



February 2026 Regular Town Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 11, 2026, at 7:00 PM

Virtual and In-Person Meeting

3820 40th Avenue Cottage City, Maryland 20722

This meeting was hosted on Zoom:

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Call to Order at 7:00 PM

Attendees

1. Ward 1 – Commissioner Salsich
2. Ward 2 – Commissioner Henderson
3. Ward 3 – Commissioner Wheatley
4. At-Large – Commissioner Brooks
5. John Hoatson - Town Manager
6. Kevin Best – Town Attorney
7. Victor Egbue – resident

Agenda

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Pledge of Allegiance (5:55)

All Commissioners except for Commissioner Givens are present and accounted for.

2. Public Comments (7:22)

Victor Egbue of 3804 Parkwood Street expressed concern over snow in his yard after the snowplow cleared an alley.

3. Old Business – Ordinance 2026-01, Ticket Enforcement (12:08)

First reading:

Cottage City Commission, Town of Cottage City, Ordinance Number 202601, introduced by the Commission, an ordinance of the Cottage City Commission amending Chapter 9 of the Town Code to enhance enforcement mechanisms for unpaid municipal traffic, i.e. automated speed and red-light systems, and parking violations including booting, towing, and impoundment for repeat violators, along with new municipal infraction authorized for violators, i.e. scofflaws, who commit multiple unpaid violations and generally relating to vehicles and traffic safety.

This makes a civil infraction court enforceable having gone through the judicial process. They cannot be put on credit reports. It creates two levels of collection. Rules on collection can be established by the Commission.

Commissioner Brooks proposed a motion for approval Ordinance 2026-01. Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion. Salsich-Aye, Henderson-Aye, Wheatley-Aye, Givens-Absent, Brooks-Aye. Motion passes with one absence and no nays.

4. Swearing-in of New Chief of Police (14:42)

Thanks to the police review panel. Commission Chair Wheatley read the oath to Chief Martini and Mrs. Tamara Martini pinned his badge on his uniform.

Chief Martini spoke a few words of thanks from the support from the town and others about his new position.

Vanessa from Senator Malcolm Augustine's office and Gloria from Delegate Diana Fennell's office spoke a few words of congratulations.

Jolene Ivey of the Prince George's County Council also spoke a few words of congratulations.

5. Adjournment (25:10)

Commissioner Brooks proposed a motion to adjourn at 7:25 PM. Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion. Salsich-Aye, Henderson-Aye, Wheatley-Aye, Givens-Absent, Brooks-Aye. Motion passes with one absence and no nays.