

CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND

REGULAR MEETING

August 26, 2013

PUBLIC OFFICIALS PRESENT

Council President Jacob R. Day

Councilwoman Terry E. Cohen

Councilman Timothy K. Spies

Councilwoman Eugenie P. Shields (arrived 6:46 p.m.)

Mayor James Ireton, Jr. (left 6:08 p.m.)

PUBLIC OFFICIALS NOT PRESENT

Council Vice President Laura Mitchell

IN ATTENDANCE

Assistant City Clerk Diane C. Nelson, CMC, Interim City Administrator M. Thomas (Tom) Stevenson, Jr., City Attorney Mark Tilghman, Public Works Director Michael Moulds, P.E., Public Works Deputy Director Amanda H. Pollack, P.E., Internal Services Director Keith Cordrey, Salisbury Fire Chief Rick Hoppes, Assistant Internal Services Director – Procurement Catrice Parsons, Community Development Director Debbie Stam, and interested citizens and Members of the Press

MEDITATION – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The City Council met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Council President Day called the meeting to order; a moment of silent mediation was held followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATION – SALISBURY SKATEPARK COMMITTEE, INC.

Maury Humphreys and members of the Salisbury Skatepark Committee presented a check to the City of Salisbury in the amount of \$7,000.00 toward Phase I of the Skatepark, thanking all those who had supported the Committee over the years through monetary donations, volunteer hours, and attendance at events.

ADOPTION OF LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Ms. Cohen moved and Mr. Spies seconded to adopt the legislative agenda as presented.

Ms. Cohen moved and Mr. Spies seconded to amend the agenda by removing Ordinance No. 2258 - 1st reading – to eliminate or reduce water or sewer charges for equivalent dwelling units (EDUs) in accordance with Chapter 13.02 of the City Code to encourage development in the Downtown area and the Enterprise Zone. After discussion, Ordinance No. 2258 was removed from the legislative

agenda on a 2-1 vote in favor, with Ms. Cohen and Mr. Spies voting "aye" and Mr. Day voting "nay."

Mr. Day requested that Resolution No. 2323 – to enter into a memorandum of understanding accepting use of and authorization to conduct repair on 511 Decatur Avenue for the purpose of utilizing the property as a City Service Center be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the legislative agenda after the Consent Agenda; thereafter, the legislative agenda as amended was adopted on a 3-0 vote in favor.

CONSENT AGENDA – presented by Assistant City Clerk Diane Nelson

The Consent Agenda as amended and consisting of the following items was approved on a 3-0 vote in favor on a motion by Ms. Cohen that was seconded by Mr. Spies:

- August 12, 2013 regular meeting minutes
- August 19, 2013 work session minutes
- Resolution No. 2319 – approving the appointment of Matt Likovich to the Zoo Commission for term ending 12/31/2016
- Resolution No. 2320 – to approve a Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development, Community Legacy Grant Application for funds to provide rehabilitation grants to owners of businesses located in Downtown Salisbury for interior and/or exterior improvements to the permanent structure in which their business is housed
- Resolution No. 2321 – accepting a donation in the amount of \$7,000.00 from the Salisbury Skatepark Committee, Inc. as the matching funds pledged for the Community Parks & Playgrounds grant received from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources for the Salisbury Skatepark, Phase I
- Resolution No. 2322 – allowing the Chief of Police to sign a memorandum of agreement between the Wicomico County Circuit Court Adult Drug Treatment Program and the Salisbury Police Department and to accept grant funds from the Office of Problem Solving Courts Discretionary Grant Adult Drug Court Program to provide overtime reimbursement to police officers conducting curfew and contract compliance checks on clients in the City of Salisbury

President Day deferred discussion of Resolution No. 2323 until later in the meeting, citing Ms. Shields' interest in being present for the discussion; Mrs. Shields was anticipated to arrive later in the meeting.

AWARD OF BIDS – presented by Assistant Internal Services Director – Procurement – Catrice Parsons

The following items were approved after discussion, by a 3-0 vote in favor on a motion by Mr. Spies that was seconded by Ms. Cohen:

- Surplus-Fire Hose-S0.00
- Surplus-Personal Protective Equipment-S0.00

- *Surplus-SFD Fleet Vehicle-S0.00*
- *Surplus-Patrol Vehicle 31-S0.00*

RESOLUTIONS – presented by Acting City Administrator Tom Stevenson

- *Resolution No. 2324 – accepting a disposition contract between the City of Salisbury and G Plus Properties, LLC setting forth the terms and conditions of the redevelopment of the Old Fire Station #16 as detailed in G Plus’ development proposal document*

Ms. Cohen moved and Mr. Spies seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2324.

After discussion, on a motion by Ms. Cohen that was seconded by Mr. Spies and approved on a 3-0 vote in favor, Resolution No. 2324 was amended by inserting “forty-five (45) days in Item 4 on page 3 of 7 of the Disposition Contract; thereafter, Resolution No. 2324 as amended, was approved on a 3-0 vote in favor.

- *Resolution No. 2323 – to enter into a memorandum of understanding accepting use of and authorization to conduct repair on 511 Decatur Avenue for the purpose of utilizing the property as a City Service Center*

On a motion by Ms. Cohen that was seconded by Mr. Spies and approved on a 3-0 vote in favor, Council postponed consideration of Resolution No. 2323 until it could be discussed in work session prior to the following legislative session.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

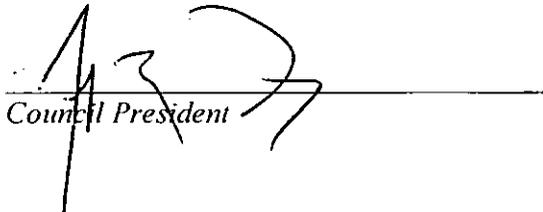
One member of the public expressed concerns with the City regarding:

- *The City giving away City assets, EDUs in Ordinance No. 2258, without leveraging the assets in a manner that would benefit all City residents*
- *The City raising taxes this year, the impact on the elderly and other fixed-income households in the Community, and concern that those households will be pushed into subsidized housing*

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.



Assistant City Clerk


Council President