFFICIALS PRESENT</u>		
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17	<u>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – CITY INVOCATA</u>	<u>ION</u>	
18 19 20 21 22	The City Council met in Legislative Session at 6:00 Headquarters Building and via Zoom. Council Premeeting to order and invited everyone to recite the Bill Reid of the Parkway Church of God to the podi	sident D'Shawn M. Doughty called the pledge to the flag, followed by inviting Pastor	
23 24 25 26 27 28	President Doughty then called for a moment of sile He made a lasting impact on this community which February 18, 2024 at the age of 91. Council's symp children Nevins, William and Cherianne, and his si	he loved so much. He passed away on athies went out to his wife, Joanne and	
29	ADOPTION OF LEGISLATIVE AGENDA		
30 31	President Doughty called for a motion to adopt the Jackson seconded, and the vote was unanimous (5-	e e	
32 33 34	CONSENT AGENDA - presented by City Clerk Kin	n Nichols	
35 36	The Consent Agenda, consisting of the following ite and seconded by Ms. Jackson and Ms. Dashiell, res	* **	
37 38	• February 5, 2024 Work Session Minutes		
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Mr. Doughty recognized Benjamin Stewart (present in the meeting) and thanked him for volunteering to serve on the Parks and Recreation Committee and Emily Zerrenner on Zoom for volunteering to serve on the Youth Development Advisory Committee.

ORDINANCES- presented by City Attorney Ashley Bosche

- *Ordinance No. 2855-* 2nd reading- authorizing a budget amendment to reallocate \$149,000.00 from the Main Street Master Plan Project to serve as the local match to the Transportation Alternative Program – Salisbury Citywide Bikeways Design Project
 - Ms. Blake moved, Ms. Jackson seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve Ordinance No. 2855 for second reading.
- *Ordinance No. 2856-* 2nd reading- authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore for the purpose of accepting grant funds in the amount of \$1,500, and to approve a budget amendment to the Grant Fund to appropriate these funds for the Salisbury-Wicomico Integrated Firstcare Team
 - Ms. Jackson moved, Ms. Blake seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve Ordinance No. 2856 for second reading.
- *Ordinance No. 2857-* 2nd reading- to amend Chapter 15.24 of the Salisbury City Code, entitled "Housing Standards", to clarify fire and life safety provisions regarding the Fire Marshal and this code
 - Ms. Jackson moved, Ms. Dashiell seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve Ordinance No. 2857 for second reading.
- Ordinance No. 2858- 1st reading- approving a budget amendment of the FY2024 General Fund budget to appropriate funds to the Salisbury Zoo
 - Ms. Dashiell moved, Ms. Jackson seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve Ordinance No. 2858 for first reading.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Five people provided the following comments:

Speaker spoke in support of the ZenCity Pilot program. She was very impressed that the Mayor and Council had put forth an innovative program that would provide much needed data and analysis for not just the City's decision making and planning, but for the nonprofits and other organizations in the City. She was on three separate housing task forces, and it would be amazing if the ZenCity Platform could take all the comments from all the websites and social media platforms in all the different languages spoken here, and consolidate it into something tangible to determine the key things the City needed to focus

on. The City had great support with Jordan Ray and the communications team, but they only spoke English. The last she checked, AI could translate any language, AI did not call in sick, take a lunch break, and worked 24 hours a day. She commended Mayor Taylor and the Council for bringing the opportunity forward. If Salisbury did not get on board, we would be left behind. She wanted to see a good investment made for her taxpaying dollars.

- Speaker commented that when there were matching funds in grants, that was not "free money." Every taxpayer in Maryland paid into that money and it should be responsibly spend. The fiduciary was required to act with loyalty for the sole benefit and interest for the ones who entrusted them with this power and property. That was the benefit of the people who entrusted them, not what they thought should be done. There were platforms that gave a sampling of what was going on. There needed to be more input and comments from the citizens in the City. We want to live our lives without wondering what was next and ruined this time by using the taxpayers of Maryland as your ATM. Speaker hoped Council and Administration would consider this when faced with spending matching funds for projects.
- Speaker reported that last month Mr. Kitzrow offered to meet with him and Mr. Boda. The meeting did not occur. Two weeks ago he offered to meet with the speaker, Mr. Boda, Councilwoman Dashiell, and the Mayor. He had not heard from them. He said Mr. Kitzrow claimed HCDD was complaint driven. He disagreed and he said he applied for permits in the past and the process generated a list of other permits required. He said that 311 Middle Boulevard had an exterior renovation within the Historic District without a historic renovation permit. This was his official complaint, so please address it. The only mitigation was to remove the exterior renovations which were the Fire Department connection for the commercial fire suppression system that was installed to turn the residential home into a Level 3.1 recovery home. It had an FDC sign on the outside and a big exterior inlet for a fire engine to hook up to. There was no Historic District Commission permit or yellow placard in the yard. He did not understand why the City did not act on this violation. He shared he was fined for building a fence without a permit and a neighbor on the same street was fined with putting the wrong windows in his home. We have an out of town commercial interest doing external renovations in the historic district, and clearly ignoring the complaint.
- Speaker said he was not advocating for or against the expenditure of money, but reminded Council that the Bikeway Plan was developed by the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee in 2017 when they identified the following four groups of people in the City:
 - Strong and fearless bikers- 4% of the population
 - o Enthused and confident bikers- 9% of the population
 - Never bikers- 31% of the population
 - Other people in the middle- 56% of the population

The "other people in the middle" was the group the committee identified as the purpose for developing the bike path. Here we were about to spend some more money on this project and the issue revolves around getting money from the State- why shouldn't we do it? He said he did not think this was the right question. Two years have passed since the project was started. It was time to go back and ask if the program has achieved the objectives that were outlined in the original plan which was getting people in that 56% group to get out and bike more. He was an avid walker and walked about two hours every single day. He did not know

- if the program was successful, but in his own observation, he has seen only two bicycles. He thought the City had an obligation to ask if the program was working.
 - Speaker was the Program Coordinator of the Internship Program at the SU Interdisciplinary (IDIS) Department and had the pleasure to work with City staff internships. He worked with many companies with internships, and the City of Salisbury was by far the best internship provider.
 - Speaker had questions concerning Ordinance No. 2855 and asked if someone could expound on the Main Street Masterplan project that the funds were being reallocated from to give an idea of what was placed on hold to further the bike project. She asked if the funds would be reallocated in this fiscal budget or some other future plan in order to continue the Main Street Project. She wondered if the City would take into consideration redoing some of the areas that were put in stone.

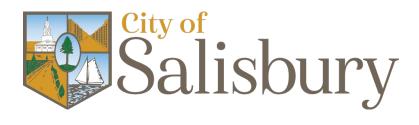
ADMINISTRATION AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Taylor said they were hard at work reallocating the Bikeway Plan funds in a way that recognized the need for bike paths but without all the infrastructure that was associated with it.

He said he felt the same way. He shared that Dr. Todd was a unique individual. He had two sons, both doctors, and a daughter. They were in the fifth generation of doctors. Because he was a heart surgeon, Mayor Taylor said he would like to come back and do a healthy heart day that was committed to Dr. Todd. He also extended his condolences to the family.

- Ms. Gregory reported that the Downtown Salisbury Business Alliance was collecting donations of empty eggs for an Easter egg hunt they were planning for March 23rd from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Their Spring Street Market would be going on in an effort to bring people downtown.
- Ms. Dashiell thanked "Jeff" and "Lisa" for the information they passed out over the last couple of meetings. There was food for thought in both of them. She said the article with the cover of Salisbury as the worst place was not what the article was about. There were items in the article that the Council was trying very hard to address. She attended the trolley ride and enjoyed it very much. She attended the Salisbury-Wicomico Metropolitan Planning Organization Council (SWMPO) and they did feasibility studies that were requested. Currently they were doing Brown Street in Fruitland. The Mayor and City Council were going to supply a meal for the homeless, as well as the Fire Department Admin Office, the Headquarters Auxiliary, and the Assistant Chief's Office. There were a lot needing to be filled.
 - Ms. Jackson had a report from the Parks & Rec Committee. They discovered they were unable to do a disc golf course in the Park due to invasive species and flooding in the area. The were trying to get more information from experts regarding the flooding and invasive species. They discussed know how to present items for the CIP, the City Park Masterplan, areas of improvement, Chris Roberts Memorial Course, The Memorial Park, Beaverdam Park, and asked when the Park lighting would be put in. They had eight Park employees and 48 City parks. She was interested in budgeting more funding for the parks.
 - It was still Black History Month. Mr. Emerson Holloway, an educator, was the first male African American on the Wicomico County Council and a park was named after him. She explained to Friday at a Black History program at the Chipman Cultural Center, that we had street signs that

