Meeting of the Town Council
Monday, October 19, 2026; 5:30 p.m.
Council Room, McCathran Hall
In-person and Online by Zoom Videoconference
Online access information below
Approved: 10/19/2026

Agenda

All documents for this meeting (referred as PDF) may be obtained until at least January 1, 2027, at the following link: Agenda and Agenda Documents for the Town Council meeting 101926

MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

1. **Call to Order** **~7:30p**

2. **Approval of the Agenda (PDF)** 5 min

3. **Proposal to Close the Meeting for the Purpose of Obtaining Legal Advice From the Town Attorney.** 5 min
   a. Review of the requirements to close the meeting **(PDF)**
   b. Required "Meeting Closing Statement" **(PDF)**
   c. Discussion and vote to close the meeting.

Town Council Meets in Closed Session – Public will be excluded.

Open Session of the Town Council Meeting Resumes – Public admitted to the meeting. **~7:30p**

4. **Call to Order**

Regular Business

5. **Approval of Minutes** 5 min
   a. Town Council meeting August 10, 2026. **(PDF)**
   b. Town Council meeting September 14, 2026. **(PDF)**

6. **Public Appearances – Attendees may address the Town Council.** ??? min
   The time allowed to speak will be limited to **3 minutes**. Speakers are encouraged to submit written statements as part of their public appearance, and these will be noted in the Minutes and will be available from the Town Office after the meeting.

7. **Treasurers Report** 10 min
   a. September Treasurer's Report **(PDF)** (Moyer).

8. **Mayor's Report** 10 min
   a. *Kudos*:
      - *To Woods Committee Volunteers* for their time and effort spent doing trail maintenance in the East Woods on October 10. **(Photos)** [The Chip Team: Virginia Quesada, Deb Mehlferber, Monica Maher, Sharon Sisson, Dave Cosson, Bruce Daggy, Bob Booher, Pat Klein].
      - *To the Recreation committee and volunteers* for planning and managing the 2026 Fall Festival at which residents explored the artistic work displayed by 21 on a gorgeous fall day.
   b. *Requests for Repair or Maintenance of Town Property:* The "Maintenance Request Form" for use by all residents is now available from the website homepage. **(Photo)**.

c. *SWIM Project update*. Work is largely completed along Chestnut Road, the intersection of Chestnut Road and Center, the intersection of Chestnut Road and Acorn Lane, the swale between Chestnut Road and Chestnut Avenue, and the swale along Oak Street. **(Photos)**
d. *503 McCauley driveway:* Easement ready for filing.
e. *Basketball court resurfaced:* Mid-Atlantic did an excellent job on surfacing, with lines to come. However, repair of the uneven ground left at the edges is pending.
f. *McCathran Hall Door locks:* All main doors at McCathran Hall, with the exception of one, have been fitted with new electronic keyless cipher locks, replacing the old, keyed locks.
g. *Hard Tennis Court*: Pickleball lines repainted.
h. *Haunted Gazebo 2026:* October 24, 4:00p – 6:30p, at the Gazebo of course.
i. *Meadow Fall Planting Event*: . October 28th, 10:00a – 12:00p, Town volunteers will work with Parks Dept. personnel to plant ~400 seedling plugs throughout the Meadow.
j. *Town Safety Concerns:* Community Services Officer Melanie Romano, Montgomery County Police, will be present at 7:00p for the November 9th Town Council meeting to comment and advise the Council and Town on options for increasing vehicle security.

Administrative Matters

9. **Status of Legal Reviews by Town Attorney Suellen Ferguson** (Compton) 5 min
   a. Written Explanation of Liability Coverage of Town Volunteers.
   b. Draft Deed of Sale of land to Owner of 203 Second Avenue (per Ord 2026-03).
   c. Draft Ordinance 2026-13 (ZTA) "Allowing Waiver of Certain Zoning Requirements Based on Historic Preservation Criteria"
   d. Draft Resolution 2026-14 "Guidelines For The Use Of Triggering Events To Reclaim Town Land From Private Encroachment"
   e. Input on Ordinance 2026-xx "Amending Specifications for Accessory Dwelling Units" needed to comply with State-mandated ADU requirements.

10. **Progress on updating the Code of Ordinances and online access to Ordinances and Resolutions.** (Compton) 3 min

11. **New traffic calming speed bump on Chestnut Road (PDF)** (Compton) 5 min
    Motion introduced in September and deferred for public comment. Discussion and action.

12. **Report from the Playground Committee. (PDFs)** (Oscar Ramos, Committee Chair) 30 min
    RFP update and maintenance proposals.

13. **Pending County Council Decision on Long-Term Solid Waste Management in Montgomery County (PDFs)** (Raimondo, Compton) 10 min
    Discussion and approval of a draft joint letter (Rockville, Gaithersburg, Washington Grove) to the County Council.

Unfinished Business

14. **Motion to Resolve Encroachments at 406 Fifth Avenue (PDFs).** (Compton) 15 min
    Introduced in September and deferred for public comment. Discussion and possible action.

15. **Ordinance 2026-10 "Authorizing an Easement to Montgomery County to Extend the Washington Grove Connector to the End of Brown Street" (PDFs).** (Compton) 15 min
    Discussion of revised Easement language and the revised MOU. Possible adoption.

New Business ??? min

Other Regular Business

16. **Town Council Reports (PDF)** – Of note: 10 min
    a. *Historic Preservation Commission (Raimondo):* Progress reported on commemorative signage to be located at the former sites of historic Town buildings.
    b. *Emergency Preparedness and Safety (Grisham):* After a multi-year hiatus, the EPSC has been rejuvenated (thanks to Kriss Grisham and Nick Patrone) and will meet monthly. Numerous issues

were raised at the September meeting. Eileen Lisker and Patty Klein will serve as Co-Chairs to share the workload.

17. **Next Meeting:** 2 min
    Hybrid Town Council meeting on Monday November 9, 2026, at 7:00p

18. **Adjournment** **~9:30p**

Zoom videoconference access information: *Join via Internet*:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/297850640?pwd=czh3ODBEdEpTeXdkRTc5bDFmLzN2UT09
Dial-in: 301-715-8592, Meeting ID 297 850 640, Password 074385

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