

**CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**JANUARY 24, 2011**

**PRESENT**

*Council President Louise Smith  
Councilwoman Terry E. Cohen*

*Councilwoman Deborah S. Campbell  
Councilwoman Eugenie P. Shields*

*Mayor James Ireton, Jr.*

**ABSENT**

*Council Vice President Gary A. Comegys*

**IN ATTENDANCE**

*City Clerk Brenda Colegrove, MMC, City Administrator John Pick, ICMA-CM, Assistant City Administrator Loré Chambers, City Attorney Paul Wilber, Public Works Director Teresa Gardner, Internal Services Director Pam Oland, Neighborhood Services and Code Compliance Director Tom Stevenson, and interested Citizens and Members of the Press.*

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**CONVENING - ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

*The City Council met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Council President Smith called the meeting to order. The Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance were recited. The agenda, as presented, was unanimously adopted on a motion by Ms. Cohen and seconded by Mrs. Shields.*

**CONSENT AGENDA** – presented by City Clerk Brenda Colegrove

*On a motion by Mrs. Shields and seconded by Ms. Cohen, the Consent Agenda, consisting of the following items, was unanimously approved:*

- *January 10, 2011 minutes*
- *Resolution No. 2017 - appointment of Kimberly Miles to the Zoo Commission for a term ending January 31, 2014*
- *Resolution No. 2018 - reappointment of Jane Youngk to the Marina Committee for a term ending January 31, 2013*
- *Resolution No. 2019 - accepting donation of a surplus server (approximate value of \$1,500) from the Wicomico County IT Department*

**PUBLIC HEARING** – presented by City Attorney Paul Wilber; oath administered by City Clerk Brenda Colegrove

- *Ordinance No. 2135 – allowing elected officials to participate in elective employee benefits programs offered by the City subject to certain restrictions*

Two citizens commented on Ordinance No. 2135. The first speaker suggested a 50% contribution for health coverage on the elected official only (no contribution for dependents). The second speaker did not support any contribution by the City (elected official pay 100% of the cost).

**ORDINANCES** – presented by City Attorney Paul Wilber

- Ordinance No. 2133 - 2<sup>nd</sup> reading - amending Chapter 13.04, Section 13.04.090, Reduction or Increase of Water and Sewer Charges, of the Salisbury Municipal Code to provide for adoption of water and sewer rates by ordinance

Ordinance No. 2133 for second reading passed unanimously on a motion by Ms. Cohen and seconded by Mrs. Campbell.

- Ordinance No. 2134 - 2<sup>nd</sup> reading - amending Section 12.04.060, Removal of Snow from Sidewalks – Notice – Enforcement, of the Salisbury Municipal Code

Ms. Cohen moved and Mrs. Shields seconded to approve Ordinance No. 2134 for second reading. City Attorney Paul Wilber briefed the Council on the recommended changes to the Ordinance.

The following amendments were unanimously approved on a motion by Ms. Cohen and seconded by Mrs. Campbell:

- Section 12.10.010A by striking “and persons in possession” in the first line; and
- Section 12.10.030 by striking “snow and ice covered” and “specified in the notice” in the second line.

Ms. Cohen moved and Mrs. Shields seconded to amend Section 12.10.060C by striking “may request” and inserting “shall receive” in the second line and striking the last sentence. Mrs. Campbell offered a friendly amendment to only strike “Any such request shall be submitted in writing to the director of neighborhood services and code compliance” in the last sentence. Ms. Cohen accepted the friendly amendment so that Section 12.10.060C would read as follows:

“Should the decision of the housing official be overturned by the housing board of adjustments and appeals, the appellant shall receive a full refund of the \$100.00 (one hundred dollar) appeal application fee within 30 (thirty) days of the date of the decision of the board.”

The above amendment passed unanimously.

The following amendments, as recommended by Administration, were unanimously approved on a motion by Ms. Cohen and seconded by Mrs. Campbell:

- *Section 12.10.010A by deleting "City of Salisbury has issued a public notice requiring snow and ice be removed from public sidewalks" at the end of the sentence and inserting "the snow or ice has stopped falling" in its place.*
- *Striking Section 12.10.010D in its entirety*
- *Striking Section 12.10.20A.3.a and 12.10.20A.3.b in their entirety*
- *Section 12.10.20A.4 to read as follows: "State that upon discovery the condition may be abated by the City"*
- *Section 12.10.040A by striking "the applicable time period specified in the notice" and replacing with "within the 24 hour (twenty four hour) time period provided"*

**RESOLUTIONS** – presented by City Administrator John Pick

- *Resolution No. 2020 - re-designating six metered parking spaces on the west side of the 200 block of High Street for Public Works vehicle parking*

*Resolution No. 2020 passed unanimously on a motion and a second by Mrs. Campbell and Ms. Cohen, respectively.*

- *Resolution No. 2021 - declaring that the Knowland Group, Inc. is eligible to receive Enterprise Zone benefits for job creation since they located in the Enterprise Zone at 2424 Northgate Drive, Suite 100*

*On a motion by Mrs. Shields and seconded by Ms. Cohen, Resolution No. 2021 was unanimously approved.*

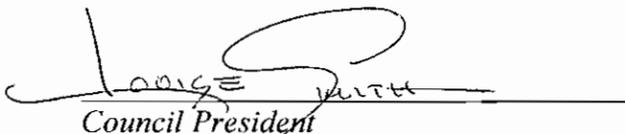
**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

*Seven citizens commented on the following issues:*

- *health insurance for elected officials*
- *snow removal ordinance*
- *voting districts as a result of recent census*
- *City elections – getting out to vote*
- *proposed Safe Streets legislation*

*The meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.*

  
City Clerk

  
Council President