CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND

SPECIAL MEETING ***JUNE 13, 2007***

PRESENT

Council President Louise Smith
Council Vice President Gary A. Comegys
Councilwoman Deborah S. Campbell
Councilwoman Terry E. Cohen
Councilwoman Eugenie P. Shields
Mayor Barrie P. Tilghman

IN ATTENDANCE

City Clerk Brenda Colegrove, CMC, City Administrator John Pick, ICMA-CM, City Attorney Paul Wilber, Director of Internal Services Pam Oland, and interested Citizens and Members of the Press.

CONVENING – ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The City Council and Mayor met in special session at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Council President Louise Smith called the meeting to order. The Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance were recited.

On a motion by Mr. Comegys and seconded by Mrs. Shields, the agenda as presented was unanimously approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 2033 – 2ND READING – ADOPTING FY08 BUDGET

Mr. Comegys moved and Mrs. Shields seconded to approve Ordinance No. 2033 for second reading. Following Council President Smith's opening remarks concerning the budget process, Mr. Comegys moved and Mrs. Shields seconded to amend Ordinance No. 2033 as presented for second reading in the Council's Briefing Book.

Mr. Comegys highlighted the changes made by Council during their budget deliberations which reduced the proposed tax increase to 9¢ (copy attached and made a part of the original minutes).

Mrs. Campbell moved and Mrs. Cohen seconded to amend Ordinance No. 2033 by cutting the Council's travel budget (11000-555503) $5,000 instead of $2,000. The motion failed on a 2-3 vote with Mrs. Shields, Mrs. Smith and Mr. Comegys casting the nay votes.

Mrs. Campbell moved and Mrs. Cohen seconded to amend Ordinance No. 2033 by cutting the Mayor's Office City Promotion budget (12000-555510) $3,500 instead of $1,000. The motion failed on a 2-3 vote with Mrs. Shields, Mrs. Smith and Mr. Comegys voting nay.

Mrs. Campbell moved and Mrs. Cohen seconded to amend Ordinance No. 2033 by cutting $2,500 from the Mayor's Office travel budget (12000-555503). The motion failed on a 2-3 vote with Mrs. Shields, Mrs. Smith and Mr. Comegys voting nay.

Mrs. Campbell moved to call for the question to approve the budget. Mrs. Cohen seconded and the vote was unanimous. Ordinance No. 2033, as amended for second reading, passed on a 3-2 vote with Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. Cohen voting nay.

RESOLUTION NO. 1530 – INCREASING WATER AND SEWER RATES

Mr. Comegys moved and Mrs. Shields seconded to approve Resolution No. 1530. Director of Internal Services Pam Oland presented Resolution No. 1530 which increases the water and sewer rates by 10%. The changes would be effective for all bills dated July 15, 2007 and thereafter unless and until subsequently revised or changed. A public hearing on Resolution No. 1530 is scheduled for July 9, 2007 during the regular Council meeting.

The vote was unanimous to proceed with Resolution No. 1530.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Seven members of the audience voiced their comments relating to the FY08 budget (tax increase; funding paramedics) and campaign promises made during the recent election.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

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City Clerk

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Council President