

CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND

REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 23, 2015

PUBLIC OFFICIALS PRESENT

Council President Jacob R. Day Vice President Laura Mitchell
Councilwoman Eugenie P. Shields Councilman John "Jack" R. Heath
Councilman Timothy K. Spies

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Mayor James Ireton, Jr.

IN ATTENDANCE

City Clerk Kimberly R. Nichols, CMC, City Attorney Mark Tilghman, Director Internal Services Keith Cordrey, Assistant Director Internal Services – Procurement Jennifer Miller, and interested citizens and members of the press

MEDITATION – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The City Council met in regular session at 6:03 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Council President Day called the meeting to order and invited Rev. Bill Reid, Associate Pastor at Parkway Church of God to the podium to provide the City invocation. Afterwards, the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America was recited.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION PRESENTATIONS

- **Prescription: Community. Prescription and Illicit drug abuse in Wicomico County** – presented by Melissa Batie Johnson, Chief Operating Officer at Riverside and Milford Street Pharmacies

Ms. Johnson joined Council to discuss drug abuse in Wicomico County and the impact it has had on the community. She reported fewer people seeking illegal pharmaceutical drugs, which only indicates the emergence of another drug, and that drug is heroin. It is now predominately here and is cheap, and being used by younger people on a regular basis. The root of heroin's problem is addiction, which is far more difficult to treat than prevention, and is costing the community in loss of productivity and community perception.

Local initiatives include the following: Drug Free Wicomico, Prescription Drug Task

Force, Overdose Fatality Review Team, Prescription Drug Monitoring Program, and Prescription Drug Speaker's Bureau. Contact the Health Department to locate a speaker for your group.

Ms. Johnson discussed the Wicomico County's Naloxone Training Program to administer the drug to help save a person's life, and the 211 Hotline to get help without the fear of prosecution.

- **Salisbury Substance Abuse Community Center (SSACC)** – presented by Beth Ohlsson, Executive Director at SSACC

Ms. Ohlsson reported the SSACC provides the space for 12 – Step group meetings in the area. Holding approximately 35 meetings per week at the SSACC Center, they assist roughly 1,000 attendees per week. The program is anonymous, private, and safe. She reported treatment is effective, but it ends. That is why 12 – Step meetings are important.

Ms. Ohlsson reported the SSACC Center needs chairs, paint, (outside and inside the building) a kitchen, and donations. They aspire for it to be more of a community center.

The SSACC Center is located at 726 S. Salisbury Blvd and faces Waverly Drive. The phone number is 410-749-9482 and website address is www.ssacc.org.

ADOPTION OF LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Mr. Spies moved and Mr. Heath seconded to approve the legislative agenda as presented.

Mrs. Mitchell moved and Mr. Spies seconded to remove Resolution No. 2489 – adopting a Capital Improvement Plan for the five- year period Fy16-20 from the agenda to allow Council ample time to review the document. The motion passed on a 3-2 vote, with “aye” votes cast by Mr. Day, Mrs. Mitchell and Mr. Spies, and “nay” votes cast from Mrs. Shields and Mr. Heath.

The amended legislative agenda was approved on a 4-0 vote. Mrs. Shields abstained from the vote.

CONSENT AGENDA – presented by City Clerk Kim Nichols

The Consent Agenda, consisting of the following items, was unanimously approved as presented on a motion by Mrs. Mitchell that was seconded by Mr. Heath:

February 23, 2015 closed session minutes

February 23, 2015 work session minutes

Approving a Manufacturing Exemption Request for K & L Microwave for equipment purchased in 2013

Resolution No. 2487 – authorizing the Mayor to enter into a lease agreement with the Community of Joy Church of the Brethren for use of City property for a community garden
Resolution No. 2488 – accepting state grant funds awarded through the Governor’s Office of Crime Control & Prevention for the purchase of new and replacement of old protective vests for police officers

AWARD OF BIDS – presented by Assistant Director of Internal Services – Procurement & Parking Jennifer L. Miller

The Award of Bids, consisting of the following items, were unanimously approved on a motion and seconded by Mrs. Mitchell and Mr. Heath, respectively:

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| 1. Declaration of Surplus – SPD Vehicles – Unit #10, 11, 15, 25, 30 & 38 | \$0.00 |
| 2. Declaration of Surplus – SPD Covert Vehicles – Unit #53, 54, 55, 1357 and misc. forfeiture vehicles | \$0.00 |

PUBLIC HEARINGS – presented by City Administrator Tom Stevenson

- **Charter Amendment Resolution No. 2015-3** – to amend Article IV by eliminating Section SC 6-7 Primary Elections and by amending Sections SC 6-11 Challengers and Watchers and SC 6-15 Tie Elections, of the Charter of the City of Salisbury, Maryland to eliminate the Primary Elections for City of Salisbury Elected Officials

Mrs. Shields moved and Mr. Heath seconded to approve Charter Amendment Resolution No. 2015-3, and City Administrator Tom Stevenson presented the resolution.

