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OPEN AGENDA

March 3, 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 – Operating Cash on Hand (Allocated & Unallocated): \$

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

5. Consent Agenda

6:01 p.m.

A. County Council Open Session Minutes – February 17, 2026

B. Accounts Payable Disbursement Report – Week Ending February 27, 2026

C. J. Edward Walter Park Request – RISE Flag Football – Recreation & Parks

- Request of Recreation & Parks, on behalf of the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth & Victim Services, Cambridge Police Department and ALL4LOVE to use J. Edward Walter Park for the RISE Flag Football league on Saturdays beginning May 2, 2026 through June 20, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., with the same stipulations as prior seasons

D. Request to Advertise for Proposals – Bid No. 2026-04 – Recreation & Parks

- Request of Recreation & Parks to advertise a request for proposals, clearly marked Bid No. 2026-04, for field grading, installation of irrigation system and grass seeding at the School Street multi-purpose athletic fields, with a bid deadline of March 12, 2026

E. Grant Modification Request – Department of Natural Resources (DNR) – Waterway Improvement Fund (WIF) – Public Works

- Request of Finance, on behalf of Public Works, to modify the WIF Grant Agreement dated September 29, 2020, through DNR to extend the grant period through June 30, 2027 to complete Trenton Street Engineering Services project

F. Grant Submission Request – Governor's Office of Crime Prevention & Policy (GOCPP) – Gun Violence Reduction Grant (GVRG) – Sheriff's Office

- Request of Finance, on behalf of the Sheriff's office, to submit a \$15,125 FY27 GVRG application, through GOCPP, to fund overtime for gun violence reduction activities with no match requirement and a grant period of July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027

G. Grant Submission Request – GOCPP – FY27 Competitive Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) – State's Attorney's Office

- Request of Finance, on behalf of the State's Attorney's Office, to submit a \$187,124 FY27 VOCA grant application, through GOCPP, to fund a Victim Witness Coordinator for the District Court and for the Circuit Court, with a \$43,706 in-kind match and grant period of July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027

H. ShoreRivers Tree Planting & Maintenance Agreement – Recreation & Parks

- Request of Recreation & Parks, on behalf of the Dorchester County Health Department and ShoreRivers, to enter into a ShoreRivers Tree Planting & Maintenance Agreement to plant 10 trees at McCarter Park

- I. Eastern Shore Innovation Center License Agreement Recommendation– Economic Development
 - Recommendation of Economic Development to enter into an Eastern Shore Innovation Center License Agreement to accept new business
- J. Event Requests – TCR Event Management
 - Request of TCR Event Management to host the following events, with coordination from Public Works and Public Safety to ensure appropriate safety measures, as required, and contingent upon approvals from the State Highway Administration and the City of Cambridge, as applicable:
 - Maryland Freedom Swim - May 2, 2026
 - Six Pillars Century - May 9, 2026
 - Cambridge Crab Run - May 10, 2026
 - Gerry Boyle Firecracker Youth Triathlon - July 4, 2026
- K. Event Request – Run Fur Their Lives – Baywater Animal Rescue
 - Request of Baywater Animal Rescue to host its annual Run Fur Their Lives 5k Fun Run on Stone Boundary Road on May 2, 2026 from 6:30AM to 10:30AM, including coordinated efforts with Public Works and Public Safety to ensure public safety
- L. Ambulance Stand-By Requests – Cambridge Classic Powerboat Regatta – Thunder on the Choptank
 - Request of the Cambridge Power Boat Racing Association for Emergency Medical Services to provide an ambulance during the following City of Cambridge events held at Gerry Boyle at Great Marsh:
 - Cambridge Classic Powerboat Regatta on May 23-24, 2026
 - Thunder on the Choptank on September 26-27, 2026
- M. Letter of Support Request – Department of Housing & Community Development (DHCD) – Habitat for Humanity Choptank
 - Request of Habitat for Humanity Choptank, to provide a letter of support for its Operating Assistance Grant application through DHCD in support of its critical health and safety home repair program, which is made available to low income families in parts of your service area

6. Commendation(s) 6:10 p.m.

- A. Deputy Retirement – Dorchester County Sheriff’s Office

7. Presentation(s) 6:15 p.m.

- A. Grants Timeline – Finance

8. Action Items 6:20 p.m.

- A. Mosquito Control Budget Agreement – Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA)
 - Request of Mosquito Control Section, through MDA, for a commitment of \$538,750 for mosquito spraying for the 2026 calendar year, funded by the FY27 budget
- B. Request to Proceed – County Website – Information Technology (IT) – Council’s Office
 - Recommendation of IT and Council’s Office to proceed with transitioning the County website to a new host that is widely used by surrounding counties and municipalities, promoting regional consistency, familiarity, and transparency, while also ensuring compliance with the federal Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) Version 2.1 Level AA requirements under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) by the April 26, 2027 deadline, funded by the FY26 Contingency Fund.
- C. FY 2027 (July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027) Budget Goals & Priorities
 - Discussion of the Council’s FY27 Budget goals and priorities

Strategic Plan 6:30 p.m.

- A. Review of the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT) analysis; along with the mission, vision, values, and five-year goals of the County, led by the Integrated Impact Group as part of the Strategic Plan development process

9. County Manager Comments 8:00 p.m.

10. Council Comments 8:05 p.m.

11. Public Comments 8:10 p.m.

Adjournment 8:15 p.m.