

CITY OF SALISBURY
WORK SESSION
MAY 2, 2016

Public Officials Present

Vice President Laura Mitchell
Councilwoman April Jackson
Councilman James Ireton, Jr.

Mayor Jacob R. Day
Councilman Muir Boda

Public Officials Not Present

Council President John "Jack" R. Heath

In Attendance

City Clerk Kimberly R. Nichols, City Attorney Mark Tilghman, Assistant City Administrator Julia Glanz, interested citizens and members of the press.

On May 21, 2016, Salisbury City Council convened in Work Session at 4:33 p.m. in Room #301 (Council Chambers) of the Government Office Building. The following is a synopsis of the topics discussed in the Work Session:

Salisbury Treatment & Addiction Recovery Team Task Force (START)

Mayor Jacob R. Day discussed the establishment of the Salisbury Treatment & Addiction Recovery Team Task Force (START) (the substance treatment/addictions recovery team), being a direct response to the rising numbers of drug overdoses locally connected mostly to opioids.

START will exist for nine months, investigate, and recommend actions that the Mayor and Council should consider in order to reduce opioid use and addiction, and will advise the City on the next steps. The identity of people participating will be protected. Some of the organizations included are Peninsula Regional Medical Center, the Wicomico County Health Department, the Salisbury Fire Department, the Salisbury Police Department, the Salisbury Substance Abuse Community Center, the Lower Shore Clinic, Salisbury University, Wor-Wic Community College, Jake's Foundation, Hudson Health, Salisbury Area Chamber of Commerce, Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore, Joseph's House, Wicomico County State's Attorney's Office, Stop the Violence, and Caring & Sharing.

Council reached unanimous consensus to proceed with the establishment of START. The Task Force will submit its recommendations to Mayor and Council by February 2, 2017.

Disbanding the Recycling Committee

Assistant City Administrator Julia Glanz discussed a resolution to combine the Recycling Advisory Committee and the Sustainability Advisory Committee. The current Recycling

Committee has one member, and has not met for quite some time. The Sustainability Advisory Committee has asked to begin focusing on recycling along with the other larger sustainability issues, and thus, the Recycling Committee is no longer needed.

Council reached consensus to advance the resolution to legislative agenda. Councilman Ireton did not agree with combining the two committees.

Creation of a Youth Development Advisory Committee

Mayor Day reported that the legislation in the packet would establish the Youth Development Advisory Committee. Over the past year, the City has hosted multiple public conversations about crime through the lens of a proposed juvenile curfew, where alternatives to curfew were proposed. He indicated this is an opportunity for the City to acknowledge that, in the face of declining crime and arrests we are experiencing rising juvenile arrests. Throughout the past election, every candidate addressed the desire and concern to serve our young people in the City, and realize additional guidance on the discussed curfew is needed.

Curfew remains a secondary public desire compared to the other activities undertaken as a City such as investment in community centers. The committee will be empowered to address the issue and charged to produce a recommendation concerning curfew.

Each Council member discussed the following comments:

Mrs. Mitchell:

- The title (first paragraph) of the resolution is not the entire description that is usually published
- In section 1D, Quorum – in the City Park Committee where they have varying numbers, they placed in the by-laws “the quorum shall be 51% of those presently appointed”.
- Line 83 – strike the first word (“these”) and insert “this”
- Curfew is not our first choice, but at the time it was the only thing on table because the City could not afford the Community Center
- Her take-away from the curfew meetings was the agreement to do this until we figure out something better

Mr. Boda:

- Including a representative from the Board of Education. (Mayor Day responded that in his initial outreach to the Board of Education the incoming Superintendent has agreed to serve)
- He attended every meeting held on the curfew and depending on the location of the meeting, there were some groups in opposition and other groups supporting the curfew.
- Knocking on doors asking if there was support for the curfew resulted in a 50/50 support, which makes the decision more difficult.

Ms. Jackson:

- She likes that the youth are able to interact and have some voice in what goes on in the City. They have been shut out for so long, and how do we know what they want if we don't ask them?

Mr. Ireton:

- What have we done on all the work that was done on the curfew? Will that be folded into this committee, and start again?
- Should we expect curfew legislation before this is started? What are we telling the public?
- Concerned that with a group like this only required to meet six times per year, the hard question does not get answered
- The public is not supposed to answer the question; Council is supposed to

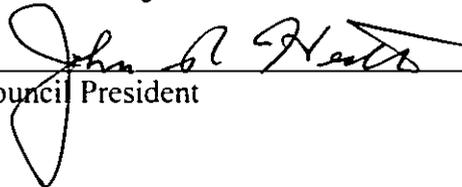
Council reached unanimous consensus to advance the legislation to legislative agenda.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, the Work Session was adjourned at 5:06 p.m.



City Clerk



Council President