

**TOWN OF BLADENSBURG  
WORKSESSION MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 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, Ficklin and Mendoza present. Council Member Hall was excused.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Council Member Brown moved to approve the October 13<sup>th</sup> Worksession minutes as presented; Council Member Mendoza seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Community Development Block Grant Agreement:** Council Member Ficklin moved to approve the grant agreement between the Town and Prince George's County Department of Housing and Community Development for PY 40; Council Member Brown seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Strategic Planning:** The Mayor reported that a Request for Proposals had been advertised and this will be on the December Worksession agenda.

**Committee Policy:** Following discussion and suggestions about the draft policy, Ms. McAuley will modify the document and send it out to the public through an e mail blast for general comments.

**Parking Committee:** A resolution establishing this committee will be on hold until a Town Committee Policy has been approved.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

**National Park Service Historic Preservation Training Center**

Ms. McAuley met with Representatives from NPS and Preservation faculty from University of Maryland about a potential partnership to work toward the restoration of Bostwick. The general plan would be to develop a Memorandum of Understanding between the Town and the NPS that would be general in nature and that each project would entail a specific agreement. This would be a great training opportunity for the community in skilled marketable jobs. Mayor and Council concurred to continue establishing this relationship.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further Worksession business, at 6:10 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

**TOWN OF BLADENSBURG  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
November 10, 2014**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor James called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with Council Members Brown, Ficklin, and Mendoza present. Council Member Hall was excused.
- II. **OPENING PRAYER:** Council Member Ficklin led the Opening Prayer.
- III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was recited.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Council Member Mendoza moved to approve the October 13<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting minutes as presented; Council Member Brown seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- V. **INTRODUCTION OF TWO NEW POLICE OFFICERS:** Mayor James gave the Oath of Office and introduced Officers Scales and Sjogren.
- VI. **MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS**

**Council Member Ficklin** spoke about Town accomplishments. He met with the Principal of Rogers Heights Elementary School. He announced the upcoming Martin Luther King, Jr. event at Emerson House.

**Council Member Mendoza** reminded all about the Veterans' Day event.

**Council Member Brown** spoke about reaching out to neighbors during the upcoming holidays and during winter weather episodes to make things even better as a community.

**Mayor James** spoke about the Vision Statement for the Town. He reported on upcoming legislative issues that we will support during the 2015 General Assembly. He encouraged all to sign up for e mail notifications. There will be more meetings concerning the proposed Beyond Nightclub. He will have notes on the first meeting available by Wednesday.
- VII. **STAFF REPORTS:** Reports are available from the Town Clerk's Office.
  - Public Works**
  - Public Safety**
  - Code Enforcement**
  - Finance**
  - Town Clerk**
- VIII. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
- IX. **FINANCIAL BUSINESS**

**IGS Tuition for Graduate Certificates:** Council Member Brown moved to approve \$250 for each individual tuition; Council Member Mendoza seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**X. NEW BUSINESS:** There was no New Business.

**XI. PUBLIC COMMENTS** included:

Mr. Carlson requested that the Mayor consider more time for individuals' public Comments.

Ms. Melendez thanked the officials who attended the Action Committee meeting. She announced the next one would be on public safety with the Chief and other members of the Police Department.

Mr. Weitz complimented the meeting on "Beyond". He will be interested in possible solutions suggested by the future Parking Committee.

Ms. Rivera asked Council Member Brown to report on three ideas she has brought back to the Town from conferences she has attended. Council Member Brown advised that this will be included in her upcoming written report.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, at 8:55 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