

**TOWN OF BLADENSBURG
WORKSESSION MINUTES
April 14, 2014 5:30 p.m.**

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor James called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with Council Members Brown, Ficklin, Hall and Mendoza present.
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Council Member Mendoza moved to approve the March 2014 Worksession minutes as presented; Council Member Brown seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- III. TRAFFIC CONCERNS ANNAPOLIS ROAD AT 57TH AVENUE:** **Elizabeth Seton Students** spoke about the traffic backups off the BW Parkway onto Annapolis Road during school openings and closings. They proposed a right turn only in the right lane and explained that costs would be minimal. The Mayor and Council will take this under advisement and would have to involve SHA as this is a State road.
- IV. HABITAT FOR HUMANITY:** Representatives from the organization explained the Neighborhood Works program in hopes of working with the Town to bring it into the community. There will be a “Friend Raiser” on June 6th at the Sports and Learning Center.
- VI. UPDATE FROM PTCDC:** Nancy Meyers, President of the Board, spoke about significant changes to the staff and Board. They are concentrating on the Health Initiative, Eco District Incubator Project and Improvements to the Tanglewood Park along the Anacostia River.
- VII. PROPOSED FY 15 BUDGET PRESENTATION: Town Administrator and Treasurer:** Mr. Moss and Mr. Jackson gave an overall presentation of the proposed budget supported by survey information from Mayor and Council and citizens.
- VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
- Digital Announcements Sign:** Mr. Moss has not received input so this issue is tabled.
- Team Training:** Tabled.
- Bostwick Board: Potential Candidates:** Council Member Brown moved to approve David Harrington, Maria Earley and Yasmin Anderson-Smith; Council Member Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- Financial Accountability Policy:** Council Member Hall moved to approve

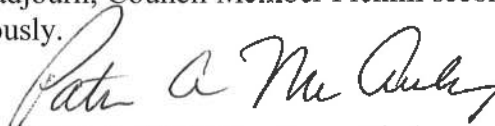
the Policy as presented; Council Member Brown seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

Budget Amendments, Financial Approval Discussion: Mr. Moss gave a review of items that would be brought up at the Council Meeting to follow. These will be under the new financial section of the agenda.

XI. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, at 6:55 Council Member Mendoza moved to adjourn; Council Member Ficklin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,


Patricia A. McAuley, Town Clerk

**TOWN OF BLADENSBURG
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
April 14, 2014 7 p.m.**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor James called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with Council Members Brown, Ficklin, Hall, and Mendoza present.
- II. **OPENING PRAYER:** Council Member Ficklin gave the opening prayer.
- III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was recited.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Council Member Brown moved to approve the minutes of the March Council Meeting; Council Member Ficklin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Council Member Ficklin moved to approve the minutes of the March 5th Special Meeting; Council Member Hall seconded the motion
- V. **MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS**

Council Member Mendoza invited everyone to participate in Cinco de Mayo.
Council Member Brown invited all to participate in the Quarterly Community Forum. The Town will be hosting a Fathers' Day Brunch on June 14th.
Council Member Ficklin attended a Prince George's Chamber of Commerce meeting concerning the Purple Line. He spoke about the "If I Were Mayor" essay contest.
Council Member Hall attended a TNI meeting and the Restaurant event at Bladensburg High School.
Mayor James attended the Taste of TNI event, saw the President at his visit to the High School, participated in Earth Day and spoke about Habitat for Humanity.
- VI. **STAFF REPORTS (deferred)**
- VII. **TOWN FINANCIAL BUSINESS**

Emergency Ordinance 3-2014: Budget Amendment for Cable Equipment, CDBG PY 39R and Etix: Council Member Brown Moved to approve the Ordinance as presented; Council Member Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Announcement of Disbursement to Rogers Heights Elementary School for CSTEM Competition: Mayor James reported that the Mayor and Council approved \$420 toward the cost of Roger's Heights students attending the CSTEM conference in Houston.
- VIII. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Ordinance 2-2014: Amended Chapter 12: Vehicles and Traffic: Following the second reading by the Town Clerk, Council Member Ficklin moved to approve the Ordinance; Council Member Mendoza seconded the motion. Discussion: Citizens requested input into decisions about changing parking. They suggested a tracking system for traffic restrictions implemented. The motion passed unanimously.

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

Discretionary Funds: Council Member Mendoza asked that his remaining \$305 be distributed to Beacon Lights. Council Member Ficklin moved to approve; Council Member Brown seconded the motion and it passed unanimously

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS included:

Thanks were given for the anticipation of purchasing a new leaf machine in next fiscal year and for the snow removal efforts.

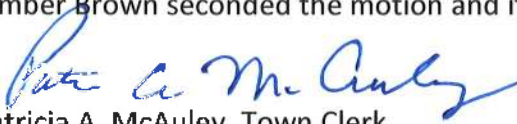
Concern was expressed for the costs for Council Member Ficklin's Dale Carnegie courses.

A question was raised about a new Code Enforcement Director.

A request was made for electronic posting of Town documents such as agendas, minutes, and ordinances.

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