

# THE CITY OF FROSTBURG Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 20, 2025 at 5:30 PM

Frostburg Municipal Center Meeting Room 100 37 S. Broadway, Frostburg, MD 21532

Mayor Todd J. Logsdon

Donald L. Carter, Jr., Commissioner of Finance Nina Forsythe, Commissioner of Water, Parks and Recreation Kevin G. Grove, Commissioner of Public Safety Adam Ritchey, Commissioner of Public Works

# 1. Call to Order

Mayor Logsdon called meeting to order at 05:30 PM.

- 2. Pledge of Allegiance
- 3. Frostburg Blessing

## 4. Roll Call

PRESENT Mayor Todd Logsdon Commissioner of Finance Donald Carter Commissioner of Public Safety Kevin Grove Commissioner of Water, Parks and Recreation Nina Forsythe Commissioner of Public Works Adam Ritchey

# 5. Approval of the Agenda

Motion made by Commissioner of Water, Parks and Recreation Forsythe, Seconded by Commissioner of Public Safety Grove.

Motion carried.

## 6. Approval of the Minutes

A. Minutes from the April Council Meeting.

Motion and Second to Approve the Minutes for the April Council Meeting.

Motion made by Commissioner of Finance Carter, Seconded by Commissioner of Water, Parks and Recreation Forsythe.

Motion carried.

# 7. Mayor and Commissioners Reports and Announcements

A. Monthly Reports of the City Departments.

Motion and Second to Approve Monthly Reports of the City Departments; Vote of the Mayor and City Council.

Motion made by Commissioner of Finance Carter, Seconded by Commissioner of Public Works Ritchey.

Motion carried.

## 8. Public Hearings

- A. Combined Sewer Overflow Monthly Public Hearing
- B. Ordinance 2025-01 Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget and Schedule of Municipal Fees.
- **C. Ordinance 2025-02** An Ordinance to Repeal and Reenact with Amendment sections of the City Code pertaining to the City's Leak Adjustment Policy, for the purpose of establishing a leak protection program.
- **D.** Ordinance 2025-03 An Ordinance to Renumber and Enact a new section of City Code for the purpose of establishing a tax credit for members of Frostburg Fire Department No.1.

## 9. Old Business

A. Ordinance 2025-01 Operating Budget and Municipal Fees.

Motion and Second to Approve the Ordinance on Second Reading; PUBLIC COMMENT; Vote of the Mayor and City Council

Motion made by Commissioner of Finance Carter, Seconded by Commissioner of Public Works Ritchey.

Motion carried.

B. Ordinance 2025-02 Leak Protection Program.

Motion and Second to Approve the Ordinance on Second Reading; PUBLIC COMMENT; Vote of the Mayor and City Council.

Motion made by Commissioner of Water, Parks and Recreation Forsythe, Seconded by Commissioner of Finance Carter.

Motion carried.

C. Ordinance 2025-03 Real Estate Tax Credit.

Motion and Second to Approve the Ordinance on Second Reading; PUBLIC COMMENT; Vote of the Mayor and City Council.

Motion made by Commissioner of Public Safety Grove, Seconded by Commissioner of Water, Parks and Recreation Forsythe.

Voting Yea: Commissioner of Finance Carter, Commissioner of Public Safety Grove, Commissioner of Water, Parks and Recreation Forsythe, Commissioner of Public Works Ritchey.

Abstaining: Mayor Logsdon

### 10. New Business

A. Ordinance 2025-04 An Ordinance to Amend Section 7-4(f) of the City Code to Clarify That the Mayor and Council Have Final Authority to Approve or Deny Commercial Rehabilitation Tax Credit Applications. *Bethany Fife, Director of Community Development.* 

Motion and Second to Approve the Ordinance on First Reading, and set the June 17, 2025 Council Meeting as an advertised Public Hearing; PUBLIC COMMENT; Vote of the Mayor and City Council.

Motion made by Commissioner of Finance Carter, Seconded by Commissioner of Public Works Ritchey.

Motion carried.

**B.** Ordinance 2025-05 An Ordinance to Repeal and Re-Enact the Rental Housing Ordinance (Appendix D) With Amendments. *Bethany Fife, Director of Community Development.* 

Motion and Second to Approve the Ordinance on First Reading, and set the June 17, 2025 Council Meeting as an advertised Public Hearing; PUBLIC COMMENT; Vote of the Mayor and City Council.

