



**Town of Port Deposit
Town Council Meeting Minutes
Legislative Meeting
March 5, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Tome called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Tome, Deputy Mayor Kuhs, Councilman Broomell, Councilman Brown, Councilman Haines, Councilman Knight, Councilwoman Rodgers, Town Administrator Rinkerman and Finance Manager Sookiasian

SAFETY TIP - Mayor Tome presented the safety tip of the month.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Minutes from the February 19, 2019 Work Session Meeting were presented for approval.

Motion was made by Councilman Knight to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kuhs. Councilman Haines and Councilwoman Rodgers abstained from the vote. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Hannah Moise, 28 Granite Avenue, gave a presentation and expressed concern regarding storm water issue and constant property erosion.

Council advised that they would have staff look into the problem to seek an interim solution.

OLD BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 01-2019 charter Amendment – Article III The Council, Section 301 Number, Selection, Term

The Resolution amends Section 301 of the Charter to reduce the number of Council members from six to four to reflect the recent Charter amendment for the May 2019 Election that reduced the number of Council members from six to four.

Councilwoman Rodgers made a motion to adopt Resolution 01-2019 Charter amendment to reduce the size of the Council from six to four members, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kuhs. Councilman Knight and Councilman Haines abstained from vote. Roll call vote: Brown – Y, Rodgers – Y, Knight – Abstain, Kuhs – Y, Haines – Abstain, Broomell – Y. Motion carried by a vote of four in favor and two abstentions.

Resolution 01-2019 will be advertised four times in the Cecil Whig and posted on the Town's media sites and at Town Hall. The Resolution shall become effective April 24, 2019 provided a Petition for Referendum is not submitted before the effective date.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 02-2019 MARYLAND HISTORIC TRUST EASEMENT – 64 SOUTH MAIN STREET

Town Administrator Rinkerman presented Resolution 02-2019 Maryland Historic Trust Easement for Town Hall, 64 South Main Street. Easement is required in order to use the MHT grant for building repairs.

Motion was made by Councilman Knight to approve Resolution 02-2019 Maryland Historic Trust Easement as presented, seconded by Councilman Brown. Roll call vote: Brown – Y, Rodgers – Y, Knight –Y, Kuhs – Y, Haines – Y, Broomell – Y. Motion carried unanimously.

CODE AMENDMENTS: Town Administrator Rinkerman reviewed suggested code amendments to Chapter 25, 32, and 36 and Council provided comment relative to the proposed amendments.

APPOINTMENT TO ELECTION BOARD - Alternate Linda Read

Motion made by Councilman Knight to appoint Linda Read as Election Board Alternate, seconded by Councilwoman Rodgers. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS TO HISTORIC AREA COMMISSION

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Kuhs to re-appoint Commissioner Barchowsky, Commissioner Brant, Commissioner Wertsch and Vice Chair Ockuly to the Historic Area Commission, seconded by Councilwoman Rodgers. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

Finance Manager Sookiasian provided the financial report for the period ending February 28, 2019

Town Administrator Report – Town Administrator Rinkerman provided an update on projects and grants.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Tome provided comment on continuing problem with road condition, excessive water in road on N. Main Street and desire to communicate with residents throughout the town the importance of keeping all sidewalks clear of debris and trashcans to prevent pedestrians from walking into the street.


Councilman Brown provided a Public Safety Committee update.

PUBLIC COMMENT – NONE

ANNOUNCEMENTS – NONE

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. The meeting was recorded and audio is available upon request.

Attest:



Vicky Rinkerman, Town Administrator

Approved:



Wayne L. Tome, Sr., Mayor