

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

June 6, 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, and Town Clerk Charnovich.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Council Member McBryde to approve the May 9, 2022 work session minutes, which was seconded by Council Member Blount. Mayor James asked if the language on the LEOPS decision would be appended to these minutes. The motion passed 5-0.

A motion was made by Council Member Route to approve the May 5, 2022 Budget Work Session Minutes, which was seconded by Council Member Blount. The motion passed 5-0.

A motion was made by Council Member Route to approve the May 31, 2022 Budget Work Session Minutes, which was seconded by Council Member Brown. The motion passed 5-0.

APPEARANCES

There were no appearances.

OLD BUSINESS

Dump truck purchase for Public Works Department

Mr. Charnovich explained that a new bid was received for a dump truck for the public works department that is a piggyback on a contract. Mr. Charnovich asked for this item to be acted on at the Regular Meeting tonight. Mr. Tinelli explained where the funds will come from out of the public works capital budget. Mr. Tinelli also explained that the purchase of the light duty dump truck will come from a Sourcewell national contract. It was discussed what would be done with the old dump truck that would be replaced. Mr. Tinelli and Mr. Charnovich stated they would look into what would be done with the old dump truck.

Decatur Street cul-de-sac update

Mr. Charnovich explained that this project has been completed. Mr. Tinelli shared his screen and showed some before and after photos from Mr. Hall's report of the cul-de-sac pavement project.

57th Avenue Paving Project

Mr. Charnovich explained his viewpoint with respect to the planning for this project and that he would be working with the Town Engineer and Mr. Hall to move this project forward. Mr. Charnovich stated he was hoping proposals could be before the Town Council at the regular July 11, 2022 Meeting. It was discussed that coordination would take place with bus services about the project so planning can be done for the work. It was asked that the Maryland Municipal League be looked into as a resource for finding contractors to bid on the project.

Quincy Street State Highway Administration (SHA) Project Update

Mayor James provided an update on this proposed project, including the proposed temporary walkway. Mayor James indicated that SHA wanted a clear understanding from the Bladensburg community if a temporary walkway was desired. Mayor James indicated we were awaiting feedback on a survey to be provided to the community. The traffic division for the Police Department would be checking in with the businesses in the area and letting them know what proposed changes would be happening.

NEW BUSINESS

Bladensburg 280th Anniversary Celebration

This item was tabled to a future meeting.

Summer Youth Passport Program

Council Member Route explained a program that Prince George's County reached out to Bladensburg about. The program is a way to engage youth in the community. It was suggested that the Bostwick House be an option to for this program to help engage the youth to have a tour and do a small project on the property. It was determined that Council Member Route would let the County know that a program would happen at the Bostwick House with final details to be determined.

Conversion from Rackspace to Microsoft Email System

Mr. Charnovich indicated that this is something he is working on with the Town IT contractor to move this conversion forward. The hope is to have the conversion done by the end of this fiscal year.

Waste Collection Services Contract

Mr. Charnovich explained that the current refuse hauler has sent the Town a letter indicating that it would be increasing the rate per household. Mr. Tinelli outlined that the Town would be paying an estimated \$9,000 per month until a longer-term contract is established. Mr. Tinelli outlined that the increasing cost of diesel and tipping fees at the dump has significantly increased. It was discussed that a RFI should be considered to find out what neighboring municipalities are paying for refuse service. The idea of changing to once per week collection was discussed as a cost cutting measure.

FY23 budget discussion

Treasurer Tinelli presented a memo that described the changes that have been made to the proposed budget since the last budget session that was held on May 31, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

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

