

COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BLADENSBURG
DRAFT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 14, 2022 7:00pm

I. 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, Town Treasurer Tinelli, Town Clerk Charnovich, and Town Administrator McGrory.

II. OPENING PRAYER

Mayor James asked Council Member McBryde to say the opening prayer.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All participants joined in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor James asked that Wanda Gorham of the office of Delegate Diana Fennell be added to the Appearances section of the Agenda. A motion was made by Council Member Route to approve the Agenda, which was seconded by Council Member Brown. The motion passed 4-0.

V. APPEARANCES

Wanda Gorham of Delegate Diana Fennell's office was in attendance to provide the Council with an update on state of Maryland issues.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- November 8, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Council Member Route to approve the November 8, 2021 minutes, which was seconded by Council Member Brown. The motion passed 4-0.

- January 10, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Council Member Route, which was seconded by Council Member McBryde to approve the January 10, 2022 minutes. The motion passed 4-0.

A motion was made by Council Member McBryde, which was seconded by Council Member Route to approve the February 14, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Town Clerk Charnovich read 5 public comments into the record.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. State of Maryland Bond Bill Recommendation: Bladensburg Municipal Center
 - i. Fact Sheet

Town Administrator explained what has been done related to the Bond Bill for a new Municipal Center. A motion was made by Council Member Route to ratify the fact sheet that was submitted for the Bond Bill, which was seconded by Council Member McBryde. The motion passed 4-0.

- B. Town Code Project

Town Administrator McGrory presented to the Council where the process is currently at. Mayor James stated that they would plan to dedicate time to the Town Code project and asked Mr. McGrory to poll the Council on what would work best.

IX. FINANCIAL BUSINESS

- A. Budget Matters
 - i. Constant Yield Presentation

Mr. Tinelli gave a presentation related to the FY23 constant tax yield.

- ii. FY23 Budget Session Calendar

Town Administrator McGrory presented a calendar related to the FY23 upcoming budget process. Conflict.

X. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Vehicle Replacement – Purchase approval

A motion was made by Council Member Brown to purchase a new police cruiser replacement vehicle, which was seconded by Council Member Route. The motion passed 4-0.

- B. Memorandum of Understanding between Town of Bladensburg and Aman Memorial Trust (Adaptive Re-Use Plan for Bostwick Property)

Town Administrator McGrory explained the role of the AMAN Trust and the Memorandum of Understanding they have in place with the Town of Bladensburg. It was determined the Town Council would provide feedback on the current MOU with AMAN Trust by the end of the business day on Friday, March 18, 2022.

C. MML Summer Conference and changing June Council Meeting date

Mayor James explained that the June Council Meeting date may be changed due to the Maryland Municipal League Conference, and Mayor James also asked those who want to attend the MML conference to reach out to the Town Administrator or Town Clerk to make arrangements.

D. Women's History Month Recognition

Town Clerk Charnovich read a Proclamation into the record proclaiming the month of March as Women's History Month in the Town of Bladensburg. A motion was made by Council Member Route to approve the Proclamation, which was seconded by Council Member Brown. The motion passed 4-0.

E. Participation in the ShotSpotter Program

Town Administrator McGrory provided an introduction about the ShotSpotter technology. Chief Collington explained that this technology would help the police department better serve the community. Mayor James asked if a RFP was done for this, and Chief Collington explained that this is the only company that has this technology. Council Member Route asked that should this agreement be approved that it be contingent upon a review by legal counsel. A motion was made by Council Member Route, which was seconded by Council Member Brown to approve the ShotSpotter program subscription contingent upon the review of the agreement by the Town Attorney. The motion passed 4-0.

XI. STAFF REPORTS

- A. Public Works; Treasurer; Public Safety; Town Clerk; Town Administrator

Town Staff provided their reports.

XII. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

- A. Council Member Route – Ward I
B. Council Member Brown – Ward I
C. Council Member McBryde – Ward II
D. Council Member Blount – Ward II
E. Mayor James

Mayor James and Council Members provided their reports.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

It was mentioned that the April Council Meeting would include a motion to excuse Council Member Blount from the March 14, 2022 Regular Meeting. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Council Member Route, which was seconded by Council Member McBryde. The motion passed 4-0.

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