



Special Town Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, July 14, 2026 at 6:30 PM

3820 40th Avenue Cottage City, Maryland 20722

This meeting will be hosted on Zoom:

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Call to Order and Roll Call 6:31 PM

Attendees

- 1.) Commissioner Salsich- Ward 1
- 2.) Commissioner Durant- Ward 2
- 3.) Commissioner Campos-Ward 4
- 4.) Commissioner Brooks- At-Large
- 5.) John Hoatson- Town Manager
- 6.) David Martini-Chief of Police
- 7.) John O'Connor-Grant Manager

Review of Agenda

Public Comments

Anyone seeking to speak under Public Comments must sign in prior to the end of the Town Meeting. There is a 3-minute time limit. When you come up to speak, you will need to state your name, address, what organization that you represent and your topic of concern(s).

Business

1. **Motion To Suspend The Rules To Vote In A Special Town Meeting (Commission Vote)**

Commissioner Brooks made a motion to suspend the rules to vote in a special meeting. Commissioner Durant seconded the motion.

Ward 1- Salsich Aye, Ward 2-Durant Aye, Ward 4-Campos-absent, At-Large- Brooks Aye.

Motion Passes. Four Ayes and one absentee

2. **Resolution 2026-19**: A Resolution of the Cottage City Commission accepting a State Fiscal Year 2027 Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (BJAG) award from the governor's office of crime prevention and policy (GOCPP) in the amount of \$16,750.00 for project control number 2026-BJ-0030; authorizing the purchase of two (2) Motorola APX next portable radios and associated accessories; authorizing the execution of all necessary grant documents; authorizing budget amendments, appropriations, and expenditures; authorizing de minimis supplemental funding from the police department budget if necessary; and authorizing procurement through an existing competitively awarded cooperative purchasing contract utilized by the State of Maryland and Prince George's County.

The Town Manager read the resolution into the record.

The Grant Manager spoke about the grant and receiving two radios.

The Chief stated that it's a great asset to receive the grant if they want to stay in communication with the other officers because everyone in the area are upgrading their radios.

Commissioner Durant inquired if there is an official timeline to when it's necessary for every department to have the upgraded radios.

The Chief stated that he isn't sure about the official timeline, yet the radios need to be updated after a certain amount of time. Also, its being pushed out from Annapolis that these radios are encrypted so that ICE can't intercept and come to the scenes.

Commissioner Campos inquired about the total for the two radios.

Commissioner Durant stated that when he was doing research, he saw prices around \$13,000-\$15,000 for two radios.

Commissioner Brooks asked if Commissioner Campos would entertain a motion.

Motion

Commissioner Brooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-19 A Resolution of the Cottage City Commission accepting a State Fiscal Year 2027 Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (BJAG) award from the governor's office of crime prevention and policy (GOCPP) in the amount of \$16,750.00. Commissioner Durant seconded the motion.

Ward 1- Salsich Aye, Ward 2-Durant Aye, Ward 4-Campos-absent, At-Large- Brooks Aye.

Motion Passes. Four Ayes and one absentee

Updates

The Grant Manager gave updates on the current status of grants.

Commissioner Durant inquired if there would be an impact on funds being dispersed since there is a dispute ongoing with MNCPPC & Prince George's County Council.

The Town Manager stated that he hasn't heard anything as of yet and once information is provided he will be able to relay that information to the Commission.

Commissioner Brooks inquired about going after a grant for solar.

The Town Manager stated that himself and the architect were talking about the plans for the parking lot and also having EV charging stations there as well.

Commissioner Durant inquired if there will be gravel parking lot or permeable surface.

The Town Manager stated that the parking lot will definitely be a green parking lot and he will make sure its permeable

Adjournment 6:55 PM

Commissioner Brooks made a motion to adjourn at 6:55 PM. Commissioner Salsich seconded the motion.

Ward 1- Salsich Aye, Ward 2-Durant Aye, Ward 4-Campos-absent, At-Large- Brooks Aye.

Motion Passes. Four Ayes and one absentee

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