

For the initial build, the city will have to apply for CDBG funding for the capital project in addition to the \$400,000 the Boys and Girls Club has set aside. They will assist the city in writing grants for funding. After that, the Boys and Girls Club will write grants for operational dollars.

3. What is the timeline for construction? This will depend on the timing of the potential award of CDBG funds, provided the City designates land for the project.

4. If the Boys and Girls Club would dissolve, will the property will remain under the ownership of the City? The property will remain under ownership of the City.

Public Hearing to Adopt Ordinance No. 463, Rental Property Registration, 2nd Reading

Mayor Nock introduced the Second Reading of Ordinance 463, and asked Planner Brandewie to read the ordinance. Mayor Nock then opened the public hearing for the same ordinance. Comments were received from Mr. Vance Jones. 2268 Worcester HW, about vacant properties and whether they are included. Mayor Nock responded by indicating that they are not included.

Motion to approve Ordinance No. 463 (Marsh, Downing passed)

Acclamation: Troast-aye, Holland-aye, Marsh-aye, Downing-Aye, none-opposed, motion carried

Public Hearing to Adopt Resolution No. 592, Extend the Cannabis Moratorium, 2nd Reading

Mayor Nock read the second reading of resolution and opened the public hearing. No public comments were received.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 592 (Holland, Troast passed)

Acclamation: Troast-aye, Holland-aye, Marsh-aye, Downing-Aye, none-opposed, motion carried

Introduce Ordinance No. 465, Establish a Historic District, 1st Reading

Mayor Nock introduced the discussion. Councilmember Holland suggested there should be more time for review before the ordinance moves forward and made a motion to table it. Councilmember Troast agreed we should celebrate our great history but that there should be more work done and a series of work sessions should be held before the Council considers any action. Councilmember Marsh stated that this ordinance is only for the purpose establishing the district, which is already on the national register. Councilmember Downing asked whether the ordinance is just to establish the area for the designated district. Councilmember Marsh indicated that yes, that is correct.

City Attorney Illuminati reminded Council that a motion is on the table. Councilmember Holland rescinded the original motion to table the ordinance.

Comments from Council

Councilmember Holland – no comments

Councilmember Troast announced the March 30th Easter egg hunt and spring festival and encourage everyone to come out and enjoy the outdoors.

Council member Downing – no comments.

Councilmember March mentioned the elections and encouraged all to research candidates and vote on April 2nd.

Comments From the Mayor

Mayor Nock explained that the City has no specific policy to address Letters of Interest in City-owned properties and is working get procedures in place. Additionally, the \$2 million in offers that has been mentioned recently is not accurate, and that no one can dictate to Council what they sell. We need to educate the public further on this, as a Letter of Interest is only an expression of interest, not a contract of sale.

Comments From the City Manager

City Manager Barkley noted that the Council will be hosting budget work sessions on the 2nd and 4th Mondays to encourage public participation in the process.

Comments from the Audience

Mark Thompson of the Boys and Girls Club expressed thanks to the Council, noting that the children standing behind him are the City's future.

Lany Crawford of the Boys and Girls Club expressed thanks to the Council.

Crystal Milborn of the Boys and Girls Club expressed thanks to the Council.

Karah Lacey, Downtown/Events Coordinator, made announcements about Spring events and reminded everyone that the weather may be a factor.

Commissioner Purnell commented on the unique and important history of Pocomoke City and expressed support for the Boys and Girls Club initiative.

Michael Dean, 1407 Market St, mentioned support of speed cameras and concerns with alcohol served at fairground events and whether these are open ended permits. Mayor Nock stated each event must have a unique permit.

Councilmember Marsh thanked Commissioner Purnell for her comments and asked what sections of the City she represents. Commissioner Purnell stated that her District has grown further southward into Pocomoke and that she would follow up with more details.

Motion was made to adjourn the open meeting and move into Closed Session (Marsh, Downing)

Approved: *John C. Barkley*
City Manager

