

Regular Meeting Minutes

The meeting of the Pocomoke City Mayor and Council was Hybrid (Council Chambers and Zoom) on Monday, November 18, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm.

Present:

Council Members: R. Scott Holland,
C.L. Marshall, Diane Downing,
Brooke Cottman, Monda Marsh
City Manager: John Barkley
Attorney: Andrew Illuminati
City Clerk: Melinda Stafford

Pledge of Allegiance, Prayer by Councilmember Downing and Call to Order

Approval of Minutes from Meeting of October 21, 2024

Motion to approve the minutes of October 21st made by Councilman Holland and seconded by Councilman Marshall. Motion passes.

Second Reading, Ordinance 2025-O-3, City Council Code of Conduct

Mayor Nock reads the summation of the proposed changes to the Code of Ethics. The Mayor then opens the floor for the Public Hearing. Seeing there is no comment from the public and there are no comments from the City Council, a motion to pass Ordinance 2025-O-3 is made by Councilman Holland and seconded by Councilman Marshall. The motion passes.

Comments

a. Comments from the City Council Members

1. Councilwoman Marsh – As of January 1, 2025, she will be stepping down as Councilwoman from District 3 and resigning from Pocomoke City Council. Thank you to Mayor Nock for his help with the Rental Licensing program and for cleaning up the city. Also thanks him with the Safe Streets Initiative. She needs to focus on her personal endeavors and she wishes great success to the future of Pocomoke City.
2. Councilwoman Cottman –It was a pleasure serving on the Council with Councilwoman Marsh, Happy Thanksgiving to all.
3. Councilwoman Downing – Wishes Councilwoman Marsh well in all of her future endeavors, wishes everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.
4. Councilman Marshall – Congrats to the girl's field hockey with another championship win. Happy Thanksgiving to everyone and encourages other councilmembers to speak with Planning and Zoning Director, Dan Brandewie concerning upcoming projects.
5. Councilman Holland – Wishes everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. Be on the lookout for future events happening in the city.

b. Comments from the Mayor

1. The City has a new tab on the webpage. Under the new Commissions tab, you will find meeting information for all of the City's commissions and committees.
2. Preparations are underway for the Pocomoke Christmas Parade, held on December 2nd at 7 p.m. Please join us to celebrate the holiday season.
3. Asking for an in-person closed session on Monday, November 25.

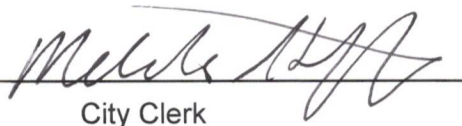
c. Comments from the City Manager

d. Comments from the Audience

1. Jermaine Newcome/Laurel St. -Has a request of the city to ease up on impact fees. It makes it hard for new business to establish themselves. Councilman Holland welcomes conversation concerning impact fees. Share that he has an empty lot and has a neighbor has branches leaning on his property and he is left to clear all of debris on his own. Wonders about Code Enforcement.

Motion to adjourn at 6:53 pm to adjourn

Approved:


City Clerk

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