

**TOWN OF BLADENSBURG  
WORKSESSION MINUTES  
January 10, 2011 5:30p.m.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor James called the meeting to order with Council Members George, Mendoza and Watson present. Council Member Ficklin was excused.

**III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Bladensburg Elementary School Request for Grant Funding:** Bernadine Reid, Reading Specialist, reported that the Town Grant of \$1000 will be used for an upcoming Reading Fair, the date yet to be announced. By consensus, Mayor and Council approved the disbursement of funds.

**Green Street/Peace Cross: Informational:** Town Administrator Moss gave an update on the project, including upcoming decisions that the Council will need to consider, including another "Green Street" complementary project on 48<sup>th</sup> and Quincy Street. In conjunction with this, the University of Maryland studio project for the Market Square Redevelopment will be scheduled as a presentation in the near future.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

**FY 12 Proposed Budget Discussion:** Points included the following:

**Elimination/Reduction of Council Projects Funding:** The Council continued discussion on policies set forth including requiring funding only to non-profits and funding for senior events in a fair way to include all Town seniors;

**Reduction of Travel Funding:** This line item will be discussed during the budget process, to consider Mayor and Council limited to one or two travel events per year and/or cost sharing;

**PTCDC Funding:** Council expressed concerns over the shared costs of the PTCDC among the Port Towns, PTCDC use of Town facilities and utilities, and deliverables from the PTCDC to the Town.

**Senior Events Funding:** see above.

**Purchase of Three Radios for Code:** Town Administrator Moss reported on communications issues, where Code Enforcement Officers needed to be in touch with Police and the new system does not allow for this without the proper radio equipment issued to them. Council Member Mendoza moved to approve the purchase of three new radios for the Code Enforcement Officers; Council Member

George seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Monthly Town Clean-ups:** Council Member George suggested that the Town put on monthly all Town cleanups on the third Saturday of each month, in tandem with bulk trash. Mayor and Council volunteered to spearhead these events and to get the clean ups “up and running” by March. Clarification: Public Works does not normally work on the third Saturdays. Bulk Trash pickup is done by the trash contractors.

- V. **CLARIFICATION OF STAFF REPORTS:** In response to a Council inquiry about towing services, The Town is currently looking into a new towing company. Code Enforcement is also working to ensure that all towing contractors doing business in Town have a Town Business License.
- VII. **ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further Worksession business, at 6:45 p.m., Council Member Mendoza moved to adjourn; Council Member Watson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.


Respectfully submitted,

  
Patricia A. McAuley, Town Clerk

**TOWN OF BLADENSBURG  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
January 10, 2011 7:00 p.m.**

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor James called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with Council Members George, Mendoza and Watson present. Council Member Ficklin was excused.
- II. OPENING PRAYER:** Council Member George gave the opening prayer.
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The December 2010 Council Meeting Minutes were approved as presented.
- VII. MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS:** Mayor and Council gave reports of the previous month's activities, meetings and other updates.
- VIII. STAFF REPORTS:** Staff gave updates of the previous month's activities by Department. Copies of all reports are available in the Town Clerk's office.
  - Public Works**
  - Public Safety**
  - Code Enforcement**
  - Finance**
  - Town Administrator**
- IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** There was no unfinished business.
- X. NEW BUSINESS:** There was no new business.
- XI. PUBLIC COMMENT:** Mayor James opened up for comments from the audience.
- XII. ADJOURNMENT:** At 8: 15 p.m., it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Patricia A. McAuley, Town Clerk

**TOWN OF BLADENSBURG  
WORKSESSION MINUTES  
February 14, 2011 5:30p.m.**

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor James called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m., with Council Members Ficklin, George and Watson present. Council Member Mendoza was excused.
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Council Member Ficklin moved to approve the January Worksession minutes as presented. Council Member George seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Undaunted Taskforce Letter and ATHA Plan for Battle of Bladensburg Bicentennial:** Ms. McAuley and Odette Ramos, ATHA consultant, gave an overview of the draft plan. Mayor and Council will review document to incorporate wording that ensures communication and concurrence on major decisions and contracts from Bladensburg, Colmar Manor and Cottage City.

**Mr. Harrington's Consultant Proposal:** This will be discussed at a closed session.

**Vacation of Property: Bates:** Tabled awaiting further documentation from Bates.

**Green Initiative Legislation before General Assembly:** Mr. Moss gave a brief overview of the legislation. There are similar bills in both Senate and House of Delegates. He asked that any comments be forwarded him by the following Monday at 5 p.m.

