

**COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BLADENSBURG
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
November 13, 2023, 7:00 pm**

CALL TO ORDER

Council Member Brown called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Council Member Brown asked for a motion to excuse Mayor James from the Council Work Session due to work commitments. Council Member Blount motioned to excuse Mayor James and McBryde seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Those in attendance were Council Members Blount, Brown, and McBryde. Also in attendance were Chief Collington, Code Enforcement Officer Rinehart, Public Works Supervisor Purnell Hall, and Town Administrator Michelle Bailey-Hedgepeth.

OPENING PRAYER

CM McBryde gave the opening prayer

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Those in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council Member Brown asked to amend the agenda to remove the officer swearing from this meeting and have it at the following meeting. A motion was made to approve the agenda by Council Member Blount, which was seconded by Council Member McBryde. The motion passed 3-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October 9, 2023, Town Council Meeting Minutes

A motion was requested by Council Member Brown to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion was made by Council Member McBryde to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Council Member Blount. The motion passed 3-0.

PRESENTATIONS

- i. Swearing in: Officer Joel Pichardo. Moved to the December meeting

- ii. FY25 Community Project Funding, Ethan Sweep, Community Liaison, US Congressman Glen Ivy- MD- 04: Ethan Sweep provided an overview of the various grant programs and answered council questions.

- iii. Update- Annapolis Road Crossing and Pedestrian Safety: Chief Collington provided an overview of efforts regarding pedestrian safety.
- iv. Update- Flood Barrier Project: The Town Administrator provided an update on the County Program and notified the public that the County would send right-of-way agreements letters to affected homeowners in December and that this was the 3rd update on a series of updates on this project.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Two written comments were received via email and read into the record, and one citizen commented in person.

- Renee Harris thanked the Town for posting the Election Board meeting video and mentioned that staff reports must be updated on the Town website.
- Frank Duff thanked the Town for the recent help and asked for assistance regarding the lighting near Autumn Woods.
- Susan McCutchen (who appeared in person) voiced her admiration for the Board of Elections and their efforts and her concern over public safety regarding our town's pedestrians. She also commented on the beauty of the new Town Library.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS

There was no financial business.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Contract Approval 8-2024:** Approval to allow the Town Administrator to execute a contract with William Cawood for Architectural Services for Bostwick House.

The motion was made by Council Member McBryde and seconded by Council Member Blount. The motion passed 3-0.

- B. Contract Approval 9-2024:** Approval to allow the Town Administrator to execute a contract with Modulex, Mid Atlantic, for gateway and town signage in the amount not to exceed \$21,228.22.

The motion was made by Council Member McBryde to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Council Member Blount. The motion passed 3-0.

- C. **Contract Approval 10-2024:** Approval to allow the Town Administrator to enter into an agreement with the State of Maryland Office of Broadband Services for the 2023 Maryland Connected Devices Grant Program.

The motion was made by Council Member McBryde to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Council Member Blount. The motion passed 3-0.

- D. **Resolution 1-2024:** A RESOLUTION authorizing the Town Administrator to apply to Prince George's County Department of Housing and Community Development on behalf of the Town of Bladensburg for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for PY 50 for Infrastructure Projects (ex. Roadway and Sidewalks)

The motion was made by Council Member McBryde to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Council Member Blount. The motion passed 3-0.

- E. **Resolution 2-2024:** A RESOLUTION authorizing the Town Administrator to apply to Chesapeake Bay Trust (CBT) on behalf of the Town of Bladensburg for the Prince George's County Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program is funding for Town Projects.

The motion was made by Council Member McBryde to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Council Member Blount. The motion passed 3-0.

STAFF REPORTS

Treasurer: The Town of Bladensburg is currently in the middle of an audit, and there has been little time, but there will be a preliminary report by the next council meeting in December. There should be a final report at the end of December.

Public Safety: Chief Collington thanked all of our veterans, provided us with an overview of previous events, thanked those involved, and informed us of future events.

Code Enforcement: Officer Reinhart informed us that starting Nov. 20th, the traffic pattern on Quincy St will change to one-way traffic.

Public Works: Purnell thanked all of his staff and provided a brief overview of all the events he and his team assisted with over the past few weeks.

Town Administrator: TA submitted a report in writing and gave a brief report verbally due to time constraints.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member Brown – Ward 1

Council Member Brown did not present a report.

Council Member McBryde – Ward 2

Council Member McBryde did not present a report.

Council Member Blount – Ward 2

Council Member Blount did not present a report.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Council Member Blount, which was seconded by Council Member McBryde. The motion passed 3-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.