

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

April 11, 2022

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Route to approve the agenda, which was seconded by Council Member Blount. The motion passed 4-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made to approve the March 14, 2022 Work Session Minutes by Council Member Brown, which was seconded by Council Member Route. The motion passed 4-0.

A motion was made to approve the November 8, 2021 Work Session Minutes by Council Member Route, which was seconded by Council Member Blount. The motion passed 4-0.

APPEARANCES

There were no appearances.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. State of Maryland Funding Updates: Municipal Center and Bostwick House
 - i. Capital Project Manager

Town Administrator McGrory announced that Council Member McBryde has now joined the meeting by phone.

Town Administrator McGrory gave an update on the status of the new municipal center and Bostwick House Bills at the state level. Mr. McGrory also presented the idea of obtaining the services of a Project Manager for one or both of these large-scale projects.

- b. Town Code Project Update – Next Steps

Town Administrator McGrory made a presentation related the Town Code Update Project and the next steps needed to move forward with it. It was determined that Mayor James and Town Administrator McGrory would connect to create a plan to move forward with the update project.

NEW BUSINESS

Fiscal Year 2022 Merit Increases (retroactive)

Town Administrator McGrory stated that eligible employees would be receiving retroactive merit pay increases for FY22.

MML Summer Conference and changing June Council Meeting date (to June 6)

Mayor James indicated that the MML Summer Conference falls during the normal meetings date of June 13, and a proposal would be voted on to move the meeting to June 6 at the Regular Council Meeting.

Local Government Insurance Trust – Board of Trustees Ballot

Mayor James explained that the Council received the LGIT Board of Trustees Ballot. Four individuals are on the ballot. The item is on the Regular Council Meeting for a vote.

Mental Health Awareness Day

Council Member Route presented the details of this event for 2022. The event would provide mental health services, have activities, and educate the public on the importance of mental health. Community partners would be present at the event. Discussion took place on how mental health first aid training would work both in the community and for Town staff.

Port Towns Transportation Service

Council Member Blount asked Town Administrator McGrory to explain this item. Mr. McGrory discussed the impact of the Port Towns Transportation Service on the Town budget. Discussion took place regarding the purchase of a used bus that would replace an older bus that has high maintenance costs. Mr. McGrory indicated that two jurisdictions participate in this program: Colmar Manor and Bladensburg. Additionally, the idea of utilizing Uber or Lyft was discussed with a discount code. The item is also on the Council Regular Meeting agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the work session by Council Member Blount, which was seconded by Council Member Route. The motion passed 5-0.