

JOINT COUNCIL MEETING

May 13, 2024

The 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 7:00 p.m. at Delmar Town Hall by Mayor Bauer. In attendance were Mayor Bauer, Deputy Mayor Lenox, Vice Mayor Jones, Commissioners Boothe, Nembhard, and Shaffer, Council Members McClure, Lanier, and Waldman, Town Manager Fleetwood, Town Engineer Josh Taylor, and Clerk of Council Spencer. Guests: Delmar Fire Chef Justin Elliott, Deputy Fire Chief Joshua Joyner, and Lloyd Unsell. Absent: Mayor Jorden.

Called to Order

Mayor Bauer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and Mr. Lloyd Unsell lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Bauer asked for a motion to approve the April 22, 2024 minutes as circulated. A motion was made/seconded (Shaffer/Boothe) and carried by a vote of 9 Ayes 1 Absent (Boothe).

New Business

Public Hearing – 2nd Reading FY'25 Budget Ordinance #181

Mayor Bauer read the FY'25 Budget Ordinance #181, Adopting and Implementing the budget for the Town of Delmar, Delaware.

Mayor Bauer asked for a motion to open the public hearing for Ordinance #181, Adopting and Implementing the FY'25 Budget for the Town of Delmar, Delaware. A motion was made/seconded (Jones/Lanier) and carried by a vote of 5 Ayes.

Chief Finance Officer, Heather Chandler gave a brief overview of revenues and expenses for the FY'25 Budgets for Delmar, Maryland and Delmar, Delaware.

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Bauer asked for a motion to close the public hearing for Ordinance #181, Adopting and Implementing the FY'25 Budget for the Town of Delmar, Delaware. A motion was made/seconded (Jones/Lanier) and carried by a vote of 5 Ayes.

Mayor Bauer asked for a motion to accept the FY'25 Budget Ordinance #181, Adopting and Implementing the budget for the Town of Delmar, Delaware. A motion was made/seconded (McClure/Waldman) and carried by a vote of 5 Ayes.

Public Hearing – 2nd Reading FY'25 Budget Ordinance #756

Deputy Mayor Lenox read the FY'25 Budget Ordinance #756, Adopting and Implementing the budget for the Town of Delmar, Maryland.

Deputy Mayor Lenox asked for a motion to open the public hearing for Ordinance #756, Adopting and Implementing the FY'25 Budget for the Town of Delmar, Maryland. A motion was made/seconded (Boothe/Nembhard) and carried by a vote of 4 Ayes 1 Absent (Jorden).

There were no comments from the public.

Deputy Mayor Lenox asked for a motion to close the public hearing for Ordinance #756, Adopting and Implementing the FY'25 Budget for the Town of Delmar, Maryland. A motion was made/seconded (Nembhard/Shaffer) and carried by a vote of 4 Ayes 1 Absent (Jorden).

Deputy Mayor Lenox asked for a motion to accept Ordinance #756, Adopting and Implementing the FY'25 Budget for the Town of Delmar, Maryland. A motion was made/seconded (Boothe/Nembhard) and carried by a vote of 4 Ayes 1 Absent (Jorden).

Cross Connection Control Ordinance #182

Mayor Bauer read the Cross Connection Control Ordinance #182.

Mayor Bauer asked for a motion to open the public hearing for Ordinance #182, adopting the Cross Connection Control Ordinance. A motion was made/seconded (Jones/McClure) and carried by a vote of 5 Ayes.

Town Mgr. Fleetwood informed the Elected Body that there were language changes requested from the 1st Reading. He asked the Elected Body if there were any questions regarding the Cross Connection Control Ordinance. Commissioner Shaffer asked if this was handed down by the EPA. Town Mgr. Fleetwood answered the Cross Connection Control and the Lead and Copper Rule are all derivatives of the EPA, respective state, MDE and/or DNREC. Town Engineer, Josh Taylor added this ordinance is being enforced by the state.

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Bauer asked for a motion to close the public hearing for Ordinance #182, adopting the Cross Connection Control Ordinance. A motion was made/seconded (Lanier/Waldman) and carried by a vote of 5 Ayes.

Mayor Bauer asked for a motion to adopt the Cross Connection Control Ordinance #182. A motion was made/seconded (Waldman/Jones) and carried by a vote of 5 Ayes.

Cross Connection Control Ordinance #757

Deputy Mayor Lenox read the Cross Connection Control Ordinance #757.

Deputy Mayor Lenox asked for a motion to open the public hearing for Ordinance #757, adopting the Cross Connection Control Ordinance. A motion was made/seconded (Shaffer/Boothe) and carried by a vote of 4 Ayes 1 Absent (Jorden).

There were no comments from the public.

Deputy Mayor Lenox called for a motion to close the public hearing for Ordinance #757, adopting the Cross Connection Control Ordinance. A motion was made/seconded (Nembhard/Shaffer) and carried by a vote of 4 Ayes 1 Absent (Jorden).

Deputy Mayor Lenox asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance #757. A motion was made/seconded (Nembhard/Boothe) and carried by a vote of 4 Ayes 1 Absent (Jorden).

Increase Town of Delmar, Delaware Debt Limit –

Mayor Bauer stated the Delmar, Delaware Charter states the debt limit is \$1,000,000 and the Town of Delmar, Delaware is currently at that limit. A conversation ensued.

Mayor Bauer asked for a motion to increase the Town of Delmar, Delaware debt limit to \$10,000,000. A motion was made/seconded (Lanier/McClure) and carried by a vote of 5 Ayes.

Public Comments

Adjournment –

After hearing no further comments, Mayor Jorden asked for a motion for adjournment. A motion was made/seconded (Jones/McClure) and carried by a vote of 9 Ayes 1 Absent (Jorden).

Clerk of Council

Vondell Spencer