



**Town of Port Deposit
Town Council Meeting Minutes
Legislative Meeting
Conference/Video Meeting
April 2, 2024**

The public was invited to call into the meeting via videoconferencing or audio by phone.

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION – At the March 19, 2024 Council meeting, motion was made by Deputy Mayor Brown, seconded by Councilman Berlin, to convene in closed executive session at 7:40 p.m., pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, General Provisions Article, Title 3, Subtitle 3, Section 3-305 (3) to consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matter directly related thereto. Council will not return to open session. ROLL CALL VOTE: Mayor Tome – Y, Deputy Mayor Brown – Y, Councilman Berlin – Y, and Councilwoman Thiele – Y.

PRESENT AT CLOSED SESSION: Mayor Tome, Jr., Deputy Mayor Brown, Councilman Berlin, Councilwoman Thiele, Town Administrator Rinkerman.

ABSENT AT CLOSED SESSION: Councilman Knight.

The Mayor and Council discussed the acquisition of property relative to cyclical tax sale properties.

The closed executive session adjourned at 8:37 p.m. and Council did not return to open session.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Tome, Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Tome, Jr., Deputy Mayor Brown, Councilman Berlin, Town Administrator Rinkerman, Treasurer Gray, PW & Code Administrator Jamison and Jamie Kendrick – Mead & Hunt. Via Zoom - Councilwoman Thiele and Hailey Vaughn – Mead & Hunt

ABSENT: Councilman Knight

SAFETY TIP OF THE MONTH

Mayor Tome, Jr. presented the Safety Tip of the Month to Council.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 5, 2024 Legislative and March 19, 2024 Work Session meeting minutes were presented.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Brown to approve the March 5, 2024 Legislative and March 19, 2024 Work Session meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Councilman Berlin. Roll call vote – Brown-Y, Berlin-Y, Thiele-Abstain. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION

Habitat for Humanity Susquehanna – Lydia Jordan, Repair Program Specialist provided information on Habitat for Humanity Susquehanna and potential resources available through their program.

PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE 2024-01 - COMPREHENSIVE REZONING AMENDMENTS TO THE PORT DEPOSIT ZONING ORDINANCE TO CONFORM WITH LAND USE CLASSIFICATIONS IN THE NEWLY ADOPTED 2023 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

- Open the Public Hearing
- Review of Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map – Town Administrator Rinkerman and Jamie Kendrick provided a review of the amendments to the Port Deposit Zoning Ordinance.
- Recommendation from the Planning Commission
- Discussion by Council – Councilman Berlin, Deputy Mayor Brown, Councilwoman Thiele and Mayor Tome, Jr. all commented on their appreciation for the work the Planning Commission and Mead & Hunt has put into this project.
- Public Comment – no public comment.
- Close Public Hearing
- Motion and Discussion by Council – Motion made by Deputy Mayor Brown to adopt Ordinance 2024-01 Comprehensive Rezoning Amendments to the Port Deposit Zoning Ordinance. Seconded by Councilman Berlin. Roll call vote: Brown-Y, Berlin-Y, Thiele-Y. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE 2024-02 - COMPREHENSIVE REZONING AMENDMENTS TO THE PORT DEPOSIT ZONING MAP TO CONFORM WITH LAND USE CLASSIFICATIONS IN THE NEWLY ADOPTED 2023 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

- Open the Public Hearing
- Review of Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map – Town Administrator Rinkerman provided details on the amendments to the Port Deposit Zoning Map.
- Recommendation from the Planning Commission
- Discussion by Council – no further discussion.
- Public Comment – no public comment.
- Close Public Hearing
- Motion and Discussion by Council – Motion made by Councilman Berlin to adopt Ordinance 2024-02. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Brown. Roll call vote: Brown-Y, Berlin-Y, Thiele-Y. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT – No public comment.

OLD BUSINESS – No old business.

NEW BUSINESS – No new business.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

PUBLIC WORKS & CODE – PW & Code Administrator Jamison provided updates to the Council on projects completed and currently in process. This included ordering no fires permitted signs for Marian Park, and

update and preparation for the opening of nine gates at the Conowingo Dam, and preparation for the comfort station to be opened back up later this month.

TREASURER – Treasurer Gray provided financial statements for the month of March and provided details as requested.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR – Town Administrator Rinkerman provided various updates to include the addition of Newport Landing trash service to be added to the town’s contract effective July 2024 and billing to be done through individual property taxes, circuit rider program updates and working with Community Connecting Us, various grant updates, the release of the façade grant application – due May 30, 2023 and stated that the Army Corp of Engineers should have their report available at the next Town Council Meeting.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Berlin inquired about pot holes needing to be filled and commented on how wonderful the egg hunt held at Community Connecting Us turned out.

Councilwoman Thiele thanked the public for their attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Erica Berge, Community Connecting Us provided an update on the Art Show on April 24th to celebrate Mr. Rodgers Neighborhood. On April 22, 2024 the CCU will be hosting an Earth Day Concert featuring the Roedean Girls Choir at the CCU Cultural and Wellness Center.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

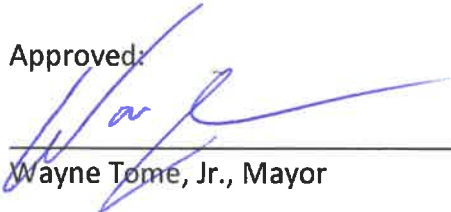
Public Hearings on FY2025 Budget at 7:00 p.m. in Town Hall or via Zoom at 7:00 p.m.
Resolution 01-2024 Property Tax Rate and Other Revenue Rates – Tuesday, May 7, 2024
Ordinance 2024-03 Fiscal Year 2025 Annual Budget – Tuesday, June 4, 2024

ADJOURNMENT

The public meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m. Meeting audio is available upon request.

Attest: 

Vicky Rinkerman, Town Administrator

Approved: 

Wayne Tome, Jr., Mayor