

October 11, 2016

Pocomoke City Mayor and Council held a work session in the Council Chambers at City Hall on Tuesday October 11, 2016. The meeting was called to order at 6:05 P.M.

Present: Mayor Bruce Morrison
Council Members: Diane Downing, Esther Troast,
George Tasker, Dale Trotter, Brian Hirshman
City Manager/City Attorney: Ernie Crofoot
City Clerk: Carol L. Sullivan

Discuss write-in candidates:

After some discussion it was decided that City Manager Crofoot would draft two options for the Council to decide on for write in candidates. One for open write-in and the other to allow write-in candidate if there was a contest and one dropped out for any reason, etc.

Discuss what to do for tie breakers:

It was decided to update the Charter what to do in case of tie breakers. In the event of a tie vote in the election of Mayor and/or Councilmember, a new deck of cards would be used and the person with the highest number would win the election.

Clarify provision that requires election to be certified after polls closed:

It was decided that paper ballots would be used for election and within twelve hours after the closing of the polls, the Board of Supervisors of Elections shall determine the vote cast for each candidate or question, and shall certify the results of the election to the City Clerk who shall cause the results to be recorded in the minutes of the Council. The person with the highest number of votes shall be declared the winner.

Discuss no member of Supervisors of Election Board member may help with campaigns:

It was discussed that no member of the Election Board shall be related, to have interest in the outcome of the candidates. No member of the Election Board shall help with campaigns or help candidate to set-up for the election. Also discussed was to have two alternate Board of Election Supervisors members.

With no further discussion Councilwoman Downing made a motion to adjourn at 6:44 pm, seconded by Councilman Trotter.

Approved: _____

Carol L. Sullivan

City Clerk

The Pocomoke City Mayor and Council held a closed session in the Council Chambers at City Hall on October 11, 2016. The closed session was called to order at 5:35 pm.

Present: Mayor Bruce Morrison
Council Members: Diane Downing, Esther Troast,
George Tasker, Dale Trotter, Brian Hirshman
City Manager/City Attorney: Ernie Crofoot
City Clerk: Carol L. Sullivan

The Mayor and Council discussed a matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain in the State. Section 3-305 (b), (4) of the General Provisions Annotated Code of Maryland allows for this closed meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

Approved: _____

Carol L. Sullivan
City Clerk