187 188 189 190 191	honored persons in the community who were impactful. The late Bishop James Green and Bishop James Eure had street honorary named for them. The Clinton Stewart Funeral Home on West Road. She shared there was much history here in Salisbury, and added that she and Council President were Black History.	
191 192 193 194 195 196	President Doughty reported receiving emails regarding community cleanups and said they would be linked on the website for everyone to see the cleanups that were happening. He honored Eric Mays for the great work he did for Flint, Michigan and extended regards to Flint. There was a lot on social media about him recently which really got people thinking about the jobs City Council did.	
197 198 199 200 201 202	Ms. Blake discussed the Rails to Trails that went into the Bike Lanes. She knew it was coming, and did not know exactly when, but they were putting together a presentation to show how they both went together. It was a regional project which reached from Delaware to Virginia. There was a large section completed, and a presentation should be coming at some point. This should answer many questions regarding the bike lanes, grants, and how the whole project fit into the region.	
203 204 205 206 207	Ms. Blake also reported on the Schumaker Pond concerns. There was \$25,000 in the CIP for the Schumaker Pond project. The Salisbury University Biology Department was putting together a proposal for a research project that would take place throughout all the seasons of the year so they could clearly determine what was in the pond and where it was coming from. They were also going to do some Geo-mapping for the City. It was in the very beginning stages.	
208 209	If healthy enough, Ms. Blake asked everyone to consider donating blood, plasma or becoming an organ donor.	
210 211	Ms. Jackson shared the grand opening for the new 7-11 on Rt. 50 was a great event and everyone concurred.	
212213214215	President Doughty noted they looked forward next week to having discussions on projects in Open Session and some would have to be held in Closed Session.	
216	<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>	
217218219	With no further business to discuss, the Legislative Session adjourned at 6:38 p.m.	
220 221 222	City Clerk	
223224	Council President	



To: Randy Taylor, Mayor

From: Truth, Racial, Unity, Transformation, & Healing (TRUTH) Committee

Subject: Apology Resolution

Date: March 7, 2024

On February 21, 2024, at a regularly scheduled meeting, the Truth, Racial, Unity, Transformation & Healing (TRUTH) Committee reviewed and discussed the Apology Resolution drafted by the Mayor's Office. The TRUTH Committee, by a vote of 4-0, recommends to the Mayor's Office that this Apology Resolution be moved forward to the City Council for review and adoption. It is also our recommendation that the Apology Resolution be added to the agenda for the March 4, 2024 Work Session.

Attachment

RESOLUTION NO. 3333 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY RECOGNIZING AND REMEMBERING RACIAL INJUSTICE AND APOLOGIZING TO THE FAMILIES AND DESCENDANTS OF THE VICTIMS OF THE LYNCHINGS THAT OCCURED IN THIS CITY. WHEREAS, the City of Salisbury acknowledges and condemns the lynchings of victims; and WHEREAS, there are three documented lynchings involving Black men in Salisbury, Maryland; and WHEREAS, on May 31, 1898, a White mob numbering over a hundred broke into the County Jail in Salisbury and kidnapped an 18-year-old Black male named Garfield King, accused of murdering a

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WHEREAS, on December 4, 1931, a White mob numbering several hundred to upwards of a thousand individuals kidnapped a 23-year-old Black male named Matthew Williams from the negro ward at Peninsula General Hospital. Mr. Williams was accused of the murder of his employer, a White man named Daniel Elliot. After being tortured and hung on the Wicomico County courthouse lawn, his body was dragged through the nearby Black neighborhood and then set on fire in a vacant lot. Though a grand jury investigation led to no one being officially identified as being part of the mob that lynched Mr. Williams, a secret investigation authorized by then-Governor Albert Ritchie was undertaken by an undercover Pinkerton detective named Patsy Johnson. Throughout the course of this investigation, the names of several prominent White community members were identified as being involved in the conspiracy to lynch Mr. Williams and enforce community silence. Most relevant to the City of Salisbury, the then-Police Chief Nicholas H. Holland helped lead the mob from the hospital to the courthouse, and then-Fire Chief Frederick Grier Jr. provided the mob with the rope used to hang Mr. Williams; and

White man. Mr. King was taken to the Wicomico County courthouse lawn, hung from a tree, and

reportedly his body was shot 50 times. No one was ever officially identified as being a part of the mob;

 WHEREAS, in the hours following the racial lynching of Mr. Williams, an unknown middle-aged Black male (hereinafter referenced as "Unknown") was found beaten to death, presumably by either members of the same White mob that had just lynched Mr. Williams or by a similar one. In 2017, the Equal Justice Initiative acknowledged Unknown as a racial lynching victim; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned facts were gleaned from the following sources: Chavis, C. (2021). The Silent Shore: The Lynching of Matthew Williams and the Politics of Racism in the Free State. Johns Hopkins University Press.; Equal Justice Initiative. (2017). Lynching in America: Confronting the Legacy of Racial Terror; Duyer, L. (2014). Mob Law on Delmarva. LuLu.; and Ifill, S. (1994). On the Courthouse Lawn, Revised Edition. Beacon Press; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Salisbury believes that racial injustice must be acknowledged and remembered before society can heal from wounds of the past and build mutually respectful relationships across racial and ethnic lines.

47	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESO	LVED that Mayor and Council of the City desire to publicly
48	acknowledge the lynchings that occurred in t	his City and to offer a formal apology to the families and
49	descendants of the victims of the lynchings,	including the known descendants of Mr. King, LaTanya
50	Christopher and Cynthia Polk, and the known	descendants of Mr. Williams, Jeannie Jones.
51	THE ABOVE RESOLUTION was i	ntroduced and read and passed at the regular meeting of the
52	Council of the City of Salisbury held on this	day of, 2024 and is to become effective
53	immediately upon adoption.	
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55	ATTEST:	
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59	Kimberly R. Nichols, City Clerk	D'Shawn M. Doughty, City Council President
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63	Approved by me, thisday of	, 2024.
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To: Andy Kitzrow, City Administrator From: Amanda Rodriquez, City Planner

Date: February 29, 2024

Re: US Rt 13 – JD Oliver Annexation

Attached is the referenced annexation package for Public Hearing at the March 4, 2024 City Council meeting. The property Is located on the east side of US RT 13, just north of the Centre at Salisbury and consists of approximately 13.49 acres. The site is currently improved with two buildings, two paved driveways, paved parking spaces, gravel lots, concrete sidewalk serving building frontage, and two above ground fuel storage tanks. Prior use of this property included commercial and industrial truck sales, wholesale parts sales, and repair and service. The developer intends to continue the same use of this property. The property is to be zoned General Commercial, and impacts on the surrounding neighborhood, as well as the City's infrastructure will be minimal.

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

Attachments:

- 1 Annexation Certification
- 2 Annexation Agreement Resolution
- 3 Annexation Plan Resolution
- 4 Annexation Plan
- 5 Annexation Agreement
- 6 -- Petition for Annexation
- 7 Property Description
- 8 Annexation Plat

RESOLUTION NO. 3334

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A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Salisbury proposing the annexation to the City of Salisbury of a certain area of land contiguous to and binding upon the Corporate Limits of the City of Salisbury to be known as "2407 N. Salisbury Boulevard - JDOliver, LLC Annexation", beginning at the same point from a corner of the existing Corporate Limits Line of the City of Salisbury, Maryland, lying along the east side of North Salisbury Boulevard, said corner being the northwesternmost corner of the annexation parcel, and running thence in a clockwise direction around the perimeter of the affected property to the point of beginning, being all that real property identified as Tax Map 29, Parcel 158 (13.32 acres more of less) together with additional areas of land owned by others: 1) Tax Map 119, Parcel 237 (Parcel 3) (Cross Lake, LLC) (0.19 acres more or less); 2) Tax Map 119, Parcel 237 (Parcel B) (Salisbury Mall Realty Holding, LLC) (0.35 acres more or less); and 3) Tax Map 119, Parcel 237 (Lot 4) (Salisbury Mall Realty Holding, LLC) (0.19 acres more or less)(collectively, 14.05 acres of land to be annexed).

