

ORDINANCE NO. 2934

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY TO 1) AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACCEPTING GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$250,000; 2) AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A SUB RECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH RAILROAD AVENUE INVESTMENTS, LLC; AND 3) TO APPROVE A BUDGET AMENDMENT TO THE GRANT FUND TO APPROPRIATE THE AFOREMENTIONED FUNDS TO BE USED FOR ELIGIBLE EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH THE UNION RAILWAY STATION STABILIZATION PROJECT.

WHEREAS, the 1913 Union Rail Station (“**Union Station**”) is a building of historical significance in the City of Salisbury (the “**City**”), and the State of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, Union Station has fallen into disrepair, and is located in and among the blighted area of the Railroad Avenue corridor; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to continue efforts to further stabilize the structural integrity of Union Station and complete restoration of the building to allow for the resumption of commercial enterprise and uses; and

WHEREAS, rehabilitation of Union Station will contribute to the revitalization of the Railroad Avenue corridor and surrounding community by promotion public safety, improving a blighted neighborhood, revitalizing a historically significant district, and creating additional cultural activities and jobs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Salisbury in June 2024 submitted a Maryland State Revitalization Programs Grant application to the Department of Housing and Community Development (“**DHCD**”) for financial assistance in carrying out community development activities, specifically to provide assistance with the continued stabilization and restoration of the Union Station; and

WHEREAS, DHCD, a principal department of the State of Maryland, has awarded Community Legacy Program Grant funds in the amount of \$250,000 to the City (the “**Grant Funds**”); and

WHEREAS, the City of Salisbury must enter into a grant agreement with DHCD defining how the Grant Funds are to be expended; and

WHEREAS, the City of Salisbury is sub-granting the Grant Funds to Railroad Avenue Investments, LLC to perform the restoration in accordance with DHCD directives; and

WHEREAS, the City of Salisbury must, in turn, enter into a sub-recipient agreement with Railroad Avenue Investments, LLC defining how the Grant Funds are to be expended; and

WHEREAS, § 7-29 of the Salisbury City Charter prohibits the City from entering into a contract that requires an expenditure not appropriated or authorized by the Council of the City of Salisbury; and

WHEREAS, appropriations necessary to execute the purpose of this grant must be made upon the recommendation of the Mayor and the approval of four-fifths of the Council of the City of Salisbury.

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

Section 1. Mayor Randolph J. Taylor is hereby authorized to enter into a grant agreement with the Department of Housing and Community Development, on behalf of the City of Salisbury, for the City's acceptance of grant funds in the amount of \$250,000.

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

Section 2. Mayor Randolph J. Taylor is hereby authorized to enter into a sub-recipient grant agreement with Railroad Avenue Investment, LLC for the purpose of expending these grant funds.

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

Section 3. The City of Salisbury's Grant Fund Budget be and hereby is amended as follows:

(a) Increase DHCD Revenue Account No. 12800-423300-XXXXX by \$250,000.

(b) Increase Subrecipient - Railroad Investments LLC Expense Account No. 12800-569315-XXXXX by \$250,000.

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

Section 4. It is the intention of the Mayor and Council of the City of Salisbury that each provision of this Ordinance shall be deemed independent of all other provisions herein.

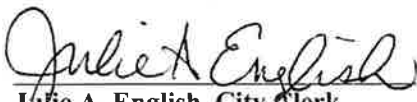
Section 5. It is further the intention of the Mayor and Council of the City of Salisbury that if any section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable under applicable Maryland or federal law, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision so adjudged and all other provisions of this Ordinance shall remain and shall be deemed valid and enforceable.

Section 6. The recitals set forth hereinabove are incorporated into this section of the Ordinance as if such recitals were specifically set forth at length in this Section 6.

Section 7. This Ordinance shall take effect from and after the date of its final passage.

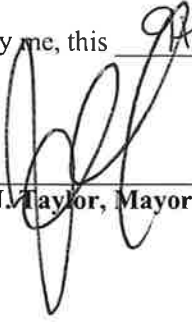
THIS ORDINANCE was introduced and read at a Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Salisbury held on the 12 day of May, 2025 and thereafter, a statement of the substance of the Ordinance having been published as required by law, in the meantime, was finally passed by the Council of the City of Salisbury on the 19 day of May, 2025.

ATTEST:


Julie A. English, City Clerk


D'Shawn M. Doughty, City Council President

Approved by me, this 9th day of June, 2025.



Randolph J. Taylor, Mayor