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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 2025

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Mayor Wade who led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:
Mayor Wade – Present
Councilman Anthony - Present
Vice Mayor Fowler – Present
Council Member Mullins – Present
Council Member Chambers – Arrived Late
Admin – Karen Rooker – Present
Public Works – Christopher Mateus – Present
Code Enforcement – Regina Foster – Present
Police Dept – Chief Franklin
Fire Department – No Representation

INTRODUCTION/ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES
Ordinance 2026-001 FY26 Budget
Motion by Council member John Anthony, second by Council Member Mullins to accept and allocate the proposed budget for FY2026.
Roll Call Taken: ***Anthony – aye***
Chambers – aye
Fowler – aye
Mullins – aye
Motion carried.

INTRODUCTIONS –
Swearing in of 3 new Police Officers:
Erin Brown, Matthew Foster & Tarun Sahdeo
The meeting was recessed at 7:10pm to congratulate the new officers and have some refreshments.

The meeting reconvened at 7:30pm.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion made by Council Member Mullins, seconded by Council Member Fowler to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting of May20, 2025, and the Work Session on June 10, 2025. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS/OPEN FORUM - None

REPORT OF OFFICERS/BOARDS/COMMITTEES

- **Public Works** – Chris Mateus provided an oral report.
- **Code Enforcement** –Regina Foster provided an oral report.
- **Police Dept –** Chief Franklin provided an oral & written report.
- **Administrative** – Karen Rooker provided an oral & written report.
- **Councilman Anthony** – gave an oral report.
- **Council Member Mullins** – gave an oral report.
- **Council Member Chambers** - gave an oral report.
- **Vice Mayor Fowler** – gave an oral report.
- **Mayor Wade** – gave an oral report.

The Mayor opened the floor to the public.

- Cynthia Williams expressed concerns regarding safety and noise.
- Tarun – questioned about the Garden Club supplies.
- Mrs Spivey had several questions regarding: unregistered cars in Skyline and the old 7-11.
- Mr Proctor thanked us for the police presence.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

RECREATION COMMITTEE UPDATE

- Vice Mayor Fowler gave a report on July 4th.

NTI CONTRACT

- The new cost of the contract for FY26 will be 41,400 per month. Includes 365.

Motion by Council Member Mullins, second by Vice Mayor Fowler to accept the new NTI contract for FY 26. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried

WOODLAND RD PROJECT

- Still waiting to hear about the Geo-tech survey.
- The Mayor will talk with them.

COMMUNICATIONS CALENDAR - FYI

NEW BUSINESS

INCREASING ELECTION JUDGE STIPENDS

Motion made by Vice Mayor Fowler, seconded by Council Member Chambers to increase Election Judge stipends from $10 per hour to $15 per hour. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

NON-PROFIT PRINCE GEORGE'S

- While reviewing our bank account, Clerk-Treasurer noticed that Non-Profit Prince George's had already ACH'd the $500 per year membership from our account without asking.
- Does the Council wish to participate in FY26 or should we ask for a refund?
- The Council decided to keep it for this year.

A-1 UNIFORM PURCHASE

Motion made by Council Member Mullins, second by Council Member Chambers to purchase 2 holsters and 4 guns with lights in the amount of $3059.96. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

GLOBAL PUBLIC SAFETY

Motion made by Council Member Chambers, second by Council Member Mullins to purchase Toughbooks and accessories for the new Police officers at a cost of $32,554.64. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

BOOK SPONSORSHIP

- Chief Franklin presented to the Council "Be a Buddy, Not a Bully" book project.
- Proposed getting 2 full sets of books at $250 each, donation 1 to Foulois and 1 to Imagine Academy. The Chief will try to get on the agenda at a school board meeting for approval by them.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Fowler, seconded by Council Member Mullins to purchase 2 full sets of these books once the okay is given by the school board. No further discussion. Al voted aye. Motion carried.

PGCMA DONATION

Motion by Vice Mayor Fowler, second by Council Member Mullins to donate $500 to cover the cost of refreshments at the PGCMA meeting to be held in Ocean City. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

NEWSLETTER

- Council Member Anthony would like the Council to have copies of the newsletter before it is released to the public.
- The Council decided not to have former Mayor Cann participate anymore.
- Clerk-Treasurer will compilate the newsletter.
- Also put it in Spanish on the website.
- Mass mailing the 2nd quarter instead of 1st quarter because of election information.
- Please get articles to Clerk-Treasurer by July 8 for July 11 publication

PAY THE BILLS

Motion by Council Member Mullins, seconded by Vice Mayor Fowler to pay the bills from May 21, 2025 through June 17, 2025 in the amount of $110,739.94. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

OPEN FORUM – No one signed up to speak.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 pm.

Karen D Rooker

Karen D Rooker, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved 7/15/2025