

## Regular Meeting Minutes

The meeting of the Pocomoke City Mayor and Council was held in Council Chambers and via Zoom/Facebook livestream on Tuesday, August 18, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM.

Present: Mayor Bruce Morrison  
First Vice President: Todd J. Nock  
Council Members: Esther Troast, R. Scott Holland, Diane Downing-Not Present  
City Manager: Jeremy Mason  
City Attorney: Andrew Illuminati  
City Clerk: Michelle Beckett-EI Soloh

Pledge of Allegiance, Prayer by Councilmember Troast, Call to Order @ 6:30 PM

Review and Approval of Minutes from Meeting of August 3, 2020:

Motion to approve minutes from August 3, 2020 (Troast, Holland passed) @ 6:32 PM

Acclamation: Holland-aye, Nock-aye, Troast-aye; none opposed; motion carried

Review and Approval of Current Bill List:

Motion to approve current bill list (Troast, Nock passed) @ 6:34 PM

Acclamation: Holland-aye, Nock-aye, Troast-aye; none opposed; motion carried

Presentation/Retirement Celebration to Mayor Bruce A. Morrison:

1. Video featuring members of several MD towns and Maryland Municipal League members.
2. Presentation of senate citation written by Senator Mary Beth Carroza.
3. Presentation by Mrs. Caitlyn Evans, Mayor Morrison's daughter.
4. Presentation by Mrs. Laura Morrison, Mayor's wife.
5. Presentation from former Councilmember R. Dale Trotter, read by Councilmember Nock
6. Presentation of plaque by Councilmember Esther Troast on behalf of the entire current Pocomoke City Council.
7. Presentation of engraved gavel by Councilmember Todd J. Nock behalf of the entire current and former Pocomoke City Councilmembers.
8. Presentation of Mayor's current gavel to Councilmember Esther Troast for stepping in and taking over mayoral duties during Mayor Morrison's illness.

Swearing in of Mayor Elect, Susan Marshall-Harrison:

Mayor Elect, Mrs. Susan Marshall Harrison came forward and repeated the oath of Office given by Ms. Susan Braniecki, Clerk of the Circuit Court for Worcester County, MD.

Swearing in of District 3 Councilmember Elect, Daniel J. Tarr:

District 3 Councilmember Elect, Daniel J. Tarr came forward and repeated the Oath of Office given by Mayor Susan Marshall Harrison.

Reorganization of Council, Select 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Presidents:

Mayor Susan Marshall Harrison asked for a motion to nominate First Vice-President.

Motion to elect Councilmember Todd J. Nock as First Vice-President Councilmember (Holland, Troast passed) @ 7:08 PM

Acclamation: Holland-aye, Nock-aye, Troast-aye, Tarr-nay; none opposed; motion carried

Motion to elect Councilmember Troast as Second Vice-President (Nock, Holland passed) @ 7:10 PM

Acclamation: Holland-aye, Nock-aye, Troast-aye, Tarr-aye; none opposed; motion carried

Comments from Council

Councilmember Holland said the Recreation Committee will have a meeting tomorrow night.

Councilmember Nock announced the ceremony to honor the 100-year centennial anniversary of women's right to vote (Women's Suffrage). The ceremony will be held in the minipark on Thursday, August 21, 2020 at 11:00 AM. The first female mayor of Pocomoke City was Ms. Evelyn Parsons.

Councilmember Tarr said he will execute the position the office with no desire except the see the best for the town's people.

Mayor Marshall Harrison also said she is privileged and honored to be mayor in her hometown. She loves Pocomoke City and looks forward to working with everyone in harmony.

Comments from Departments

None

Comments from Audience

None

Motion to adjourn meeting (Troast, Nock passed @ 7:20 PM

Acclamation: Holland-aye, Nock-aye, Troast-aye, Tarr-aye; none opposed; motion carried

Approved: K. Michelle Beckett-El Soloh  
City Clerk