**Employee Health Insurance:** The Management Team has been working on cost saving options for health insurance while still maintaining the quality of coverage currently available to employees. It has been determined that an alternative HSA plan through our current broker will be made available to staff. This plan will save the Town money on premiums and may be phased in as coverage for all employees at next year's renewal time.

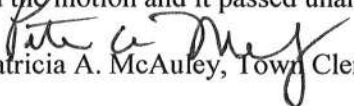
**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

**PGCMA Update: Council Member Watson:** Michael Hermann has been named Executive Director of PGCMA. The organization will be focusing on getting more municipalities involved.

**First Tier Suburbs: Council Member Watson:** Ms. Watson is Vice Chair of this NLC committee. The group is focusing on code and zoning.

**Schedule for Market Square Studio Presentation:** The group agreed on March 1 at 6:00 p.m. for this presentation.

- V. ADJOURNMENT:** At 6:45 p.m., Council Member George moved to adjourn; Council Member Watson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  Patricia A. McAuley, Town Clerk

**TOWN OF BLADENSBURG  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
February 14, 2011 7:00 p.m.**

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor James called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with Council Members Ficklin and George present. Council Members Mendoza and Watson were excused.
- II. OPENING PRAYER:** Council Member Ficklin gave the opening prayer.
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was recited.
- IV. RECOGNITION OF "TOYS FOR TOTS" PARTICIPANTS:** Dawn Stem, Program Director for Toys for Tots, Prince George's County, was recognized for her outstanding outreach efforts to get toys to the Bladensburg children in need, who might not have any presents without the program.
- V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Council Member George moved to approve the January Council Meeting minutes as printed; Council Member Ficklin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- VI. MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS:**  
Council Member Ficklin spoke about his trip to Africa and how it gave him a renewed appreciation of the services we expect as citizens here.  
Council Member George talked about the tragedy in Tucson and how elected leaders need to turn the bad to good by making neighborhoods clean and safe.  
Mayor James gave kudos to employees who put an extraordinary effort in helping the residents of Emerson House in the wake of the recent fire and power outage.
- VII. STAFF REPORTS:** Staff gave updates on the previous month's activities by Department. Copies of reports are in the Town Clerk's office.  
**Public Works**  
**Public Safety**  
**Code Enforcement**  
**Finance**  
**Town Clerk**  
**Town Administrator**
- VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**  
**Ordinance 2-2011: Budget Amendment for Radio Upgrades:** Following the reading by the Town Clerk, Council Member George moved to approve Ordinance 2-2011; Council Member Ficklin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- IX. NEW BUSINESS:** There was no new business.
- X. PUBLIC COMMENT:** The Mayor entertained comments from the audience.
- XI. ADJOURNMENT:** At 7:55 p.m., there being no further business, Council Member Ficklin moved to adjourn; Council Member George seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Patricia A. McAuley, Town Clerk

**TOWN OF BLADENSBURG  
WORKSESSION MINUTES  
March 14, 2011 5:30p.m.**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor James called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with Council Members Ficklin, George, Mendoza and Watson present.
- II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Council Member Ficklin moved to approve the February Worksession minutes as presented; Council Member Mendoza seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- III. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Community Health Partnership Initiative:** Council Members Ficklin and Mendoza have been participating as the Town representatives in the initiative and reported on the project. The participants have agreed that all programs should have measured outcomes and must work from a Port Towns community demographic baseline. They are awaiting grant funding approval for programming.

**Port Towns CDC:** There have been some concerns about the expectations and receivables from the PTCDC to the Town, so Council concurred that the Mayor will ask for a meeting of the Port Towns Mayors to collaborate to determine a consensus of issues, concerns, and/or recommendations that will be brought to the PTCDC Executive Board. All Council concerns should be given to the Mayor and Town Administrator by the close of business, Monday, March 21.

**FMLA (Family Medical Leave Act) as it Apply to Town:** Town Administrator Moss distributed a paper outlining updates to the FMLA and explained how they could impact Town staff. Critical information included the timeline(s) as required by law. Town Attorney Colaresi has given legal opinion on the Town's compliance and how this codification takes the Town out of the process of what could be construed as subjective decisions.

**Eco-Environmental Park Concept & Legislation:** Mr. Moss reported on an interest in locating such a project in the Port Towns, possibly the Bladensburg industrial area. There is potential funding for a research project that would focus on real business inventory, waste output, and vacancies. More information will follow.

