

**TOWN OF BLADENSBURG
WORKSESSION MINUTES
June 8, 2015 5:30 p.m.**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor James called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with Council Members Brown, Ficklin, Hall and Mendoza present.
- II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Council Member Hall moved to approve the May Worksession minutes as presented; Council Member Mendoza seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- III. **Town Administrator John Moss** announced he would be retiring at the end of June. He had kind, inspiring works for the people and progress of the Town. His comments were followed by grateful expressions by Mayor, Council, staff and community.
- IV. **BUILDING A BETTER B'BURG, BLOCK BY BLOCK:** Members of this taskforce gave a presentation on the purpose and goals of this new and growing Town program. They asked for the Council's support and participation.
- V. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Strategic Planning Schedule: Ms. McAuley reported that the Consultants would be kicking off the project on July 7, followed by two days of individual interviews with Mayor, Council and Staff. She will be sending out a time schedule for sign-ups.

Port Towns CDC Funding: The Mayor will ask the President to attend the next meeting to set up guidelines with specific projects and/or activities that this Town funding would go towards. (Ms. Myer, in fact, came to the Council Meeting that followed this Worksession.)

Amendment to the Travel Policy: The Mayor is drafting amendments to the Travel and Fiscal Accountability Policies that he will be forwarding to the Council for its review. This will be on the July 13th Worksession agenda.

Amendments to the Fiscal Accountability Policy: (see above)

VI. **NEW BUSINESS**

Support Letter for Beyond Restaurant: Mayor James relayed that there have been multiple public forums about this project, it is in line with the Town's Sector Map Amendment, it will create jobs, remove blight, encourage economic development, and increase our tax base. He asked the Council to approve a letter of support. Council Member Ficklin moved to have the staff prepare a

letter for the Mayor's signature; Council Member Brown seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Support for Endtime Harvest Ministries Summer Employment Program:

The original agreement was made with the understanding that there was funding available through outside sources to hire ten students. This funding has not materialized therefore, staff will check with Ms. Duncan to see how many student hires the Town already has in place and the Town will hire a total of ten students from both sources.

Farmers' Market Request: The Market opens in July and the Town will provide a few of its larger tote for the site. We will evaluate how much trash is generated and possibly put a small dumpster there if it is deemed necessary.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Notice of events of interest was given.

IV. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, at 6:45 p.m., Council Mendoza moved to adjourn; Council Member Ficklin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. McAuley, Town Clerk