

Regular Meeting Minutes

The meeting of the Pocomoke City Mayor and Council was held in Council Chambers on Monday, June 22, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm.

Present:

Mayor: Todd J. Nock

Council Members: M. Hall, C.L. Marshall, S. Tull, D. Downing, B. Cottman

City Manager: Brandy Matthews

Attorney: Andrew Illuminati

City Clerk: Lacey Merritt

Pledge of Allegiance, Prayer, Call to Order

Mayor Nock called the meeting to order, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance, and Council Member Marshall led the prayer.

Approval of June 18, 2026 Minutes

Motion made by Council Member Downing to approve the minutes from June 18, 2026. Seconded by Council Member Hall. Hall - aye, Marshall - aye, Tull - aye, Downing - aye, Cottman - aye.

Approval of Bill List

The bill list was presented for payment. No discussion. Motion to approve by Council Member Hall, seconded by Council Member Cottman. Hall - aye, Marshall - aye, Tull - aye, Downing - aye, Cottman - aye.

Approval of Mar-Va Theater Performing Arts Center, Inc. Event — Performance by Lure and Old State Line — 8/14/2026

Council discussed the absence of the event representatives. Mayor Nock left the meeting and walked to the applicants store front on Market Street to find a representative. Mayor Nock returned stating no one answered. Members noted the established expectation that applicants attend meetings when requesting approvals. Motion to table the request made by Council Member Hall. Seconded by Council Member Marshall. Hall - aye, Marshall - aye, Tull - aye, Downing - aye, Cottman - aye.

Approval of Special One Day Alcohol Permit — Mar-Va Theater Performing Arts Center Inc. — Lure and Old State Line Concert — 08/14/2026

Councils' discussion centered on the applicant's absence and the timing requirements for permit approval. Staff confirmed all required signatures and documentation had been received. Motion to approve contingent on the applicant appearing at the next meeting made by Council Member Downing. Seconded by Council Member Marshall. Hall - aye, Marshall - aye, Tull - aye, Downing - aye, Cottman - aye.

Vote on Resolution 2026- R-14: A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of Pocomoke City, Maryland Adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year 2027

Resolution adopting the FY2027 budget was presented. Council recognized City Manager Brandy Matthews for her work preparing the budget. Motion to approve Resolution 2026-R-14 made by Council Member Downing. Seconded by Council Member Cottman. No discussion. Hall - aye, Marshall - aye, Tull - aye, Downing - aye, Cottman - aye.

2. Council Member Marshall - Discussed the ordinance regarding hazardous waste and the legal limitations on fines.
 3. Council Member Tull - Reported that the Juneteenth weekend celebration at the Sturgis One Room Schoolhouse was successful and well-attended.
 4. Council Member Downing – No comment
 5. Council Member Cottman - Acknowledged new team members Kristen Tremblay (Planning Director) and Lacey Merritt (City Clerk), and thanked City Manager Brandy Matthews for her work on the budget.
- d. Comments from the Mayor
1. The Mayor welcomed home the council members and announced his intention to reinstitute the three-minute rule for public comments to ensure citizens remain within reasonable time limits. Additionally, the Mayor introduced the new Planning Director, Kristen Tremblay, who expressed her enthusiasm for joining the city team and noted the positive momentum currently building in Pocomoke City.

Motion to Adjourn to Closed Session at 6:59pm made by Council Member Marshall, Seconded by Council Member Hall. Hall - aye, Marshall - aye, Tull - aye, Downing - aye, Cottman - aye.

***Motion to Adjourn to Open Session made by Council Member Downing, Seconded by Council Member Cottman. Hall - aye, Marshall - aye, Tull - aye, Downing - aye, Cottman - aye. ***

Approved:  _____
City Clerk