



**Town of Port Deposit  
Town Council Meeting Minutes  
Legislative Meeting  
Conference/Video Meeting  
March 2, 2021**

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**PRESENT:** In person: Mayor Kuhs, Deputy Mayor Brown, Councilman Baron, Councilman Broomell, Councilman Knight, Town Administrator Rinkerman, Finance Manager Sookiasian, and Chief of Police Smith.  
Via Zoom: Legal Counsel McCarron

**ABSENT:** None

**SAFETY TIP OF THE MONTH** – Mayor Kuhs presented the Safety Tip of the Month to Council.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Meeting Minutes from Town Council February 2, 2021 Legislative Meeting and February 16, 2021 Work Session Meeting were presented.

Motion was made by Councilman Broomell to approve the February 2, 2021 Legislative Meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Brown. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Brown to approve the February 16, 2021 Work Session Meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Councilman Knight. All in favor. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – No public comment.

**OLD BUSINESS** – No old business.

**NEW BUSINESS** – Introduction Ordinance and Resolution 2021-01 – a curative Ordinance and Resolution reaffirming Ordinances and Town Council Resolutions passed since the May, 2019 Election with less than four (4) Council members present and voting in the affirmative.

Counsel McCarron provided details regarding the previously discussed curative Ordinance and Resolution to correct an issue found by the Bond Counsel in regards to a previous charter amendment in 2019 which reduced the Town Council from six members to four members. The purpose is to get re-approval of any Resolution or Ordinance passed where less than four Council members were present.

Ordinance and Resolution 2021-01 will go to public hearing on March 16, 2021, then to Council for decision on April 6, 2021 with an effective date of April 26, 2021.

**REPORTS TO COUNCIL**

Finance Manager Sookiasian provided the Council with financial reports and updates for the month of February and additional updates on various projects. Finance Manager Sookiasian provided the Council draft III of the FY 2022 Budget. These documents provided details comparing the current year’s budget to the current year’s forecast and the current year’s budget to next year’s budget.

A request for the removal of two trees in Marina Park was previously discussed and Finance Manager Sookiasian asked the Council for their opinion on the matter. The Council decided to table the discussion for the next meeting.

Finance Manager Sookiasian advised that in previous years, more shifts are usually added to the summer CCSO schedule to increase patrolling due to the increased traffic within town. He explained that those shifts have not been added or budgeted for at this time. The CCSO shift schedule is managed by Chief Smith, and shifts are still operating on a light schedule. Councilman Knight has asked to discuss the matter with the Public Safety Committee at their next meeting.

Chief Smith provided the Chief’s report for the month of January and informed the Council of the meetings attended. She also explained that she posted her plan to hold a fishing rodeo on the Port Deposit Community Facebook page and has received multiple responses in favor of the fishing rodeo.

Town Administrator Rinkerman provided the Council an update on various meetings and projects. This included election deadlines and meetings, approval of Bainbridge development plans, and outdoor seasonal use applications.


**COUNCIL REPORTS** – No council reports.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – No public comment.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Public Hearing advertised for March 16, 2021 Work Session meeting for Resolution 03-2021 – Curative Charter amendment reaffirming Resolution 01-2019 and Resolution 08-2018 that reduced the number of Council members from six to four; and Ordinance and Resolution 2021-01.

**CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Brown to convene in Closed Executive Session Pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, General Provisions Article, Title 3, Subtitle 3, Section 3-305 (b) (4) To consider a matter that concerns a proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand or remain in the State. Council will not return to open session. Seconded by Councilman Broomell. Council did not return to open session.

Attest:

  
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Vicky Rinkerman, Town Administrator

Approved:

  
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Robert A. Kuhs, Mayor