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RECITALS

WHEREAS, the City of Salisbury has received a Petition for Annexation, dated March 8, 2023, attached hereto as Exhibit 1 and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein, signed by at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the persons who are resident registered voters and of the persons who are owners of at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the assessed valuation of the real property in the area sought to be annexed binding upon the Corporate Limits of the City of Salisbury to be known as "2407 N. Salisbury Boulevard - JDOliver, LLC Annexation" beginning at the same point from a corner of the existing Corporate Limits Line of the City of Salisbury, Maryland, lying along the east side of North Salisbury Boulevard, said corner being the northwesternmost corner of the annexation parcel, and running thence in a clockwise direction around the perimeter of the affected property to the point of beginning, being all that real property identified as Tax Map 29, Parcel 158 (13.32 acres more or less) together with additional areas of land owned by others: 1) Tax Map 119, Parcel 237 (Parcel 3) (Cross Lake, LLC) (0.19 acres more or less); 2) Tax Map 119, Parcel 237 (Parcel B) (Salisbury Mall Realty Holding, LLC) (0.35 acres more or less); and 3) Tax Map 119, Parcel 237 (Lot 4) (Salisbury Mall Realty Holding, LLC) (0.19 acres more or less), and further being the same real property more particularly described in the property description attached hereto as Exhibit 2 and incorporated as if fully set forth herein (the aforesaid real property is hereinafter referred to as the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, the City of Salisbury has caused to be made a certification of the signatures on the said petition for annexation and the City of Salisbury has verified that the persons signing the petition represent at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the persons who are eligible voters and property owners owning twenty-five percent (25%) of the assessed valuation of real property in the area to be annexed, all

as of February 28, 2024, as set forth in the certification by Leslie C. Sherrill, Surveyor, of the City of Salisbury, attached hereto as Exhibit 3 and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, it appears that the aforesaid Petition for Annexation, dated March 8, 2023, meets all the requirements of applicable state and local law; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to MD Code, Local Government, § 4-406, a public hearing on this Resolution, providing for the City of Salisbury's annexation of the Property as set forth herein, shall be and hereby is scheduled for April 22, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY as follows:

Section 1. It is proposed and recommended that that the municipal boundaries of the City of Salisbury be changed so as to annex to and include within the said municipal boundaries of the City of Salisbury all that certain real property more particularly described in **Exhibit 2** attached hereto and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein (the real property to be annexed by the City of Salisbury as contemplated by this Resolution is hereinafter referred to as the "**Property**").

Section 2. The annexation of the Property be and hereby is approved by the Council of the City of Salisbury subject to all terms, conditions and agreements contained in the aforementioned property description, the proposed Annexation Agreement, and the Annexation Plan, attached as **Exhibits 2, 4 and 5, respectively,** each of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as if all such terms, conditions and agreements contained in such Exhibits were specifically set forth at length in this Resolution.

<u>Section 3.</u> The Zoning Map of the City of Salisbury shall be amended to include the Property within that certain Zoning District of the City of Salisbury identified as "General Commercial", which said real property newly annexed into Corporate Limits of the City of Salisbury, as contemplated by this Resolution, is presently zoned "C-2 General Commercial" in accordance with the existing zoning laws of Wicomico County, Maryland.

Section 4. Pursuant to MD Code, Local Government, § 4-406, the Council of the City of Salisbury shall hold a public hearing on this Resolution on April 22, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Salisbury Headquarters located at 115 S. Divisions St., and the City Administrator shall cause a public notice of time and place of the said public hearing to be published not fewer than two (2) times at not less than weekly intervals, in at least one (1) newspaper of general circulation in the City of Salisbury, which said public notice shall specify a time and place at which the Council of the City of Salisbury will the hold the aforesaid public hearing, the date of which shall be no sooner than fifteen (15) days after the final required date of publication as specified hereinabove.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY

75	AS FOLLOWS:		
76	Section 5. It is the intention of the Council of the City of Salisbury that each provision this		
77	Resolution shall be deemed independent of all other provisions herein.		
78	Section 6. It is further the intention of the Council of the City of Salisbury that if any section,		
79	paragraph, subsection, clause or provision of this Resolution shall be adjudged invalid, unconstitutional or		
80	otherwise unenforceable under applicable Maryland	d or federal law, such adjudication shall apply only to	
81	the section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision so adjudged and all other provisions of this		
82	Resolution shall remain and shall be deemed valid and enforceable.		
83	Section 7. The Recitals set forth hereinabove are incorporated into this section of this Resolution		
84	as if such recitals were specifically set forth at length in this Section 7.		
85	Section 8. This Resolution and the annexation of the Property as contemplated herein, shall take		
86	effect upon the expiration of forty-five (45) days following its final passage, subject, however, to the right		
87	of referendum with respect to this Resolution as set forth in MD Code, Local Government, § 4-401, et seq.		
88	THIS RESOLUTION was introduced, read and passed at the regular meeting of the Council of the		
89	City of Salisbury held on March 11, 2024; having	been duly published as required by law in	
90	the meantime, a public hearing was held on	, 2024 at 6:00 p.m., and was finally passed	
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101	APPROVED BY ME this day of	, 2024.	
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105	Randolph J. Taylor, Mayor		
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CITY OF SALISBURY

PETITION FOR ANNEXATION

To the Mayor and Council of the City of Salisbury:

WHEREAS, JDOliver, LLC (the "Applicant") owns that certain lot or parcel of land located at 2407 N. Salisbury Blvd., Salisbury, Maryland 21801, further described as Tax Map 29, Grid 11, Parcel 158, and identified as "Lands now or formerly of JDOliver, LLC, Liber 5139, folio 382, 13.49 acres" on an annexation plat entitled "ANNEXATION PLAT OF PARCEL 158 FOR JDOLIVER, LLC, SITUATE AT 2407 NORTH SALISBURY BOULEVARD, SALISBURY, WICOMICO COUNTY, MARYLAND," prepared by Frederick, Seibert & Associates, Inc., dated February 16, 2023 (the "Annexation Plat"), consisting of 13.49 acres, more or less (the "JDOliver Property"); and,

WHEREAS, as shown on the Annexation Plat, a small portion of the JDOliver Property comprised of 0.02 acres, more or less, is located within the municipal boundaries of the City of Salisbury, Maryland (the "City") while the balance of the JDOliver Property comprised of 13.47 acres, more or less, is located adjacent to and outside the City's municipal boundaries; and,

WHEREAS, the Applicant desires the City to annex substantially all of the JDOliver Property into the City, save for a small strip of land along the Property's eastern boundary identified on the Annexation Plat as "AREA TO REMAIN IN COUNTY 0.15 AC.", consisting of 0.15 acres more or less, which strip is necessary in order to prevent the creation of an illegal enclave of unincorporated County land immediately north of the JDOliver Property; and,

WHEREAS, to avoid the creation of an illegal enclave and to refine the City's municipal boundary, the Applicant is requesting that the City incorporate the following additional areas of land as shown and described on the Annexation Plat: (1) a 0.19 acre area, more or less, identified on the Annexation Plat as "Area to be Annexed 0.19 AC.", being "Lands of Cross Lake, LLC, Liber 4868, folio 225, Parcel 3, Plat Cabinet 8, Folios 75-298"; (2) a 0.37 acre area, more or less, identified on the Annexation Plat as "Area to be Annexed 0.37 AC.", being "Lands of Salisbury Mall Realty Holding, LLC, Parcel 5 of Liber 4811, folio 43, Parcel B, Plat Cabinet 8, Folios 75-298"; and, (3) a 0.20 acre area, more or less, identified on the Annexation Plat as "Area to be Annexed 0.20 AC.", being "Lands of Salisbury Mall Realty Holding, LLC, Parcel 2 of Liber 4811, folio 43, Parcel 4, Plat Cabinet 8, Folios 75-298" (collectively, the "Additional Property"); and,

WHEREAS, the Applicant is the owner of at least 25% of the assessed valuation of real property in the area to be annexed, and there are no registered voters who are residents in the area to be annexed; and,

WHEREAS, the Applicant desires the City to annex the JDOliver Property and the Additional Property into City of Salisbury, Maryland.

NOW, THEREFORE, I/We request annexation of my/our land to the City of Salisbury.

Parcel(s) Tax Map 29, Parcel 158 (JD Oliver, LLC) (13.32 AC± area to be annexed);

Together with the following additional areas of land owned by others:

Tax Map 119, Parcel 237 (Parcel 3) (Cross Lake, LLC) (0.19 AC± area to be annexed);

Tax Map 119, Parcel 237 (Parcel B) (Salisbury Mall Realty Holding, LLC) (0.37 AC± area to be annexed); and,

Tax Map 119, Parcel 237 (Lot 4) (Salisbury Mall Realty Holding, LLC) (0.20 AC± area to be annexed).

