

**TOWN OF BLADENSBURG
WORKSESSION MINUTES
January 11, 2016 5:30 p.m.**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor James called the meeting to order with Council Members Bridgeman, Ficklin, Hall, and Mendoza present.
- II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Council Member Hall moved to approve the December 2015 Worksession minutes as presented; Council Member Mendoza seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- III. **FY 15 AUDIT: Lindsey and Associates:** Bob Ris, from the audit firm reported a clean opinion. He reviewed the audit, explaining highlights and changes. He explained there are two sets of financial statements due to pension reporting requirements.
- IV. **ATHA UPDATE: Aaron Marcavitch, Director** spoke about bike tourism, safe trails and the new ATHA center that he hopes will get necessary financial support from its members.
- V. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Vote to Approve MOU Bike Trails: Council Member Mendoza moved to approve the MOU between the ATHA municipalities; Council Member Mendoza moved to approve the municipal MOU among the ATHA members; Council Member Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Parking Recommendations: Next Steps: Mayor James suggested that the Community Forum on the 4th Saturday be devoted to Parking Committee's proposed changes to parking regulations. Council Member Mendoza suggested that any proposed changes be first tried as a pilot program before becoming permanent law.

Letter of Support for Dr. Owens: Dr. Owens is applying for a new grant to support a mobile crisis unit for the Empowerment Center, due January 29th. Council Member Ficklin moved to send a letter of support; Council Member Bridgeman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

SHA Letter of Support Maryland 769C: These improvements are for Quincy Street between 48th and 52nd Streets. They will include stormwater management, speed controls, increased visibility, and sidewalks. Council Member Hall moved to send a letter of support and contact State and County Delegates for their support; Council Member Mendoza seconded the motion.

VIII. CLOSED SESSION: Legal Issue: Council Member Ficklin moved to go into closed session to discuss a legal issue; Council Member Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

IX. WORKSESSION REOPENED: At 6:45 p.m., Council Member Ficklin moved to reopen the Worksession; Council Member Mendoza seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

IX. ADJOURNMENT: At 6:50 p.m., Council Member Mendoza moved to adjourn the Worksession; Council Member Bridgeman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. McAuley, Town Clerk