

CITY OF SALISBURY
WORK SESSION
JUNE 1, 2015

Public Officials Present

Council President Jacob R. Day
Councilwoman Eugenie P. Shields

Vice President Laura Mitchell (arrived 4:55 p.m.)
Councilman Timothy K. Spies

Public Officials Not Present

Mayor James Ireton, Jr.
Councilman John "Jack" R. Heath

In Attendance

City Clerk Kimberly Nichols, City Administrator Tom Stevenson, Assistant City Administrator Julia Glanz, Internal Services Director Keith Cordrey, Building Permits and Inspections Director William Holland, Community Development Administrative Support Technician Virginia Hussey, interested citizens and members of the press.

On June 1, 2015, Salisbury City Council convened in a Work Session at 4:37 p.m. in Council Chambers, Room 301 of the Government Office Building.

Amending 15.24.440 Variations & Modifications to Article X Means of Appeal

City Administrator Tom Stevenson discussed the proposed changes to Chapter 15.24 of the Salisbury Municipal Code. These amendments will remove indication of the model codes currently referenced in the Salisbury Property Maintenance Code and replace them with references to the most recent editions. The language would eliminate the Housing Board of Adjustments and Appeals ability to modify a decision and allow the Board the ability to overturn or uphold the Housing Officials decision. The City's Building Official is currently advancing the codes referenced within this legislation.

Council reached unanimous consensus to meet again to receive an update after Administration has met with the Housing Board of Adjustments and Appeals.

2015 MD Building Performance Standards

Building, Permits and Inspections (BPI) Director William Holland joined Council to discuss the 2015 Building Performance Standards. He explained the associated ordinance would have the effect of repealing and re-enacting Sections 15.04.010 and 15.04.020 of Chapter 15.04 BUILDING CODE by adopting updated standard building codes in Section 15.04.010 and corresponding amendments to the International Building Code (2015) (IBC) in section 15.04.020, enacting Section 15.04.030 AMENDMENTS to the International Plumbing Code (2015) (IPC), and deleting Chapter 15.32 PLUMBING STANDARDS in its entirety.

One member of the public provided the following comments:

- On larger projects the planners, architects and engineers need to know exactly what their requirements are, and as some of the projects extend over one to three years, the projects are all bid on based on a particular code. Not knowing the code in advance can be very disconcerting when bidding on projects, and then finding out a few months down the road that the code has changed can cost a lot of money and time.

Council reached unanimous consensus to advance the legislation to the next legislative agenda. Mr. Holland noted that after the code goes into effect after January 2016, the BPI's webpage would be changed and area contractors would be notified via a mass mailing.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee – Stagger Committee Appointments

Assistant City Administrator Julia Glanz stated that currently members of the committee serve three-year terms. The proposed legislation changes the terms to four years, and staggers the terms in even and odd years. Three members will serve four-year terms beginning in odd years, and two of the current members will have their current term extended one year to end in an even year. If a member resigns from the committee in the middle of a term, their replacement will serve the remaining length of the resigning member's term. There will be one, non-voting, ex-officio member from the Salisbury-Wicomico Metropolitan Planning Organization, and all members shall be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Council and subject to removal by the Mayor and Council.

Mr. Day recommended striking "member" and inserting "staff representative" and striking "non-voting" on Line 20 and Mr. Spies asked that the first comma on Line 20 be removed.

Council reached unanimous consensus to advance the legislation to legislative agenda.

Waiving Demo Permit Fee for Daily Times Building

Community Development Administrative Support Technician Virginia Hussey joined Council to request waiving the demolition permit fee to demolish the Daily Times building. She reported that the City of Salisbury recently was awarded \$250,000 in grant money through the Strategic Demolition and Smart Growth Impact Fund (SD-SGIF) of the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development to demolish the building. The City would like to assist the property owner, Peninsula Regional Medical Center (PRMC), with the demolition so that a new project can be developed on the site. The request was to waive the \$125 demolition permit fee.

Council reached unanimous consensus to approve the fee waiver and advance the legislation to the next legislative agenda.

