

COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BLADENSBURG
WORK SESSION MINUTES- DRAFT
September 11, 2023 @ 5:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Brown to approve the agenda, which was seconded by Council Member Blount. The motion passed 3-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Council Member Blount to approve the July 10, 2023 Work Session Minutes, which was seconded by Council Member Brown. Mayor James asked that a more specific sentence be inserted that is more detailed for both the HUD Cooperation Agreement and the CTC Proposal that was on the agenda. The motion passed 3-0.

APPEARANCES

Flood Barrier Project Update: Joanna Smith, Prince George's County Department of Public Works

Mayor James introduced Associate Director, Joanna Smith, of the Prince George's County Department of Public Works. Ms. Smith made a presentation related to flooding, and, specifically, a proposed PILOT flood barrier mitigation project and alternative flood barrier options in the Town of Bladensburg in two locations: Quincy Run channel and Edmonston channel.

OLD BUSINESS

Town Legislative Priorities Document 2024

Mayor James asked Town Administrator Bailey-Hedgepeth to present this item. The specific items discussed were as follows: Small Cell Towers, Anacostia River dredging, the Port Towns Call-A-Bus Program, wayfinding signage, organized retail theft related policies, Bostwick House, and a new Municipal Center. Budgetary asks from the State of Maryland government were also

discussed such as funding related to condo and homeowner association board reform and tenant rights related policies.

NEW BUSINESS

Review of Agenda items for Regular Session

Mayor James asked Town Administrator Bailey-Hedgepeth to present this item. Items that were covered were as follows: Request for funding to purchase a fire department vehicle, establishment of a Town Beautification Team Program, establishment of a Special Assignment Team within the police department, purchase of public safety mobile surveillance equipment, a 1-year contract extension with Charles P. Johnson and Associates for on-call engineering services, execution of a contract with High Street Strategies to serve as an Economic Development Consultant, an on-demand contract for grant services with Monarch Butterfly Services, and the legislative priorities.

ADJOURNMENT

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