

## **JOINT COUNCIL MEETING**

### **May 15, 2023**

The regularly scheduled Joint Council meeting, comprised of the Mayor & Council of Delmar, DE and the Mayor and Commissioners of Delmar, MD, was called to order at 6:30 p.m. at Delmar Town Hall by Mayor Jorden. In attendance via roll call were Mayor Bauer, Mayor Jorden, Deputy Mayor Lenox, Vice Mayor Jones, Commissioners Boothe, Unsell and Shaffer, Council Members McClure and Lanier, Town Manager Fleetwood, Clerk of Council Spencer and guests.

#### ***Called to Order***

Mayor Jorden called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

A quorum was established with four members on the Mayor and Council and five members on the Mayor and Commissioners.

#### ***New Business***

Chief Finance Officer Heather Chandler, gave a detailed brief overview of the FY`24 Budget for Delmar, MD and Delmar, DE.

Town Mgr. Fleetwood said the department heads have asked for things to carry their departments to the next level in the FY`24 budget. Each year things change but the Town of Delmar is very fortunate this year with the monies that have been supplemented and augmented by the federal government. He thanked the Elected Body on behalf of the employee group professionally for everything that has been put into the FY`24 Budget.

Town Mgr. Fleetwood recognized Chief Finance Officer Heather Chandler, and department heads for all the work they put into the FY`24 Budget.

Office Manager/Municipal Clerk Kimberly Layton commented this is the first opportunity to express what was needed and it was heard and granted. She thanked the Elected Body for allowing the department heads to do a better job for the Town's citizens.

Police Communications Operator (PCO) Ed Ferro, III, commented the approved COLA increase is very welcome.

Mayor Jorden thanked all the employees in attendance. He said not every budget year every department can get what they requested. In his opinion, the Town of Delmar tries to give every department what they need but this year everything that every department requested and needed

is being fulfilled. All of us are in a blessed place. Mayor Jorden thanked the employees from the Elected Body and he said they appreciate all of their hard work and dedication.

Mayor Jorden read Ordinance #752; the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the FY`24 Budget for Delmar, MD.

Mayor Jorden called for a motion to accept the second reading to adopt Ordinance #752. A motion was made/seconded (Boothe/Unsell) and carried by a roll call vote of 5 Ayes.

Mayor Bauer commented he is glad the Elected Body could vote in what was requested by the department heads. He said the Town of Delmar will run even better this year. The Town's employees have done a great job in the past and will continue to moving forward. He thanked all the Town of Delmar employees.

Mayor Bauer read Ordinance #179; the second reading of the FY`24 Budget for Delmar, DE.

Mayor Bauer asked for a motion to accept the second reading to adopt Ordinance #179. A motion was made/seconded (Jones/McClure) and carried by a roll call vote of 4 Ayes.

### **Adjournment –**

After hearing no further comments, Mayor Jorden asked for a motion for adjournment. A motion was made/seconded (Lenox/Unsell) and carried by a roll call vote of 9 Ayes.

Clerk of Council

Vondell Spencer