Update on 100 N. Division St. Stair Request

Public Works Director Mike Moulds joined Council to discuss the request to construct basement stairs at the building located at 100 N. Division Street. He informed Council that Mr. Davis has

withdrawn his request because during their demolition they found an extra set of stairs hidden behind a block wall, which lead up from the basement.

Bike Lanes on Fitzwater Street

Mr. Moulds reported on the plans that will result in resurfacing Fitzwater Street and explained the biggest problem are the dips in the road. The bike lanes will begin at the intersection of Mill Street and West Main Street and continue along West Main Street to the intersection at Fitzwater Street, then along Fitzwater Street past the Port of Salisbury Marina to the Parsons Road intersection, then on to the Pemberton Drive intersection.

Council reached unanimous consensus to advance the ordinance required to establish the bike route to legislative agenda.

Acceptance of Funds for Upgrading the SPD Security Camera System

Police Chief Barbara Duncan joined Council to request approval to accept grant funds from the U.S. Justice Department, awarded through an Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG), to upgrade the Salisbury Police Department's outdated and failing security camera

Council reached unanimous consensus to advance the resolution to the Consent Agenda of an upcoming legislative session.

City Curfew Ordinance

Chief Duncan reported Administration reached out to Jim Peck at Maryland Municipal League who provided some direction for the Police Department. He suggested statistics should highlight or link the need for curfews by connecting crimes with the times of the day these crimes are committed.

Mrs. Mitchell indicated the City should provide data proving that a significant number of crimes are committed by juveniles during the curfew times.

Chief Duncan reported crimes committed by juveniles include burglary, assault, robberies, and thefts. Enforcing a curfew would take officers off the street but would prevent crimes from taking place. She considered the investment worthwhile and added that Department Juvenile Services (DJS) was in favor of the curfew.

Mr. Theo Williams informed Council that the Salisbury Wicomico Youth Civics Council had discussed the legislation and the majority were opposed to it. He suggested Wicomico Partnership's parenting classes target the same audience possibly committing these crimes.

City Attorney Tilghman suggested Council hold special public input meetings since Baltimore City's curfew ordinance was described by the press at the time as extremely onerous. The details of that ordinance should not be followed as appropriate or acceptable in Salisbury.

Mr. Day suggested that the City Council hold another Work Session on City curfew legislation and either include DJS or have input from them about their Youth Connection Center, as that may be a critical partnership. Chief Duncan will also provide additional information on the statistics from larger metropolitan areas, replace the black and white reports provided for this discussion with colored reports, obtain the unattended children's reports through Social Services, invite DJS to comment, and work on the messaging.

Council reached consensus to meet again and discuss the curfew. Mrs. Mitchell did not support a curfew, which she read is very costly to enforce and is ineffective.

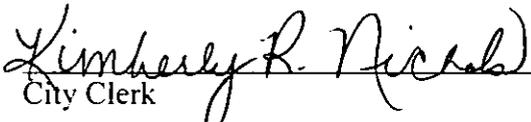
Motion to convene in Closed Session

At 6:15 p.m., Mr. Spies moved, Mrs. Shields seconded, and the vote was unanimous to convene in Closed Session for the purpose of discussing a matter directly related to a negotiating strategy or the contents of a bid or proposal, if public discussion or disclosure would adversely impact the ability of the public body to participate in the competitive bidding or proposal process as permitted in accordance with the Annotated Code of Maryland §10-508(a)(14).

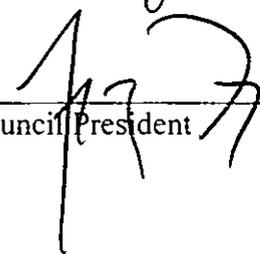
Motion to re-convene in Open Session

At 7:24 p.m., upon a motion and seconded by Mrs. Shields and Mr. Spies, respectively, and approved by unanimous vote in favor, the Work Session was reconvened and President Day provided the statement to the public that while in Closed Session Council discussed the status on the Comcast franchise agreement with the consultants and PAC-14 leadership.

There being no further business to discuss, Council adjourned at 7:41 p.m.



City Clerk



Council President