

**TOWN OF BLADENSBURG
WORKSESSION MINUTES
March 9, 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, Hall and Mendoza present. Council Member Ficklin was excused.
- II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Council Member Brown moved to approve the February 2015 worksession as presented; Council Member Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- III. **BOSTWICK MAY FESTIVAL: Aaron Marcavitch, ATHA:** Mr. Marcavitch reported that ATHA is willing to orchestrate the event, but ATHA does not have the funds to put on this Annual Festival. The Town has the money in its budget to take care of any necessary expenses. Council requested that ATHA staff move forward with this event.
- IV. **PORT TOWNS CDC FUNDING REQUEST:** Ruthie Mandel gave an update on the funding needs associated with the Eco District planning and implementation that will need support from the Port Towns. Mayor and Council will take this under advisement during FY 16 budget deliberations.
- V. **BLADENSBURG COMMONS:** Maria Miller, Shelter Group, gave an update that includes 170 parking spaces for 11 units. One bedroom units will be limited to one vehicle, two and three bedroom units will be allowed two vehicles. Seton High School has agree to provide 50 overflow parking spaces between 6 pm – 6 am, seven days a week. The MOU has not been signed yet.

Council Member Hall moved to send an updated letter of support for the new parking plan, prior to the next hearing before the Planning Board on March 23rd; Council Member Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- VI. **BEYOND RESTAURANT:** Tracy Scutter, representing the owners, announced that they would like host an updated information session on the project. The Town Clerk will coordinate a date.
- VII. **BLADENSBURG BOYS & GIRLS CLUB:** Ken Flanagan presented his plans on taking on the Port Towns' Boys and Girls Clubs that are currently under the direction of the Jenkins. The Jenkins have moved out of the community and are amenable to this plan. He is working through the guidelines set forth by MNCPPC.
- VIII. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Travel Policy: Tabled

Employee Evaluation Policy: Merit Component: By consensus the Mayor and Council agreed to the 0,1,2,3% for the Merit Component. The Mayor asked the Treasurer to perform a cost impact analysis on budget impact to include additional increases' scenarios.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

Community Notification Practices: Council questioned the practice of sending out notifications from various entities under the umbrella of Town announcements. Council wants to develop a fair practice and asks staff to craft a policy for the Notifications.

- X. ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further Worksession business, at 6:50 p.m. Council Member Brown moved to adjourn; Council Member Mendoza seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. McAuley, Town Clerk