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OPEN SESSION AGENDA

Legislative Day No. 10

August 4, 2026

Call to Order

Open Session

4:30 p.m.

Closed Session

4:31 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) & (3)

5. Consent Agenda

6:01 p.m.

A. County Council Open Session Minutes – July 21, 2026

B. Accounts Payable Disbursement Report – Week Ending July 31, 2026

C. Grant Submission Request - Waterway Improvement Fund (WIF) - Department of Natural Resources (DNR) - Finance - Public Works

- Request of Finance, on behalf of Public Works, to submit a \$25,000 Off-Cycle WIF grant application, through the DNR, for repairs to the Back Creek Marina dock, with no match requirement and a grant period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027

D. Grant Award – FY27 Critical Area Commission (CAC) Comprehensive Review – Department of Natural Resources (DNR) – Planning & Zoning – Finance

- Request of Finance, on behalf of Planning & Zoning, to accept a \$25,000 FY27 CAC Comprehensive Review grant award, through the DNR, to fund administrative and personnel costs associated with the review and update of the County Critical Areas Program, with no match requirement and a grant period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027

E. Engagement Renewal & Rate Hold Request - County Attorney Services - Council's Office

- Request of the Council's Office to accept an Engagement Renewal & Rate Hold agreement with MacLeod Law Group, LLC through June 30, 2028

F. Sewer Easement & User Agreement Request – Water & Wastewater Services – Public Works

- Request of Water & Wastewater Services to enter into a Sewer Easement & User Agreement Request to allow a property on River Drive, Cambridge, to connect to Sanitary District No. 4

G. 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

H. Letter of Support Request - FY28 Community Legacy Program Grant Application - Cambridge Waterfront Development, Inc. (CWDI)

- Request of CWDI to provide a letter of support for its FY28 Community Legacy Program grant application, through the Maryland Department of Housing Community and Development, for up to \$2 million for the first phase of public infrastructure improvements at Cambridge Harbor

I. Letter of Support – FY26 Educational Facilities Master Plan – Dorchester County Public Schools

- Request of Dorchester County Public Schools to provide a letter of support for the Approved Educational Facilities Master Plan FY27, which provides an overview of the Goals, Standards and

Guidelines, Community Analysis, Enrollment Data, Facilities Needs Analysis, and Facilities Inventory and Evaluation of County schools

6. Proclamation

A. Health Center Week – August 2-8, 2026

7. Annual Transportation Meeting Discussion

- The first of three discussions will be held pertaining to various state roadway concerns throughout the County, leading up to the annual meeting with Maryland Department of Transportation officials (date to be determined)

8. Maryland General Assembly 2027 Legislative Session Discussion

- The first of three discussions will be held regarding proposed legislative initiatives for the Maryland General Assembly's 2027 Legislative Session, leading up to the annual meeting with District 37 Legislators (date to be determined)

Adjourn into Legislative Session

9. Introduction(s)

A. County Council Compensation – Council's Office

- To amend Chapter 10-Commissioners, §10-2-Compensation, of the Dorchester County Code, to increase the annual salaries of the members of the County Council and the President of the County Council; providing that in accordance with Article III, Section 35 of the Maryland Constitution and Md. Code Ann., Local Gov't § 10-302, such salary increases shall not apply to sitting members during their current term of office and shall take effect at the beginning of the following term of office

B. Zoning Amendment – Table of Permitted Uses by Zoning District – Unclassified

- To amend Chapter 155-Zoning, Attachment 1, Table of Permitted Uses by Zoning District, of the Dorchester County Code, to repeal the Unclassified category, which provided that non-commercial personal storage uses are permitted in B-1 Neighborhood Business, B-2 General Business, I-1 Light Industrial, and I-2 Heavy Industrial zoning districts

10. Public Hearing(s)

A. Bill No. 2026-8 – Farm Breweries & Distilleries – Planning & Zoning

6:05 p.m.

- To provide an opportunity for public comments, prior to consideration of Bill No. 2026-8, to amend Chapter 155-Zoning and 155.50-Supplementary Use Regulations, of the Dorchester County Code, for the purpose of permitting farm breweries and farm distilleries

B. Bill No. 2026-9 – Rural Residential (RR) District – Minimum Lot Size Standards – Planning & Zoning

6:06 p.m.

- To provide an opportunity for public comments, prior to consideration of Bill No. 2026-9, to amend Chapter 155-Zoning, 155.33-Rural Residential District, and applicable district density and bulk regulations of the Dorchester County Code, for the purpose of updating the intent of the RR District and revising minimum lot size standards based on the availability of public community water and sewer services

Reconvene into Open Session

11. Resolution(s)

A. Temporary Data Center Moratorium

- Consideration to adopt a resolution to establish a temporary moratorium on data centers in Dorchester County for a period of 12 months

B. Proposed Resolution Request(s) – Policy Amendments

- Request to post the following proposed policies within County departments for 10-calendar days to obtain employee comments prior to consideration on August 18, 2026:
 1. Social Media: To establish a personnel directive regarding the personal use of social media
 2. Uniform & Dress Code: To establish a standard operating procedure regarding consistent, safety-conscious standards for employee dress, grooming, and uniforms
 3. Americans with Disabilities Act: to amend and readopt a standard operating procedure to ensure that employees and applicants are assessed on the basis of their merit and performance, not on the basis of any disability

4. Equal Employment Opportunities: To effectuate the principles and mandates of the anti-discrimination law
5. Family & Medical Leave Act: To provide employees with a general description of their rights
6. Sick & Safe Leave: To establish rules governing the accrual, use, administration, and limitations of sick leave for Dorchester County employees
7. Volunteer: To establish standards for the recruitment, screening, supervision, and management of volunteers serving County departments

12. Action Items

6:30 p.m.

A. Request to Proceed - Salt Agreement - State Highway Administration (SHA) - Public Works

- Request of Public Works to enter into a Three-Year Salt Utilization Agreement to purchase additional salt from the SHA during snow events, as needed, in an amount not to exceed \$51,236 for the period of September 1, 2026, through August 31, 2029, funded by the respective operating budgets

13. County Manager Comments

6:35 p.m.

14. Deputy County Manager Comments

6:40 p.m.

15. Council Comments

6:45 p.m.

16. Public Comments

6:50 p.m.

Adjournment

6:55 p.m.