

## Regular Meeting Minutes

The meeting of the Pocomoke City Mayor and Council was held in Council Chambers and via Zoom/Facebook livestream on Tuesday, July 5, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

Present: Mayor Susan Marshall Harrison  
First Vice President: Esther Troast  
Council Members: R. Scott Holland, Daniel J. Tarr,  
Todd J. Nock, Diane Downing  
City Manager: Jeremy Mason  
City Attorney: Andrew Illuminati  
City Clerk: Michelle Beckett-El Soloh

Pledge of Allegiance, Prayer by Councilmember Nock and Call to Order:

Approval of Minutes from Meeting of June 20, 2022:

Motion to approve minutes for June 20, 2022 as written (Nock, Downing passed)

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

Review and Approval Current Bill List:

Motion to approve the bill list (Troast, Nock passed)

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

Meredith Mears Proposal for Old Virginia Road Property

Over the years, she has had several chances to work closely with Pocomoke City regarding housing and industrial park property ventures. There is an opportunity for Pocomoke City to develop a property on Old Virginia Road and Rt 13, almost next to the dealership, on the County level. The property has been listed for about 4 years. It does not have infrastructure such as water, electric, sewer, etc. so it has not moved even after several inquiries. This would be a huge project for southern Worcester County. Her associate, John McClellan, said this area has seen an influx of residents from the urban areas over the last several years. The eastern shore lacks the infrastructure to support it. Wallops Island is also adding jobs. The city's tax revenue could increase by as much as \$480,000.00 plus bring business to stores and restaurants with this project. The sizes and prices are not known yet. There is no site plan but the Council would have input on those types of things before it is finalized. The Council suggested a work session that would be open to public comment also. The matter is pending for now.

Introduce Resolution No. 567, Pathways to Economic Development, 1st Reading

Grants Administrator, Linda McNeil read:

**Resolution No. 567**  
**Pathways to Economic Development**  
**Pocomoke City, Maryland**

Public Hearing & Adopt Resolution No. 561, Ambulance Procurement Grant FY 2022-23, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

Grants Administrator, Linda McNeil read:

**Resolution No. 561**  
**Ambulance Procurement Grant FY 2022-23**  
**Pocomoke City, Maryland**

Mrs. McNeil said the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading was tabled at the last meeting until she had the letter that explained the terms of the grant. She has found out that the city can cancel the purchase before a certain date and that ARPA funds or a loan can be used to pay for the city's portion.

Public Hearing opened. There were no comments or objections from the public. Public Hearing closed.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 561, Ambulance Procurement Grant FY 2022-23 (Holland, Tarr)

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

Public Hearing & Adopt Resolution No. 562, Main Street Improvement Grant, 2nd Reading

Grants Administrator, Linda McNeil read: **Resolution No. 562**  
**Main Street Improvement Grant**  
**Pocomoke City, Maryland**

Public Hearing opened. There were no comments or objections from the public. Public Hearing closed.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 562, Main Street Improvement Grant (Nock, Tarr)

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

Public Hearing & Adopt Resolution No. 563, Cypress Park Improvement Grant, 2nd Reading

Grants Administrator, Linda McNeil read: **Resolution No. 563**  
**Cypress Park Improvement Grant**  
**Pocomoke City, Maryland**

Public Hearing opened. There were no comments or objections from the public. Public Hearing closed.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 563, Cypress Park Improvement Grant (Downing, Nock)

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

Public Hearing & Adopt Resolution No. 564, Lowes Kitchen Remodel for E.M.S. Grant, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

City Manager, Jeremy Mason, read: **Resolution No. 564**  
**Lowes Kitchen Remodel for E.M.S. Grant**  
**Pocomoke City, Maryland**

Public Hearing opened. There were no comments or objections from the public. Public Hearing closed.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 564, Lowes Kitchen Remodel for E.M.S. Grant (Tarr, Holland)

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

Comments from Council

Councilmember Holland thanked the City Manager and public Works for cleaning the goose manure from the docks. The Recreation Committee is doing the Splash event on August 6<sup>th</sup>. On Tuesdays, the 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> of July and 2<sup>nd</sup> of August there will be games in Cypress Park.

Councilmember Tarr stated that fixing fire hydrants are being repaired and certain streets are waiting to be paved. The 4-H club is meeting at the Log Cabin on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month. They have a Facebook page for information and are still looking for members.

Comments from the Mayor

Mayor Marshall Harrison said she hopes everyone had a pleasant and safe holiday. She asked for a moment of silence for the victims and their families for the tragedy at Highland Park in Illinois.

Comments from City Manager

There is an extensive list of streets for trench paving repairs out of this year's budget.

Comments from Chief of Police

None

Comments from Audience

None

Motion to adjourn meeting (Downing, Tarr)

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

Approved: *K. Michelle Beckett-El Soloh*  
*City Clerk*