

**COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BLADENSBURG
DRAFT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
May 8, 2023 7:00pm**

**Public Access Virtual via live stream on the Town's Facebook and YouTube pages
This meeting was held entirely virtual (Zoom)**

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, Code Enforcement Officer Rinehart, Treasurer Tinelli, and Town Clerk Charnovich.

OPENING PRAYER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor James asked Council Member Route to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Brown to approve the agenda, which was seconded by Council Member McBryde. The motion passed 5-0.

APPEARANCES

There were no appearances.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There were no Minutes up for approval.

CONSTANT YIELD HEARING

A motion was made by Council Member Blount to recess the Council Meeting to enter the Constant Yield Tax Hearing, which was seconded by Council Member Route. The motion passed 5-0.

Recess for Constant Yield Public Hearing

Town Clerk Charnovich read the constant yield tax advertisement into the record that was advertised in the Prince George's Post newspaper.

**Public Comments limited to Constant Yield Rate for three minutes each speaker.
Comments can be submitted to Clerk@BladensburgMD.gov**

Town Clerk Charnovich indicated that no public comments were received related to the constant yield.

Close Constant Yield Hearing

A motion was made by Council Member Blount to close the constant yield hearing which was seconded by Council Member McBryde. The motion passed 5-0.

Reconvene Regular Council Meeting

A motion was made by Council Member Blount to reconvene the regular council meeting, which was seconded by Council Member Route. The motion passed 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Town Clerk Charnovich indicated he received no public comments to be read into the record.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Town Administrator Search

Mayor James provided an update on the nationwide search for the next Town Administrator. Mayor James indicated that the Town secured the services of a consultant to help manage the search process.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS

Ordinance 6-2023: To Adopt Budget and Set Real Property Tax: First Reading

Town Clerk Charnovich read the first reading of the FY24 budget adoption Ordinance.

Public Works Equipment Purchase

Public Works Supervisor Hall presented this item related to the purchase of a thermoplastic crosswalk painting machine. Mr. Hall indicated he obtained 3 quotes that he presented. A motion was made by Council Member Brown to purchase the Sherwin Williams Promont 300 Thermo-Laser painter piece of equipment at a cost of \$22,520, which was seconded by Council Member Blount. The motion passed 4-1 with Council Member Route against the motion.

PILOT Flood Barrier Project

Mayor James provided an overview of this proposed project. A motion was made by Council Member Blount to approve the Town of Bladensburg's participation in the Prince George's

County PILOT Flood Barrier Project to include allocating funding in the FY24 budget in the amount of \$500,000 from ARPA funding. The motion was seconded by Council Member Route. The motion passed 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

LGIT Board of Trustees

Mayor James asked Town Clerk Charnovich to present this item. He indicated that 2 candidates were up for the Board. Town Treasurer Tinelli explained that the Town of Bladensburg had a vote as a member of the Local Government Investment Trust. It was determined that this item would be tabled until the June 2023 Council Meeting.

STAFF REPORTS (3 minutes each)

Treasurer; Public Safety & Code Enforcement; Town Clerk & Interim Town Administrator; Public Works

Town Treasurer Tinelli presented his report.

Chief Collington presented his report.

Code Enforcement Supervisor Rinehart presented his report.

Town Clerk and Interim Town Administrator Charnovich presented his report.

Public Works Supervisor Hall presented his report.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS (3 minutes each)

Council Member Brown – Ward 1

Council Member Brown presented her report.

Council Member McBryde – Ward 2

Council Member McBryde presented her report.

Council Member Blount – Ward 2

Council Member Blount presented her report.

Council Member Route – Ward 1

Council Member Route presented her report.

Mayor James

Mayor James presented her report.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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