**Bates Vacation (paper road):** Required paperwork that was not available at the February Worksession has been received by counsel for Bates. Council Ficklin moved that the Town has no issues with vacating Windom

Place (paper road) so that Bates trucking will have an easement on said property with a covenant that there shall be no improvements other than landscaping. Council Member Mendoza seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

**Budget Hearing for County Recreation & Community Centers:** Mayor and Council concurred that Officer Allison Dugas will represent the Town and testify at the hearing.

**Pastoral Lay Proclamation:** It was agreed that information for the document will be forwarded to the Town Clerk in the next day or two so she can draft the proclamation.

**V. CLARIFICATION OF STAFF REPORTS:** Town Clerk McAuley gave an update on the 57<sup>th</sup> Avenue Pedestrian Lighting project. Treasurer Jackson gave an explanation on the Mayor & Council discretionary fund and travel spreadsheet that was in his report. The Mayor's travel budget was eliminated to incorporate the funds into training for the Harvard leadership program he will attend this spring.

**VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Council Member Mendoza announced upcoming Cinco de Mayo on April 30<sup>th</sup>.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further worksession business, at 6:45 p.m., Council Member George moved to adjourn; Council Member Mendoza seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Patricia A. McAuley, Town Clerk

**TOWN OF BLADENSBURG  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
March 14, 2011 7:00 p.m.**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor James called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with Council Members Ficklin, George, Mendoza and Watson present.
- II. **OPENING PRAYER:** Council Member George gave the opening prayer.
- III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- IV. **CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION:** Mayor James presented Dorothy Benjamin and Grace Turner with Certificates for their community spirit and their involvement with the seniors in Bladensburg. The Council then gave accolades appropriate to each lady's accomplishments.
- V. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Council Member George moved to approve the February Council Meeting minutes as presented; Council Member Ficklin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- VI. **MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS:**

**Council Member George** spoke about the perception of a clean Town is important to make people feel safe and to instill community pride. He announced his cleanup days that will be the third Saturday of each month, April-October.

**Council Member Mendoza** talked about the very successful Black History Month Celebration at the BCC. He thanked all who participated.

**Council Member Watson** gave congratulations to the senior citizens who received a GED through the support of Seton High School. She announced that scholarship applications for Prince George's Elected Women.

**Council Member Ficklin** gave an overview of the PT Community Health Initiative in partnership with Kaiser Permanente. He is involved as a member of this taskforce.

**Mayor James** congratulated the senior graduates. He thanked all for the Black History Month event, talked about the upcoming Town Budget process, and announced the efforts coming forth for the War of 1812/Battle of Bladensburg commemoration.
- VII. **STAFF REPORTS:** Staff gave last month's update by Department. Copies of the reports are available in the Town Office.
  - Public Works**
  - Public Safety**
  - Code Enforcement**
  - Finance**
  - Town Clerk**
  - Town Administrator**
- VIII. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** There was no unfinished business.
- IX. **NEW BUSINESS:** There was no new business.
- X. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Mr. King, Bladenwoods, expressed appreciation for the Police Report and suggested that it be put on Channel 71.



XI. **ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, at 8:15 p.m., Council Member George moved to adjourn; Council Member Mendoza seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Patricia A. McAuley, Town Clerk

**TOWN OF BLADENSBURG  
WORKSESSION MINUTES  
April 11, 2011 5:30p.m.**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor James called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with Council Members Ficklin, George, Mendoza and Watson present.
- II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Council Member Mendoza moved to approve the March Worksession minutes as presented; Council Member George seconded the motion and it passed unanimously
- III. **NLC/TECH/MICROSOFT STATE GOV'T AFFAIRS:** Guest Presenter Anne Gavin gave a presentation on Microsoft cloud service and its potential benefits to the Town's IT system by use of the internet. Council Member George moved to have the leadership team to meet with these Microsoft representatives and see if it is feasible to move forward; Council Member Watson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- IV. **BUDGET PRESENTATION:** Mr. Moss & Mr. Jackson gave a power point presentation of the proposed FY 2012 budget for the Council's review and input. The leadership team is suggesting some change in the way the Town grants funds to non profits/senior facility events.
- V. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Approval of Contracts for 57<sup>th</sup> Avenue:** Town Clerk McAuley reported that the Town has two contracts to complete this project: concrete footing and foundation, VMP (\$20,900) and electrical, G-11 Enterprise (\$33,500).. Because the contracts exceed \$10,000, Mayor and Council approval is required by Town statute. Council Member George moved to approve the contracts as presented; Council Member Mendoza seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Green Street-Green Jobs Honor for Port Towns:** Mr. Moss updated the Mayor and Council on an upcoming EPA event that will honor our community. A plaque, with the Port Towns' Mayors' signatures will be presented at that time thanking the agency for the opportunities we were given.

