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OPEN AGENDA Legislative Day No. 1 February 17, 2026

Call to Order

Open Session

5:00 p.m.

Closed Session

5:01 p.m.

Reconvene into Open Session

6:00 p.m.

1. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

2. Calls for Additions/Deletions to Agenda

3. Financial Report: General Fund Cash on Hand: \$

4. Closed Session Summary §3-305(b): (1), (13), (7) & (4)

5. Consent Agenda

6:01 p.m.

A. County Council Open Session Minutes – February 3, 2026

B. Accounts Payable Disbursement Report – Week Ending February 13, 2026

C. Request to Advertise for Proposals – Bid No. 2026-03 – Pool Services – Recreation & Parks

- Request of Recreation & Parks to advertise a request for proposals entitled, Bid No. 2026-03, for comprehensive outdoor pool operations and maintenance services, with a bid deadline of February 26, 2026

D. Recommendation to Proceed – Grant Application Modification – FY2026 Local Government Energy Modernization (L-Gem) – Maryland Energy Administration (MEA) – Finance

- Recommendation of Marilyn Williams, Grant Writer, Finance, to proceed with the L-Gem grant application with State modifications, reducing the grant amount from \$1,375,000 to \$1,000,000, and updating the stipulations that \$171,507 are to be used for energy efficiency projects and \$828,493 are to be used for renewable energy project, with projects to be determined for future consideration

E. Request to Proceed – Second Amendment to Memorandum of Understand (MOU) – Mid-Shore Regional Council (MSRC) – Economic Development

- Request of Economic Development to proceed with the Second Amendment to MOU with the MSRC to extend the Rural Maryland Economic Development Funds grant term through May 31, 2026, which will also extend the funding term for the Woods Road Rails to Trails Project

F. Letter of Support (LOS) Request – Strategic Industry Partnership – Chesapeake College – Economic Development

- Request of Economic Development to provide a LOS of the Strategic Industry Partnership led by Chesapeake College as part of their proposed Employment Advancement Right Now project

G. LOS Request – Senate Bill (SB) 558 - Chesapeake Bay Enhancement Program - Established

- Consideration of the Council to provide a LOS for of SB558 entitled, Chesapeake Bay Enhancement Program – Established, for the purpose of establishing the Chesapeake Bay Enhancement Program to provide funding for certain oyster propagation and replenishment projects that mitigate the effects on the State’s oyster population of certain transportation projects; and generally relating to the Chesapeake Bay Enhancement Program

H. LOS Request – Community Project Funding Grant Application – Secretary Volunteer Fire Company

- Request of Secretary Volunteer Fire Company to provide a LOS for its Community Project Funding grant application to secure funding for the replacement engine-tanker apparatus, not to obligate the County to provide funding or assist with this project

- I. LOS Request – BUILD Planning Grant Application – City of Cambridge
 - Request of the City of Cambridge to provide a LOS for its BUILD Planning grant application to secure funding for its Cedar Street Gateway Corridor Planning Project, not to obligate the County to provide funding or assist with this project
- J. LOS Request – Congressionally Directed Spending Application – City of Cambridge
 - Request of the City of Cambridge to provide a LOS for its Congressionally Directed Spending grant application to secure funding for its Cedar Street Gateway Corridor Planning Project, not to obligate the County to provide funding or assist with this project

6. Presentation **6:02 p.m.**

- A. Employee Pension Conversion – Maryland State Retirement & Pension System
 - Consideration of the Council to proceed with a Maryland State Retirement & Pension System conversion to incorporate correctional officers into the Correctional Officers’ Retirement System, and qualified emergency services personnel into the Law Enforcement Officers’ Pension System

7. Legislative Session **6:03 p.m.**

- A. Introduction – County Infractions
 - An act of the County Council of Dorchester County, Maryland to amend Chapters 65 (Building Code), 82 (Electrical Standards), 102 (Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration), 110 (Minimum Livability Code), 119 (Plumbing), and 134 (Stormwater Management) of the Dorchester County Code by providing that violations of each such chapter shall be a County infraction and subject to a fine not to exceed \$5,000;
- B. Introduction – Property Maintenance
 - An act of the County Council of Dorchester County, Maryland to repeal and reenact Chapter 121 (Property Maintenance) of the Dorchester County Code for the purpose of adopting the current edition of the international property maintenance code, with amendments, as the property maintenance code for Dorchester County, Maryland;
- C. Introduction – Wharves
 - An act of the County Council of Dorchester County, Maryland to amend chapter 150 (Wharves, Docks, Marinas, Piers And Harbor Facilities, Public) of the Dorchester County Code by providing that the County may take appropriate action to remove obstructions by manner of an authorized private towing contractor;
- D. Introduction – Zoning
 - An act of the County Council of Dorchester County, Maryland to amend Chapter 155 (Zoning) of the Dorchester County code by providing that violations thereof shall be a County infraction and subject to a fine not to exceed \$5,000;

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8. Action Items **6:30 p.m.**

- A. Request to Approve – FY2027-2031 Airport Capital Improvement Plan (ACIP) – Airport
 - Request of the Airport to approve its FY27-31 ACIP in preparation for submittal to the Federal Aviation Administration, contingent on future budget approvals
- B. Bid Award Recommendation – Bid No. 2026-01 – Public Works – Recreation & Parks – Economic Development
 - Bid award recommendation of Public Works, Recreation & Parks and Economic Development, in collaboration with the City of Cambridge, for the proposal entitled, Cambridge Rails to Trails, for the Washington Street to Woods Road project
- C. Resolution Introduction – Maryland Association of Counties (MACo) Pooled Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Trust Adoption Agreement – Finance
 - Consideration of the Council to introduce a resolution to approve an adoption agreement for the MACo Pooled OPEB Trust Fund for the purpose of accumulating and investing assets to fund other post-retirement benefits
- D. FY27 Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) Projects Discussion
 - Discussion of potential projects to include on a FY27 CDS application based on staff recommendations

E. Poll Confirmations

- Consideration of the Council to confirm its decision in the interim of meetings, via poll, to approve a request of Corrections to proceed with an emergency replacement of an HVAC unit within the male housing unit, funded by the FY26 Contingency Fund, by a 4 to 0 vote

9. County Manager Comments

6:45 p.m.

10. Council Comments

6:50 p.m.

11. Public Comments

6:55 p.m.

Adjournment

7:00 p.m.