3/8/23 Date

SIGNATURE

APPLICANT:

JD OLIVER, LLC

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By: Ryan D. Showalter, Authorized Person

N SALISBURY BLVD. – JDOLIVER, LLC

Beginning for the same at a corner of the existing Corporate Limits Line of the City of Salisbury, MD, being near the southeasterly corner of the lands of Ritchie Holdings, Inc. X 1,210,355.92 Y 210,799.78 (1) Thence by and with the said Corporate Limits Line the following nine courses: (a) North eighty-four degrees four minutes forty-five seconds West (N 84° 04' 45" W) two hundred seventy-nine decimal zero, zero (279.00) feet to a point near the easterly right of way line of North Salisbury Boulevard. X 1,210,078.41 Y 210,828.56 (b) South nineteen degrees thirty-five minutes forty seconds West (S 19° 35′ 40″ W) one hundred eighty-nine decimal eight, five (189.85) feet to a point at near the northwesterly corner of the lands of Tony Tank Holdings, LLC. X 1,210,014.74 Y 210,649.70 (c) South seventy degrees thirty-seven minutes zero seconds East (S 70° 37′ 00" E) two hundred ninety-one decimal three, six (271.36) feet to a point near the northeasterly corner of the said Tony Tank Holdings land. X 1,210,289.59 Y 210,553.00 (d) South nineteen degrees twenty-three minutes zero seconds West (\$ 19° 23' 00" W) one hundred ninety-eight decimal five, three (198.53) feet to a point near the southeasterly corner of the said Tony Tank Holdings land. X 1,210,223.70 Y 210,365.72 (e) North eighty-four degrees twenty-three minutes thirty-nine seconds West (N 84° 23' 39" W) one hundred fifty-nine decimal two, nine (159.29) feet to a point at the northwesterly corner of a strip of lands of the Salisbury Mall Realty Holding, LLC. X 1,210,065.17 Y 210,381.28 (f) South five degrees thirtyfour minutes fifteen seconds West (\$ 05° 34' 15" W) twenty decimal four, zero (20.40) feet to the southwesterly corner of the said strip of land. X 1,210,063.19 Y 210,360.98 (g) South eightyfour degrees zero minutes zero seconds East (S 84° 00′ 00" E) three hundred ninety-one decimal seven, six (391.76) feet to a point on the southerly line of the said strip of land. X 1,210,452.81 Y 210,320.03 (h) South eighty-four degrees zero minutes zero seconds East (S 84° 00' 00" E) six hundred sixty-seven decimal three, eight (667.38) feet to a point on the southerly line of the said strip of land. X 1,211,116.53 Y 210,250.27 (i) South eighty-four degrees zero minutes zero seconds East (S 84° 00′ 00″ E) three hundred thirty-three decimal two, one (333.21) feet to a point on the southerly line of the said strip of land. X 1,211,447.91 Y 210,215.44 (2) Thence crossing the said strip of land and with a line being fifteen feet westerly of and parallel to the westerly line of the lands of JDOliver, LLC, in part, North one degrees three minutes zero seconds East (N 01° 03′ 00″ E) four hundred sixty-nine decimal six, eight (469.68) feet the point on the northerly line of the lands of the said JDOliver, LLC. X 1,211,456.52 Y 210,685.04 (5) Thence by and with the said line of JDOliver, LLC, North eightyfour degrees four minutes ten seconds West (N 84° 04' 10" W) one thousand one hundred six decimal five, nine (1,106.59) feet to a point on the said line of JDOliver, LLC. X 1,210,355.85 Y 210,799.38 (6) Thence North nine degrees twenty-seven minutes five seconds East (N 09° 27' 05" E) zero decimal four, one (0.41) feet to the point of beginning.

Annexation containing 14.05 acres, more or less.



CERTIFICATION

2407 N SALISBURY BLVD – JD OLIVER, LLC ANNEXATION

This is to certify that I have verified the petitions for the annexation and that to the best of my knowledge the persons having signed the petition represent at least 25% of the registered voters residing in the area to be annexed and are the owners of at least 25% of the assessed valuation of real property located in the area to be annexed.

Leslie C. Sherrill

Surveyor

Date: 2/28/2024

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Exhibit 4

2407 N. SALISBURY BOULEVARD – JDOLIVER, LLC ANNEXATION

ANNEXATION AGREEMENT

THIS ANNEXATION AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is made this _____ day of _____, 2024, by and between the *City of Salisbury, Maryland*, a municipal corporation of the State of Maryland (the "City"), and *JDOliver*, *LLC*, a Delaware limited liability company ("JDOliver") (the City and JDOliver are hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Parties").

RECITALS

WHEREAS, for purposes of this Agreement, the term "JDOliver" shall be deemed to include each and every subsidiary, successor-in-interest and/or assign of JDOliver, as the case may be, such that this Agreement, and all of the terms and conditions set forth herein, shall apply to, be binding in all respects upon and inure to the benefit of each and every successor-in-interest and/or assign of JDOliver, as the case may be; and

WHEREAS, JDOliver owns that certain lot or parcel of land located at 2407 N. Salisbury Blvd., Salisbury, Maryland 21801, further described as Tax Map 29, Grid 11, Parcel 158, and identified as "Lands now or formerly of JDOliver, LLC, Liber 5139, folio 382, 13.49 acres" on an annexation plat entitled "ANNEXATION PLAT OF PARCEL 158 FOR JDOLIVER, LLC, SITUATE AT 2407 NORTH SALISBURY BOULEVARD, SALISBURY, WICOMICO COUNTY, MARYLAND," prepared by Frederick, Seibert & Associates, Inc., dated February 16, 2023 (the "Annexation Plat"), consisting of 13.49 acres, more or less. The Annexation Plat is incorporated herein and a reduced scale copy of said Annexation Plat is attached hereto as *Exhibit A*); and

WHEREAS, as shown on the Annexation Plat, a small portion of the JDOliver Property, comprised of 0.02 acres, more or less, is located within the municipal boundaries of the City of Salisbury, Maryland (the "City"), while the balance of the JDOliver Property, comprised of 13.47 acres, more or less, is located adjacent to and outside the City's municipal boundaries; and

WHEREAS, JDOliver desires the City to annex substantially all of the JDOliver Property into the City, save for a small strip of land along the Property's eastern boundary identified on the Annexation Plat as "AREA TO REMAIN IN COUNTY 0.15 AC.", consisting of 0.15 acres more or less, which strip is necessary in order to prevent the creation of an enclave of unincorporated County land immediately north of the JDOliver Property (the aforesaid 13.32 acres of property to be annexed is hereafter referred to as the "JDOliver Property"); and

WHEREAS, to avoid the creation of an enclave and to refine the City's municipal boundary, the Applicant is requesting that the City incorporate the following additional areas of land as shown and described on the Annexation Plat: (1) a 0.19 acre area, more or less, identified on the Annexation Plat as "AREA TO BE ANNEXED 0.19 AC.", being "LANDS OF CROSS LAKE, LLC, LIBER 4868, FOLIO 225, PARCEL 3, PLAT CABINET 8, FOLIOS 75-298"; (2) a 0.35 acre area, more or less, identified on the Annexation Plat as "AREA TO BE ANNEXED 0.37 AC.", being "LANDS OF SALISBURY MALL REALTY HOLDING, LLC, PARCEL 5 OF LIBER 4811, FOLIO 43, PARCEL B, PLAT CABINET 8, FOLIOS 75-298"; and, (3) a 0.20 acre area, more or less, identified on the Annexation Plat as "AREA TO BE ANNEXED 0.19 AC.", being "LANDS OF SALISBURY MALL REALTY HOLDING, LLC, PARCEL 2 OF LIBER 4811, FOLIO 43, PARCEL 4, PLAT CABINET 8, FOLIOS 75-298" (collectively, the "Additional Property") (the JDOliver Property and the Additional Property are hereafter referred to collectively as the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, the Annexation Plat depicts all that same real property more particularly described by metes, bounds, courses and distances in that certain legal description attached hereto and incorporated herein as *Exhibit B* (the "**Property Description**"); and

WHEREAS, the JDOliver Property is currently improved with two (2) buildings, two (2) paved driveways, paved parking spaces, gravel lots, concrete sidewalk serving building frontage, and two (2) above ground storage tanks. Prior use of the JDOliver Property included commercial and industrial truck sales, wholesale party sales, and repair and service. JDOliver desires to renovate the interior of the JDOliver Property while continuing the same use of the JDOliver Property, which is consistent with the use of property located in the City's General Commercial zoning district; and

WHEREAS, all of the land which makes up the Property is located within Wicomico County, Maryland and outside the municipal boundaries of the City, and, therefore, the Property is ineligible to receive City services, including municipal water and sanitary sewer utility service, which JDOliver desires to obtain for its renovation of the JDOliver Property as aforesaid; and

WHEREAS, JDOliver submitted a Petition for Annexation (the "**Petition**"), dated March 8, 2023, requesting the City annex the Property as contemplated herein; and

WHEREAS, the City is willing to annex the Property, provided JDOliver agrees to adhere to all laws, ordinances and regulations of the City, and the provisions of this Agreement, regarding JDOliver's use, renovation and development of the JDOliver Property; and

WHEREAS, appropriate and required public hearings on the proposed annexation of the Property have been held pursuant to all applicable state and local laws; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority contained in MD Code, Local Government, § 4-101, et seq., the City and JDOliver enter into this Agreement to set forth the terms and conditions of the proposed annexation of the Property and all annexation proceedings relating thereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements contained herein, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged by the Parties hereto, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

1. Effective Date.

The effective date of this Agreement shall be the date upon which the Resolution approving the City's annexation of the Property becomes effective (said Resolution is hereinafter referred to as the "Annexation Resolution"). The annexation of the Property shall not become effective unless and until all applicable appeal and referendum periods have expired, and, if applicable, all appeals and referenda have been resolved in favor of the City's annexation of the Property.