**Budget Amendments for Police Vehicles & Curb Painter:** Mayor and Council concurred that funding would come out of the general fund and will be voted on as an emergency ordinance at the Town Council Meeting that follows.

**Discussion of Branding/Business Cards:** Mr. Moss asked if the Council had made a decision on a choice of a new business card design that incorporates our website branding. Council preferred choices 1 and 5 and asked for a sample to be printed. The Mayor suggested that staff get costs for doing cards in Braille.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

**Community Networking Meeting:** CM Ficklin would like these meetings to be reinstated and he will work with the Town Administrator to plan upcoming events.

**VII. CLARIFICATION OF STAFF REPORTS:** Due to time limits, it was requested that clarifications be sent directly to staff at a later date.

**VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Announcements will be made after the Council Meeting

**IX. ADJOURNMENT:** At 7:00 p.m., Council Member George moved to adjourn; Council Member Mendoza seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  Pat McAuley, Town Clerk

**TOWN OF BLADENSBURG  
COUNCIL MEETING  
APRIL 11, 2011 7:00 p.m.**


- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor James called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., with Council Members Ficklin, George, Mendoza and Watson present. Council Member Watson left the meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- II. **OPENING PRAYER:** Council Member Fickin gave the opening prayer.
- III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was recited.
- IV. **CERTIFICATE OF CONGRATULATIONS: Jamal Saunders, State Wrestling Champion, BHS:** The Mayor presented Mr. Saunders with the award and Council Members offered words of congratulations to this outstanding young athlete. Mr. Saunders then gave thanks to his family and his faith for his opportunities to excel.
- V. **EMERSON HOUSE RESIDENTS Recognize Town Officials and Staff:** Residents and EH staff presented the Town leadership with an award thanking all who helped in the fire/power outage that required temporary displacement of a number of residents.
- VII. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Council Member Mendoza moved to approve the March Council Meeting minutes as presented; Council Member George seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- VIII. **MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS:**  
**Council Member Ficklin** encouraged people to get involved in leadership and politics;  
**Council Member George** spoke about the recent tragedies in the community;  
**Council Member Mendoza** thanked all who helped with the cleanup;  
**Mayor James** reminded that we all have the potential of being victims of crimes, and he talked about his uplifting trip to the C Stem event in Houston, where Bladensburg students were award winning participants.
- IX. **STAFF REPORTS:** Staff gave reports by Departments. Copies are available in the Town Clerk's Office.  
**Public Works**  
**Public Safety**  
**Code Enforcement**  
**Finance**  
**Town Clerk**  
**Town Administrator**
- X. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** There was no unfinished business.
- XI. **NEW BUSINESS**

Ordinance 2-2011: Budget Amendment for Police Vehicles & Curb Painter: After the reading by the Town Clerk, Council Member George moved to approve Ordinance 2-2011; Council Member Ficklin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. A copy of the ordinance is available in the Town Clerk's Office.

**XII. PUBLIC COMMENT:** A resident complained about a particular ice cream truck playing loud music, particularly out of season holiday songs. In answer to an inquiry, Crossroads is still in operation, but since November it has been a catering venue and carryout instead of a nightclub.

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT:** At 8:25 p.m., Council Member Mendoza moved to adjourn; Council Member George seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Patricia A. McAuley, Town Clerk

**TOWN OF BLADENSBURG  
WORKSESSION MINUTES  
May 9, 2011 5:30 p.m.**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor James called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with Council Members Ficklin, George, Mendoza and Watson present.
- II. **UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND PROJECT IN BLADENSBURG:** Dr. Jim Cohen spoke about the Planning studio project being undertaken by students starting in June 2011. This project will do an analysis of opportunities for active living and healthy lifestyles in the Port Towns' community.
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Council Member Mendoza moved to approve the April worksession minutes as presented; Council Member George seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- IV. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Budget Update:** The Town Treasurer has incorporated the first round of Mayor and Council's amendments into the draft budget. He reviewed the requested changes that he as added to the document.

