

**COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BLADENSBURG
WORK SESSION MINUTES
February 13, 2023 @ 5:30PM
This meeting was held entirely virtual (Zoom)**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor James called the meeting to order. Those in attendance were Mayor James and Council Members Brown, McBryde, and Route. Also in attendance were Chief Collington, Treasurer Tinelli, Code Enforcement Officer Rinehart, Public Works Supervisor Hall, Marketing Specialist Jefferies, and Town Clerk Charnovich.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Mayor James asked for a motion to grant Council Member Blount an excused absence. A motion was made by Council Member Brown, which was seconded by Council Member Route. The motion passed 4-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 9, 2022 Work Session Minutes

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

APPEARANCES

**Erica Boursiquot, Director of Stakeholder Engagement and
Dr. Lisa M. Grillo, President: Elizabeth Seton High School**

Representatives from Elizabeth Seton High School were in attendance to discuss the latest happenings at the High School, along details of its strategic plan.

Ray Jefferies, Bladensburg Marketing Specialist: Upcoming Town events in 2023

Ray Jefferies, Marketing Specialist, was in attendance to provide an outline of upcoming Bladensburg events in 2023.

OLD BUSINESS

Bladensburg Project Priority Worksheet

Mayor James explained that a comprehensive project spreadsheet has been created and that it would be shared with the Town Council and discussed again at the March 2023 Council Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Bladensburg priorities for Prince George's County FY24 Budget

Mayor James discussed an upcoming meeting with Prince George's County regarding key budget priorities. Rent Stabilization was identified as a key priority. A culvert repair project and other stormwater management techniques were discussed as priorities. Stormwater management in the industrial park was also discussed as a priority. Overall stormwater management and drain maintenance was identified as a priority. Safe passage to schools was discussed as a priority, including techniques such as more sidewalks and increased lighting.

Letters of support for Prince George's County Bills related to the following topics:

i. Rent Stabilization

A motion was made by Council Member Brown, which was seconded by Council Member Route to send a letter of support for Prince George's County Bill CB-007-2023 related to rent stabilization legislation. The motion passed 4-0.

ii. SCMaglev

A motion was made by Council Member Route, which was seconded by Council Member McBryde, to send a letter of support related to State House Bill 106: Prohibited Appropriations-Magnetic Levitation Transportation System. The motion passed 4-0.

Proposed service changes to Yellow Line in WMATA budget

This item was postponed to a future time.

Electric vehicle charging stations in Bladensburg

Council Member Route presented this item and discussed the idea of electric charging stations on both public property and private property in commercial areas along the MD450 corridor.

Growing Green with Pride Event in April 2023

Mayor James presented this item and discussed the idea of beautifying the community and planting some trees over the Earth Day weekend on April 22, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Council Member Brown, which was seconded by Council Member McBryde to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 4-0.