



LEGISLATIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 27, 2025

PUBLIC OFFICIALS PRESENT

Council President D'Shawn M. Doughty, Vice President Angela M. Blake, Councilwoman April R. Jackson, Councilwoman Michelle R. Gregory, Councilwoman Sharon C. Dashiell

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

City Administrator Andy Kitzrow, City Clerk Julie English, City Attorney Ashley Bosché

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

The City Council convened in Legislative Session on January 27, 2025 at 6:39 p.m. in the Government Office Building Council Chambers, Room 301, located at 125 N. Division Street.

PRESENTATION AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

President Doughty presented the meeting agenda and called for a motion and a second to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Jackson motioned and Ms. Dashiell seconded. The vote was 5-0 to approve the legislative agenda.

RESOLUTIONS – Presented by City Administrator Andy Kitzrow

- **Resolution No. 3378** – to amend and restate the terms of an Annexation Agreement associated with property that was the subject of the 2007 “Hobbs Road-Iott Property Annexation”, now known as the “Hobbs Road Annexation”

Mr. Gregory motioned and Ms. Jackson seconded, and the vote was 5-0 to approve Resolution No. 3378.

PUBLIC HEARINGS – presented by Ashley Bosché

President Doughty directed anyone wishing to comment during the public hearings to stand and be sworn in by the City Clerk. No members of the public were sworn in.

- **Resolution No. 3375** – proposing the annexation to the City of Salisbury of certain area of land contiguous to and binding upon the Corporate Limits of the City of Salisbury to be known as the “City of Salisbury Wastewater Treatment Plant”

President Doughty asked for a motion and a second for Resolution No. 3375. Ms. Blake motioned and Ms. Gregory seconded.

President Doughty opened the public hearing at 6:45 p.m. Having no comments, the hearing was closed at 6:45 p.m.

The vote was 5-0 to approve Resolution No. 3375 for second reading.

- **Resolution No. 3376** – a plan 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 the “City of Salisbury Wastewater Treatment Plant Annexation”

President Doughty asked for a motion and a second for Resolution No. 3376. Ms. Blake motioned and Ms. Jackson seconded.

President Doughty opened the public hearing at 6:46 p.m. Having no comments, the hearing was closed at 6:46 p.m.

The vote was 5-0 to approve Resolution No. 3376 for second reading.

ORDINANCES – presented by City Attorney Ashley Bosché

- **Ordinance No. 2910** – approving a budget amendment of the FY2025 General Fund Budget and the FY2024 Water Sewer Fund Budget to appropriate funds required for Field Operations

Ms. Jackson motioned and Ms. Gregory seconded. The vote to approve Ordinance No. 2910 for second reading was 5-0 in favor.

- **Ordinance No. 2911** – authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems for the purpose of accepting grant funds in the amount of \$4,000.00, and to approve a budget amendment to the grant fund to appropriate these funds for the Salisbury Fire Department

Ms. Blake motioned and Ms. Jackson seconded, and the vote was 5-0 to approve Ordinance No. 2911 for second reading.

- **Ordinance No. 2912** - authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with the State of Maryland for the purpose of accepting grant funds in the amount of \$542,000.00, and to approve a budget amendment to the grant fund to appropriate funds for the Salisbury

Fire Department

Ms. Jackson motioned and Ms. Gregory seconded, and the vote was 5-0 to approve Ordinance No. 2912 for second reading.

- **Ordinance No. 2913** – authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with the Rural Maryland Council for the purpose of accepting grant funds in the amount of \$13,791, and to approve a budget amendment to the grant fund to appropriate these funds for the Salisbury Fire Department

Ms. Blake motioned and Ms. Gregory seconded, and the vote was 5-0 to approve Ordinance No. 2913 for second reading.

- **Ordinance No. 2914** – approving a budget amendment of the City's FY2025 Budget, accepting a donation from Draper Holdings Charitable Foundation for the Santa Workshop Program

Ms. Gregory motioned and Ms. Jackson seconded, and the vote was 5-0 to approve Ordinance No. 2914 for second reading.

- **Ordinance No. 2915** – 2nd reading – to accept grant funds from the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs in the amount of \$2,998.00 under the FFY2023 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program

Ms. Gregory motioned and Ms. Blake seconded, and the vote for Ordinance No. 2915 was 5-0 in favor for second reading.

- **Ordinance No. 2916** – authorizing the Mayor to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Wicomico County Health Department and approving a budget amendment of the FY2025 General Fund Budget to appropriate funds received from the Wicomico County Health Department in the amount of \$10,000.00

Ms. Gregory motioned and Ms. Jackson seconded, and the vote was 5-0 in favor for first reading.

- **Ordinance No. 2917** – 1st reading – to rezone a property located at 413 Snow Hill Road from R-10 Residential to General Commercial

Ms. Jackson motioned and Ms. Dashiell seconded, and the vote Ordinance No. 2917 was 5-0 in favor for first reading.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following public comments were made:

- Speaker #1 expressed her frustration with the ongoing crime and drug dealing in her neighborhood.
- Speaker #2 agreed with speaker #1 and wanted action taken.
- Speaker #3 echoed Speaker #1 and Speaker #2.
- Speaker #4 thanked Councilwoman Blake for responding to emails.

ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

Mr. Kitzrow felt the new public comment process was working well. He noted that several meetings were held following the snowfall to develop plans for future snow events.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Ms. Jackson firmly stated that no one could persuade her to do anything against her will. She expressed frustration over accusations that her vote had been “bought” or that she was bullied into voting yes. She also shared that she had been actively working to secure grants for affordable housing.

Ms. Dashiell commended the Mayor’s Office for hosting the Lower Eastern Shore Mayors Association dinner. She highlighted the joint efforts of the city and county in addressing the litter issue. She noted that PAC 14 celebrated its anniversary over the weekend and encouraged continued support for the organization. She also expressed gratitude for its contributions to the community. Lastly, she thanked the administration for keeping her informed with regular updates.

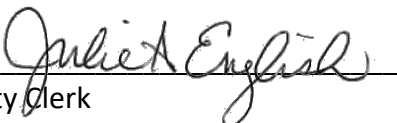
Ms. Gregory thanked all the staff for what they did during the snow storm.

Ms. Blake shared several reasons for her support of the density increase. She expressed appreciation for the backing of the Greater Salisbury Committee, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Downtown Salisbury Business Alliance. She also emphasized that parking should not be viewed as a concern and encouraged the public to make use of the parking garage.

President Doughty noted that he had served as council president for 483 days, during which time this project had been actively discussed and prioritized by the city. However, there were even greater needs across Salisbury. By focusing our efforts, not just on downtown but throughout the entire city, we can ensure meaningful progress in all areas.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the Legislative Session adjourned at 7:27 p.m.


City Clerk



Council President