

MINUTES

They Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Wednesday May 27, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the meeting room in the Corbin Studio and Gallery located at 4 East Main Street, Crisfield MD.

PRESENT

Darlene Taylor, Mayor
Ivan Lankford, Councilman, Via zoom
Casey Goldsborough, Councilman
LaVerne Johnson, Councilwoman
Hitesh Patel, Councilman
Joyce L. Morgan, Clerk-Treasurer/City Manager
Andrew Illuminati, City Solicitor

Absent -Eric Banks, Council Vice President

Also, in attendance; Valerie Swift; LaFabian Marshall; Ramona Evans; Regina Hill; Phil Goldsborough; Cynthia Anderson; Tony Jackson; D. J. Parkinson; Brian Fowler, Richard Crumbacker, Liz Van Dola, Joe Gallaraga; Francis Myers, Tony Jackson and Phil Goldsborough.

Call to Order, Lords' Prayer & Pledge of Allegiance, Approval of Minutes

Mayor Taylor called the meeting to order opening with the Lord prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. At this time she requested approval of the minutes from the meetings of May 13, 2026. Councilwoman Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes from the meetings of May 13 – the public hearing at 4:30 the work session at 5 o'clock and the regular meeting at 6:00 PM. Motion seconded by Councilman Patel and carried unanimously.

Recognition of TNC

Mayor Taylor presented certificates of appreciation to members of the TNC Nature Based Solutions members, Miss Liz, Van Dola, and Mr. Joe Gallaraga. She also recognized Mrs. Francis Myers, Mr. Tony Jackson and Mr. Phil Goldsborough for their participation with TNC. She commended them for their hard work for the city. Miss Van Dola noted that it was a treat being in the city and getting to know Crisfield.

Citizens Academy – Miss Marshall

Miss Marshall presented information concerning the upcoming Citizens Academy.

She went onto brief the public on information concerning the program which concerns participation in obtaining a civic education. She reviewed the programs format, noting that the startup is July 7 and then groups will travel to each department of the city beginning with public works on July 21, public utilities on August 4, the Crisfield, Police Department on August 18, followed by code enforcement and then winding up on September 15 in the finance department.

She advised that registration forms are available.

Councilman Lankford inquired about the length of the sessions. Mayor Taylor advised that they are two hour sessions from 5 to 7 PM.

Second Reader, Water Ordinance 739

Mr. Illuminati read aloud for second reader Water Ordinance number 739, highlighting any of the changes.

At this time council woman Johnson made motion to adapt water ordinance 739 with the changes. Motion seconded by Councilman Lankford and carried.

Mr. Illuminati presented Sewer Ordinance number 740 for second reader.

At this time Councilman Goldsborough made a motion to adopt ordinance number 740. Motion, second by Councilwoman Johnson, and carried.

At this time, Mr. Illuminati presented for second reader, Garbage Ordinance number 741.

Councilwoman Johnson made motion to adopt Ordinance Number 741 for second reader. Motion by seconded by Councilman Goldsborough and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Morgan presented Budget Ordinance number 742 for second and final reader and reviewed and read the ordinance into record. Councilman Goldborough made a motion to approve ordinance number 742 Budget Ordinance. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Johnson and carried unanimously.

Public Works updates – Mr. Fowler

Mr. Fowler noted that 224 military banners have been installed. He noted that we need permission for use of 30 more poles to accommodate banners that have been requested. He noted that the banners will be taken down either before Labor Day or later.

He noted that they will be installing a speed hump next Wednesday, northbound in front of Crisfield, high school.

Mr. Fowler noted that work orders will be ongoing through Iworqs.

He also noted that a staff member will be getting licensed to apply weed killer to take care of curbs and other areas. He also advised that he would be enlisting help from volunteers.

Councilman Goldsborough inquired about any schedule for curb painting day. Mr. Fowler revised that he's planning for a morning in late June.

Sand Filter and Cove Street Update – Mr. Parkinson

Mr. Parkinson advised that public utilities had started on the sand filters today. He noted that the sand that is being removed will stay on site and they will be disposing of it, noting that they should be done tomorrow. He went on to explain the process.

Mr. Parkinson made reference to the Cove Street lift station and he noted that two manholes have been set.

Mayor Taylor inquired how long this would take. Mr. Parkinson advised that he would let her know as soon as possible.

Solar Farm Update – Mr. Hirschhoff

Mr. Hirschhoff presented an update concerning the solar farm across from Woodson school. Mayor Taylor noted that they need a sign indicating that they are there.

Mayor Taylor requested that Mr. Hirschhoff look into having a site visit of the solar farm by the Mayor and Council.

Councilman Patel made reference to complaints about trees and branches that had fallen in the ditches in that area during construction.

Mr. Hirschhoff advised that the solar group is still there working and are aware of the need to clean the ditches.

Public Input

Elizabeth Judd inquired about grass height requirements. Mr. Hirschhoff advised that the requirement is less than 6 inches tall. Miss Judd also inquired about plans for any upcoming hurricanes. Mayor Taylor advised that this would be reviewed at the next meeting.

Elmer Barkley made reference to 28 Asbury Avenues' status. Mr. Hirschhoff advised that the city is working with the property owner and following procedure.

Regina Hill made reference to Davis Lane, noting that the garbage truck has made large holes there when collecting trash.

Debbie Graves commented that parking on both sides of the street in front of Crisfield High school is prohibitive as there is not enough room on the street.

Youth Council

Mayor Taylor noted that the two members of Junior City Council will be graduating next week and noted that each will receive a \$500 scholarship from the city.

Council Reports

Councilman Patel inquired about engineering information concerning the \$20M grant for the northern Crisfield Flood Mitigation plan and also requested a follow up on the Attendance Policy.

Councilwoman Johnson noted that Landon's Flowers is doing a book and she has asked the owners to come to the next meeting. She also noted that she is looking at locations for a dog park. She went on to thank staff for all their hard work.

Councilman Goldsborough noted that he was out at the last meeting on a cruise. He also noted that parking on both sides of the street in front of the school creates a bad situation.

Councilman Lankford had no comments other than noting that those making Facebook comments should come to the meetings in person. He thanked Mayor Taylor for a short meeting.

Adjournment

With no further business for discussion Councilwoman Johnson made motion to adjourn, motion seconded by Councilman Goldsborough and carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce L. Morgan, Clerk-Treasurer/City Manager

Prepared by Valerie Swift, Secretary