**Green Street: Pedestrian Street Light Issues/Community Theme Requested by SHA:** The Town has requested that the State Highway Administration incorporate pedestrian lighting, street lights, permeable sidewalks and ADA compliance into its Green Street plan. Mayor and Council should forward any thoughts on this to the Town Administrator by this Thursday.

**Town Injured Leave/FSHA Policy:** Changes have been made to the policy to bring it into compliance with Federal Law. The Town Attorney has reviewed the proposed changes and his edits have been incorporated into the document.

V. **NEW BUSINESS**

**Savwatt – Letter of Intent/Lighting Proposal and Partnership:** The Town will send a letter of intent to move forward on pedestrian lighting with Savwatt.

**Amendment to Procurement Policy to Consider Green Aspects in Bids/RFPs:** Considering the Town's recent "green" efforts, the management staff recommends changing the procurement policy to incorporate opportunities for choosing green businesses in selection of contracts. This

proposed amended ordinance will be presented at the Council Meeting to follow.

**Dedicated Tax Revenue Program:** Council Member Ficklin proposed that the Town could raise its real property tax rate  $\frac{1}{2}$  cent per hundred dollars assessment in order to fund a future capital project(s). The Council may consider this at a later date.

- VI. CLARIFICATION OF STAFF REPORTS:** There were no requests for clarifications.
- VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS:** The Pastoral Lay Council is resuming monthly meetings.
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, at 6:45 p.m. Council Member George moved to adjourn; Council Member Mendoza seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Patricia A. McAuley, Town Clerk

**TOWN OF BLADENSBURG  
COUNCIL MEETING  
May 9, 2011 7:00 p.m.**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor James called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with Council Members Ficklin, George, Mendoza and Watson present.
- II. **OPENING PRAYER:** Council Member George gave the opening prayer.
- III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was recited.
- IV. **CONSTANT YIELD HEARING:** Town Treasurer Jackson conducted the Hearing. This is required by State mandates to enable the Town to keep its current real property tax rate, instead of lowering the rate to receive revenues that are a constant yield from the previous fiscal year.
- V. **INTRODUCTION:** The Mayor introduced Ray Smith, National Harbor Chapter of the National Association for the Blind. His group promotes resources for the sight impaired in Prince Georges County.
- VI. **POLICE PROCLAMATION:** Mayor James gave a proclamation declaring the week of May 15<sup>th</sup>, National Police Week, 2011.
- VIII. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Council Member Mendoza moved to approve the minutes of the April Council Meeting and a Mayor and Council Budget Meeting as presented; Council Member Ficklin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- IX. **MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS:**

**Council Member Watson** reported that the Prince George's County Elected Women's Scholarship Fund had 72 excellent applicants. She gave an update on the Pastoral Lay Council.

**Council Member Ficklin** spoke about entrepreneurial networking opportunities. He attended the Emerson House concert and Parkview Easter Dinner. A community networking event is scheduled for June 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m.

**Council Member George** gave an update on the Community Clean-up and the opportunity it gave to get to know people in the community while making our Town look nice.

**Council Member Mendoza** thanked the staff and local businesses for another successful Cinco de Mayo.

**Mayor James** talked about his experiences as "Student for a Day" at Bladensburg High School and his WWII bowling efforts with the Emerson House Team. Later in the meeting, team members presented him with a trophy.
- X. **STAFF REPORTS:** Staff gave reports by Department. Copies are available in the Clerk's Office.
  - Public Works**
  - Public Safety**
  - Code Enforcement**
  - Finance**
  - Town Clerk**
  - Town Administrator**



**XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** There was no Unfinished Business.

**XII. NEW BUSINESS**

**Ordinance 3-2011: First Reading of Proposed FY2012 Budget and Tax Rate:**  
The Town Clerk performed the First Reading.

**Ordinance 4-2011: (Emergency) Amendment to the Purchasing Ordinance:**  
The Town Clerk performed the Reading. Council Member George moved to approve the Ordinance as presented; Council Member Ficklin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Resolution 1-2011: Support for a Local Awardee of a MDDHCD Business Grant Recipient:** Following the reading by the Town Clerk, Council Member Mendoza moved to approve the Resolution; Council Member George seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Savawatt:** As concurred at the Worksession, Council Member Watson moved to send a letter of intent to the company to move forward on pedestrian lights as part of the Green Street streetscape.

