

COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BLADENSBURG
DRAFT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
May 9, 2022 7:00pm

I. 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 Marketing Specialist Jefferies, and Town Clerk Charnovich.

II. OPENING PRAYER

Council Member McBryde gave the opening prayer.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor James asked Ray Jefferies, Town Marketing Specialist, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor James asked that a Proclamation for National Police Week be added to the Agenda. Council Member Route asked for the Mental Health Awareness Day Event to be added to the 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.

V. APPEARANCES

There were no appearances at the meeting.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND CLOSED SESSION NOTICE

Mayor James announced two closed sessions that were held on April 13, 2022 and May 5, 2022.

VII. CONSTANT YIELD HEARING

i. Recess for Constant Yield Public Hearing

A motion was made by Council Member Blount to recess the meeting to go into the Constant Yield Public Hearing, which was seconded by Council Member Route. The motion passed 5-0. Town Clerk Charnovich read the

ii. Public Comments limited to Constant Yield Rate for three minutes each speaker

No public comments were submitted in advance of the meeting, and no public comments were provided during the meeting itself.

iii. Close Constant Yield Hearing

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

iii. Reconvene Regular Council Meeting

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were received in advance of the meeting.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Road Improvement Projects for FY22

A motion was made by Council Member Route to approve the contract from Pronto Paving to complete work on the Decatur Street cul de sac, which was seconded by Council Member Brown. The motion passed 5-0.

B. LA Perez Consulting

Mayor James called for a motion to approve 2022 February, March, and April invoices from LA Perez Consulting totaling \$9,000 (\$3,000 per invoice). This authorization clarifies an administrative oversight concerning the duration of the contract. The Town of Bladensburg has contracted with LA Perez Consulting to perform lobbying services in connection with the annual legislative session by the State of Maryland Government. A motion was made by Council Member Brown, which was seconded by Council Member Route. The motion passed 5-0.

C. Mental Health Awareness Event Update

Council Member Route provided an update concerning the planning for the Event. A discussion was held concerning changing the location for this year's event due to the weather forecast.

D. Police Week Proclamation

Mayor James asked Town Clerk Charnovich to read the Police Week Proclamation into the record. A motion was made by Council Member Blount to adopt the proclamation, which was seconded by Council Member Brown. The motion passed 5-0.

X. FINANCIAL BUSINESS

A. Ordinance 02-2022: To Adopt Budget and Set Real Property Tax: First Reading

Town Clerk Charnovich read the first reading of the FY23 budget into the record.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Fireworks Proposal(s) for 2022 July 4th Event

A motion was made by Council Member Blount, which was seconded by Council Member McBryde to approve entering into a contract with Fantastic Fireworks for the July 1, 2022 Event. The motion passed 5-0.

B. Seton Summerfest Sponsorship

A motion was made by Council Member Brown for the Scarlet Sponsorship at an amount of \$1,500, which was seconded by Council Member Route. The motion passed 5-0.

C. End Time Ministries Scholarship

A motion was made by Council Member Brown to provide a scholarship in the amount of \$750.00 per student, for 7 total graduates, which was seconded by Council Member Route. The scholarship amount is to be payable to the institution. The motion passed 5-0.

XII. STAFF REPORTS (3 minutes each)

Treasurer; Public Safety; Town Clerk; Public Works

Town Clerk Charnovich provided a report.

Town Marketing Specialist Jefferies provided an update on the July 1st Fireworks Event planning.

Chief Collington provided a public safety report.

Town Treasurer Tinelli provided a report.

XIII. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS (3 minutes each)

Council Member McBryde – Ward II

Council Member McBryde provided a report.

Council Member Blount – Ward II

Council Member Blount did not provide a report.

Council Member Route – Ward I

Council Member Route provided a report.

Council Member Brown – Ward I

Council Member Brown provided a report.

Mayor James

Mayor James provided a report.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

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

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