

COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BLADENSBURG
DRAFT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
February 13, 2023 7:00pm
The meeting was held virtually via 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, and Town Clerk Charnovich.

OPENING PRAYER

Mayor James asked Council Member McBryde to say the opening prayer and to also have a moment of silence for Tyre Nichols.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor James asked Council Member Route to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Route to approve the agenda, which was seconded by Council Member Brown. Mayor James asked that Ethan Sweep with Congressman Glenn Ivey's office to be added to the agenda. The motion passed 4-0.

APPEARANCES

Ethan Sweep, Community Liaison with Congressman Glenn Ivey's office, made a presentation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Town Clerk Charnovich indicated that there were no minutes to approve for this item.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Town Clerk Charnovich read three public comments into the record from Town residents Christina Dukes, Antonette Bruno, and Susan McCutchen.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

FINANCIAL BUSINESS

FY 24 Budget Workshop Sessions

Mr. Tinelli made a presentation about the upcoming budget planning season. It was determined that the dates for the budget work sessions would be finalized at the March 13, 2023 Council Meeting.

Audit Management Letter Presentation

Mr. Tinelli presented this item.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor James announced a point of record that two closed sessions were held, one on Thursday, February 9, 2023 and one on Friday, February 10, 2023.

Bladensburg priorities for Prince George's County FY24 Budget

Mayor James stated that the Town will inform the County that storm water management is a priority for Bladensburg as well as safe passage concerning street lighting and additional sidewalks in the community.

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

Rent Stabilization

The Town Council approved a motion at the work session to send a letter in support of the County Council Rent Stabilization Act, CB 007-2023.

SCMaglev

The Town Council approved a motion at the work session to send a letter of support regarding State House Bill 106 related to SCMaglev.

Board of Supervisor of Elections Appointments

This item was tabled until the March 13 Council Meeting to work further on obtaining volunteers to serve on the Board of Supervisor of Elections. It was also requested that the Prince George's County Board of Elections be asked if they administer local elections.

STAFF REPORTS (3 minutes each)

Mr. Tinelli presented the Treasurer's Report.

Chief Collington presented the Public Safety Report.

Code Supervisor Rinehart presented the Code Enforcement Report.

Town Clerk and Interim Town Administrator Charnovich presented a report.

Public Works Supervisor Hall presented the Public Works Report.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS (3 minutes each)

Council Member McBryde– Ward 2

Council Member McBryde provided her report.

Council Member Blount – Ward 2

Council Member Blount was not in attendance at the meeting.

Council Member Route – Ward 1

Council Member Route provided her report.

Council Member Brown – Ward 1

Council Member Brown provided her report.

Mayor James

Mayor James provided her report.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Council Member Brown to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Council Member McBryde. The motion passed 4-0. Council Member Blount was provided an excused absence for not being present at the meeting.