Motion made by Commissioner of Public Works Ritchey, Seconded by Commissioner of Public Safety Grove.

Motion carried.

C. Resolution 2025-17 Reappoint Maureen Brewer to the Historic District Commission. *Bethany Fife, Director of Community Development.* 

Motion and Second to Approve Resolution 2025-17; PUBLIC COMMENT; Vote of the Mayor and City Council.

Motion made by Commissioner of Finance Carter, Seconded by Commissioner of Public Works Ritchey.

Motion carried.

D. Resolution 2025-18 Approve Annual Maryland Department of Planning Report. Bethany Fife, Director of Community Development.

Motion and Second to Approve Resolution 2025-18; PUBLIC COMMENT; Vote of the Mayor and City Council.

Motion made by Commissioner of Public Works Ritchey, Seconded by Commissioner of Public Safety Grove.

Motion carried.

E. Resolution 2025-19 Approve a Temporary Repeal of the Open Container Law for the 2025 Derby Day Event. *Nick Costello, Chief of Police.* 

Motion and Second to Approve Resolution 2025-19; PUBLIC COMMENT; Vote of the Mayor and City Council.

Motion made by Commissioner of Public Safety Grove, Seconded by Commissioner of Water, Parks and Recreation Forsythe.

Motion carried.

F. Resolution 2025-20 Approve a Contract with Briarside Contracting for the Demolition of 84– 88 East Main Street and Authorize the Use of Emergency Procurement. *Hayden Lindsey, Director of Public Works.* 

Motion and Second to Approve Resolution 2025-20 PUBLIC COMMENT; Vote of the Mayor and City Council.

Motion made by Commissioner of Public Works Ritchey, Seconded by Commissioner of Water, Parks and Recreation Forsythe.

Motion carried.

**G.** Resolution 2025-21 Authorize Agreement with Property Owners of 84–88 East Main Street. *Hayden Lindsey, Director of Public Works.* 

Motion and Second to Approve Resolution 2025-21; PUBLIC COMMENT; Vote of the Mayor and City Council.

Motion made by Commissioner of Public Works Ritchey, Seconded by Commissioner of Water, Parks and Recreation Forsythe.

Motion carried.

H. Resolution 2025-22 Authorize a Letter of Intent for the Development of the Center Street Project to be signed. *Hayden Lindsey, Director of Public Works.* 

Motion and Second to Approve Resolution 2025-22; PUBLIC COMMENT; Vote of the Mayor and City Council.

Motion made by Commissioner of Public Works Ritchey, Seconded by Commissioner of Water, Parks and Recreation Forsythe.

Motion carried.

I. **Resolution 2025-23** Establish Minimum Service Requirement to Qualify for Retiree Health Insurance Benefits. *Elaine Jones, CPA, Director of Finance.* 

Motion and Second to Approve Resolution 2025-23; PUBLIC COMMENT; Vote of the Mayor and City Council.

Motion made by Commissioner of Finance Carter, Seconded by Commissioner of Public Works Ritchey.

Motion carried.

J. Resolution 2025-24 Approve a Contract with SB & Company, LLC for Professional Auditing Services. *Elaine Jones, CPA, Director of Finance.* 

Motion and Second to Approve Resolution 2025-24; PUBLIC COMMENT; Vote of the Mayor and City Council.

Motion made by Commissioner of Finance Carter, Seconded by Commissioner of Public Works Ritchey.

Motion carried.

#### 11. Open Public Comment

Rich Godlove - 419 Timber Ridge Drive: Announced candidacy for Sheriff.

Unknown Individual (Holistic Dentist) - 49 LaVale Blvd.: Requested removal of fluoride from the water supply; encouraged the Mayor and Council to review relevant data and consider addressing the issue locally.

Bernie Miltenberger - 294 E. Main Street: Spoke regarding concerns about fluoride, citing neurotoxicity and potential infrastructure impacts. Referenced prior attendance at the November council meeting, provided a synopsis handout, and noted that the Town of Middletown, MD has removed fluoride from its system.

### 12. Adjournment

Mayor Logsdon adjourned meeting at 06:55 PM

Motion made by Commissioner of Finance Carter, Seconded by Commissioner of Public Works Ritchey.

Motion carried.

Mayor Todd J. Logsdon

Patrick O'Brien, City Administrator