



LEGISLATIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 24, 2025

PUBLIC OFFICIALS PRESENT

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

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Associate Planner Zack White, Department of Infrastructure and Development Director Nick Voitiuc, Fire Chief Rob Frampton, Deputy Chief Chris O'Barsky, Assistant Chief Chris Truitt, City Clerk Julie English, City Attorney Ashley Bosché

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

The City Council convened in Legislative Session on February 24, 2025 at 6:24 p.m. in the Government Office Building Council Chambers, Room 301, located at 125 N. Division Street. After reviewing the emergency exit instructions, President Doughty asked Ms. English to present the Legislative agenda.

PRESENTATION AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA – presented by City Clerk Julie English

- August 26, 2024 Special Work Session Minutes
- September 9, 2024 Special Work Session Minutes
- September 9, 2024 Legislative Session Minutes
- September 9, 2024 Closed Session Minutes
- **Resolution No. 3379** - Appointing Michael Piorunski to the Parks and Recreation Committee for term ending February 2028

- **Resolution No. 3380** - Appointing Eugene Hirnyk to the Parks and Recreation Committee for term ending February 2028
- Manufacturing Exemption approval for equipment purchased in the year(s) listed for the following: Spartech (2023), Perdue (2021, 2023), K&L Microwave (2022, 2023), Delmarva Printing & Design (2021, 2023), Clean Air Filters (2022), DiCarlo Precision Instrument (2023), Smiths Interconnect (2022)

Ms. Jackson motioned and Ms. Dashiell seconded to approve the consent agenda with a vote of 5-0.

President Doughty recognized and thanked Mr. Piorunski and Mr. Hirnyk for their service to the Parks and Recreation Committee.

RESOLUTIONS – presented by City Attorney Ashley Bosché

- **Resolution No. 3381** – making a declaration of official intent regarding City of Salisbury’s reasonable expectation to reimburse from proceeds of a future borrowing project expenditures made in connection with a project generally referred to as “Lead Service Line Replacement Phase 1;” and generally relating thereto

Ms. Gregory motioned and Ms. Jackson seconded. The vote was 5-0 to approve Resolution No. 3381.

ORDINANCES – presented by City Attorney Ashley Bosché

- **Ordinance No. 2918** – 1st reading – amending Chapter 5.64 of the Salisbury City Code, entitled “Towing Companies”, to update procedures for dispatching police directed towing, operations of a police directed tow on scene, and penalties for violations of the code

Ms. Bosché noted that the four ordinance changes from the Work Session were updated in the Ordinance and incorporated in the packet.

Ms. Blake motioned and Ms. Gregory seconded. The vote was 5-0 to approve Ordinance No. 2918.

- **Ordinance No. 2919** – 1st reading – to accept funds received from the Chesapeake Bay Trust in the amount of \$148,267, as awarded to plant 834 trees in the City of Salisbury

Ms. Jackson motioned and Ms. Dashiell seconded, and the vote was 5-0 to approve Ordinance No. 2919 for first reading.

- **Ordinance No. 2920** - 1st reading – authorizing the Mayor to appropriate funds for

drinking water state revolving fund projects including the Naylor Mill Water Main Extension project, a PFAS study at the paleo water treatment plant and a lead service line replacement project

Ms. Gregory motioned and Ms. Blake seconded, and the vote was 5-0 to approve Ordinance No. 2920 for first reading.

- **Ordinance No. 2921** – 1st reading – authorizing a budget amendment and the Mayor to appropriate funds for the PFAS study and treatment

Ms. Blake motioned and Ms. Dashiell seconded, and the vote was 5-0 to approve Ordinance No. 2921 for first reading.

- **Ordinance No. 2922** – 1st reading – authorizing a budget amendment to appropriate funds for completion of the Elevated Water Tank Maintenance Project

Ms. Jackson motioned and Ms. Gregory seconded, and the vote was 5-0 to approve Ordinance No. 2922 for first reading.

- **Ordinance No. 2923** – 1st reading – amend Section 8.04.050 of the Salisbury City Code to add and edit language regarding the counting method for false alarms

Ms. Gregory motioned and Ms. Dashiell seconded, and the vote was 5-0 to approve Ordinance No. 2923.

- **Ordinance No. 2924** – 1st reading – approving a budget amendment of the FY2025 General Fund Budget to appropriate funds to the Salisbury Fire Department's operating budget

Ms. Blake motioned and Ms. Gregory seconded, and the vote was 5-0 to approve Ordinance No. 2924.

- **Ordinance No. 2925** – 1st reading – authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with the Maryland Department of Health for the purpose of accepting grant funds in the amount of \$29,625, and to approve a budget amendment to the grant fund to appropriate these funds for the Fire Department

Ms. Blake motioned and Ms. Jackson seconded, and the vote was 5-0 to approve Ordinance No. 2925.

- **Ordinance No. 2926** – 1st reading – approving a budget amendment of the FY2025 general fund budget to appropriate funds to the Salisbury Fire Department's operating budget

Ms. Blake motioned and Ms. Dashiell seconded, and the vote was 5-0 to approve Ordinance No. 2926 for first reading.

- **Ordinance No. 2927** – 1st reading – amending Chapter 2.16.020 (H) and (G) of the Salisbury City Code to grant the fire chief the authority to designate who of the career deputies shall be the second and third in command in the department and who shall assume the duties and responsibilities of the fire chief in the event the fire chief was unable to fulfill his or her duties and responsibilities due to illness, incapacity, or absence

Ms. Gregory motioned and Ms. Jackson seconded, and the vote was 5-0 to approve Ordinance No. 2927 for first reading.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following public comments were made:

- Speaker #1 expressed his idea to implement an Adopt-A-Road program in the City.
- Speaker #2 asked for an update on the bridge work where the crane sits on Rt. 13.
- Speaker #3 gave a shout out to the Community Players of Salisbury and the Optimist Club of Salisbury. She was concerned with the agenda items going straight to the legislative session on the same night and suggested that the public be given an opportunity to receive updates from the council.
- Speaker #4 thanked the Council for re-appointing him to the Parks Committee and shared the framework of how the Parks Committee should operate, which was just a matter of community engagement.

ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

Mayor Taylor noted that the construction referenced by Speaker #2 was a State Highway project that was ahead of schedule. He also congratulated Deputy Fire Chief Darrin Scott for 39 years of service.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

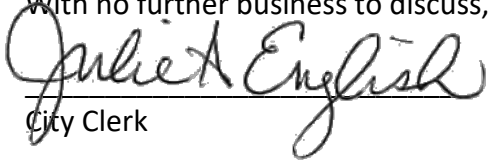
Ms. Jackson highlighted several important contributions and achievements within the community. She recognized Rudolph Cain, the first African American Delegate from District 37A, and Sherree Sample-Hughes, who was currently serving in that seat. She acknowledged Maria Shante, former Wicomico County NAACP president and held that seat for almost 30 years. Additionally, she acknowledged graduates from Bennett High School who went on to break an Olympic record and join the Baltimore track and field Hall of Fame. Ms. Jackson prefaced that these accomplishments were what the local youth should be aware of and inspired by. Finally, she welcomed Shawanda Garrison back to the Finance department.

As always, Ms. Blake asked those able to donate blood.


President Doughty thanked Councilwoman Jackson for highlighting Black History Month.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the Legislative Session adjourned at 6:53 p.m.



City Clerk



Council President