

Open Work Session

Letter to Mayor Day on Recent COVID-19 Order

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Mr. Dodd said Mr. Taylor wants to send a letter to Mayor Day on the recent COVID-19 Order. He then asked Mr. Taylor to elaborate, to which Mr. Taylor responded, this results from a concern which was raised by somebody in the Executive Branch, but he will not get into the names. He said it was thought that the Mayor's Order was probably unauthorized legally, and he thinks there is grounds for that concern. He said there is also concern about the fact that the Order relating to the stores would essentially bifurcate the County where they would have one rule for inside the City of Salisbury that did not apply to the County and could result in confusion. He said there is no State mandate in regard to the stores, so why should there be one for the City, and that is, essentially, the long and short of it.

Mr. Cannon said he does not like the letter, and does not want to send it at all. He said this should be discussed one-on-one, so if Mr. Dodd wants to meet with the Mayor and City Council President Heath, or if the Executive wants to do the same, that is how it should be addressed. He said he does not want to start laying down a gauntlet. Mr. McCain said he agrees totally with Mr. Cannon. He said they are the Legislative Body, and certainly anyone can express a concern, but he is not a fan of this letter at all.

Mr. Holloway said he is going to go along with everybody. He said, what the Mayor does in Salisbury is what the Mayor does in Salisbury. He said it is his town, not Council's, and they are the County.

Mr. Davis said he agrees. He said the Mayor runs the City of Salisbury, so how can Council dictate to him what he can do in the City? He said, if someone has an issue with this, they can meet with the Mayor personally, and he does not think a letter from Council telling him what he should be doing is their job.

Mr. Holloway asked Mr. Taylor if this request came from the Executive's Office, to which Mr. Taylor responded, no. He said it was based on a comment from the Executive Branch.

Mr. McCain said he just cannot keep going without bringing this up. He clarified, they are the County Council, so why is Mr. Taylor writing letters and bringing them to the County Council?

Mrs. Acle said she is not in favor of the letter. She said she does not think it is appropriate, to which Mr. Dodd responded, he agrees, and he does not think it is. He said he thinks this is something that should be between the City and the Governor's Office to let them work that out. He said it sounds like they have a unanimous consensus. There was no further discussion.

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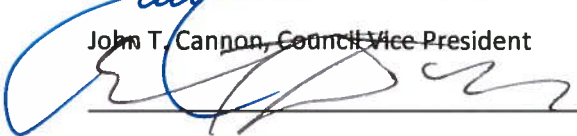
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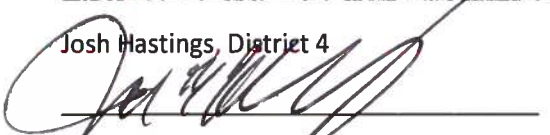
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