

**TOWN OF BLADENSBURG  
WORKSESSION MINUTES  
DECEMBER 8, 2014 5:30 p.m.**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor James called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m., with Council Members Ficklin, Hall and Mendoza present. Council Member Brown was excused.
- II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Council Member Mendoza moved to approve the November 2014 Worksession minutes as presented; Council Member Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- III. **SEGWAY PRESENTATION:** Tabled.
- IV. **PEDESTRIAN POLICY: Rev. Addison**
- V. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Parkview Commons Parking Request for Variance:** The Development is required to have 230 spaces by regulation. The developers are asking for a waiver of 60 spaces, leaving a total of 170. There are 100 living units planned. Council Member Mendoza cited a number of parking issues throughout Town and he expressed concern that this would contribute more to the problem. The Mayor suggested that Elizabeth Seton High School may be an after-hours solution for alternative parking. Council Member Ficklin stated that he was open to a waiver of 20 spaces. There has been an engineering study done by Ben Dyer and Associates and the hearing before the Planning Board on this matter is December 11<sup>th</sup>.

The Mayor asked for a waiver on the 60 spaces. Council Member Ficklin moved to support this request for a waiver Council Member Hall seconded the motion. Aye votes: Mayor James, Council Member Hall; Nay votes: Council Member Ficklin and Council Member Mendoza. The motion was defeated for lack of a majority.

Council Member Ficklin moved to support a waiver of 20 spaces while working to develop an MOU with Elizabeth Seton or another viable property to provide alternative parking. Council Member Ficklin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Marion Dumbronski, Friends of Beaver Creek, expressed concerns over Stormwater Management at the development site. The topo demands a comprehensive plan to address these issues.

**Strategic Planning Proposals:** Mr. Moss presented a comparison of proposals

that have been received and asked that follow up questions be directed to him by Friday.

**Committee Policy & Parking Committee:** Staff is considering a number of valuable input from community members and will be forwarding all suggestions for the Mayor and Council's consideration.

**Beyond Nightclub: PG Historic Preservation Commission:** The HPC has requested comments from the Town. Mayor and Council concurred to support the design, green elements and the elevation of the proposed restaurant in relation to nearby historic sites.

**Health and Wellness:** Rev. Addison reviewed the strides that Endtime Harvest Ministries have made in establishing this policy/program in the Port Towns. She asked for continued support for these efforts.

## **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

**Evergreen Cemetery Proposals:** Mr. Hall presented three proposals from landscape companies to complete the "cleanup" of the property taking into consideration that it is a designated Historic Site and must be protected accordingly. Council Member Mendoza moved to approve the proposal from Brickman landscapers; Council Member Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Notice of upcoming events of interest to the community were given.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further Worksession business, at 6:55 p.m. Council Member Mendoza moved to adjourn; Council Member Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. McAuley, Town Clerk.

**TOWN OF BLADENSBURG  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
December 8, 2014 7:00 P.M.**

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

**Council Member Ficklin** attended the Veterans' Day commemoration, the Community Action Committee meeting, an event at Rogers Heights Elementary School, a course in Leadership Training and a Sustainable Maryland Event.

**Council Member Mendoza** attended Veterans' Day and Pearl Harbor commemorations and the Town Yule Log celebration.

**Council Member Hall** continues to volunteer at the After School program at Autumn Woods.

**Mayor James** has his monthly report posted on the Town's website.
- VI. **STAFF REPORTS:** Staff reports are posted on the Town Website and are available in the Town Clerk's Office.
  - Public Works**
  - Public Safety**
  - Code Enforcement**
  - Finance**
  - Town Clerk**
  - Town Administrator**
- VII. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** There was no Unfinished Business.
- VIII. **FINANCIAL BUSINESS**

**Emergency Budget Amendment Ordinance: 8-2014: Employee Evaluation System Consultant Costs:** Council Member Ficklin moved to approve Budget Amendment Ordinance 8-2014 as presented; Council Member Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Council Projects:** Council Member Mendoza requested that \$200 of his allocations go to Beacon Lights. Council Member Ficklin moved to approve; Council Member Mendoza seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Community Initiatives:** Mayor James requested that \$150 of this fund go to hot chocolate for the Community Read program. Council Member Mendoza moved to appropriate the funds; Council Member Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**IX. NEW BUSINESS:** There was no New Business.

**X. PUBLIC COMMENTS** included:

Ms. Rivera complimented the Mayor on his report. She asked for a report from Council Member Brown on conferences she has attended.

Ms. Peck asked for information that the Chief brought to the CAC meeting to be disseminated to the community.

Ms. Cooper expressed concern about cars speeding on Newton Street.

Ms. Melendez volunteered to help with economic development.

Ms. Laney commended Public Works staff for “working around” cars when using the leafers.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, at 8:30 p.m., Council Member Mendoza moved to adjourn; Council Member Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. McAuley, Town Clerk