

**COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BLADENSBURG
WORK SESSION MINUTES**

October 3, 2022 @ 5:30PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor James called the meeting to order. Those in attendance were Mayor James and Council Members Blount, Brown, and McBryde. Council Member Route joined the meeting at approximately 6:20 PM. Also in attendance were Chief Collington, Town Treasurer Tinelli, Code Enforcement Officer Rinehart, Town Clerk Charnovich, and Town Attorney Suellen Ferguson.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Blount to approve the agenda, which was seconded by Council Member McBryde. The motion passed 4-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September 12, 2022 Work Session Minutes

A motion was made by Council Member Brown to approve the September 12, 2022 Work Session Minutes, which was seconded by Council Member Blount. The motion passed 4-0. Mayor James requested that the update on the Bladensburg High School Football Field be appended to the minutes.

APPEARANCES

Suellen Ferguson, Town Attorney: Rent Stabilization Program

Town Attorney, Suellen Ferguson, was in attendance to discuss what rent stabilization programs are her experiences with these types of programs.

OLD BUSINESS

There were no items under old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Candidate search for Town Administrator position

Mayor James presented the proposals that were received from firms to undertake the search for the next Town Administrator.

Legislative Priorities

Bladensburg and PGCMA Priorities

It was determined that Rent Stabilization be added to the priority list to work through with the Prince George's County Municipal Association.

Growing Green with Pride Event on October 15

Mayor James presented the idea of participating in the County Growing Green Event on October 15 which will include a clean-up in each Ward and some community planting.

Resilience Hubs

Town Clerk Charnovich explained the concept of the Resilience Hub and a recent meeting he had with Prince George's County and the Town of Cheverly concerning this topic. Prince George's County is exploring a PILOT project regarding this concept.

ARPA Food Assistance: Partnership with Non-Profit Organization

Mayor James presented a proposal for a Thanksgiving food distribution event on November 19, which would take place at the Bladensburg High School. ARPA Funds would support the event, which would be a partnership with the NOW Foundation and Victory Grace Center. It was determined that an administrative cost be provided to the non-profits who are helping with the distribution. It was determined that the Town staff work with those who may not be able to get to the distribution event itself on providing them with meals.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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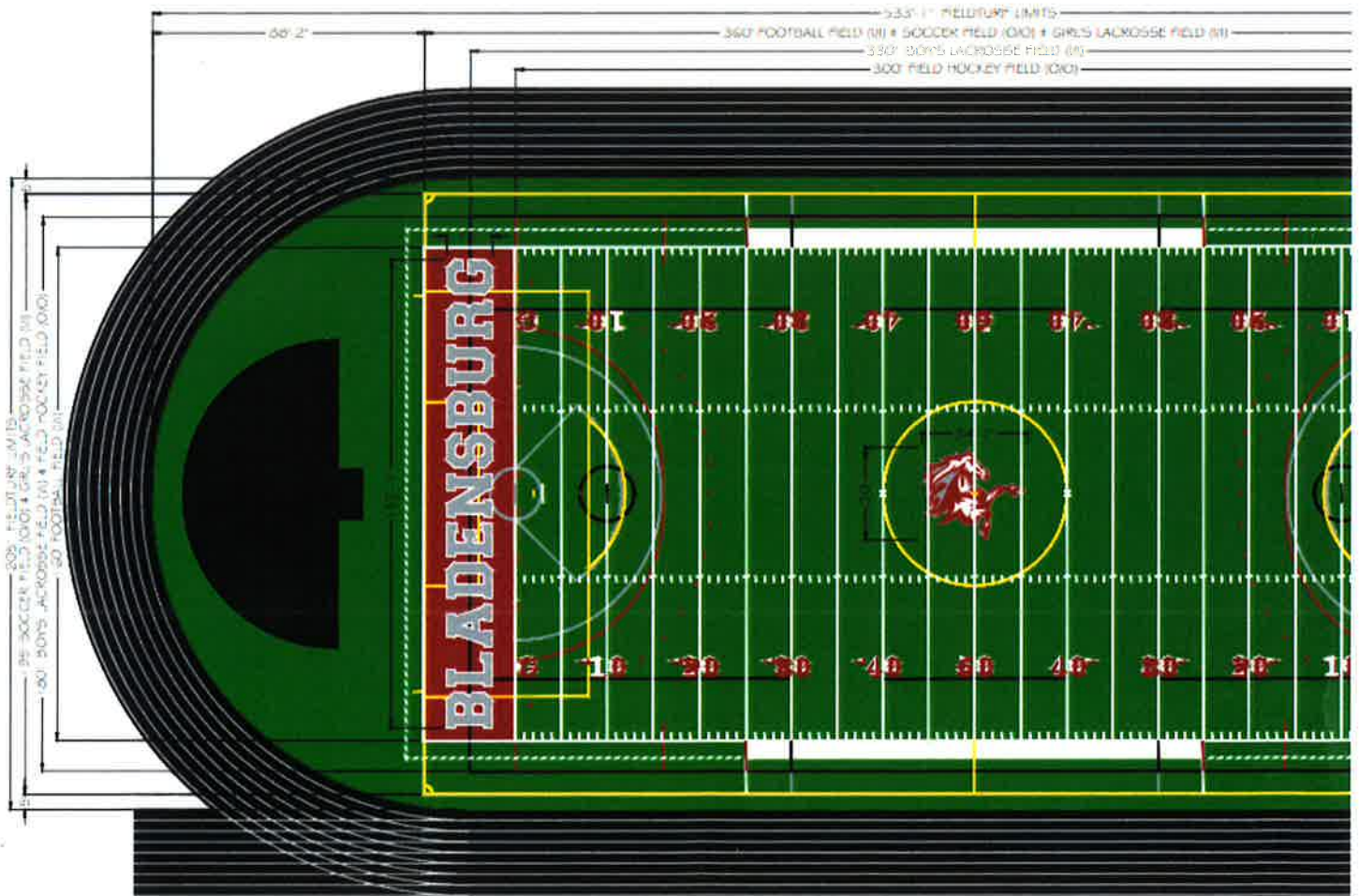
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Hi Rich,
Here are the edits I requested be made to the worksession minutes for the 9/12/22 meeting. Thank you!

Given the time that transpired since the start of this project until now, when construction is actually beginning the cost has increased from \$2.2 million to \$4.4 million. Below is a brief project synopsis of the components of the project:

Field Design is in progress with collaboration from the Principal and Athletic Director. The Town received the mock-up below of the field (which was displayed during the meeting). **Bear in mind this is not final at this time and is purely conceptual for the public.**



Fall 2022 Construction:

Stadium Field & Pedestrian Egress Lighting - The design and permitting of this work is projected to be completed and approved by the end of October. Upon approval, the contractor will mobilize onsite and will begin the installation. This scope includes stadium lighting, egress lighting at the exit stairs and ramp, and lighting under the home bleachers.

Preliminary Construction Schedule for Stadium Field & Pedestrian Lighting:

-Pedestrian Lighting - Construction is scheduled to start at the beginning of November with completion by the end of December.

-Turf Field / Track & Field Events / Scoreboard - Due to the nature of this scope of work, they will be performed simultaneously. Construction is tentatively scheduled to start January 2022 with completion by July 1, 2022.

Thank you.

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