

**TOWN OF BLADENSBURG
COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
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.

XI. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Council Member Hall moved to adjourn; Council Member Brown seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. McAuley, Town Clerk