

MINUTES

CITY OF WESTMINSTER
Mayor and Common Council Meeting
Monday, February 9, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.
City Hall, 1838 Emerald Hill Lane, Westminster, MD 21157
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CALL TO ORDER

Elected Officials Present: Mayor Becker, Council President Chiavacci, Councilmember Dayhoff, Councilmember Hoff, and Councilmember Pecoraro.

Staff Present: City Clerk Barber, Director of Human Resources Brown, Director of Housing Services Brown, Director of Community Planning and Development Depo, Director of Recreation and Parks Gruber, City Administrator Imhulse, Director of Technology Services Moore, Chief of Police Price, and Director of Finance Rodgers.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

Council President Chiavacci led the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

MCDANIEL COLLEGE UPDATE

Ms. Janelle Holmboe, Executive Vice President of Constituent Engagement with McDaniel College, provided an update from the college.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilmember Hoff and seconded by Councilmember Pecoraro to approve the Mayor and Common Council Closed Meeting minutes of December 8, 2025, the Mayor and Common Council Closed Meeting minutes of December 8, 2025, the Mayor and Common Council Meeting minutes of January 12, 2026, and the Mayor and Common Council Work Session Meeting minutes of January 20, 2026.

VOTE

AYES: Councilmember Dayhoff, Councilmember Hoff, and Councilmember Pecoraro.

NAYS: None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made by Councilmember Pecoraro and seconded by Councilmember Dayhoff to approve the consent calendar that consisted of the following: Approval of Departmental Operating Report – December 2025; and Approval of Public Works Agreement PWA-1177, application for construction of sanitary sewer and water connections at 2 Black Oak.

VOTE

AYES: Councilmember Dayhoff, Councilmember Hoff, and Councilmember Pecoraro.

NAYS: None.

REPORT FROM MAYOR

Mayor Becker thanked all the Public Works Department and Police Department employees for their teamwork during and after the snow event that happen in the City of Westminster on Sunday, January 25, 2026. Mayor Becker reported on her work with the Maryland Municipal League Board as well as the Maryland Municipal League's Engagement and Outreach Committee. Mayor Becker closed her report by noting recent meetings and events that she had attended.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Mayor Becker, on behalf of the Arts Council, reported on several current and upcoming events scheduled at the Carroll County Arts Council (91 West Main Street).

Councilmember Pecoraro, on behalf of the Finance Committee, noted that preparations for the FY27 Budget are underway and that the committee will be meeting in the near future.

Council President Chiavacci, on behalf of the Public Safety Committee, reported there were no serious incidents or accidents associated with the storm that took place in the City on Sunday, January 25, 2026. Council President Chiavacci closed his report by thanking all those for their work that were involved in the preparation prior to the snow arrival and then with clearing of the snow. Council President Chiavacci also thanked the residents of the City for adhering to the parking restrictions, as it made for an easier cleanup for the City.

Councilmember Pecoraro, on behalf of the Public Works Committee, thanked all those that worked prior and during the snow event.

COUNCIL COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION

Councilmember Dayhoff thanked all those that worked prior and during the snow event. Councilmember Dayhoff noted that he is looking forward to attending the Wakefield Valley Park Event Center Ribbon Cutting scheduled for Friday, February 20, 2026.

Councilmember Hoff noted his recent attendance at a Hey Westminster event that was recently held.

ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTIONS

Introduction of Resolution No. 26-03 Annexation 72, a Resolution Enlarging the Corporate Boundaries of the City of Westminster by Annexing into the City Certain Property Containing ± 2.9443 Acres, Contiguous and Adjoining to the City's Existing Corporate Boundaries, Consisting of Real Property Located at 10 Sullivan Road, Westminster, Maryland 21157, Also Identified as Tax Account Number 07-048408, Map 0039, Grid 0013, Parcel 0752 AND Comprising of ± 1.4983 Acres and ± 1.446 Acres of Right-of-Way Containing a Portion of College View Boulevard (Maryland Route 140/Maryland Route 97), Belonging to the Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration.

A motion was made by Councilmember Hoff and seconded by Councilmember Pecoraro to introduce Resolution No. 26-03 Annexation 72, a Resolution enlarging the corporate boundaries of the City of Westminster by annexing into the City certain property containing ± 2.9443 acres, contiguous and adjoining to the City's existing corporate boundaries, consisting of real Property located at 10 Sullivan Road, Westminster, Maryland 21157, Also Identified as Tax Account Number 07-048408, Map 0039, Grid 0013, Parcel 0752 and comprising of ± 1.4983 acres and ± 1.446 acres of right-of-way containing a portion of College View Boulevard (Maryland Route 140/Maryland Route 97), belonging to the Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration. Director of Community Planning and Development Depo provided the staff report and responded to questions of clarification given by the Mayor and Common Council on the item.

VOTE

AYES: Councilmember Dayhoff, Councilmember Hoff, and Councilmember Pecoraro.

NAYS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business to be discussed by the Mayor and Common Council.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to be discussed by the Mayor and Common Council.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Administration

City Administrator Imhulse thanked all involved in preparing for and working during the recent winter storm. City Administrator Imhulse thanked Department of Public Works Streets Superintendent Strawsburg for his planning and leadership prior, during, and after the snow event.

Recreation and Parks

Director of Recreation and Parks Gruber reported on recent events the department has held. Director Gruber also noted that Municipal Pool Membership has opened for the 2026 season. Director Gruber closed by advising that camp registration for 2026 summer camp season will open on February 1, 2026.

Human Resources

Director of Human Resources Brown provided an update on several projects being addressed by her department.

Public Works

City Administrator Imhulse thanked the Department of Public Works Utilities Maintenance staff for all their work during the recent weather events, especially dealing with several watermain breaks.

Technology Services

Director of Technology Services Moore provided an update to projects and day-to-day activities that the IT Department are managing.

Community Planning and Development

Director of Community Planning and Development reported on the following:

The Board of Zoning Appeals February 3, 2026, meeting was cancelled as there were no applications before the Board.

On February 4, 2026, the Historic District Commission met to discuss the Annual History Expo taking place on Saturday, February 28, 2026, at Winters Mill High School, the commemoration of the Westminster Cemetery Commemorative Marker on Sunday, April 19, 2026, and its Nation's 250th preparations.

On February 19, 2026, the Planning and Zoning Commission is scheduled to:

- Review of its Annual Report for certification
- Review Chick-fil-A subdivision plat – Market Street Extended and MD Route 140
- Review a request by Boot Barn, to be located at the Westminster Shopping Center, to allow for a larger sign.
- Review revised architectural elevations for 404 Malcolm Drive medical office building and daycare
- Review revised architectural elevations for the Willows two-over-two residential development north of Sullivan Avenue and east of Pennsylvania Avenue.

Housing Services

Director of Housing Services Brown provided a status update on programs that are managed by the department.

Finance

Director of Finance Rodgers provided an update on the department's work in preparation for the upcoming FY27 Budget.

Westminster Police Department (WPD)

Chief Price highlighted the great interpersonal communication between all the departments prior and during the snowstorm made a remarkable impact on dealing with the snow event.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Ms. Janelle Holmboe addressed the Mayor and Common Council noting the sense of pride in the City from the residents in the community.

ADJOURNMENT

Council President Chiavacci announced that the next meeting of the Mayor and Common Council would be held on Monday, February 23, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. He adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Douglass A. Barber, MMC
City Clerk

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Adopted by the City of Westminster Common Council on February 23, 2026.