2. Warranties & Representations of the City.

- (a) The City, the Salisbury-Wicomico County Planning Commission, and associated staff shall be guided by this Agreement, throughout the review of any and all development plans submitted for or relating to the Property or any portion thereof to ensure the provisions of this Agreement are specifically implemented. Any approval granted to or for a development plan for the Property or any portion thereof by any commission, board, body or agent of the City shall be in substantial compliance with all of the terms and conditions of this Agreement.
- **(b)** The Parties expressly acknowledge and agree the City's support for the annexation of the Property, as provided herein, is not intended, nor shall it be construed, to prohibit the City from enacting such future ordinances, charter provisions, engineering standards or any amendments thereto deemed necessary or appropriate to protect the public, health, safety and welfare of the residents of the City, nor from applying such ordinances or charter provisions to the development of the Property or any portion

thereof, provided any such application does not operate to divest prior approvals, nor interfere with JDOliver's vested rights in and to the JDOliver Property, or any portion thereof, to any extent greater than the impact of such ordinances and charter resolutions have upon other similarly-situated properties located within the municipal boundaries of the City.

3. Warranties & Representations of JDOliver.

- (a) This Agreement shall constitute the written consent of JDOliver to annexation of the Property, as required by MD Code, Local Government, §§ 4-403(b)(1)-(2). JDOliver requests the annexation in accordance with the Annexation Plat attached as *Exhibit A. JDOliver* represents and warrants to the City that it has the full power and authority to sign this Agreement. JDOliver further represents and warrants to the City that there is no action pending against, or otherwise involving, JDOliver that would affect, in any way, the right and authority of JDOliver to execute this Agreement.
- (b) JDOliver expressly acknowledges and agrees that it will receive a benefit from and upon the City's annexation of the Property; accordingly, by JDOliver's execution of this Agreement, JDOliver agrees, as a bargained-for condition for the City's annexation of the Property, to waive and relinquish any and all right it has or may have to withdraw its consent to the City's annexation of the Property or any portion thereof. JDOliver shall not petition the Annexation Resolution to referendum and, in the event the Annexation Resolution is petitioned to referendum and JDOliver is permitted to vote in such referendum, JDOliver shall vote in favor of the Annexation Resolution.

4. Application of City Code and Charter; City Taxes.

From and after the effective date of the Annexation Resolution, all provisions of the City of Salisbury Charter (the "Charter") and the Salisbury Municipal Code (the "City Code") shall have full force and effect within the Property, except as otherwise expressly set forth herein. The Parties expressly acknowledge and agree that, upon the City's annexation of the Property, the Property shall be subject to any and all applicable taxes, fees and/or other charges levied, assessed or imposed by the City from time to time.

5. Municipal Zoning.

Upon the effective date of the Annexation Resolution, the Property shall be zoned General Commercial, as set forth in Chapter 17.36 of the City Code.

6. Municipal Services.

- (a) Subject to the obligations of JDOliver set forth in Section 9(f)(i)-(ii) hereof, the City agrees to provide all necessary municipal services required for JDOliver's use of the Property, including, but not limited to, adequate water and sewer services, fire and police protection, and other municipal services as generally available to City residents.
- **(b)** With regard to public water and sewer allocation for the Property or any portion thereof, any allocation of public water or wastewater capacity and/or services shall be made by the City according to adopted allocation plans in effect at the time JDOliver makes a request for such capacity and/or services.

7. Standards & Criteria.

Should any environmental, engineering, or other similar standard or criteria expressly provided in this Agreement be exceeded by any local, state or federal law, regulation, rule, standard or authorized criteria, which may be adopted subsequent to the execution of this Agreement, the newer stricter standard, criteria, law or regulation shall apply.

8. City Boundary Markers.

- (a) JDOliver, at its sole cost and expense, shall install City Boundary Markers at the boundary lines representing the enlarged City boundaries resulting from the City's annexation of the Property. JDOliver shall provide the City with receipt(s), or other written documentation acceptable to the City, evidencing the installation of the boundary lines, as aforesaid, within ninety (90) days of the expiration of the forty-five (45) day referendum period applicable to the Annexation Resolution.
- **(b)** In the event JDOliver fails to comply with its obligations under Section 8(a) hereof, then, upon the expiration of the ninety (90) day period set forth in Section 8(a), JDOliver shall make payment to the City in the amount of either Ten Thousand Dollars and 00/100 (\$10,000.00) or the amount of the costs incurred by the City to perform the obligations of JDOliver under Section 8(a), whichever is greater.

9. <u>Development Considerations.</u>

- (a) Fees & Costs. JDOliver expressly acknowledges and agrees that it shall make payment to the City for any and all fees, costs and/or expenses, including, but not limited to, legal fees, planning fees and/or consulting fees, incurred by the City in connection with the preparation of this Agreement, the preparation of the Annexation Resolution, the preparation of any other document(s) pertaining to the annexation of the Property, the publication of public notice(s) for the annexation of the Property, and any other matter relating to or arising from the annexation of the Property, as determined by the City in its sole discretion. The City shall invoice JDOliver for all costs to be paid by JDOliver under this Section 9(a) and JDOliver shall make payment to the City for all such amounts within fifteen (15) days of JDOliver's receipt of any such invoice from the City.
- **(b) Development of Property.** JDOliver shall use, renovate and/or develop the Property in a manner compliant with all laws and regulations governing property located within the City's General Commercial zoning district, except to the extent that any nonconforming use or structures exists on the Effective Date hereof, which such use or structures may continue as legal, nonconforming uses or structures.
- **(c) Contribution to Area Improvement.** JDOliver agrees to install sidewalks along the full public road frontage of the Property.

(d) Contribution to the Re-Investment in Existing Neighborhoods.

- (i) As of today's date, JDOliver has paid to the City a development assessment in the amount of Eleven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$11,500.00) (the "Development Assessment"). JDOliver expressly acknowledges and agrees that its payment of the Development Assessment to the City under this Section 9(d)(i) is a material part of the consideration received by the City hereunder, without which the City would not enter into this Agreement.
- (ii) In the event the City does not annex the Property, the Development Assessment will promptly be refunded to JDOliver.
- (iii) The Parties expressly acknowledge and agree the Development Assessment is intended for use by the City, in its sole discretion, for purposes of beautification, restoration and revitalization improvements to existing neighborhoods in the City. The Parties further acknowledge and agree the Development Assessment shall be in addition to, and otherwise independent of, any and all water and sewer comprehensive connection charges or fees assessed, levied or otherwise imposed by the City, any and all impact fees imposed by Wicomico County or the City, and/or any other charges or fees which the City may assess against JDOliver or the Property in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement and/or

pursuant to any law or regulation applicable to the Property and/or the development thereof.

(e) Community & Environmental Design. JDOliver expressly acknowledges and agrees that any development plan for the Property shall: feature strong functional and visual relationships from the street and sidewalk to the front entrance of the principal structure constructed at or upon the Property.

(f) Public Utility Improvements & Extensions.

- (i) The Parties expressly acknowledge and agree that extensions of public water and sanitary sewer utilities will be necessary to meet the utility service requirements for and within the Property. Accordingly, the Parties expressly acknowledge and agree that JDOliver shall, at its sole cost and expense, design and construct, or cause to be designed and constructed, such public water and sanitary sewer utility extension(s), including water and sewer main(s), trunk line(s), fire hydrant(s) and appurtenant facilities, required or imposed to serve the development or redevelopment of, or any other site improvements to or for, the Property or any portion thereof, in accordance with the City's standards and specifications.
- (ii) In addition to the provisions set forth in Section 9(f)(i), JDOliver's design and construction of all facilities necessary for the extension and service of public water and sanitary sewer utilities to the Property shall be governed by the terms and conditions of a Public Works Agreement, by and between JDOliver and the City (the "PWA"), which shall be executed by the Parties as soon as practicable after the Annexation Resolution becomes effective, with the express agreement that execution of the PWA by the Parties will not be unreasonably conditioned, withheld or delayed; provided, however, no permit may be issued to JDOliver, or any party acting on its behalf, for any work associated with JDOliver's renovation and/or development of the Property, or any portion thereof, until the PWA has been executed by the Parties.

