



Meeting of the Town Council
Monday, April 10, 2023; 7:30 p.m.
Online by Zoom Videoconference
Access information below

Agenda

All documents marked with an asterisk (*) may be obtained until at least June 1, 2023 [at this link](#).

1. **Call to Order** 7:30 pm
2. **Approval of the Agenda*** 5 min.
3. **Public Appearances** - Please note the time allowed to speak will be limited to five minutes. ?? min.
Also note: Written statements submitted as part of a public appearance will be noted in the Minutes and will be available from the Town Office after the meeting.
4. **Treasurers Report** 10 min.
 - a. March Treasurer's Report*
5. **Mayor's Report** 10 min.
 - a. HB 182/SB 335 "Unlawfully Restrictive Covenants – Modification by Counties or Municipalities" has been passed by MD General Assembly.*
 - b. HB459 "County and Municipal Street Lighting Investment Act" was approved by the MD House with amendment and sent to the Senate where prospects for passage are problematic.*
 - c. Elimination of USPS postal box rental fees - status.
 - d. EV charging station – expected operational this month. Ribbon cutting on or near Earth Day April 22nd.
 - e. MCDOT to present plans for the Washington Grove Connector Shared Use Pathway for public comment at a hybrid meeting at McCathran Hall April 13th.*
 - f. Annual Lake Cleanup is scheduled for Saturday April 15th.
 - g. Annual Woods Committee work session is scheduled for Saturday April 29th in the West Woods.
 - h. Update from the 150th Anniversary Committee.
6. **Administrative Matters** 15 min.
 - a. Reappointment of Georgette Cole to the Planning Commission for the 5-year term June 1, 2024 – May 31, 2028.
 - b. Format for the Annual Town Meeting – in-person in McCathran Hall, or virtual?

- c. Review of procedures for the Town Election.
- d. Process for amending Town ordinances to permit Accessory Dwelling Units – discussion.for

7. Proposed FY2024 Tax rate, Dwelling Tax and Budget for the Town Meeting* – Discussion and approval. 15 min.

8. Ordinance 2023-03 – Adopting the Town Budget and Tax Rates for FY24* – Introduction 5 min.

Unfinished Business

9. Resolution 2023-01 Acknowledging Washington Grove's Racially Exclusionary Past* – Discussion and possible adoption. 20 min.

10. Comprehensive Stormwater Management Plan* – Discussion of bids and possible award of contract. 20 min.

New Business

11. Submission of the Town Hazard Mitigation Plan 5 min.

12. Proposal to amend the Town Memorials Policy –Planting memorial trees incorporating cremation ashes. 5 min.

Other Regular Business

13. Town Council Reports* – Of note: 20 min.

- a. *Woods (Cosson)* – In connection with Washington Grove achieving designation as a Tree City USA, a proclamation will be prepared for Arbor Day April 28th
- b. *Woods (Cosson)* – A plan for the long-contemplated restoration Whetstone Spring is being prepared for approval and completion by June 30th.
- c. *Woods (Cosson), Sustainability (Cosson), and Forestry & Beautification (Raimondo)* – A webinar is scheduled for May 31st addressing the interrelationship between native plants and animals and the impact of invasive species, their control, and related topics.
- d. *Sustainability (Cosson)* – A Greenhouse Gas Inventory for Washington Grove has been prepared by our consultant and the findings are expected to be presented at the Annual Town Meeting.
- e. *Woodward Park (Patrone)* – A project to improve drainage and eliminate standing water around the playground equipment and picnic tables has been approved.
- f. *Woodward Park (Patrone)* – Spring planting of the Edible Community Garden has been completed.

- g. *Forestry & Beautification (Raimondo)* – Spring tree planting by Stadler on April 10th will include 4 understory, 2 intermediate (holly and river birch) and 7 upper canopy trees.
- h. *Planning Commission (Dibble)* – Incorporation of Montgomery County’s Accessory Dwelling Unit code into Town ordinances is being explored.
- i. *McCathran Hall (Compton)* – Verizon Fios service is being considered to replace Comcast service with the goal of increasing reliability and enhancing access to high-speed internet throughout the Hall.

14. Approval of Minutes

- a. March 13 Town Council meeting* 5 min.
- b. March 27 Public Hearing and Town Council meeting*

15. Next meetings

- [Possible regular Town Council meeting Monday May 8th at 7:30]
- Annual Town Meeting Saturday May 13th at 8:00 pm
- Regular Town Council and organizational meeting May 15th at 7:30

16. Adjournment

~10:15 pm

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