

**CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**MAY 9, 2016**

**PUBLIC OFFICIALS PRESENT**

*Council President John "Jack" R. Heath  
Council Vice-President Laura Mitchell  
Councilman James Ireton, Jr.*

*Mayor Jacob R. Day  
Councilman Muir Boda  
Councilwoman April Jackson*

**IN ATTENDANCE**

*City Clerk Kimberly R. Nichols, Assistant City Administrator Julia Glanz, Assistant Director of Internal Services – Procurement & Parking Jennifer L. Miller, Internal Services Director Keith Cordrey, City Attorney Mark Tilghman, interested citizens and members of the press*

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**CITY INVOCATION – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

*The City Council met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Council President John "Jack" R. Heath called the meeting to order and invited Rev. Theresa Langdon from Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church to deliver the invocation. Thereafter, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.*

**COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION PRESENTATIONS**

**Maryland Department of Commerce**

*Representative Mindie Burgoyne joined Council at the podium to speak about the Maryland Department of Commerce. She explained the purpose of the Department of Commerce is to provide outreach to local businesses, assist local governments with development issues, visit businesses and assist with anything involving economic development. They work closely with the City's Business Development Specialist, Laura Kordzikowski, and SWED Director Dave Ryan. The local office has the ability to fast-track communication between the State and/or Federal governments about business development issues and can step in and get the information needed.*

*The goal of Maryland Department of Commerce is to touch base with 200 companies this year. Covering Worcester, Wicomico and Somerset Counties, Salisbury is at least 50% of the region. For more information or assistance, call the office at 410-718-0094.*

**Law Enforcement Torch Run**

*Sgt. Hitty from Salisbury Police Department joined Council to discuss the Maryland Torch Run, composed of State, Federal and Local law enforcement agencies who come together every year, March through June, to sell t-shirts and hats to raise money for the MD Special Olympics, with all proceeds from the sales going directly to MD Special Olympics participants. Last year, in the State of Maryland, about \$2.3 million was raised through the program. This year, one of the events is the 5K Torch run, which will be held on June 6 at 1:00 p.m. at Salisbury University.*

### **WeHeartSBY Proclamation**

*Mayor Day invited Derek and Katie Weaver to the podium to receive the WeHeartSBY Proclamation and proclaimed May 9, 2016 as WeHeartSBY Day in Salisbury, Maryland.*

### **Certificates of Recognition**

*Mayor Day presented Certificates of Recognition to the following winners of the WeHeartSBY awards:*

- *2016 Nonprofit Award/Help and Outreach Point of Entry, Inc. (HOPE)*
- *2016 Performing Artist/Salisbury Community Players*
- *2016 Visual Artist/Stephen DiCarlo, owner of SMDI Photography (not present)*
- *2016 Green Award/Martin Hutchinson, pastor of Community of Joy Church of the Brethren and founder of Camden Community Garden*
- *2016 Innovator/Greg Bassett, editor and founder of the Salisbury Independent (not present)*
- *2016 Coolest Cop Award/Officer 1<sup>st</sup> Class William "Bull" Hudson*
- *2016 Public Servant Award/City of Salisbury Parking Enforcement Officer Dee Kelley*
- *2016 Import Award/Andrea Berstler, Executive Director of Wicomico County Library*
- *2016 Unsung Hero Award/Julie Messick, City of Salisbury 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday Volunteer*
- *2016 WeHeartSBY Award/Matt Drew, Founder of Bike-SBY*

### **Drinking Water Week Proclamation**

*Mayor Day presented a proclamation proclaiming May 8-14, 2016 as Drinking Water Week in Salisbury, Maryland. The City received a first place award for the second year in a row from the Maryland Rural Water Association's Toasting the Tap Water Tasting Competition for MD's Best Drinking Water, marking the second time the City has received the award two years in a row.*

### **ADOPTION OF LEGISLATIVE AGENDA**

*Mrs. Mitchell moved, Ms. Jackson seconded, and the vote was unanimous to adopt the legislative agenda as presented.*

### **CONSENT AGENDA** – presented by City Clerk Kim Nichols

*The Consent Agenda was unanimously approved on a motion and seconded by Mr. Boda and Mrs. Mitchell, respectively:*

