

COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BLADENSBURG

WORK SESSION AGENDA - DRAFT

November 14, 2022 @ 5:30PM

**Public Access Virtual via live stream on the Town's Facebook and YouTube pages
Or Zoom (access info below).**

This meeting will be entirely virtual (Zoom)

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| I. CALL TO ORDER | 1 min |
| II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA | 1 min |
| III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES | 2 min |
| October 3, 2022 Work Session Minutes | |
| IV. APPEARANCES | |
| a. Suellen Ferguson, Town Attorney: Comcast Cable Franchise Agreement Discussion | 5 min |
| b. Sam Parker, AMAN Trust Board Member: Bostwick House buttress presentation | 25 min |
| V. OLD BUSINESS | 5 min |
| a. Update: Thanksgiving Dinner Food Distribution Event on November 19 | |
| VI. NEW BUSINESS | |
| a. Replacement Police Vehicle Purchase | 5 min |
| b. Police Cameras in Cars to pair with Body Cams | 10 min |
| c. Police Mobile Camera Trailers | 10 min |
| d. Lobbyist Services Proposals | 5 min |
| e. Human Resources Consultant | 10 min |
| VII. ADJOURNMENT | |

Meeting Access Information

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**COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BLADENSBURG
DRAFT COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
November 14, 2022 7:00pm
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I. CALL TO ORDER	1 min
II. OPENING PRAYER	2 min
III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	1 min
IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA	1 min
V. APPEARANCES	
A. Chief Sumner: Bladensburg Volunteer Fire Department celebrating 100 years	10 min
B. Ray Jefferies, Marketing Specialist: Town Seal and Logo presentation	5 min
VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES	
October 3, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes	2 min
VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS	
Written comments can be submitted prior to meeting to be read into the record. Comments can be submitted to Clerk@BladensburgMD.gov and DGriffin@BladensburgMD.gov	3 min
VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS	
A. 57 th Avenue Paving and Lighting Project	5 min
B. Rent Stabilization	10 min
IX. FINANCIAL BUSINESS	
A. ARPA Funding Update	20 min
B. Ordinance Adoption: ARPA Budget Amendment	5 min
C. Annual Leave Carryover Policy	5 min
D. Resolution related to Ambulance Transfer to Fire Department	10 min

X. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Replacement Police Vehicle Purchase 5 min
- B. Police Cameras in Cars to pair with Body Cams 5 min
- C. Police Mobile Camera Trailers 5 min
- D. Lobbyist Services Proposals 5 min
- E. Ordinance Introduction: Comcast Cable Franchise Agreement 5 min
- F. Municipal Government Works Month 5 min

XI. STAFF REPORTS (3 minutes each)

Treasurer; Public Safety & Code Enforcement; Town Clerk & Interim Town Administrator; Public Works

XII. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS (3 minutes each)

- Council Member Blount – Ward II
- Council Member Route – Ward I
- Council Member Brown – Ward I
- Council Member McBryde – Ward II
- Mayor James

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

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**TOWN OF BLADENSBURG
4229 Edmonston Road
Bladensburg, Maryland**

**ORDINANCE NO. 02-2023
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BLADENSBURG
GRANTING A RENEWAL OF THE CABLE FRANCHISE TO COMCAST OF
MARYLAND, LLC AND AUTHORIZING A FRANCHISE AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS, pursuant to §5-201 *et seq.* of the Local Government Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, the Town of Bladensburg (hereinafter, the “Town”) has the power to pass such ordinances as it deems necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the municipality;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have the power under §5-204(d) of the Local Government Article, Annotated Code of Maryland to grant non-exclusive cable franchises; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have adopted a cable ordinance to govern cable franchises that are located within the Town and

WHEREAS, the Town entered into a cable franchise agreement with Comcast of Maryland, LLC which ended in 2015, but has been extended during the negotiation of the renewal of the franchise agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council authorized the negotiation of the renewal of the franchise agreement with Comcast of Maryland, LLC and said proposed agreement has been prepared and presented to the Mayor and Council; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have determined that it is in the public interest to renew the cable franchise with Comcast of Maryland, LLC, within the corporate limits of

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the Town, on condition that Comcast of Maryland, LLC. enter into a franchise agreement in substantially the form as attached to this Ordinance.

