

COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BLADENSBURG

DRAFT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

July 10, 2023 7:00 pm

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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor James called the meeting to order. Those in attendance were Mayor James and Council Members Blount, Brown, McBryde, and Route. Also in attendance were Chief Collington, Code Enforcement Officer Rinehart, Public Works Supervisor Hall, Treasurer Tinelli, Incoming Town Administrator Michelle Bailey-Hedgepeth, and Town Clerk Charnovich.

OPENING PRAYER

Council Member McBryde led the Opening Prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council Member Brown made a motion to approve the agenda seconded by Council Member McBryde. The motion passed 5-0.

APPEARANCES

Swearing In: Michelle Bailey-Hedgepeth, Town Administrator

Mayor James introduced Michelle Bailey-Hedgepeth and swore her in as the Town Administrator.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 8, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes

Council Member McBryde motioned to approve the minutes, which Council Member Blount seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

June 12, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes

Council Member Blount motioned to approve the minutes, which Council Member Brown seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Town Clerk Charnovich received two public comments, but one was received after the deadline. Mr. Charnovich indicated that the comment would be shared with the appropriate department for follow-up. Town Clerk Charnovich read one public record into the record from Town resident Susan McCutchen.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

57th Avenue Road Work Proposals

Town Administrator Bailey-Hedgepeth asked that the Council approve a contract up to \$311,695. Town Administrator Bailey Hedgepeth would review the proposals received with the Town Attorney and enter into a contract with the lowest responsible bidder after consultation with the Town Attorney. A motion was made by Council Member Brown, which Council Member Blount seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Housing and Urban Development Cooperation Agreement with Prince George's County

Town Administrator Bailey-Hedgepeth summarized this item for the Council. A motion was made by Council Member Blount, which Council Member Route seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

CTC proposal related to cell tower reviews

Town Administrator Bailey-Hedgepeth summarized this item. A motion was made by Council Member McBryde, seconded by Council Member Brown, to authorize the Town Administrator to work with the Town Attorney to finalize the contract and the pricing structure with CTC. The motion passed 4-1, with Council Member Route against the motion.

Maryland Municipal League Conference Recap

Council Member Route summarized her experiences at the Summer Maryland Municipal League Conference.

Council Member Brown summarized her experiences at the Summer Maryland Municipal League Conference.

Council Member McBryde summarized her experiences at the Summer Maryland Municipal League Conference.

Council Member Blount summarized her experiences at the Summer Maryland Municipal League Conference.

Mayor James summarized her experiences at the Summer Maryland Municipal League Conference.

August Recess

Council Member Blount motioned to approve the August recess, which Council Member Brown seconded. The September Council Meeting will be held on September 11, 2023. The motion passed 5-0.

STAFF REPORTS (3 minutes each)

- Town Treasurer Tinelli provided his report.
- Chief Collington provided his public safety report.
- Code Enforcement Supervisor Rinehart provided the code enforcement report.
- Town Clerk Charnovich provided the Town Clerk's report.
- Public Works Supervisor Hall provided his report.
- Town Administrator Bailey-Hedgepeth provided her report.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS (3 minutes each)

- Council Member McBryde, Ward 2, provided her report.
- Council Member Blount, Ward 2, provided her report.
- Council Member Route, Ward 1, provided her report.
- Council Member Brown, Ward 1, provided her report.
- Mayor James provided her report.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which Council Member Blount seconded. The motion passed 5-0.