

**TOWN OF BLADENSBURG  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
November 9, 2015 7:00 P.M.**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor James called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with Council Members Bridgeman, Ficklin, Hall and Mendoza present.
- II. **OPENING PRAYER:** Council Member Ficklin gave the opening prayer.
- III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was recited.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Council Member Ficklin moved to approve the October 2015 Council Meeting minutes as presented; Council Member Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- V. **GEORGE OWENS, HEAD OF THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS** gave an overview of their programs and reached out to veterans in the community to avail themselves of their services.
- VI. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Ms. McCutcheon commented on election reform.

Mr. Hines requested looking into speed bumps.

Mr. Carlson suggested a parliamentarian for meetings.

Ms. Brown requested information about Council Member Bridgeman's tax proposals

Ms. Melendez asked about the hiring process for Treasurer & Town Administrator

Mr. Weitz asked about the background checks process for potential employees.

- VII. **B5** committee members gave an update including the business breakfast with Chamber Director Harrington as guest speaker.

**VIII. MAYOR & COUNCIL COMBINED REPORTS**

Council Member Mendoza reported on the Food Bank at Town Hall.

Council Member Hall reported on attending the B5 event and Treasurer position interviews.

Council Member Bridgeman spoke about formation of new Town committees.

Council Member Ficklin talked about the business roundtable, his involvement with the MML Communication Committee.

Mayor James announced the Veterans' Day event and Port Towns' Legislative Dinner. He talked about legislative priorities including the Eco District, HB 197, the Library, affordable housing, and cleaning up the Anacostia River.

**IX. STAFF REPORTS are available on the Website, electronically or at the Clerk's Office**

**X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** There was no Unfinished Business

**XI. FINANCIAL BUSINESS**

**Emergency Budget Amendment to Allocate Funds from State Highway Revenues to Street Improvements:** Following the reading by the Town Clerk, Council Member Ficklin moved to approve Emergency Ordinance 8-2015; Council Member Bridgeman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**New Public Works Truck Purchase:** The cost for this purchase (\$49,000) is in the FY 16 budget. There are no grants available to cover this purchase. Council Member Mendoza moved to approve the purchase; Council Member Ficklin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**XII. NEW BUSINESS**

**Appointment of Treasurer:** Mayor James asked that the Council approve his appointment of Vito Tinelli, to the position of Town Treasurer. Council Member Ficklin moved to approve; Council Member Mendoza seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Appointment of Member to Recreation Council:** Council Member Hall moved to approve Apria Gallman as a member of the Recreation Council; Council Member Mendoza seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, at 8:30 p.m., Council Member Mendoza moved to adjourn; Council Member Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. McAuley