

**COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BLADENSBURG
WORK SESSION MINUTES**

March 14, 2022 @ 5:30PM

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. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor James asked that an item be added to include an excused absence for Council Member Blount and to also add the February 14, 2022 Work Session Minutes. A motion was made by Council Member Brown, which was seconded by Council Member Route. The motion passed 4-0.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Council Member Brown to approve the January 10, 2022 Work Session minutes, which was seconded by Council Member McBryde. The motion passed 4-0. A motion was made by Council Member Route to approve the February 14, 2022 Work Session minutes, which was seconded by Council Member McBryde. The motion passed 4-0. A motion was made by Council Member Brown to grant an excused meeting absence for Council Member Blount, which was seconded by Council Member McBryde. The motion passed 4-0.

IV. APPEARANCES

There were no appearances.

V. OLD BUSINESS

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

Town Administrator McGrory went over the process for this and what has been done and submitted to date. The next steps would be to work with the State of Maryland to make sure it stays in the budget. Mayor James asked about some type of survey or listening session to gather input from residents concerning the vision for a future municipal center. Council Member Route also stated that she would like community input in the process as soon as possible. Council Member Route also asked about the possibility of partnering with other entities to share the cost of a new municipal center. Council Member Brown also agreed that she would like to hear from the community as well.

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b. Town Code Project Update

Town Administrator McGrory explained where this was at in the process and provided a recap. Mayor James indicated she would be interested in a separate workshop session on this topic for the benefit of all.

c. Ward I Parking

Council Member Route explained that she wanted to continue the discussion related to the parking concerns in Ward I. Council Member Route indicated that she was in the process of reviewing prior Parking Committee reports and stated that she would like to bring back a Parking Committee. It was discussed to seek out residents who would be willing to sit on a Parking Committee. Council Member Brown indicated that she wanted to reinvigorate the Committee but also to educate the residents of the community concerning what is currently in place. Mayor James recommended that a community survey be considered and also that a professional assessment be done by those with expertise on parking regulations. Mayor James suggested that we would advertise for those who would want to serve on a Parking Committee, along with developing a data gathering plan on parking related issues.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

a. Memorandum of Understanding between Town of Bladensburg and AMAN Memorial Trust (Adaptive Re-use Plan for Bostwick Property)

Town Administrator McGrory explained this item and asked for some preliminary guidance, not action at today's meetings. It was determined the Council would provide any guidance by compiling a list by the close of business on Friday, March 18, 2022.

b. MML Summer Conference and changing June Council Meeting date

Town Administrator McGrory explained that the MML Summer Conference falls during the regularly scheduled Council Meetings on June 13. Town Administrator McGrory recommended that the meeting be moved to earlier in June, if possible, because it is the meeting when the budget is considered for approval. Mayor James asked that we take some time to think about a decision on this and place the item on the April Council Meeting Agenda. Town Clerk Charnovich indicated that the preliminary schedule for the summer conference was placed into the packets for their review. Mayor James indicated that the budget determines who all will be able to attend the summer conference. The Council would work with the Town staff on getting registered for the conference and for lodging. Town Administrator McGrory encouraged as many Council Members as possible to attend.

c. Women's History Month Recognition

Town Clerk Charnovich went over the details on the creation of the Proclamation in recognition of Women's History Month. It was determined that the Proclamation be read at the Regular Meeting.

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d. Participation in the ShotSpotter Program

Mayor James asked Chief Collington to go over the components of the ShotSpotter program. Chief Collington read a memo into the record that he provided recommending this program. A representative was in attendance to provide a virtual presentation on the ShotSpotter program. The ShotSpotter program is a technology to learn of, manage, and respond to gunfire when it occurs.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Council Member Brown to adjourn the Work Session, which was seconded by Council Member Route. The motion passed 4-0.

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