

CITY OF SALISBURY
WORK SESSION
AUGUST 13, 2012

Present

Council President Terry Cohen
Councilwoman Eugenie P. "Shanie" Shields
Councilman Tim Spies

Council Vice President Deborah S. Campbell
Councilwoman Laura Mitchell

In Attendance

City Clerk Kim Nichols, CMC, City Administrator John Pick, Planning & Zoning Long Range Planner Keith Hall, and City Attorney Mark Tilghman

The City Council convened in a work session at 7:55 p.m. in Council Chambers to discuss the City's application for a Maryland Enterprise Zone (EZ).

Planning & Zoning Long Range Planner Keith Hall provided a background of the Maryland EZ application, which must be re-applied for every ten (10) years. The City and County received the last designation in 2002, and the deadline to apply this year is October 15, 2012. Since this is a joint application with Wicomico County, Mr. Hall pointed out the portions of the map which are in the County. He explained that as part of the application zoning, buildings, and eligibility criteria are taken into consideration.

City Administrator John Pick noted that the area that Mayor Ireton was previously interested in including in the application which extended down Snow Hill Road from Carroll Street to Shiloh Street, and discussed in the prior City Council work session on the EZ, is in the Priority Funding Area (PFA) and qualifies. The rest of Snow Hill Road is not in the PFA, and therefore, does not qualify. After it was discussed in the prior work session, Mr. Pick explained to Mayor Ireton that in order for the City to apply for EZ designation, every area in the application is required to be in a PFA.

Mr. Hall pointed out eligible areas on the Enterprise Zone map and noted that the areas which the City has annexed over the past ten (10) years must be examined to ensure they have not been designated as a PFA, and that the request has been placed with the Maryland Department of Planning.

Mr. Hall outlined the procedure which will need to take place in this application process:

1. Without exception, there is no need to apply for areas outside of the certified PFA.
2. If an exception is desired, the answer would be to expand a PFA by applying for an amendment to the EZ.
3. City Council may choose from several options including: 1) no action, 2) accept the existing, or 3) modify the boundary based on the criteria established in the guidance outline.
4. There must be an expression of consent from both City and County Councils in the form of a resolution.
5. There must be one (1) public hearing, either during the City Council or the County Council meeting.

Mr. Hall stated the application has been a joint application with Wicomico County since 1982. This will be the fourth (4th) application applied for, and will expire in ten (10) years. He added, this process is not a "re-certification" since the process must begin from scratch each time. There has only been one joint City/County public hearing, which was in 1982.

Mr. Hall provided the following timeline, show below:

1. August 21 - County work session with no legislative action taken
2. August 27 - City Council to consider a resolution and public hearing during the legislative session

3. October 2 – County Council to consider a resolution and public hearing during the legislative session

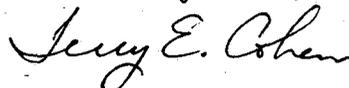
City Clerk Nichols will post the resolution and full-size map on an easel in the lobby and on the City website.

Council reached unanimous consensus to advance the resolution approving the Enterprise Zone application and to hold the public hearing on August 27, 2012 during the City Council legislative session.

With no further discussion, the work session adjourned at 8:52 p.m.



City Clerk



Council President