

# Town of Princess Anne

**Shelley Johnson**

*President*

**Marion “Mickey”**

**Polk**

*Vice President*

**Joseph “Joey”**

**Gardner**

*Commissioner*

**Lionel Frederick**

*Commissioner*

**Ellis Jones Sr.**

30489 Broad St.  
Monday, September 15th, 2025  
6:00 PM

**James “Jay”**

**Prouse**

*Town Manager*

**Christopher Smith**



## Work Session

### **Present Commissioners – President Shelley Johnson, Vice President Marion Polk, Joseph Gardner**

- I. Call to Order – President Shelley Johnson
- II. Pledge of Allegiance - ALL
- III. Moment of Silence - ALL
- IV. Motion to Accept Agenda – Commissioner Marion Polk / Commissioner Joey Gardner: President Shelley Johnson open the floor for Town Attorney to make a special announcement. Attorney Christopher Smith – On Wednesday September 10, 2025, Commissioner Lionel Frederick following a Jury trial in the Circuit Court of Somerset County was convicted of a violation of public safety article 5-206 which is under Maryland Law. Maryland Constitution. Any elected official of the state, of the county, or municipality, who during the term of office is found guilty of any crime, which is a felony, shall be suspended by operation of law without pay or without benefits from the elected office. Therefore, affected immediately Mr. Frederick is suspended from his position as town commissioner. As to a seat as town commissioner Article 15 section 2 of the Maryland Constitution during the suspension of the elected official the appropriate governing body shall appoint a person to temporarily fill the office. Furthermore, Section 409 B 1 of the town of Princess Anne Charter. May be advise that any vacancy for any reason remaining commissioners shall appoint within 45 days of the town meeting some qualified person may be appointed for the unexpired term. Therefore, the town will begin the process for filling this position. In accordance with the Maryland Constitution Mr. Frederick will not be permanently removed from his position of office until the finding of guilt becomes a final

conviction.

- V. Ordinance #2025-03 Section 131 – Solid Waste / Second Reading – Attorney – Christopher Smith read for amending the Solid Waste Ordinance #2025-03 Section 131 of the Code. Madame President we are amending section 131 of the code that’s what this is about. Clarifying of disposal fees.
- VI. Employee Handbook Revamp Discussion – Town Manager Jay Prouse – Madame President, Commissioners and everybody! We want to clean up some of the wording and confusion of how the terminology.
- VII. Digital Sign Policy – Community Events – Write a policy for 3 to 4 week -Getting the Non-Profits to be on a list. Application online for event and determine how long it will run depending on when you get your application in.
- VIII. Legislative Agenda Items – Critical Area Ordinance Amendment – First Reading/Introduction #2025-04, Physical Year Budget Reading Amendment, Official Vote for the Trash Ordinance,
- IX. Adjournment /Closed Session – 7:54 – No Closed Session

➤ Parts of this meeting may be closed due to Real Estate or Personnel Matters

Shelley Johnson, President

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Marion “Mickey” Polk Vice President

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Joseph “Joey” Gardner, Commissioner

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Lionel Frederick, Commissioner

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Ellis D. Jones, Sr., Commissioner