- *March 21, 2016 Closed Session Minutes*
- *March 28, 2016 Council Meeting Minutes*
- *April 11, 2016 Council Meeting Minutes*
- *April 18, 2016 Work Session Minutes*
- *April 19, 2016 Budget Session Minutes*
- *Resolution No. 2631 – authorizing the Mayor to sign the grant agreement and accept a grant of \$32,000.00 from the Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Bikeways Program for the design of a bike route on West Main Street, Fitzwater Street and Parsons Road*

- > **Resolution No. 2632** – accepting grant funds awarded through the Maryland Department of Natural Resources from the Clean Vessel Act Program, Waterway Improvement Fund in the amount of \$9,685 for a replacement sewage pumpout facility at the Port of Salisbury Marina

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

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

- Declaration of Surplus – 324 Poplar Hill Avenue - \$0.00

**PUBLIC HEARING ON MAYOR'S PROPOSED FY 17 BUDGET, WATER & SEWER RATES & CONSTANT YIELD TAX RATE** – presented by City Attorney Mark Tilghman

City Clerk Nichols swore in two members of the public wishing to speak during the Public Hearing. Mr. Tilghman presented Ordinance No. 2385.

- **Ordinance No. 2385** - appropriating the necessary funds for the operation of the government and administration of the City of Salisbury, Maryland for the period July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017, establishing the levy for the General Fund for the same fiscal period and establishing the appropriation for the Water and Sewer, Parking Authority, City Marina, and Storm Water Funds

At 6:27 p.m. Mr. Heath opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2385, Ordinance No. 2386 and the Constant Yield Tax Rate.

The following comments were received concerning the Proposed FY17 Budget:

- > Property owners and managers in Salisbury appreciate the opportunity to work with the City
- > Alarmed to learn there would be a 100% increase in rental registration fees
- > Understand the running the government comes with a price and SAPOA members want to pay our share
- > Asked Council to consider some sort of compromise in terms of such a huge increase all at once
- > The increase is dramatic
- > The history of landlord licensing in Salisbury goes back to Mayor Tilghman's administration, when it was stated the main purpose was for the City to establish a data base of registration. It was not created to generate revenue but merely a \$5 to \$10 fee to cover the cost of implementing it.
- > The presumption is that the landlords pay for this, but the tenants pay for this
- > When landlord costs and expenses go up, rents go up
- > These costs are being born by the segment of our population (renters) who can least afford it
- > Please reconsider this increase

The public hearing closed at 6:33 p.m.

- **Ordinance No. 2386** - to amend water and sewer rates to decrease sewer only rates and making said changes effective for all bills dated October 1, 2016 and thereafter unless and until subsequently revised or changed

Mr. Tilghman then presented Ordinance No. 2386.

At 6:38 p.m., Mr. Heath re-opened the Public Hearing to invite anyone else from the audience wishing to speak on the proposed Budget to come forward to the podium. There were no further requests to speak, and Mr. Heath immediately closed the Public Hearing.

**ORDINANCE** – presented by City Attorney Mark Tilghman

- **Ordinance No. 2387** - approving an amendment of the FY 2016 General Fund Budget to appropriate funding a transfer to Capital Projects Fund to be used for demolition and curbing required for Firestation 2

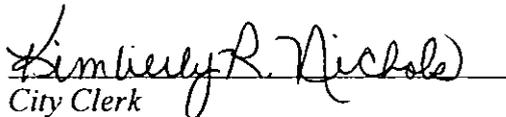
Ordinance No. 2387 for first reading was approved on a motion and seconded by Mr. Boda and Ms. Jackson, respectively, and by unanimous vote in favor.

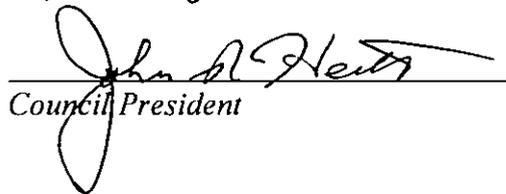
**COMMENTS**

Mayor Day stated that Council and Administration did everything they could

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, President Heath adjourned the Legislative Session at 6:42 p.m.

  
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City Clerk

  
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Council President