



**TOWN OF PORT DEPOSIT
TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING
February 17, 2026**

MEETING MINUTES

The public was invited to call into the meeting via videoconferencing or audio by phone.

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION – At the February 3, 2026 Council meeting, motion was made by Councilwoman Thiele and seconded by Deputy Mayor Brown to convene in closed executive session at 7:30 p.m., pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, General Provisions Article, Title 3, Subtitle 3, Section 3-305 (1) to discuss a personnel matter over whom it has jurisdiction that affects one or more specific individuals. Council will not return to open session. ROLL CALL VOTE: Mayor Tome – Y, Deputy Mayor Brown – Y, Councilman Berlin – Y, Councilman Knight – Y, and Councilwoman Thiele – Y.

PRESENT AT CLOSED SESSION: Mayor Tome, Jr., Deputy Mayor Brown, Councilman Berlin, Councilman Knight, Councilwoman Thiele, and Town Administrator Rinkerman.

The Mayor and Council discussed a personnel matter and hiring a new employee in the Public Works Department. No action was taken by the Council. The closed executive session adjourned at 8:45 p.m. and Council did not return to open session.

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Kevin Brown, Councilman Daniel Berlin, Councilwoman Randa Thiele, Town Administrator Vicky Rinkerman, Treasurer Patti Gray, Administrative Assistant Mary Culver.

ABSENT: Mayor Wayne Tome Jr., Councilman Tom Knight, Public Works and Code Administrator Dan Jamison.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Deputy Mayor Brown at 7:00 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

Certificate of Deposit Update: Treasurer Gray reviewed approximately \$754,000 currently held in a PNC money market account earning 0.01% interest and presented options to improve returns. She discussed potential transfers into high-yield certificates of deposit and money market accounts at institutions such as Truist and APG Federal Credit Union. Council reviewed FDIC insurance limits and collateralization requirements and discussed balancing interest earning with maintaining some liquidity.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Thiele and seconded by Councilman Berlin to allow Treasurer Gray to move up to \$500,000 into certificates of deposit and/or money market accounts at her discretion to maximize interest earnings. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Website Update: Administrative Assistant Culver provided an update on recent website improvements focused on organization and navigation. She reported that over the next several months the Town will transition the website from Wix Editor to Wix Studio to improve functionality and user experience. The transition requires a full site rebuild; the annual website cost was noted as \$324 and will not increase, and the transition will occur without downtime. She also noted that residents will soon be able to opt in to receive Town news via email, and meeting summaries will be posted on the website going forward.

COUNCIL REPORTS

No reports were presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were made.

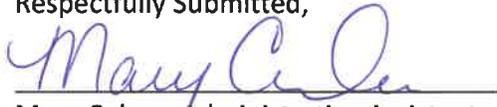
ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Fire and Ice Festival, hosted by the Port Deposit Chamber of Commerce, will be held on Saturday, February 28, 2026, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in downtown Port Deposit and is part of the Cecil County Tourism Winter Lights, Cecil Nights campaign. Additional details will follow.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Deputy Mayor Brown adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mary Culver, Administrative Assistant

Approved:



Kevin Brown, Deputy Mayor