



**TOWN OF PORT DEPOSIT
TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING
March 24, 2026**

MEETING MINUTES

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

PRESENT: Mayor Wayne Tome Jr., Deputy Mayor Kevin Brown (via Zoom), Councilwoman Randa Thiele, Councilman Tom Knight (via Zoom), Town Administrator Vicky Rinkerman, Treasurer Patti Gray, Administrative Assistant Mary Culver, Public Works and Code Enforcement Administrator Dan Jamison.

ABSENT: Councilman Dan Berlin.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Tome Jr. at 7:00 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 03-2026 – Maryland Local Government Investment Pool (MLGIP): Treasurer Gray presented Resolution 03-2026 regarding participation in the Maryland Local Government Investment Pool (MLGIP). The program was described as a state investment option that allows local governments to earn interest on funds while maintaining access to those funds. Council discussed the benefits of flexibility and accessibility compares to traditional investment options.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Thiele and seconded by Councilman Knight to approve Resolution 03-2026 regarding participation in the MLGIP. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 04-2026 – Support for HB 1142 Local Revenue Task Force: Town Administrator Rinkerman presented Resolution 04-2026 expressing support for House Bill 1142, which would establish a task force to study and modernize revenue sources for counties and municipalities in Maryland. Council discussed the importance of diversified and sustainable revenue streams for local governments.

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Brown and seconded by Councilwoman Thiele to approve Resolution 04-2026 expressing support for HB 1142 and establishment of the Local Revenue Task Force.

OLD BUSINESS

Granite Run Restaurant Request Update: Council reviewed the request from Granite Run Taproom to install a shade structure. Discussion focused on concerns related to permanence, safety, and precedent for similar installations in public spaces. Alternatives such as temporary or removable structures were considered.

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Brown and seconded by Councilwoman Thiele to deny the installation of a permanent structure. Councilman Knight voted against the motion. The motion carried 2-1.

Electric Utility Service Agreement Update: Town Administrator Rinkerman reviewed the electric reimbursement agreement for a Town surveillance camera located on residential property. Updated usage information had been obtained from the camera company, and a revised agreement was presented that would calculate reimbursement based on the December electric rate and annual kilowatt usage. Council noted that the camera's annual electricity usage was estimated at approximately \$8.46 per year, while the current reimbursement amount is \$225 annually. Because the camera is installed on private property, Council agreed that the property owner should decide whether to continue allowing the camera to remain in place or have it removed.

NEW BUSINESS

Powers Road Extension – Streetlights & Trees: Town Administrator Rinkerman presented a request from the developer asking the Town to assume responsibility for streetlights and trees located within the County portion of the Powers Road extension. Chris Rogers of AECOM was present to provide additional information and answer questions. Discussion included jurisdictional responsibilities and long-term maintenance considerations.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Thiele and seconded by Councilman Knight to decline responsibility of the Powers Road extension improvements outside of Town limits. The motion passed unanimously.

Powers Road Signage: Town Administrator Rinkerman presented updates regarding truck routing and signage improvements along Powers Road. Coordination with MDOT and mapping services is ongoing to direct truck traffic toward Route 276 and Interstate 95 and reduce traffic through residential areas. Council concurred with the signage updates for Powers Road.

Dog Park Update: Town Administrator Rinkerman presented proposed improvements to the dog park. Council agreed to move forward with plans to convert the surface from mulch to grass to improve cleanliness and usability, with the project to be included in the FY2027 budget.

Cecil County Sheriff's Office Contract: Treasurer Gray presented the annual contract for services with the Cecil County Sheriff's Office for FY2027, covering the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. She reported that the current hourly rate of \$83.83 would decrease to \$83.36 for FY2027, a reduction of \$0.47, due to workers' compensation adjustments. Council noted the rate was less expensive than the prior year and expressed support for continuing the contract based on the Town's positive working relationship with the Sheriff's Office.

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Brown and seconded by Councilman Knight to renew the contract for the upcoming fiscal year. The motion passed unanimously.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilwoman Thiele thanked Public Works for the recent tree removal and cleanup work in parking lot #5 and expressed support for additional grading and filling of rough areas. Public Works also noted that stump removal and follow-up cleanup are still pending.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were made.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Town Clean-Up Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 25, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The Spring Quarterly Newsletter has been completed and will be distributed soon.

ADJOURNMENT to CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, General Provisions Article, Title 3, Subtitle 3, Section 3-105 (1) to discuss a personnel matter that affects one or more individuals over whom it has jurisdiction; and (3) acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto.

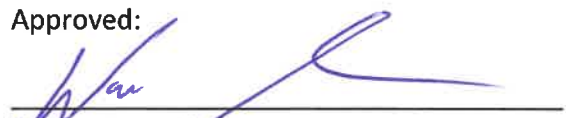
Motion was made by Councilwoman Thiele and seconded by Deputy Mayor Brown at 8:06 p.m. to adjourn the public meeting and enter into closed session. The motion carried unanimously. Council did not return to open session.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mary Culver, Administrative Assistant

Approved:



Wayne Tome Jr., Mayor