

AS AMENDED ON MAY 28, 2013

SALISBURY CITY COUNCIL
BUDGET WORK SESSION
MAY 14, 2013

Public Officials Present

Council President Jacob R. Day
Councilwoman Terry E. Cohen
Councilwoman Eugenie P. Shields (arrived - 3:12 p.m. and left – 4:50 p.m.)
Council Vice President Laura Mitchell
Councilman Timothy K. Spies

Public Officials Not Present

Mayor James Ireton, Jr.

In Attendance

City Clerk Kim Nichols, City Administrator John Pick, Assistant City Administrator Loré Chambers, Ph.D. (arrived - 3:26 p.m., left 4:50 p.m.), and Internal Services Director Keith Cordrey.

The City Council convened in a budget work session at 3:07 p.m. in Conference Room 306 of the Government Office Building.

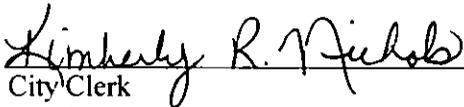
Internal Services Director Keith Cordrey joined Council for discussion of the following topics:

- Fire Department had no existing incident report fee structure and will review the Police Department's fee structure
- Internal Services – Deputy Director – Procurement Catrice Parsons to submit parking incentives to Central City District Committee (CCDC)
- Training for Animal Control Officers
- Revenue projections may be overstated
- Farmers Market was “inherited” from Urban Salisbury/possibly Chamber of Commerce should have both Flea Market and Farmers Market
- Parking Authority and use of surplus – consider whether the City should stay in the parking business downtown, particularly in Lot #1 (request for Lot #1 expenses and revenue to be discussed in Work Session)
- EMS billing companies/revenue received/future collections from Lifequest
- Discussion on the City's Financial Policy
- Adding to the City's Surplus/using surplus before taxing the citizens
- Lease purchasing versus outright purchasing Police vehicles
- Five Year Budgeting may be necessary in the future
- Maximum allowable tax rate increase is 6.9 cents; budget proposal is for 6.5 cents
- If we don't keep up with the Constant Yield and don't continue to put the money back into maintaining the infrastructure, more people will move away from the City
- Capital investments have been squeezed out in recent years (disinvesting the City's infrastructure)

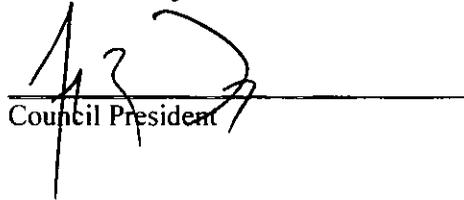
- Debt ceiling – Salisbury is one of the few cities in Maryland having both a Tax Rate Cap and a Debt Cap – which is considered extremely conservative
- Stormwater utility/impact on the ratepayer

At the next budget meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 16 at 3:00 p.m., Council will continue their discussion on debt, the water & sewer rate, and the tax rate.

Council President Day adjourned the budget work session at 5:48 p.m.



City Clerk



Council President