

**TOWN OF BLADENSBURG
WORKSESSION MINUTES
December 12, 2016 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 Bridgeman was excused.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 11/14/16 Worksession: Council Member Hall moved to approve the minutes as presented; Council Member Mendoza seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council Rules of Procedures: Town Administrator Sandlin based on residents' comments, requests for clarifications and other best practices, amended the document for the Council's review and decision. The changes in the new were summarized, by page, by the Town Administrator. Council Member Mendoza moved to approve the Rules of Procedures as amended; Council Member Ficklin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Role Call Vote: Council Member Hall-Aye; Council Member Mendoza-Aye; Council Member Ficklin-Aye; Mayor James-Aye. The Town Administrator asked the Town Clerk to have Mayor and Council sign the document as approved, prior to distribution.

TNI Transition Team: The County is in the process of turning the TNI taskforce into a community based team. The Mayor will be appointing Bladensburg members that will represent all segments of the community including Sharon Westman, Joe Harris, Edward King, Suzette Burns, Rico Alexander, Jeffery Sweeney, Linda Turner or Bea Tignor and someone from the school system. Council Member Ficklin asked that a member of the faith-based community be included.

Spanish/Hearing Impaired Accommodations: Mr. Rinehart has researched capabilities for Spanish translations running on the Town's government access channel as we broadcast Town Council Meetings. This cable channel is not set up for this thought it may be part of future franchise negotiations. Signing meetings can be an expensive undertaking and will be addressed if there is a specific request to have that service at a specific meeting.

Traffic Group Worksession: Representatives from the firm will be at a meeting on January 19th at 5:30 p.m. to discuss their proposal for a parking study.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

COG Committee Appointments: They are as follows: Regional Forward Coalition – Debi Sandlin, Town Administrator
Human Services and Public Safety – Acting Chief Tracy Stone
Climate Energy and Environment Policy Committee – Mayor James/Lt. Flynn
Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Policy Committee – Council Member Walter Ficklin

Hyattsville MOU: Safe Streets Initiative Grant: This collaborative will enable local law enforcement agencies to hold monthly public meetings for this program. This will be voted on at the televised Council Meeting to follow.

Immigration Letter: Acting Chief Stone recommended following the lead of other local police agencies by preparing a card (letter) to be handed to immigrant community members who need police assistance to ensure them that their legal status will not be challenged as part of interaction with our officers. This program will be put into effect immediately.

County CAD RMS System: Acting Chief Stone informed Council that our current software system is 19 years old and not supported by the County system. Joining the County will be a costly but necessary update in the near future.

Traffic Calming: The Mayor was approached by a citizen requesting speed bumps on her street. In the coming months, the Council will look at various options to slow traffic, including speed cameras.

CLOSED SESSION: Maryland General Provisions Article §3-305(b)(10): Council Member Ficklin moved to adjourn the Worksession and go into Closed Session under the above State Article; Council Member Mendoza seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

- VII. ADJOURNMENT:** Following the reopening of the worksession, 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