

COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BLADENSBURG
WORK SESSION MINUTES - DRAFT
February 14, 2022 @ 5:30PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor James called the work session to order at 5:30 PM. Those in attendance were Mayor James and Council Members Blount, Brown, McBryde, and Route. Staff members in attendance were Town Treasurer Tinelli, Town Clerk Charnovich, Chief Collington, Officer Rinehart, and Town Administrator McGrory.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council Member Blount made a motion to approve the agenda, which was seconded by Council Member Route. Mayor James asked that the school truancy item be tabled until March. The motion passed 5-0.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were not completed and were moved until the March Council Meeting.

IV. APPEARANCES

- a. Walkable Watershed Grant Opportunity – Michelle Kokolis, Program Manager, Environmental Finance Center, University of Maryland

Michelle Kokolis, Program Manager at the Environmental Finance Center, made a presentation related to a walkable watershed grant opportunity that Bladensburg could participate in.

- b. Maryland State Highway Administration – Route 769-C Temporary Construction Plan

Various members from SHA were in attendance at the meeting to go over the interim sidewalk improvement project for MD 769C (Quincy Street) West of 48th Street to 52nd Avenue.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- a. State of Maryland Bond Bill Recommendation: Bladensburg Municipal Center
 - i. Information Sheet
 - ii. Fact Sheet

Town Administrator McGrory went over the state bond bill process and that our next submission deadline is March 7, 2022. Mr. McGrory stated he would like the Council to take a vote in the Regular Council Meeting to support the process.

- b. Ordinance 01-2022 FY 2022 Budget Amendment – Review

Town Administrator McGrory went over the process for this budget amendment. The second reading of the budget amendment Ordinance would occur at the regular meeting at 7:00 PM.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

a. Employee Bonuses

Town Administrator McGrory explained that there are two separate components to this item: 1. Pandemic bonuses provided to employees who served the Town throughout the pandemic 2. Performance bonuses to 2 employees in the police department who go above and beyond in the course of their duties. Mr. McGrory asked that this item be acted on at the regular meeting at 7:00 PM.

b. Ward I Parking Issues

Council Member Route explained this item by discussing parking issues that have been occurring in Ward I. Resurrection of a previous Parking Committee was discussed. Mayor James stated that she was able to obtain some prior info from the Parking Committee. Chief Collington discussed the idea of a residential parking permit to help with this challenge. Will take an investment once data is collected.

c. Bostwick House Restoration Maryland State Capital Budget Request

Town Administrator McGrory explained the status of the state capital budget request for the Bostwick House. The paperwork has been submitted. Mr. McGrory requested that the Council act at the regular meeting to validate what has already been submitted.

d. School Truancy

Mayor James asked that this item be tabled to the March Council Meeting.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

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