Section 1. NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Bladensburg the renewal of the non-exclusive right to construct and operate a cable television system along the public rights of way in the Town of Bladensburg is hereby granted to Comcast of Maryland, LLC, subject to the provisions of Chapter A125 of the Town Code and a franchise agreement between the Town and Comcast Cable, LLC in a form substantially similar to that attached to this Ordinance. The Town of Bladensburg Town Council is authorized to endorse the franchise agreement on behalf of the Town.

Section 2. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Mayor and Council of Bladensburg that upon formal introduction of this proposed Ordinance, which shall be by way of a motion duly seconded and without any further vote, the Town Clerk shall distribute a copy to each Council member and shall maintain a reasonable number of copies in the office of the Town Clerk and shall post at Town Hall, to the official Town website, to the Town-maintained e-mail LISTSERV, and on the Town cable channel, and if time permits, in any Town newsletter, the proposed ordinance or a fair summary thereof together with a notice setting out the time and place for a public hearing thereon and for its consideration by the Council. The public hearing, hereby set for December 12, 2022, shall follow the publication by at least seven (7) days, may be held separately or in connection with a regular or special Council meeting and may be adjourned from time to time. All persons interested shall have an opportunity to be heard. After the hearing, the Council may adopt the proposed ordinance with or without amendments or reject it. That this Ordinance shall become effective ten days after adoption

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provided that, as soon as practicable after adoption, the Town Clerk shall post a fair summary of the Ordinance and notice of its adoption at Town Hall, to the official Town website, to the City-maintained e-mail LISTSERV, on the Town cable channel, and in any Town newsletter. If any section, subsection, provision, sentence, clause, phrase or word of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be illegal or otherwise invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall be severable, and shall not affect or impair any remaining section, subsection, provision, sentence, clause, phrase or word included within this Ordinance, it being the intent of the Town that the remainder of the Ordinance shall be and shall remain in full force and effect, valid and enforceable.

INTRODUCED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Bladensburg at a regular meeting on the 14th day of November, 2022.

ADOPTED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Bladensburg at a regular meeting on the 12th day of December, 2022.

EFFECTIVE the 22nd day of December, 2022.

ATTEST:

CITY/TOWN

By: _____
Town Clerk

By: _____
Mayor

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:**

Town Attorney

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**TOWN OF BLADENSBURG
4229 Edmonston Road
Bladensburg, Maryland**

ORDINANCE NO. 01-2023: FISCAL YEAR 2023 BUDGET AMENDMENT

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OPERATING BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF BLADENSBURG, MARYLAND FOR THE 2023 FISCAL YEAR (JULY 1, 2022 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023).

WHEREAS, the Town Administrator of the Town of Bladensburg has made a recommendation to the Mayor and Town Council to amend the FY 2023 Budget to reallocate funds as part of this Fiscal Year; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Bladensburg have determined that it is in the best interest of the Town to pass this as Budget Amendment Ordinance at the November 14, 2022 Town Council meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Bladensburg that the following amendments are made to the general operating budget for Fiscal Year 2023:

1. Increase Community Initiatives \$300,000 for ARPA expenditures.
2. Increase Intergovernmental (Federal) Revenue by \$300,000 for ARPA funds transferred in to offset increased expenditures.

AND BE FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED that upon passage this Ordinance shall be authenticated by the signature of the Mayor and Town Clerk and shall be recorded in a book kept for that purpose. In addition, this Ordinance shall be published by posting a certified copy of it in the Town Hall for ten (10) days following its adoption pursuant to Article II, Section 209 of the Charter of Town of Bladensburg, Maryland and will be effective the 14th day of November, 2022.

ATTEST:

By Order of the Mayor and Town Council

Richard Charnovich, Town Clerk

Takisha James, Mayor

First Reading: October 3, 2022
Second Reading: November 14, 2022
Adopted: November 14, 2022
Effective: November 24, 2022

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Department of Public Works

Report for October 2022



Submitted by

Purnell Hall

Public Works activities for October, 2022:

During the month of October, Public Works worked on the following activities:

1. Public Works assisted officer Harris with installing speed camera signs on Annapolis Road, and Kenilworth Avenue.



2. Public works assisted with the employees' luncheon at the Town Hall.
3. Mr. Hall has been working with a roofing company on the repairs of the small apartment attached to the Bostwick House. We are proudly to say the roof has been completed.
4. Public Works assisted Mr. Jefferies before and after the Haunted House at the Bladensburg Town Hall.
5. Assisted Mayor James with the clean up on the 15th. Public Works supplied garden tools and plants for the event.
6. Public Works assisted with the Town of Bladensburg 280th Anniversary at the water front park.
7. Due to the heavy down pours during the month of October. Public Works made sure all catch basin/drains were free of any debris.
8. Public Works filled up, and returned all rental equipment used for the 280th Anniversary.