**XIII. PUBLIC COMMENT:** The Mayor entertained comments from the audience.

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, at 8:15 p.m., Council Member George moved to adjourn; Council Member Watson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Patricia A. McAuley, Town Clerk

**TOWN OF BLADENSBURG  
WORKSESSION MINUTES  
June 13, 2011 5:30 p.m.**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor James called the meeting to order with Ficklin, George and Watson present. Council Member Mendoza was excused.
- II. **ATHA UPDATE/PRESENTATION:** **Aaron Marcavich, Executive Director** updated all on the changes in management plan that have been incorporated. He also gave an update on the role ATHA is playing in the Battle of Bladensburg Commemoration including a marketing strategy and special events planning. Support from the Port Towns is critical to the success of this promotion of our history.
- III. **“ENVISION”:** **Cheryl Harrington, MNCPPC** gave an overview of this program and the “action agenda” that will be incorporated into this planning process.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Worksession and Budget Meeting:** Council Member Watson moved to approve the minutes of both meetings as presented; Council Member George seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- V. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Budget Update:** Treasurer Jackson reported that all changes to the FY12 budget made by the Mayor and Council have been incorporated into the document. \$25,000 has been added for police radio maintenance.

**Green Street: Green Surfaces Grant:** This grant followed our competitive bid process and the sole applicant was the Anacostia Watershed Society. This \$15,000 award will be divided between the Port Towns by project. Council Member George moved to approve AWS as the contractor for the grant; Council Member Ficklin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Resolution to Amend Personnel Manual:** Council Member George moved to approve the changes to the Personnel Manual as presented to ensure the Town’s compliance with Family Medical Leave, Injured Workers’ and other related Federal mandates; Council Member Ficklin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Recertification of Participation in Prince George’s County’s CDBG Program for the Next Three Federal Fiscal Years:** Council Member Watson moved to approve participation in the program; Council Member

George seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

**LGIT By-Laws Amendment:** Council Member Ficklin moved to approve a Certificate of Agreement to incorporate certain changes into the Local Government Insurance Trust as recommended by its Board of Directors; Council Member George seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

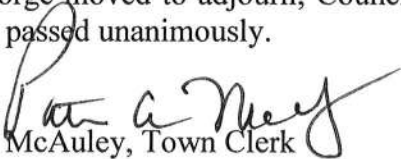
**Proclamations for July 4<sup>th</sup>:** Council Member Watson moved to approve proclamations for those honored; Council Member George seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Clarification: issuance of proclamations is upon Mayor and Council approval.

**VII. CLARIFICATION OF STAFF REPORTS:** It was requested that Council contact individual staff for specific questions.

**VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Council Member Ficklin requested healthy snacks at Town meeting events.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further worksession business, at 6:45 p.m., Council Member George moved to adjourn; Council Member Watson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Pat McAuley, Town Clerk

**TOWN OF BLADENSBURG  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
June 13, 2011 7:00 p.m.**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor James called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with Council Members Ficklin, George and Watson present. Council Member Mendoza was excused.
- II. **OPENING PRAYER:** Council Member George gave the opening prayer.
- III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was recited.
- IV. **RECOGNITION OF THE MEXICAN CONSULATE:** Mr. Gomez thanked the Town officials for all that they do for the Latino community and he was thanked for participating in our special events and his service to his constituents.
- V. **“WHAT THE FLAG MEANS TO ME”:** Students read their essays, were awarded Certificates and had a photo op with the Mayor and Council and Mexican Consulate.
- VI. **APPOINTMENT OF CHARLES OWENS, CHIEF OF POLICE AND OATH OF OFFICE:** Council Member George moved to confirm Charles Owens as Chief of Police; Council Member Watson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- VII. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Council Member George moved to approve the Mayor Council Meeting minutes as presented; Council Member Ficklin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- VIII. **MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS:**

**Council Member Watson** spoke about the Memorial Day Ceremonies and the Prince George’s Elected Women’s Scholarships, one of which went to a Bladensburg Student.

**Council Member Ficklin** attended the Caribbean Festival and asked that the remainder of his discretionary funds be distributed to the following: \$25-Ucap, for homeless females, \$75-Port Towns Youth Council, \$25-Bladensburg High School, \$25-Rogers Heights Elementary School, \$25-Bladensburg Elementary School, \$25-Elizabeth Seton High School. Council approved by consensus. Council Member Ficklin then departed from the meeting.

**Council Member George** spoke about the monthly clean-ups and the opportunity to do something good for the Town while getting to know the residents.

**Mayor James** talked about the Town’s strength in our diversity, the new lights here  
On 57<sup>th</sup> Avenue, the meeting with SHA, and the Attorney General’s event