

COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BLADENSBURG
WORK SESSION MINUTES - DRAFT
January 9, 2023 @ 5:30PM
This meeting was entirely virtual (Zoom)

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor James called the meeting to order. Those in attendance were Mayor James and Council Members Blount, Brown, McBryde, and Route. Also in attendance were Chief Collington, Chief Sumner, Code Enforcement Officer Rinehart, and Town Clerk Charnovich.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Brown, which was seconded by Council Member McBryde to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed 5-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

December 12, 2022 Work Session Minutes

A motion was made by Council Member Route, which was seconded by Council Member Blount to approve the December 12, 2022 Work Session Minutes. The motion passed 5-0.

APPEARANCES

MDOT SHA Representatives: MDOT 769C Quincy Street Project

Members of MDOT SHA were in attendance to discuss both temporary (short term) and permanent (long term) project solutions on MDOT 769C Quincy Street.

OLD BUSINESS

Bladensburg High School Field Update

Mayor James provided an update on the planning for the Bladensburg High School Field project.

NEW BUSINESS

Bladensburg Volunteer Fire Department Request: Ambulance funding

Chief Sumner made a presentation regarding a request for funding related to the purchase of a new ambulance. He explained the reasons why the funding was being requested as it relates to the overall

expenditures of the fire department. He also indicated this would be the first time in history that the Town of Bladensburg purchased a piece of equipment for the fire department. It was determined this item would be up for consideration at the regular meeting.

ARPA Business Assistance Budget and Application Process

Components of the ARPA business assistance program were discussed such as the budget amount and the application structure.

Community Grants Budget

Mr. Charnovich presented this item along with Council Member Route. It was determined that 4 community grants in the amount of \$12,000 would be pulled from the general operating budget. It was determined it would come from line item 6260.

Fantastic Fireworks Proposal: July 2023 Fireworks Display

Mr. Charnovich presented this item. It was determined the \$5,000 deposit would be moved from line item 6260 to the community events budget line item.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service on January 16, 2023

Mayor James presented this item and indicated that a clean-up event is being planned along the Anacostia River for the Dr. King day of service.

Town of Bladensburg Security Camera Rebate Program

Council Member Route and Chief Collington presented this item related to a proposed security camera rebate program.

Town Clerk Department staffing and associated job descriptions

This item was tabled and would be included in the administrative update at the regular meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Council Member Brown to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Council Member Blount. The motion passed 5-0.