



SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 16, 2024

PUBLIC OFFICIALS PRESENT

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

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

City Administrator Andy Kitzrow, Finance Director Sandy Green, Fire Chief Rob Frampton, Deputy Fire Chief Chris O'Barsky, Department of Infrastructure and Development Director Nick Voituic, City Planner Amanda Rodriguez, City Clerk Julie English, City Attorney Ashley Bosché

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

The City Council took a five-minute recess after the adjournment of the work session and then convened in a Special Legislative Session on December 16, 2024 at 5:59 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 everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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. Dashiell motioned and Ms. Jackson seconded. The vote was 5-0 to approve the legislative agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA – presented by City Clerk Julie English

President Doughty entertained a motion and a second to approve the consent agenda. Ms. Jackson motioned and Ms. Dashiell seconded. The consent agenda consisted of the item below:

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The vote to approve the consent agenda was 5-0 in favor.

AWARD OF BIDS – presented by Procurement Director Jennifer Miller

President Doughty entertained a motion and a second to approve the Award of Bids. Ms. Jackson motioned and Ms. Dashiell seconded.

- ITB 25-112 Playground Equipment and Installation \$229,931.40
- ITB 25-113 Water Main Supplies \$210,630.00

Having no council questions, the vote was 5-0 in favor.

ACCEPTANCE OF 2024 AUDIT

With no questions or discussion, Council gave consensus to accept the 2024 audit.

PUBLIC HEARINGS – presented by Ashley Bosché

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. 2903** – to authorize the operation of a utility substation on a property located on the southerly side of Calloway Street (Map 0104, Grid 0012, Parcel 2594, Block B, Lot 1) in the R-5A Residential Zoning District as required by Section 17.160.040B. of the Salisbury Municipal Code

President Doughty asked for a motion and a second for Ordinance No. 2903. Ms. Jackson motioned and Ms. Dashiell seconded.

President Doughty opened the public hearing at 6:21 p.m. Having no comments, the hearing was closed at 6:21 p.m.

The vote was 5-0 to approve Ordinance No. 2903 for second reading.

- **Ordinance Permit No. 2904** – to authorize the operation of a day-care center at 224 Phillip Morris Drive in the light business and institutional district by the Night Watch Childcare Center, LLC as required by section 17.28.040B of the Salisbury Municipal Code

President Doughty asked for a motion and a second for Ordinance No. 2904. Ms. Blake motioned and Ms. Jackson seconded. President Doughty opened the public hearing at 6:22 p.m. Having no comments, the hearing was closed at 6:22 p.m.

The vote was 5-0 to approve Ordinance Permit No. 2904 for second reading.

ORDINANCES – presented by City Attorney Ashley Bosché

- **Ordinance No. 2905** – amending Title 12 of the Salisbury City Code, entitled “Streets, Sidewalks, and Public Places”, by eliminating Sections 12.04.010, 12.04.020 and 12.24.020, and adding new chapter 12.25 to include all litter violations under one chapter entitled “Littering,” and further amending Title 1 of the Salisbury City Code to confirm the penalties imposed for municipal infraction and misdemeanors

Ms. Blake motioned and Ms. Jackson seconded, and the vote was 5-0 to approve Ordinance No. 2905 for second reading.

- **Ordinance No. 2906** –to amend Sections 15.04.010, 15.04.020, 15.04.040 of Chapter 15.04 of the Salisbury City Code (Building Code) and to add Sections 15.04.025 and 15.04.035 to Chapter 15.04 in order to update and amend the City’s standard building codes

Ms. Jackson motioned and Ms. Dashiell seconded, and the vote was 5-0 to approve Ordinance No. 2906 for second reading.

- **Ordinance No. 2907** – approving a budget amendment of the FY2025 General Fund Budget to appropriate funds to the Salisbury Fire Department’s operating account

Ms. Jackson motioned and Ms. Dashiell seconded, and the vote was 5-0 to approve Ordinance No. 2907 for first reading.

- **Ordinance No. 2908** – amending Section 17.150.050A.7 of the Salisbury City Code to delete the word “townhouses” from the category of uses permitted in Parcel H of Planned Residential District No. 7 (The Villages at Aydelotte Farm), and increase the density to 6.0 units per acre

Ms. Blake motioned and Ms. Gregory seconded, and the vote was 5-0 to approve Ordinance No. 2908 for first reading.

- **Ordinance No. 2909** – amending Section 17.24.040 to increase the inherent density permitted for the development and redevelopment of property located in the Central Business Zoning District

Ms. Gregory motioned and Ms. Blake seconded. The vote was 4-1 with Ms. Dashiell voting nay. Ordinance No. 2909 was approved for first reading.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following public comments were made:

- Speaker #1 was not in favor of the increase in density. He added that the development would not help with the affordable housing issue. He explained that he was not happy with a councilmember who made a Tik Tok regarding his son who had disabilities.
- Speaker #2 wished to table Ordinance No 2909, get through the comprehensive process and then go from there.
- Speaker #3 was not in favor of increasing the density and hoped council would realize the impact it would cause.
- Speaker #4 was in favor of having comprehensive parking studies done before the second vote on the text amendment and recommended tabling the ordinance.
- Speaker #5 hoped that the council would consider the facts provided by the city rather than make decisions based on relationships.
- Speaker #6 reminded council that not only was the Greater Salisbury Committee in full support but the Chamber of Commerce, Tidal Health, and the Downtown Business Alliance were as well. He encouraged Council to keep moving forward with the ordinance.
- Speaker #7 was not in favor of the density increase. She stated that the questions brought forth about parking had not been answered by the planning and zoning committee nor the city council.

President Doughty reminded everyone that the council meetings would convene at 6 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month moving forward. He mentioned that public comment would be changed to 2 minutes for both work session and legislative session. He stated that the Zoom link would only be accessible to employees and that the public comment forms would now be submitted online through the city website.

ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

Mr. Kitzrow shared that the turnout for Santa's Workshop was great. He gave a shout out to the Housing and Community Development team for hosting the event, and to Cloverland Dairy for their sponsorship. He mentioned that City offices would be closed for Christmas and invited everyone to the ball drop on New Year's Eve.

Mayor Taylor communicated that he was not against development but would like for it to be done in a balanced and protected way.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Ms. Gregory invited the public to the Rockin' Around the Zoo event and Zoo Years Eve hosted by the Salisbury Zoo. She wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year.

Ms. Dashiell attended a Year in Review night for the NCAAP and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Ms. Jackson mentioned that the senior event she hosted was a great success. She thanked everyone who donated and helped. She wished everyone a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Ms. Blake attended a blood drive over the weekend and as always asked if you were healthy enough to donate blood. She asked everyone to spend time with their families during the holidays.


President Doughty hoped that the continuance of comments and opinions transpired into next year and that it was important to align around a shared vision going into the new year. He was optimistic that they could achieve even more in the year to come.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the Legislative Session adjourned at 7:02 p.m.



City Clerk



Council President