



LEGISLATIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 10, 2025

PUBLIC OFFICIALS PRESENT

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

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

City Administrator Andy Kitzrow, Procurement Director Jennifer Miller, City Clerk Julie English, City Attorney Ashley Bosché

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

The City Council convened in Legislative Session on February 10, 2025 at 7:17 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 legislative agenda and called for a motion and a second to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Dashiell motioned and Ms. Jackson seconded. The vote was 5-0 to approve the legislative agenda.

AWARD OF BID – presented by Procurement Director Jennifer Miller

- ITB A-25-110 Pump Station Wet Well Cleaning \$95,100 est/yr

Ms. Blake motioned and Ms. Gregory seconded and the vote was 5-0 in favor.

RESOLUTION – presented by City Attorney Ashley Bosché

- **Resolution No. 3377** – amending the Salisbury City Council Regulations and Rules of Order

Ms. Dashiell requested clarification regarding the change in the meeting schedule from four meetings per month to two. President Doughty, along with the administration, explained that the schedule was intentionally left flexible to allow for additional meetings if time-sensitive matters arose and needed to be addressed promptly.

Ms. Jackson motioned and Ms. Blake seconded. The vote was 5-0 to approve Resolution No. 3377.

PUBLIC HEARING

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

- **Ordinance No. 2917** – 2nd reading – to rezone a property located at 413 Snow Hill Road from R-10 Residential to General Commercial

President Doughty asked for a motion and a second for Ordinance No. 2917. Ms. Blake motioned and Ms. Dashiell seconded.

President Doughty opened the public hearing at 7:27 p.m. Having no comments, the hearing was closed at 7:27 p.m.

The vote was 5-0 to approve Ordinance No. 2917 for second reading.

ORDINANCES

- **Ordinance No. 2916** – 2nd reading – 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

Ms. Jackson motioned and Ms. Gregory seconded, and the vote was 5-0 to approve Ordinance No. 2916.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following public comments were made:

- Speaker #1 mentioned long-standing and recent concerns such as Carroll Street, flooding near Pep Boys, pedestrian safety on the north side, and sufficient transportation. He hoped that meaningful progress would be accomplished soon.
- Speaker #2 was the owner of Pemberton Coffee House and had concerns about walkability in the area and would like to see sidewalks and crosswalks added to the area.

- Speaker #3 expressed frustration with being removed from the agenda distribution list. She requested her email be reinstated on the list.
- Speaker #4 highlighted the importance of recognizing recent Black History, including the creation of Salisbury's minority-majority district in 1987. She reflected on her own election and congratulated her former opponent. She recognized President Doughty for being the first black elected Council President.
- Speaker #5 recommended that the Legislative Sessions come before the Work Sessions and did not see a need for the rules to be revised.

ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

Mr. Kitzrow noted that the city was monitoring the upcoming storm closely and utilizing resources appropriately. He was hopeful that warmer temperatures and rain would help with conditions. He also gave a shoutout to the City's safety personnel.

Mayor Taylor shared that some topics should be part of regular conversation and expressed his desire to participate respectfully. He noted that, since being invited to the meeting, he would appreciate having the opportunity to speak.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Ms. Jackson reflected on her father, Billy Gene Jackson, emphasizing the need for respected community leaders like him. She also invited the public to the Valentine's Day Talent Show she was hosting at the VFW.

Ms. Dashiell shared that the airport security system upgrade was nearly complete. She noted that the maintenance school would begin in August 2025. She highlighted the upcoming Rock and Roll Revival shows and acknowledged the Wicomico County Rotary for recognizing two individuals during their Hero Awards. She reported that someone had been hired to manage Anne Street Village and would be an excellent addition. Housing and Community Development had a new system that had been implemented to identify owners of boarded-up homes. She also mentioned ongoing police efforts to address dirt bike issues on Route 13.

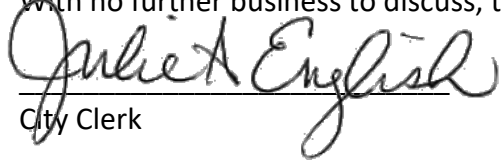
Ms. Gregory commended the work of elected black municipal leaders on the Lower Shore, stating pride in working alongside them and recognizing their significant contributions.

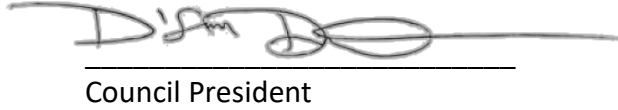
Ms. Blake encouraged the public to donate blood if they were able.

President Doughty expressed gratitude for everyone's contributions to Black History Month. He emphasized the importance of honoring those who came before, noting that many were not celebrated while making meaningful, lasting changes.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the Legislative Session adjourned at 8:04 p.m.


City Clerk


Council President



Resolution 3377 on 02/10/2025 Legislative Session Agenda

From Carolyn Wohlgemuth <carolynwo@gmail.com>

Date Mon 2/10/2025 11:55 AM

To All City Council Members <allcitycouncilmembers@salisbury.md>; Julie English <jenglish@salisbury.md>; Randy Taylor <rtaylor@salisbury.md>

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City Council Members:

Resolution 3377 (amending the Salisbury City Council Regulations and Rules of Order), as included in the 02/10/2025 Legislative Session Agenda Packet, does not follow the long-established city council process utilized to amend a resolution.

The base document is Resolution 2396 adopted on 4/28/2014. That is the starting point for making changes. The document in the agenda packet does not reflect the correct base document. The document that appears in the agenda packet is not even complete as pages are inexplicably missing. The history at the end of the document does not even include **Resolution 2396, the current resolution.**

The long-established process utilized by prior city councils to amend a resolution is done in a manner that easily identifies where **all changes to the current resolution** are being made, thereby promoting transparency!

Passage of this resolution as presented would clearly represent your ignorance of proper procedure and your unwillingness to be transparent with the public.

Carolyn Wohlgemuth, City Resident