10. RECORD PLAT.

JDOliver shall provide the City with a copy of the final record plat for any development of, on or within the Property.

11. NOTICES.

All notices and other communication in connection with this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed delivered to the addressee thereof: (1) when delivered in person on a business day at the address set forth below; (2) on the third (3rd) business day after being deposited in any main or branch United States post office, for delivery by properly addressed, postage prepaid certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, at the address set forth below; or, (3) when delivered by a nationally-recognized delivery service company at the address set forth below, with written proof of delivery.

All notices and other communications to JDOliver shall be addressed to, and delivered at, the following addresses:

JDOliver LLC c/o Ryan D. Showalter McAllister, DeTar, Showalter & Walker LLC 100 N. West Street Easton, Maryland 21601 All notices and other communications to the City shall be addressed to, and delivered at, the following addresses:

City of Salisbury c/o Director Department of Infrastructure and Development 125 N. Division Street, Room 202 Salisbury, Maryland 21801

With a copy to: Heather R. Konyar, Esquire Cockey, Brennan & Maloney, P.C. 313 Lemmon Hill Lane Salisbury, Maryland 21801

12. Future Uses of Annexation Property.

JDOliver expressly acknowledges and agrees that, upon the effective date of the Annexation Resolution, any renovation and/or development of the Property must comply with all applicable laws, rules and regulations of the City, as may be amended from time to time, including, but not limited to, all applicable zoning laws of the City, and all applicable permitting and/or approval procedures established by the City governing the development and/or use of property located within the City's General Commercial zoning district. Renovation and/or development of the Property shall be subject to, and must comply with, any and all applicable capacity fees and/or impact fees established by the City and/or Wicomico County existing as of the effective date of the Annexation Resolution, subject to any amendments thereto as approved by the City and/or Wicomico County from time to time. The Parties expressly acknowledge and agree that this Agreement, or any of the terms set forth herein, shall not, in any way, constitute, or otherwise be construed as, an approval for any specific development on or within the Property or any portion thereof; nor shall this Agreement or any of its terms constitute or otherwise be construed as a waiver by the City of any fee(s) or charge(s) associated with or arising from JDOliver's renovation, development and/or use of the Property or any portion thereof.

13. Miscellaneous Provisions.

- (a) Applicable Law. This Agreement shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Maryland, without regard to its conflict of laws principles. The Parties, acting for themselves and for their respective successors and assigns, without regard to domicile, citizenship or residence, hereby expressly and irrevocably consent to and subject themselves to the jurisdiction of the Maryland courts and to venue in Wicomico County, Maryland with respect to any matter arising from or in connection with this Agreement.
- (b) Scope of Agreement. This Agreement is not intended to limit the exercise of any police power(s) of the City, to limit the operation of the City government or to guarantee the outcome of any administrative process. Unless otherwise expressly set forth in this Agreement or in any other subsequent agreement entered into by the Parties, this Agreement shall be subject to all properly enacted laws, and properly adopted governmental regulations, now or hereafter existing and applicable. This Agreement shall not be rendered invalid by reason of the enactment or amendment of any law or the adoption or amendment of any regulation, which is: (i) enacted or adopted by the City in the exercise of a governmental power for a valid governmental purpose; (ii) enacted or adopted by the City as a result of a state or federal mandate; or, (iii) applicable to the Property and to similarly situated property located outside of the City in Wicomico County.

- (c) Entire Agreement. This Agreement and all exhibits and/or addenda attached hereto constitutes the entire agreement and understanding of the Parties with respect to the transactions contemplated herein, and all prior negotiations, writings and understandings relating to the subject matter of this Agreement are merged herein and are superseded and canceled by this Agreement.
- (d) Waiver. None of the terms or conditions of this Agreement may be waived, except if set forth in a writing signed by the party entitled to the benefit of the term(s) or condition(s) so waived; and, such waiver shall be effective only in the specific instance and for the specific purpose for which it is given.
- (e) Project as a Private Undertaking. The Parties expressly acknowledge and agree: (i) that the development or redevelopment of the Property, or any portion thereof, is a private undertaking; (ii) that neither the City nor JDOliver is acting as the agent of the other party in any respect hereunder; and, (iii) that each of the City and JDOliver is an independent contracting entity with respect to the provisions of this Agreement. No partnership, joint venture or other association of any kind is formed by this Agreement.
- **(f) Modification.** Neither this Agreement nor any provision hereof may be waived, modified, amended, discharged or terminated except by an instrument in writing signed by the Parties.
- (g) Binding Effect. The terms of this Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the Parties hereto, any successor municipal authority of the City and/or any successor owner(s) of record of the Property or any portion thereof.
- (h) Assignment of Agreement. The Parties expressly acknowledge and agree this Agreement shall be assignable, in whole or in part, by JDOliver, without the consent of the City or any of its elected officials, employees or agents, to any purchaser of the Property or any portion thereof; provided, however, any transfer of all or a portion of the Property shall be subject to the terms of this Agreement. Notwithstanding any term to the contrary set forth in this Section 13(h), JDOliver shall not transfer, or pledge as security for any debt or obligation, any of its interest in or to all or any portion of the Property without first obtaining the acknowledgment of the transferee or pledgee to be bound by all of the terms and conditions set forth herein, as if such transferee or pledgee was a party to this Agreement. JDOliver shall provide the City with a copy of all documents, including all exhibits attached thereto (if any), evidencing any transfer or assignment by JDOliver of any of its interests in and to the Property or any portion thereof.
- (i) Express Condition. The obligations of JDOliver under this Agreement shall be contingent upon the annexation of the Property becoming effective (as set forth in Section 1 hereof) and shall not constitute the personal obligations of JDOliver independent of its ownership of the JDOliver Property or any portion thereof. Notwithstanding any term to the contrary set forth herein, the obligations of JDOliver under Section 9(a) hereof shall not be contingent or otherwise conditioned upon annexation of the Property and shall be binding upon and enforceable against JDOliver, its successors, representatives and assigns, to the fullest extent permitted by Maryland law.
- (j) No Third-Party Beneficiaries. This Agreement shall not confer any rights or remedies upon any person or entity other than the Parties hereto and their respective successors and/or assigns.
- **(k)** Recording of Agreement. This Agreement, including all exhibits, schedules and/or addenda attached hereto, each of which is incorporated in this Agreement by this reference, shall be recorded among the Land Records of Wicomico County, the costs of which shall be paid by JDOliver. This Agreement, and all of the terms contained herein, shall run with the Property and be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Parties and their respective heirs, personal representatives, successors and/or assigns.
- (I) No Reliance. Each party to this Agreement, for itself, expressly acknowledges and agrees that, in entering into this Agreement, such party has not been induced by, nor has relied upon, nor included as part of the basis of the bargain herein, any representation(s) or statement(s), whether express or implied, made by any agent, representative or employee of the other party to this Agreement, which is not expressly set forth herein.

- (m) Further Assurances. The Parties covenant and agree to do, execute, acknowledge and deliver, or cause to be done, executed, acknowledged and delivered, all such further acts, deeds, documents, assignments, transfers, conveyances, powers of attorney and assurances as may be reasonably necessary or desirable to give full effect to this Agreement.
- (n) Severability. The Parties intend that should any provision, covenant, agreement, or portion of this Agreement or its application to any person, entity, or property be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions of this Agreement and the validity, enforceability, and application thereof to any person, entity, or property shall not be impaired thereby, but such remaining provisions shall be interpreted, applied and enforced so as to achieve, as near as may be, the purpose and intent of this Agreement to the greatest extent permitted by applicable law.
- (o) Waiver of Jury Trial. The Parties hereto shall and they hereby do waive trial by jury in any action, proceeding or counter-claim brought by any party against any other party on any matters whatsoever arising out of or in any way connected with this Agreement, the relationship of the Parties to one another, and/or any claim, injury or damage arising from or consequent upon this Agreement.
- **(p) Remedies.** In addition to each and every remedy now or hereafter existing at law or in equity, the Parties expressly agree that, provided the Annexation Resolution becomes effective, the Parties shall have the right to enforce this Agreement by an action for specific performance.
- (q) Survival. The terms and conditions of this Agreement shall survive the effective date of the Annexation Resolution and shall not be merged or expunged by the City's annexation of the Property or any portion thereof.
- (r) Construction. This Agreement and all of the terms and conditions set forth herein shall not be construed or enforced in favor of or against any party hereto by reason of the fact that party or that party's agent or attorney drafted all or any part of this Agreement. Section headings are for convenience of reference only and shall not limit or otherwise affect any of the provisions of this Agreement. As used herein, any reference to the masculine, feminine or neuter gender shall include all genders, the plural shall include the singular, and the singular shall include the plural.
- (s) Time. Time is of the essence with respect to this Agreement and each and every provision hereof.
- (t) Cooperation. The Parties hereto agree that each will cooperate with the other to the extent necessary to facilitate the issuance of any and all required permits from any non-party government agency for JDOliver's renovation, development and/or use of the Property.
- (u) Recitals. The Recitals set forth hereinabove are incorporated by reference herein, and made a part hereof, as if fully set forth in this Agreement.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have set their hands and seals and acknowledged this Agreement as of the day and year first above written.