There were no comments from the public during the Public Hearing.

Resolution No. 2015-3 was approved by unanimous vote in favor.

- **Ordinance No. 2317 – 2nd reading** - to authorize and empower City of Salisbury to use and apply a portion of the proceeds of the \$5,614,000 the City of Salisbury Infrastructure Bond, 2003 series A issued on June 18, 2003 and held by the trustee for certain bonds of the Community Development Administration identified herein for the public purpose of funding costs of certain projects identified as follows: (i) City Park Tennis Court Lighting Improvements and (ii) Marina Signage and Fence Improvements

Mrs. Shields moved and Mrs. Mitchell seconded to approve Ordinance No. 2317 for 2nd reading. Mr. Tilghman presented Ordinance No. 2317, and there were no comments from the public during the Public Hearing.

Ordinance No. 2317 for second reading was approved by unanimous vote in favor.

ORDINANCES – presented by City Attorney Mark Tilghman

- Ordinance No. 2315 – 2nd reading – setting the Stormwater Utility fee in accordance with Chapter 13.30 of the City Code

Mr. Spies moved, Mr. Heath seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve Ordinance No. 2315 for second reading.

The following comments received from one member of the public:

- *Chesapeake Bay Foundation commends the Council for taking leadership role on this issue*
- *More than 1,400 communities across the nation has taken similar steps*

President Day thanked Public Works for creating a streamlined and efficient way to manage the Stormwater Utility, which has been a fundamental project since Mayor Ireton took office in 2009.

- Ordinance No. 2318 - 1st reading - amending Sections 1.08.020 Duties of the Election Board, 1.12.030 Campaign Contributions, and 1.12.040 Financial Disclosure Statements to be Filed by the Candidate or Treasurer, of the Salisbury Municipal Code to eliminate primary elections

Mrs. Shields moved, Mrs. Mitchell seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve Ordinance No. 2318 for first reading.

- Ordinance No. 2319 - 1st reading - amending Chapter 1.08.300 of the Salisbury Municipal Code to change the number of Councilmanic Districts in the City to correspond with the Charter

Mrs. Shields moved, Mrs. Mitchell seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve Ordinance No. 2319 for first reading.

President Day asked Mr. Tilghman for an update on the redistricting progress. Mr. Tilghman reported that both the motion and draft order were prepared by his office and should have been sent to the attorney for the ACLU today with a request that it be signed. The last time he reported to Council, the ACLU's comments had been received, and a simple motion with four to five attachments were prepared and sent to the ACLU. Assuming they approve and sign, the order will be filed as soon as possible.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

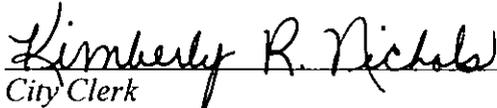
One member of the public shared the following concerns and information:

- *If we are concerned with people moving to Salisbury, then we need to address the issue of HIV to inform the public because some people are misinformed about the disease*
- *HIV is not only contracted through sharing needles but also through sexual contact*
- *This is a community issue related to the information provided earlier this evening on drug abuse and addiction*
- *HIV exists in the all facets of the community, and people are afraid because they don't know how to deal with the disease*
- *The drug treatment centers should address HIV more than they do*

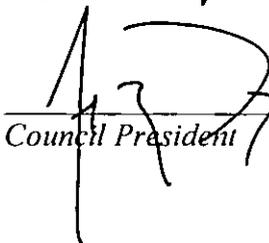
President Day offered to request the Health Department to attend a meeting to provide public information on HIV, and Mr. Spies asked the speaker to provide these comments to the County Council. Mrs. Mitchell reported that a town in another state has reported a steep rise in HIV cases due to intravenous drug abuse, and the two diseases/issues are not separate.

ADJOURNMENT

President Day adjourned the legislative session at 7:02 p.m.



City Clerk



Council President