Dump Runs

Tonnage

Brush	.98
Building material	3.43
Condominium bulk pick up	4.35

Ground Maintenance:

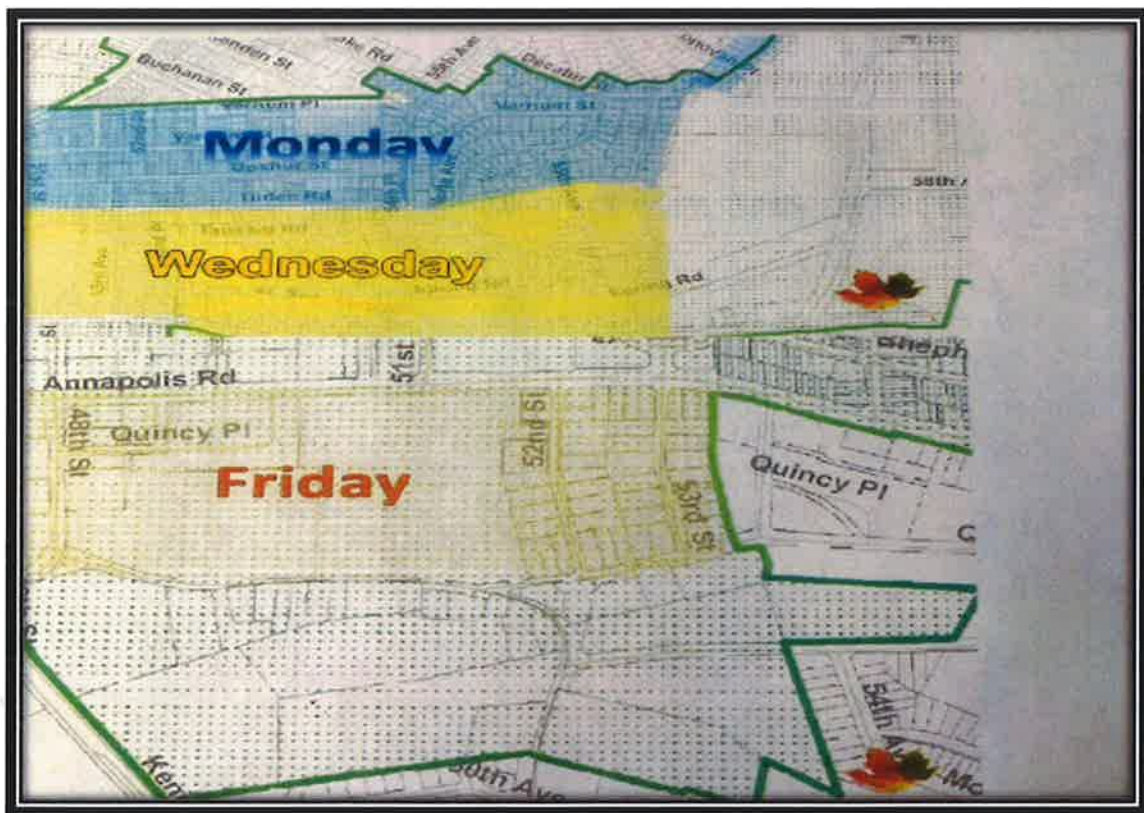
The Public Works crew is committed to keeping the Town clean and beautiful and as a result we have picked up litter in the following areas of the Town.

- a. Annapolis Road Pedestrian Tunnel
- b. The Industrial Area
- c. The alley-way in between 55th Ave. and 56th Ave.

Meetings:

1. Department Head meeting

Town of Bladensburg 2022-2023 Leaf Vacuum Schedule Starting November 14, 2022-January 6, 2023



- Please rake leaves to the curb line, and away from cars and storm drains. The leaf vacuum cannot reach around cars. Remove tree limbs, rocks, trash, and other debris from leaves piles to be collected. They can damage the equipment and cause delays.
- Your service will occur weekly according to the scheduled day for your area, (please see the maps above). There will be NO collections on holidays.
- Noise and dust may be noticeable. Dry conditions generate more dust.
- If you bag your leaves, please use paper yard waste bags. **ONLY PLACE LEAF BAGS OUT ON Sunday for Monday pick up.**
- **Please DO NOT park cars on piles. Public Works will not be able to vacuum the pile.**