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	By:	(Seal) Authorized Representative
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	By: Randolph J	(Seal)
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THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY CONSENTS TO THE AFORESTATED ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY:

Lands of Cross Lake, LLC

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CERTIFICATION BY ATTORNEY

I hereby certify that I am an attorney admitted to practice before the Supreme Cou- Maryland, and that the foregoing instrument was prepared under my supervision.		
W. (I. D. K. E		
Heather R. Konyar, Esquire		

Exhibit 5

ANNEXATION PLAN FOR THE 2407 N. SALISBURY BOULEVARD – JDOLIVER, LLC ANNEXATION TO THE CITY OF SALISBURY

March 4, 2024

This Annexation Plan is consistent with the Municipal Growth Element of the 2010 Comprehensive Plan adopted by the City of Salisbury. The following are milestones in the public review and consideration of the proposed Annexation which is the subject of this Annexation Plan:

At a Work Session of the City of Salisbury Mayor and City Council (the "Mayor and City Council"), held on ______, the Salisbury City Council (the "City Council") reviewed the Petition for Annexation (the "Annexation Petition") submitted by JDOLIVER, LLC ("JDOliver"), dated March 8, 2023, which requested the City of Salisbury, Maryland (the "City") annex the following parcels of lands:

- o JDOliver owns that certain lot or parcel of land located at 2407 N. Salisbury Blvd., Salisbury, Maryland 21801, further described as Tax Map 29, Grid 11, Parcel 158, and identified as "Lands now or formerly of JDOliver, LLC, Liber 5139, folio 382, 13.49 acres" on an annexation plat entitled "ANNEXATION PLAT OF PARCEL 158 FOR JDOLIVER, LLC, SITUATE AT 2407 NORTH SALISBURY BOULEVARD, SALISBURY, WICOMICO COUNTY, MARYLAND," prepared by Frederick, Seibert & Associates, Inc., dated February 16, 2023 (the "Annexation Plat"), consisting of 13.49 acres, more or less. The Annexation Plat is incorporated herein and a reduced scale copy of said Annexation Plat is attached hereto as *Exhibit A*). As shown on the Annexation Plat, a small portion of the JDOliver Property, comprised of 0.02 acres, more or less, is located within the municipal boundaries of the City, while the balance of the JDOliver Property, comprised of 13.47 acres, more or less, is located adjacent to and outside the City's municipal boundaries. JDOliver desires the City to annex substantially all of the JDOliver Property into the City, save for a small strip of land along the Property's eastern boundary identified on the Annexation Plat as "AREA TO REMAIN IN COUNTY 0.15 AC.", consisting of 0.15 acres more or less, which strip is necessary in order to prevent the creation of an enclave of unincorporated County land immediately north of the JDOliver Property (the aforesaid 13.32 acres of property to be annexed is hereafter referred to as the "JDOliver Property"); and
- O The following additional areas of land as shown and described on the Annexation Plat: (1) a 0.19 acre area, more or less, identified on the Annexation Plat as "AREA TO BE ANNEXED 0.19 AC.", being "LANDS OF CROSS LAKE, LLC, LIBER 4868, FOLIO 225, PARCEL 3, PLAT CABINET 8, FOLIOS 75-298"; (2) a 0.35 acre area, more or less, identified on the Annexation Plat as "AREA TO BE ANNEXED 0.37 AC.", being "LANDS OF SALISBURY MALL REALTY HOLDING, LLC, PARCEL 5 OF LIBER 4811, FOLIO 43, PARCEL B, PLAT CABINET 8, FOLIOS 75-298"; and, (3) a 0.19 acre area, more or less, identified on the Annexation Plat as "AREA TO BE ANNEXED 0.20 AC.", being "LANDS OF SALISBURY MALL REALTY HOLDING, LLC, PARCEL 2 OF LIBER 4811, FOLIO 43, PARCEL 4, PLAT CABINET 8, FOLIOS 75-298" (collectively, the "Additional Property") (the JDOliver Property and the Additional Property are hereafter referred to collectively as the "Property"); and
- At the April 20, 2023 Meeting of the Salisbury Planning Commission (the "Planning Commission"), the Planning Commission reviewed the proposed annexation of the Property and approved a favorable recommendation to the City for the proposed zoning of the Property.
- On ______, a Regular Meeting of the Mayor and City Council was convened, during which the City Council reviewed this Annexation Plan and a Resolution of the City Council to authorize and approve the City's annexation of the Property (said Resolution is hereinafter referred to as the "Annexation Resolution"), and, in

accordance with applicable state and local law, directed that a date for a Public Hearing be established to hear public comment on the City's annexation of the Property, as requested by the Annexation Petition submitted by JDOliver. Furthermore, at the ______ Regular Meeting of the Mayor and City Council, the City Council directed this Annexation Plan be submitted to the Maryland Department of Planning and the Wicomico County Council for comment, at least thirty (30) days before the Public Hearing on the Annexation Resolution, as required by applicable Maryland law.

1.0. GENERAL INFORMATION AND DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY.

- 1.1. Petitioner for Annexation of the Property. JDOliver is the owner and Petitioner for annexation of the Property. JDOliver, or its fully authorized agent, will perform all functions, including but not limited to appearing before all state and municipal bodies, in order to effectuate the annexation.
- **1.2. Location.** The Property is located as follows: (a) The JDOliver Property is located on the easterly side of North Salisbury Boulevard; the JDOliver Property is fairly rectangular in shape and adjoins the existing City boundaries along North Salisbury Boulevard and runs parallel to the existing City boundaries along Centre Drive; and (b) The Additional Property is located on the easterly side of North Salisbury Boulevard and is the strip of land that adjoins the southernmost boundary of the JDOliver Property and existing City boundaries along Centre Drive, as is more particularly shown on the Annexation Plat attached hereto and incorporated herein as **Exhibit A**.

1.3. Property Description; Reason for the Annexation Petition.

- (a) The JDOliver Property consists of 13.32 +/- acres of land as more particularly depicted and described by the Annexation Plat. The Additional Property consists of (1) 0.19 +/- acres of land as more particularly depicted and described by the Annexation Plat; (2) 0.35 +/- acres of land as more particularly depicted and described by the Annexation Plat; and (3) 0.19 +/- acres of land as more particularly depicted and described by the Annexation Plat. The Annexation Plat depicts all that same real property more particularly described by metes, bounds, courses and distances in that certain legal description attached hereto and incorporated herein as *Exhibit B* (the "**Property Description**").
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- **1.4. Existing Zoning.** All of the JDOliver Property is currently zoned C-2 General Commercial under the Wicomico County Code. The properties adjacent to the JDOliver Property that are located within the municipal limits of the City are to the south and west and are zoned "General Commercial" under the City of Salisbury City Code (the "City Code").

