

MINUTES

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, October 22, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the meeting room in the Corbin Studio and Gallery.

PRESENT

Darlene Taylor, Mayor
Eric Banks, Council Vice President via zoom
Ivan Lankford, via zoom
LaVerne Johnson, Councilwoman
Joyce L. Morgan, Clerk-Treasurer
Andrew Illuminati, City Solicitor

Not Present; Councilman Casey Goldsborough (Honeymoon) and Councilman Hitesh Patel (another commitment)

Also in attendance; Valerie Swift, Secretary; Tiffany McMahon; Jason Loar; D. J. Parkinson; Brian Fowler; John Small; Trenton Brittingham; Lonnie Luedtke; Peterallen Hirschhoff, Mitch Petrulli; Cheryl Hires and Richard Crumbacker.

Call to Order, Lord's Prayer & Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Taylor called the meeting to order and opened with the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Taylor requested approval of minutes. At this time, Councilwoman Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes from the Closed Meeting of September 23, 2025, and the regular meeting of October 8, 2025; as written. Motion seconded by Council Vice President Banks and carried unanimously.

Moment of Silence in Memory of Charles Otto.

Mayor Taylor requested a moment of Silence for Delegate Otto and noted that he could be counted on to be there and was always available for support.

Local Government Insurance Trust representative Mr. Peters, presented the Mayor and City Council with a check from LGIT for a \$5,000 law enforcement training grant.

Mr. Hirschhoff presented an update on permit fees. He noted that he is comparing current fees with other municipalities and will be collating them once collected. Mayor Taylor commented that a special meeting will be needed to review the findings.

Mr. Hirschhoff also noted that the software program, IWORQ, should be active by the end of the year.

Mr. Hirschhoff also introduced the new code enforcement officer, Mr. Mitch Petrulli.

Mr. Petrulli made reference to bids for the cleanup of 24 Asbury Ave. Mayor Taylor explained that 24 Asbury Ave. is covered with brush and weeds and also noted there is also a small house there and vehicle. Mr. Petrulli advised that bids are due on Monday.

Mr. Parkinson advised that Teal Construction is at the county dock working on Inflow and Infiltration problems. He noted that they will be replacing sewer laterals, and mains. Mayor Taylor explained that is that area the pipes could not be lined. She also advised that Metompkin Bay workers have been advised to park in the city parking lot.

Mr. Parkinson advised that this work should lessen the inflow during storms.

Mayor Taylor also made reference to water and sewer line location markings for the Simple Fiber Project. She advised this project will run from 413 to the Housing Authority noting that the project is being done by Brett Davis Construction.

Mayor Taylor made reference to leaks in the city. Mr. Parkinson advised he is getting dates from Ryan Miller as far as repairs. Mayor Taylor commented that the goal is to fix the leaks within 10 days.

Mr. Fowler made reference to needing to replace the starter and batteries on vehicles.

He also noted that he had met with Mr. Alfred Bradford to dig out a ditch as they are working to alleviate drainage problems

Mayor Taylor made reference to the solar farm startup and requested that we wait to pave the area of S. Somerset Ave. due to trucks coming in and out of that area.

Mr. Fowler noted that we should see water being eliminated from that road once the tide goes down

Councilwoman Johnson made reference to attending the Maryland Main Street conference with Cheryl Hires. She advised it was a lot to see and learn.

Mrs. Hires thanked Councilman Johnson for including her in this convention.

Mrs. Hires also noted that the Main Street Revitalization group needs a video for their Main Street Affiliate grant submission.

Mayor Taylor made reference to Maryland 250 which represents the 250th year anniversary of the Nation and Maryland's contributions. She noted that she had attended the fall Maryland Municipal League conference, which was held at Deep Creek. She noted the process required for sustainable Maryland and advised that the city will be applying for that designation.

Mayor Taylor made reference to upcoming mailings to citizens from Solar Simplified.

Mayor Taylor noted that Mrs. Hires will be handling the Low Income Housing Initiative program at this time. She advised that she is looking for people to qualify for homes as well as local builders here.

Mayor Taylor made reference to improvements and elevation and repair at the depot

Council Vice President Banks advised that he will be contacting Design Collective, the group that had been working on the design for the depot area.

Mayor Taylor made reference to scheduling a meeting with Tidal Health in reference to the urgent care facility.

Ms. Marshall made reference to a new feature on the Crisfield webpage called “Good things happening in Crisfield.” She noted that this was Mrs. Morgan’s idea. She also made reference to plans to have a top 12 photos for a Crisfield calendar

Public Input

No public input offered at this time.

Youth Council Report

Mr. Brittingham noted the upcoming Crisfield high school golf tournament

Mayor Taylor offered her congratulations to Councilman Goldsborough who was recently married.

City Council Report

Councilwoman Johnson noted that student representative Tylia was absent due to a game. She also noted that the jazz event went well and was a great day.

Council Vice President Banks thanked all department heads and staff noting that this is a team effort.

Councilman Lankford thanked department heads and staff as well as Mr. Brittingham for his report

Councilwoman Johnson offered condolences to the family of Mrs. Marlene Ward.

Mayor Taylor made reference to upcoming activities; the Crisfield high school trunk & treat and the City’s and Chambers trunk or treat and parade.

With no further business for discussion. Councilwoman Johnson made motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Councilman Lankford and carried unanimously meeting adjourned at 7:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce L. Morgan, Clerk-Treasurer/City Manager

Prepared By Valerie Swift Secretary