

**TOWN OF BLADENSBURG
WORKSESSION MINUTES
March 10, 2014 5:30 p.m.**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Mayor James called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with Council Members Brown, Hall and Mendoza present. Council Member Ficklin arrived at 6:00 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Worksession: Council Member Brown moved to approve the February 2014 Worksession minutes as presented; Council Member Mendoza seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. **Closed Session:** Council Member Mendoza moved to approve the February Closed Session minutes as presented; Council Member Brown seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SHA Widening of Edmonston Road: Ms. Winn, Project Manager, presented 2 plats showing the Town land that would be needed at Tilden Road, at Town Hall and Cod Enforcement Properties. Council Member Brown moved to go forward with preparation of the Right of Way Easement for the widening project; Council Member Mendoza seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Financial Accountability: Town Administrator Moss presented a draft policy that will be reviewed by Mayor and Council and will be on the April Worksession agenda for tentative approval.

Pilot Trash Rollout: Mr. Moss reported that letters have gone out and a number of residents have signed agreements for the large toters. We still need 6-7 more participants.

Food Policy: Council Member Brown moved to approve the proposed Food Policy as a guideline; Council Member Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Council Room Modifications: Proposed changes include new colors, cabinets, a refinished Dias, and storage options.

Code Review Process: Mayor and Council agreed to begin the review using the process that was followed for the Charter review. There will be continuous meetings one hour prior to the Worksession each month, starting in June. Whoever attends will work on the next legislation. Proposed changes will be reported after each session.

Appointment of Dennis Pogue to Bostwick Board: Council Member Mendoza moved to approve Mr. Pogue to the Board; Council Member Ficklin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Change in June Meeting: Because the Maryland Municipal League conference conflicts with the second Monday of June, Mayor and Council concurred to hold the Worksession and Council Meetings on June 2nd.

- V. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Council Member Mendoza announced the upcoming Cinco de Mayo event. Council requested that the Port Towns' CDC give an update at the next Worksession.
- VI. **ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further Worksession business, at 6:50 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
March 10, 2014 7 p.m.**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor James called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., with Council Members Brown, Ficklin, Hall and Mendoza present.
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- II. **OPENING PRAYER:** Ms. Imani James gave the opening prayer.
- III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was recited.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Council Member Mendoza moved to approve the February Council Meeting minutes as presented; Council Member Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- V. **MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS**
Council Member Mendoza thanked all who planned the Black History Month program.
Council Member Brown reported that 227 people attended the Black History Month Program. She entertained ideas for next year's event.
Council Member Ficklin thanked Public Works for efficient snow removal. He attended the National League of Cities Conference along with Council Members Brown and Hall.
Council Member Hall participated in the Black History Month planning and program and attended the NLC Conference in Washington D.C.
Mayor James supported a bill in the Maryland Senate to freeze home foreclosures. He announced the upcoming Taste of TNI. He will be attending the annual CSTEM competition in Houston.
- VI. **STAFF REPORTS** are available from the Town Clerk.
Public Works
Public Safety
Code Enforcement
Finance
Town Clerk
Town Administrator
- VII. **TOWN FINANCIAL BUSINESS**
Professional Development Expense Approvals: Special Meeting March 5, 2014. 9:00 a.m.: Mayor James reported that at this meeting approval was given for up to \$1000 each for Council Members Brown, Ficklin and Hall, attended the Washington D.C. National League of Cities Conference.
Funding for Institute for Governmental Services Academy of Excellence Upper Level: Council Member Mendoza moved to approve tuition for qualified persons who wish to enroll in the program; Council Member Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
Mayor's Trip to CSTEM Competition. The Council approved \$1200 for this trip at the March 5th meeting. The Mayor requested an amendment to increase the amount to \$2000. Council Member Brown moved to approve the increase; Council Member Mendoza seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
ATHA Funding Request: Battle of Bladensburg Commemoration: Council Member Mendoza moved to approve \$2500 for the event; Council Member Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- VIII. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** There was no Unfinished Business.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance 2-2014: Amended Chapter 12: Vehicles and Traffic: The Town Clerk gave the first reading of the Ordinance.

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS: A resident was concerned that her vehicle insurance was increased because of the number of accidents in the area. A citizen asked that the Black History Month Program be run on the Town's cable station. There was an announcement about the Quarterly Mayor and Council's Community Roundtable on April 26th.

XI. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting, it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. McAuley, Town Clerk

**MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MARCH 5, 2014 9:00 A.M.**

Mayor James called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with Council Members Brown, Hall and Mendoza present. Council Member Ficklin arrived soon thereafter.

Purpose of the Meeting: To vote on Travel and Professional Development Expenditures

Council Member Mendoza moved to approve up to \$1000 each for Council Members Brown, Hall and Ficklin to attend the National League of Cities Conference in Washington, D.C. on March 8-11, 2014. Council Member Brown seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Council Member Brown moved to approve up to \$1200 for Mayor James to attend the CSTEM event in April in Houston, Texas. Council Member Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

There being no further business, at 9:15 a.m., Council Member Mendoza moved to adjourn; it was seconded and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. McAuley, Town Clerk