



Special Called Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 20, 2025, at 6:30 PM

Zoom Only

3820 40th Avenue Cottage City, Maryland 20722

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Attendees

1. Ward 1 – Commissioner Salsich
2. Ward 2 – Commissioner Henderson
3. Ward 3 – Commissioner Wheatley
4. Ward 4 – Commissioner Givens
5. At-Large – Commissioner Brooks
6. John Hoatson – Town Manager
7. Kevin Best – Town Attorney
8. Anthony Ayers – Chief of Police
9. Amy Sawyer – resident

Agenda

1. Call to Order and Roll Call (0:31)

All Commissioners are present and accounted for.

2. Community Garden Groundhogs (0:31)

Huge groundhog digging holes at end of Cottage Terrace and is eating vegetables. Commissioner Brooks wants approval to trap and remove the groundhog.

Amy Sawyer suggested waiting until after the spring and needing permission for where it should be released.

Commissioner Brooks moved to trap and release the groundhog, either with an existing trap in Public Works or, if not found, to purchase a new one. Commissioner Givens seconded. Salsich-Aye, Henderson-Aye, Wheatley-Aye, Givens-Abstains, and Brooks-Aye. Motion passes with no nays and one abstention.

3. Motion to Suspend the Rules (9:55)

The motion to suspend the rules was made by Commissioner Henderson and seconded by Commissioner Brooks. Salsich-Aye, Henderson-Aye, Wheatley-Aye, Givens-Aye, and Brooks-Aye. Motion passes with no nays or abstentions.

4. Move to a Closed Session (10:44)

All meetings are subject to closure pursuant to the Maryland Open Meetings Act: Pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, State Government Article Section 10-508(a), the Council by majority vote may retire to executive or closed session at any time during the meeting. Should the Commission retire to executive or closed sessions the Chair will announce the reasons, and a report will be issued at a future meeting disclosing the reasons for such closed session.

The motion to move to a closed session was made at 6:43 PM by Commissioner Brooks and seconded by Commissioner Henderson. Salsich-Aye, Henderson-Aye, Wheatley-Aye, Givens-Aye, Brooks-Aye. Motion passes without nays or abstentions.

5. Report from Closed Session (12:17)

Commissioners, Town Attorney, and Town Manager were present. Personnel matters were discussed. No votes taken. A letter will be written to the employee in question by the Town Attorney.

Also discussed hiring one part-time employee.

The motion to move forward with hiring a part-time employee was made by Commissioner Brooks and seconded by Commissioner Givens. Salsich-Aye, Henderson-Aye, Wheatley-Aye, Givens-Aye, Brooks-Aye. Motion passes without nays or abstentions.

6. Adjournment (15:00)

The motion to adjourn was made at 11:06 PM by Commissioner Givens and seconded by Commissioner Brooks. Salsich-Aye, Henderson-Aye, Wheatley-Aye, Givens-Aye, Brooks-Aye. Motion passes without nays or abstentions.