



WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES MARCH 10, 2025

PUBLIC OFFICIALS PRESENT

Council President D'Shawn M. Doughty, Council Vice President Angela M. Blake, Councilwoman Michele R. Gregory, Councilwoman Sharon C. Dashiell, Mayor Randy Taylor

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

City Administrator Andy Kitzrow, Assistant Director of Arts, Business & Culture Scott Roberts, Events and Culture Manager Caroline O'Hare, Department of Infrastructure and Development Director Nick Voituic, City Clerk Julie English, City Attorney Ashley Bosché

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The City Council convened in a Work Session on March 10, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Government Office Building Council Chambers, Room 301, located at 125 N. Division Street. After reviewing the emergency exit instructions, President Doughty asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION – Pastor Sean McCarthy – Community Christian Church

Ordinance – to appropriate funds for the 2024 and 2025 Maryland Folk Festivals

Mr. Roberts requested \$86,000 from the City to support the Maryland Folk Festival to include staffing, artist fees, production, equipment, staging and lighting.

Ms. Dashiell asked if the \$86,000 was a loan but Mr. Roberts clarified that it would be a contribution from the City. President Doughty asked what the appropriation was for the festival this year. Mr. Roberts explained that no appropriation has yet been made toward the current festival and that the \$86,000 was the only allocation being requested at this time. Mr. Kitzrow added that the City had been using the account to pay for Ms. O'Hare's salary and benefits along with a few other festival related costs and that in the FY2026 budget, her salary would be moved from that account to the general fund. President Doughty noted that this salary-related detail should have been included in the legislation for greater clarity.

After the discussion, Council reached unanimous consensus to move this forward to Legislative Session.

PROCLAMATION - Endometriosis Awareness Month

Ms. Gregory presented a proclamation recognizing Endometriosis Awareness Month, which highlighted the importance of raising awareness, promoting early diagnosis, and supporting those affected by the condition.

CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION - The Amazing Shake

Ms. Dashiell presented Certificates of Recognition to students who participated in the Amazing Shake Competition, commending their professionalism, confidence, and communication skills.

Resolution – to show support for the Bird City Maryland Initiative

Mr. Voituic referenced a certification the City previously held. He emphasized the importance of birds to the community and acknowledged the active involvement of Associate Planner Zack White in this initiative. Mr. Voituic shared that the proposed resolution was a step toward reinstating the certification and formally recognizing the City's commitment to bird conservation.

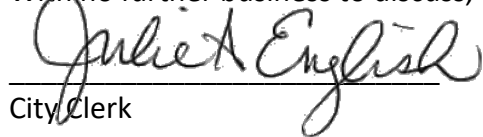
Having no Council comments, Council reached unanimous consensus to move this forward to Legislative Session.


PUBLIC COMMENT

- Speaker #1 expressed concern about the City estimating totals in relation to the Maryland Folk Festival

ADJOURNMENT/CONVENE IN LEGISLATIVE SESSION

With no further business to discuss, the Work Session adjourned at 6:27 p.m.


City Clerk


Council President