



Special Town Meeting Agenda

Friday, January 17, 2025 at 6:30 PM

Hybrid Meeting

3820 40th Avenue Cottage City, Maryland 20722

This meeting will be hosted on Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82931796562?pwd=Q11Dtp9QbtbQKD6QPjUldf37qke2c4.1>

Phone: 301-715-8592 | Meeting ID: 829 3179 6562 | Passcode: 686936

Call to Order and Roll Call

Business

1. Motion To Suspend The Rules To Vote In A Special Town Meeting (Commission Vote)
2. Letter of Recommendation, Coalition to Support PGC Fire and EMS (Commission Vote)
3. Town Bus Use Approval: District 47 Night In Annapolis (Commission Vote)
4. Black History Month Program

Public Comments

Anyone seeking to speak under Public Comments must sign in prior to the end of the Town Meeting. There is a 3-minute time limit. When you come up to speak, you will need to state your name, address, what organization that you represent and your topic of concern(s).

Closed Session

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 session the Chair will announce the reasons and a report will be issued at a future meeting disclosing the reasons for such closed session.

This meeting will only be closed under the provision or provisions checked below, all from General Provisions Art. § 3-305(b): (1)___ "To discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals"; (7)___ "To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice".

To discuss personnel matters relating to procurements, contract performance, delegated authority, supervisory-subordinate relations for certain elected and appointed personnel. To seek legal advice from counsel regarding the aforementioned items and possible litigation strategy.

Open Session Following Closed Session

Adjournment

COALITION TO SUPPORT PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY FIRE AND EMS

Dear Esteemed Candidate for Prince George's County Executive,

We are all intimately familiar with the staffing shortages of the Prince George's County Fire Department and the resulting reallocation of career firefighters away from the communities they serve. A combination of foreseeable circumstances led to this emergency, which resulted in longer response times and multiple deaths. It doesn't have to be this way.

We, the undersigned, believe it is a core responsibility of the incoming County Executive to address these deficiencies in the Prince George's County Fire Department with urgency and determination. Safeguarding our residents is a foundational responsibility of government, and we urge every candidate to read and respond to the recommendations listed below.

Your commitment to these recommendations will show your commitment to all of Prince George's County and the many lives that call it home. Thank you for your dedication to public service and thank you for your response. We wish you the best this election season.

Sincerely,

The Coalition to Support Fire and EMS in Prince George's County

Councilmember Danielle Carter Miller, City of Mount Rainier

Former Vice Mayor Stefan Leggin, Town of Brentwood

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Reduce Barriers to Volunteerism

- Expand virtual training and in-person classes

- Shorten onboarding by reducing unnecessary requirements

Commitment to Expedited, Large Scale Recruitment

- Funding to hire 150 new Fire/EMS personnel in FY2026

- A regional approach to youth recruitment in partnership with local schools and volunteer companies

- Incentivize volunteers with stipends and relaxed requirements for retirement

- Streamline and consolidate recruitment, training, and reciprocity process

- Critically reexamine Fire Academy recruitment process and requirements

Renegotiate single role EMS services

- Create EMS-only positions for career employees

Improved Data Transparency

- Comprehensive data sharing and analysis including call times, budgets, staffing

- Regular meetings which include all 27 municipalities at the table

Facility Support for Volunteer Properties and Apparatus

- Return to funding volunteer stations via station management equality

Establish a Task Force for Efficiency and Recruitment

- Develop and implement a sustainable staffing plan for career and volunteer staff

- Hire an independent auditor

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