2.0. LAND USE PATTERN PROPOSED FOR THE PROPERTY.

2.1. Comprehensive Plan.

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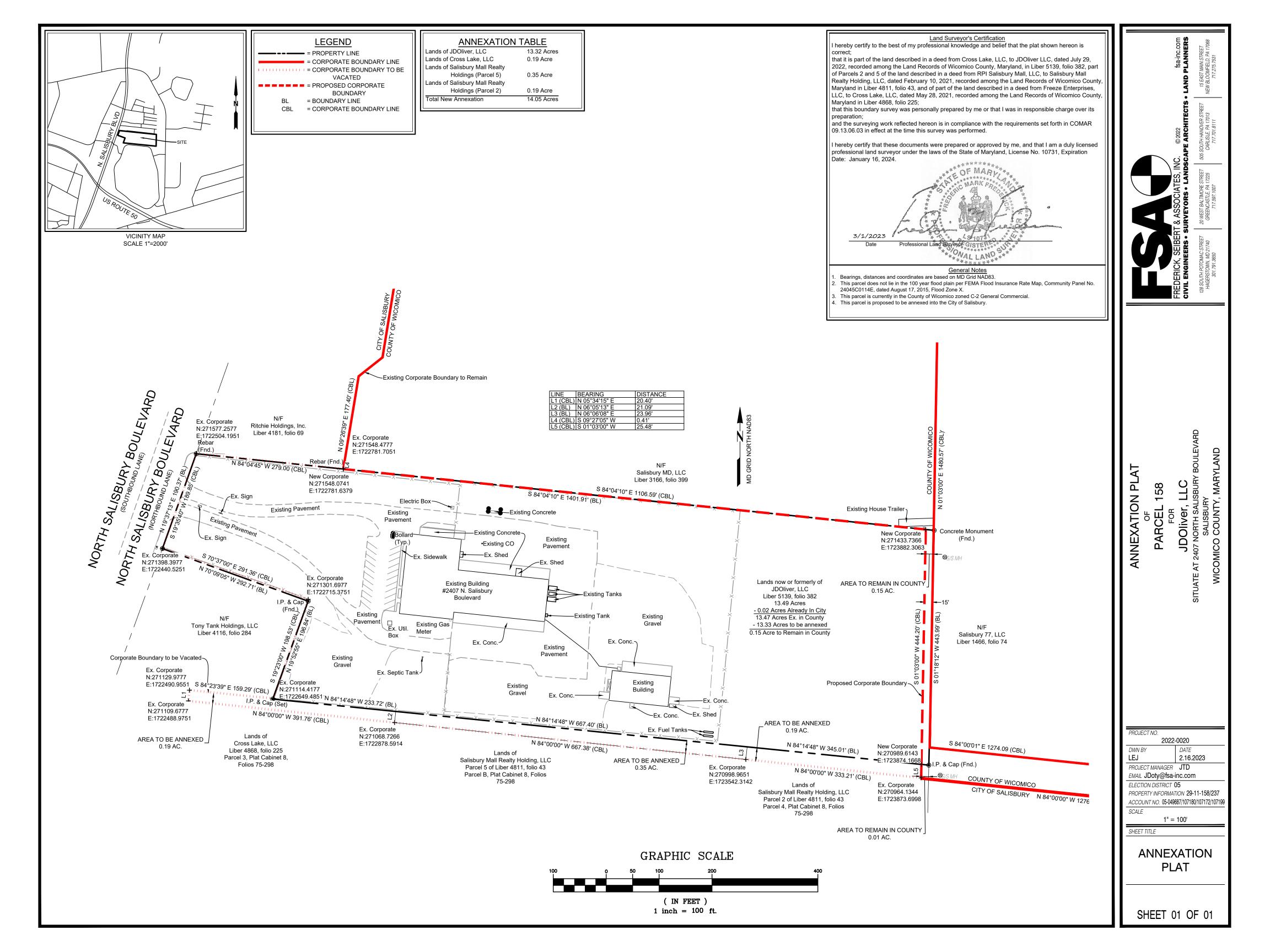
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62	as if such recitals were specifically set forth at length in this Section 5.
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66	THIS RESOLUTION was introduced, read and passed at the regular meeting of the Council of the
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68	the meantime, a public hearing was held on, 2024 at 6:00 p.m., and was finally passed
69	by the Council at its regular meeting held on, 2024.

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Kimberly R. Nichols, City Clerk	D'Shawn M. Doughty, Council President
APPROVED BY ME this day of	, 2024.
Randolph J. Taylor, Mayor	

CITY OF SALISBURY

PETITION FOR ANNEXATION

To the Mayor and Council of the City of Salisbury:

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NOW, THEREFORE, I/We request annexation of my/our land to the City of Salisbury.

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3/8/23 Date

SIGNATURE

APPLICANT:

JD OLIVER, LLC

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By: Ryan D. Showalter, Authorized Person

N SALISBURY BLVD. – JDOLIVER, LLC

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Annexation containing 14.05 acres, more or less.

Exhibit 3

ANNEXATION PLAN FOR THE 2407 N. SALISBURY BOULEVARD – JDOLIVER, LLC ANNEXATION TO THE CITY OF SALISBURY

March 4, 2024

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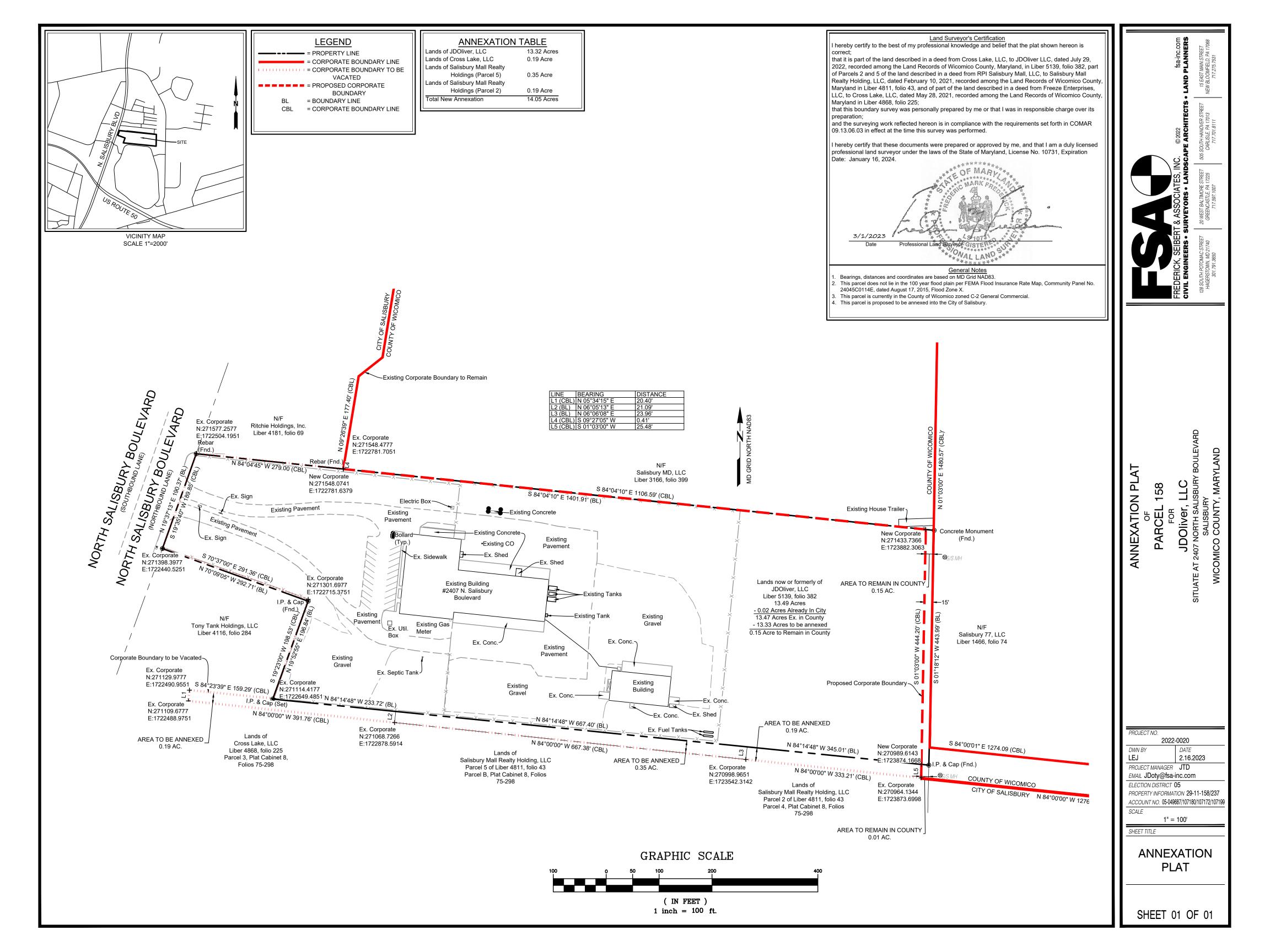
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THIS ORDINANCE was introduced and read at a Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of

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ORDINANCE NO. 2858

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Ordinance having been published as required by law, in the meantime, was finally passed by the Counc of the City of Salisbury on the 11 day of March, 2024.	
ATTEST:	
Kimberly R. Nichols, City Clerk	D'Shawn M. Doughty, City Council President
Approved by me, thisday of	, 2024.
Randolph J. Taylor, Mayor	