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POLICE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY CAMPAIGN

December 6, 2021

Open Meetings Compliance
Board c/o Attorney General's Off.
200 St. Paul Place
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Dear Board,

I am writing on behalf of DBlastMedia, our subscribers, and affiliated advocacy groups, to ask that the Board render an opinion on alleged violations of the Maryland Open Meetings Act ("Act") by the Seat Pleasant City Council.

The following is alleged to have occurred between November 2020 and December 2021:

- **Notice:** Omitting special meetings and closed sessions from web calendar used for regular meetings when the public is not directed to separate post.
- **Notice:** Failure to invite the public to attend open meetings held before anticipated closed Sessions.
- **Notice:** Failure to publish cancellation of regular meetings and or ensure accuracy of the web calendar.
- **Notice:** Failure to retain copies of meeting notices for one-year.
- **Closing Statement:** Failure to describe the topics to be discussed in closed session and the reason for excluding the public.
- **Closed Meeting Summary:** Failure to disclose requisite information about closed session at next open meeting.
- **Open Meetings:** Requiring the public to register their attendance for virtual meetings three or more days before meeting dates.
- **Minutes:** Failure to publish meeting minutes online as soon as practicable.

The accompanying documents provide additional details and evidence supporting our claims.

Respectfully,



Steve Thompson