



Meeting of the Town Council
Monday, March 11, 2024, 6:15 pm
Online by Zoom Videoconference
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Meeting ID: 297 850 640, Password 074385

Agenda

[All documents marked with an asterisk \(*\) may be obtained until at least June 1, 2024 here.](#)

1. **Call to Order** 6:15 pm
 2. **Approval of the Agenda*** 5 min.
 3. **Proposal to Close the Meeting for the Purpose of obtaining legal advice from the Town Attorney on State, County and Town authority for addressing neglected maintenance of private property.** 10 min.
 - a. Review of the requirements to close the meeting*
 - b. Required Meeting Closing Statement*
 - c. Discussion and vote to close the meeting
 4. **Town Council Meets in Closed Session – Public will be excluded.** 60 min.
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5. **Open Session of the Town Council Meeting Resumes** 7:30 pm

Public admitted to the meeting.
 6. **Public Appearances** ?? min.

Please note the time allowed to speak will be limited to five minutes. 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 and on the Town website after the meeting.
 7. **Treasurers Report** 5 min.
 - a. February 2024 Treasurer’s Report*
 - b. Town Council FY25 Budget Work Session on March 25.
 8. **Mayor’s Report** 10 min.
 - a. *Kudos:*
 - i. To *Christine Dibble, our volunteer super webmaster*, who for the benefit of residents having access, has taken upon herself the task of promptly posting the recent flood of correspondence to the Mayor and Town Council! This in addition to time she spent modifying webpages to keep up with developments in Town.

- ii. To organizers Peggy Koniz-Booher, Arlene McCrehan and the Woman's Club for the Chili Supper on February 17th, which brought Grovers out and together in mid-winter for a welcome harbinger that spring is almost here.
- b. Shared Use Pathway report– Construction funding for the Washington Grove Connector now explicitly noted in the proposed County FY25 CIP.
- c. Historic Preservation Commission still in need of a new member.
- d. Mayor's planned absences*

9. RASEC recommendations for furthering the goals of Resolution 2023-01, "Acknowledging Washington Grove's Racially Exclusionary Past and Committing to an Equitable and Inclusive Future" *

Likely procedural discussion only. 10 min.

10. Administrative Matters 50 min.

- a. Auditing Services 2024 contract* – Bid opening, discussion and award
- b. Refuse and Recycling 2024* – Bid opening, discussion and award
- c. Leaf Collection 2024* – Discussion and approval to issue RFP
- d. Stormwater Infrastructure Maintenance RFP* – Status report.
- e. Disposition of Town maintenance equipment – Possible sale of skid loader and generator
- f. Policy on Town Tree Management (for residents)* – Discussion of written policy and approval.
- g. Policy for snow removal from Town roads – Discussion.
- h. Planning for FY24 road repair work* – Discussion.

Unfinished Business

11. Ordinance 2023-08; Amending the Washington Grove Zoning Ordinance to Expand Housing Opportunities and Update Vehicle Parking Requirements*

Review of the timeline for Council action on ZTA proposals, recommendations from the Town Council Work Group, discussion and possible action. 30 min.

12. Neglected Maintenance of Properties*

Memo from the Town Attorney, discussion. 10 min.

***New Business* ??? min.**

Other Regular Business

13. Town Council Reports* – Of note: 10 min.

- a. *Gateway (Nagrod)* – Many signs around town have been removed; replacements coming soon....
- b. *Planning Commission (Nagrod)* – Recommended against paving the portion of 6th Avenue providing vehicular access to several properties, instead supporting improving drainage and hardening the surface to make adequate and safe for vehicle use.
- c. *Website (Dibble)* – Posted at least 50 letters from residents to the Mayor and Town Council. Added many links and documents to various web pages.

- d. *Woods (Dibble)* – Supported scheduling a Master Gardener presentation to residents about native plants and promoting ecological biodiversity in conjunction with either Earth Day or Arbor Day.
- e. *RASEC (Raimondo)* – Details of the voting process for the recommendations to promote diversity and inclusion sent to the Town Council in February.

14. Approval of Minutes – February 12, 2023 Town Council meeting* 5 min.

15. Next Meetings:

- a. Monday March 25, 2024 at 7:30 pm – Virtual Town Council Budget Work Session
- b. Monday April 8, 2024 at 7:30 pm – Virtual Regular Town Council meeting.

16. Adjournment ~10:00 pm

This Agenda is subject to change any time before or during the Council meeting. Please contact the Town Clerk at 301-926-2256 to obtain current information.