

**TOWN OF BLADENSBURG
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
February 9, 2015 7:00 P.M.**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor James called the meeting to order 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 Ficklin moved to approve the January Council Meeting minutes as presented; Council Member Mendoza seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- V. **Presentation to Mrs. Hoffman:** Mayor James gave Mrs. Hoffman and Certificate of Appreciation for all her efforts leading the Patriotic Committee.
- VI. **MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS**

Council Member Mendoza encouraged everyone to attend the Black History Month program.

Council Member Hall reported that the event will take place at the Publick Playhouse and is free.

Council Member Brown reported on her meeting in Wilmington (NLC Black Caucus).

Council Member Ficklin reported that he would not be attending the NLC Congressional Conference.

Mayor James invited everyone to attend the Port Towns' Quarterly Meeting. He encouraged all to fill out the budget survey for FY16.
- VII. **STAFF REPORTS** are available on the Town Website and at the Clerk's Office.
 - Public Works**
 - Public Safety**
 - Code Enforcement**
 - Finance**
 - Town Clerk**
- VIII. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Committee Policy: Council Member Ficklin moved to approve the Committee Policy as presented; Council Member Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Travel Policy: This will be taken up at the March meetings.

Communications Policy: Council Member Brown moved to approve the policy as presented; Council Member Ficklin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

IX. FINANCIAL BUSINESS

MML Conference Requests: Council Member Brown moved to approve Mayor, Council and Ms. Griffin attending the Conference; Council Member Ficklin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Council Projects: Council Member Ficklin moved to approve Council Member Hall's request for \$100 of her budget going to "Keep Prince George's Beautiful; Council Member Mendoza seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

X. NEW BUSINESS: There was no New Business

XI. PUBLIC COMMENTS included:

Concerns about not being able to speak at a meeting prior to a Council action;

Announcement on a workshop on protecting children from sexual abuse;

Announcement of upcoming Community Action Committee.

XII. ADJOURNMENT: At 8:30 p.m., Council Member Mendoza moved to adjourn; Council Member Ficklin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. McAuley, Town Clerk