

MINUTES

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, March 11, 2026, at 6:00 PM in the Corbin studio and Gallery meeting room.

Present

Darlene Taylor, Mayor
Eric Banks, Council Vice President
Ivan Lankford, Councilman via Zoom
Casey Goldsborough, Councilman
Hitesh Patel, Councilman
Joyce L Morgan, Clerk Treasurer/City Manager Clerk
Andrew Illuminati, City Solicitor

Also in attendance, Valerie Swift, Tiffany, McMahon, Nelson Shepherd, Leslie Langgle, George Friedley, La Fabian Marshall; Peterallen Hirschhoff; Chief Eric Lee, Jennifer Merritt

Absent – Councilwoman Johnson – Attending Tri County Council Meeting

Invocation – Lord's Prayer & Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Taylor called the meeting to order, opening with the Lord Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. At this time Mayor Taylor requested approval of the minutes from the last meeting. Council Vice President Banks made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 25, 2026, meeting as written. Motion seconded by Councilman Goldsborough and carried unanimously.

CWP – Amanda Pollock

Miss Pollock reviewed technical assistance information that was provided to the City of Crisfield, including Grant Writing, Lead Service Lines, the raising of the depot 18 inches, and the north and southwest pier 12 inches. She noted that this was coordinated with federal agencies and GMB was hired.

Mayor Taylor noted that this was with the first earmark funding.

Miss Pollock noted that she feels the project will be completed in 2027.

She also touched on the Lead Line Project and the Somerset County Flood Mitigation Plan noting that bid openings are on Friday. Mrs. Merritt noted that CWP is a wonderful group to work with.

Councilman Goldsborough thanked them for their help as did Council Vice President Banks, Councilman Patel and Councilman Lankford.

Motorcycle Safety House Bill – Mrs. Floyd

Mrs. Jennifer Floyd appeared before the Mayor and Council concerning House Bill 0068d she is trying to get past in the House which is the Motorcycle Safety House bill. Advised that it is also known as the D

torch motorcycle safety bill in memory of her son who was killed on a motorcycle, she noted that it had passed in the Senate committee thus far.

Councilman Goldsboro offered best wishes and noted he would support in anyway. Council Vice President Banks offered his condolences.

Mrs. Floyd also noted that May is motorcycle awareness month.

Councilman Patel noted that it's important to keep your eyes on the road at all times.

Councilman Lankford offered his condolences and wished Mrs. Floyd the best on getting the Bill passed.

Crisfield, neighborhood watch blessing of Mayor and Council – Miss Langgel

Miss Langgle introduced members of the Neighborhood Watch Group. She noted that they are working on their Mission Statement and bylaws as well as goals. She advised that they're planning a fundraiser to purchase signs.

Mayor Taylor noted that they are not a city committee. Mr. Illuminati noted that he would be preparing a Resolution of Support for the group. Mayor Taylor noted that they do have the blessing of the Mayor and Council. Councilman Goldsborough offered them the use of the meeting room for their meetings if it is available.

Borrowing Resolution, Mrs. Morgan

Mrs. Morgan presented and read aloud Borrowing Resolution Ordinance Number 737. Mayor Taylor noted that at the last meeting. It was established in the amount of \$200,000 for use to replace the Filter Media in the De-nite Filter Banks at the wastewater treatment plant. She noted that the city cannot wait for grant funding and has to get a loan.

Councilman Goldsborough commented that this equipment came in higher than anticipated. Mayor Taylor advised that the shipping cost was high for the sand. At this time, Mr. Illuminati noted that Council would first need to make a motion to amend the word "vehicle", to Filter Media and De-nite Filter Bank.

He advised that the Council will next need to vote for this as an emergency.

Mayor Taylor made reference to consulting with PKS concerning the debt ceiling. She advised that we could hold a Zoom meeting tomorrow to meet with them. Mr. Illuminati noted that this would still need to be adopted as an emergency.

It was determined that a zoom meeting would either be held Thursday or Friday. Therefore, the vote was tabled in order to receive clarification from PKS.

Projected Mapping – Mayor Taylor

Mayor Taylor noted that she's working on a project of how to present an investment to the community. She also noted that Ms. Marshall and Mrs. Merritt are working on support of a regional GIS map. Mayor Taylor advised that it would be a wall sized map with handouts

House Bill 1142 – Mayor Taylor

Mayor Taylor advised that this house bill would create a revenue task force for finding additional revenue sources. She advised that this will be a joint effort with Pocomoke and Princess Anne for the upgrade of infrastructure.

American Water Work session – Mayor Taylor

Mayor Taylor advised that we will be scheduling a public information session meeting with American Water Work reps at 5 o'clock on either April 8 or April 22 prior to the regular meeting. Councilman Goldsborough advised that there should also be a sanitary district representative at the meeting.

Debt Ceiling Work Session – Mayor Taylor

Mayor Taylor advised that this meeting would be scheduled for 5 o'clock on March 25 prior to the regular meeting.

Police Accountability Board Award – Chief Lee

Chief Lee advised that Sgt. Mark Hoover would be presented this award on March 19 at the Somerset County Office building at 2 o'clock. Chief Lee noted that this is to recognize Hoover for being the best police officer.

Public Input Session

George Friedley made reference to the Cove Street pumps issues.

Mayor Taylor advised that there will be a new pump station with a grinder to help prevent stoppage issues.

Council Comments

Councilman Lankford commented that it is great being part of the police accountability board. He thanked the Neighborhood Watch for their update.

Councilman Patel noted that he could attend the April 22, 5 o'clock meeting.

Council Vice President Banks thanked staff for their hard work.

Councilman Goldsborough advised that he does not want to borrow money from taxes to pay for the water and sewer repairs.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Taylor made reference to Mrs. Winnie Pruitt's art show noting that she missed the event. She advised that 100 people attended and that Mrs. Pruitt works will be displayed here at the Corbin from March 7 through the 28th.

Mayor Taylor also noted that she needs to get in touch with the group interested in the city garden. She also made reference to a debriefing concerning the power outage at the Housing Authority.

Mayor Taylor made reference to Eddie Somers Smith Island coalition effort.

Mayor Taylor made reference to the Citizens Academy, which Ms. Marshall is putting together. She advised that there will be six sessions with 10 to 15 citizens participating.

Mayor Taylor offered condolences to the family of Janice Gerald. She also thanked City staff and the city solicitor.

Adjournment

With no further business for discussion Council Vice President Banks made motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Patel and carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Joyce L. Morgan Clerk Treasure/City Manager

Prepared by Valerie SWIFT secretary