

**TOWN OF BLADENSBURG
WORKSESSION MINUTES
November 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 Ficklin, Hall and Mendoza present. Council Member Bridgeman arrived at 5:45.
- II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Council Member Mendoza moved to approve the October Worksession minutes as presented; Council Member Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- III. **TOWN GRANT RECIPIENTS:** Mayor and Council unanimously approved disbursement of Town Grant funds for Street Lights of Bethany (graduation packages for students in need), Elizabeth Seton High School (new library), and Artistic Empowerment (summer youth program).
- IV. **PG YOUTH SUMMER EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM:** Mr. Gill presented the County's summer youth job program, where students are trained and then work 8 hours a day for six weeks at various sites. They are paid by the County for the work. Council Member Hall moved to direct the Staff to move forward in participating in this program; Council Member Ficklin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- V. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Strategic Planning: The Mayor reported on the Community Input meeting held on October 24th and because the Council felt there was a lack of participation and the perception of a disconnect with Ward II residents, it was decided that there would be an additional meeting in a Ward II location to enable input from more of those citizens. It will be held on November 18, at 6:00 p.m., hopefully in the E. Seton Library.

Parking Committee: Lt. Cowling gave a final report of the committee with recommendations for alternative permit parking programs, signage and more. The Mayor said the Council would pause and digest these materials before adopting any of the recommendations.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Town's Legislative Priorities: The Mayor reported that beyond the Port Towns' priorities, the Town should focus on a new Bladensburg Library, clean up of the Anacostia River, and extensions leases with out rental increases for certain members of our community.

VII. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further Worksession business, at 6:55 Council Member Mendoza moved to adjourn; Council Member Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. McAuley, Town Clerk