

COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BLADENSBURG
DRAFT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
July 11, 2022 7:00pm

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, Code Supervisor Rinehart, and Town Clerk Charnovich.

OPENING PRAYER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Town Treasurer Tinelli led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPEARANCES

Police Department Swearing In: Major Cedric Dickerson

This item needed to be tabled to the September Council meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 11, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Council Member Blount to approve the April 11 Minutes, which was seconded by Council Member Brown. The motion passed 5-0.

June 6, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Council Member Route to approve the June 6 Regular Meeting Minutes, which was seconded by Council Member McBryde. The motion passed 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Town Clerk Charnovich read a public comment into the record from Town resident, Steve Weitz.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Quincy Street MDOT SHA Project Update

Mayor James asked Acting Town Administrator Charnovich to provide a project update on this topic, including MDOT's attendance at the work session that was held at 5:30 PM. Mr. Charnovich provided a summary of the discussion that occurred at the work session.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS

ARPA Funding Update

Town Treasurer Tinelli provided an update on ARPA spending to date, including recapping FY22 allocations.

Town Treasurer Tinelli indicated that the FY23 budget was set at \$281,000 for community assistance. Mayor James and the Council discussed various ARPA spending categories related to direct community assistance. A motion was made by Council Member Blount, which was seconded by Council Member Route, to approve the following budgetary framework for FY23:

\$40,000: Trauma Kits for Bladensburg Schools
\$20,000: Food Assistance
\$21,000: Utility Assistance
\$50,000: Business Assistance
\$50,000: Mortgage Assistance
\$100,000: Rental Assistance

The motion was approved 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Bostwick House Project Management RFP

A motion was made by Council Member Blount, which was seconded by Council Member McBryde, to authorize the Town Administration to go to RFP for a Project Manager to help with historic preservation projects at the Bostwick House. The motion passed 5-0.

Resolution concerning installing of speed cameras on State of Maryland roadways

Acting Town Administrator Charnovich stated that this Agenda items should have stated Emergency Ordinance concerning installing speed cameras on State of Maryland roadways. Mr. Charnovich read Ordinance 3-2022 into the record, and he stated that the Town Attorney

drafted and provided the Emergency Ordinance. A motion was made by Council Member Route, which was seconded by Council Member Blount to approve the Emergency Ordinance. The motion passed 5-0.

MML Recap

Mayor James asked if the MML Recap could be rolled into the staff and elected official reports. This was amenable to all.

August Recess

A motion was made by Council Member Blount, which was seconded by Council Member Route, to go into August recess, and there will be no Regular Meeting of the Council during August. The motion passed 5-0.

STAFF REPORTS (3 minutes each)

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

Town Treasurer Tinelli provided his report. Chief Collington provided the public safety and code enforcement report. Code Supervisor Rinehart provided a code enforcement report. Town Clerk Charnovich presented the Town Clerk report and Acting Town Administrator report.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS (3 minutes each)

Council Member Route – Ward I

Council Member Route provided her report and indicated it would be posted onto the Town website.

Council Member Brown – Ward I

Council Member Brown provided her report.

Council Member McBryde – Ward II

Council Member McBryde provided her report.

Council Member Blount – Ward II

Council Member Blount provided her report.

Mayor James

Mayor James provided her report and indicated it would be posted on the Town website.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

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

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