

**TOWN OF BLADENSBURG  
COUNCIL MEETING  
September 12, 2016 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: July 11, 2016 Council Meeting:** Council Member Mendoza moved to approve the minutes as presented; Council Member Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- V. **RECOGNITION FOR AUTUMN WOODS' DAY COORDINATORS:** Mayor James recognized Corporal Calloway, PFC Brown, and Mrs. James for making this day an outstanding community event.
- VI. **PUBLIC COMMENTS (two minutes per speaker)**

Ms. McCutcheon thanked those who came to the Awards Ceremony for Dr. Thomas

Ms. Peck announced general meeting dates for the B5. She questioned the need for a Parking Study instead of following the Parking Committee's recommendations.

Mrs. James thanked Public Works, Code and the Town Administrator for their participation in Autumn Woods Day.

Ms. Hodges spoke about her parking issue concerns.

**VII. MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS**

**Council Member Mendoza** announced the Mexican Independence Day celebration and the high school homecoming parade. He gave an update on concerns about a club just outside Town limits.

**Member Ficklin** attended a leadership class through his work, the Police Forum at the historic Free Hope Church and the TNI meeting. He is reaching out to the Security Exchange Commission about a JOBS program.

**Council Member Bridgeman** has brought a number of investors to the Town in hope of interesting them in development opportunities.

**Council Member Hall** attended the Autumn Woods Community Day, Roger Heights Fair, District 47 picnic and reported that the EZ Mart was heavily damaged by a fire.

**Mayor James** reported as a member of the Port Towns' Legislative Committee, that the focus in 2017 will be on transportation and economic development. This will include supporting funding through Maryland Dept. of Housing and Community Development, increase of Highway User revenue funds to municipalities, traffic/pedestrian improvements at Peace Cross, more control over business makeup in the community, housing improvement funding. The Mayor also attended a productive meeting with Bates concerning refuse pickup, including can placement and better communication.

**VIII. STAFF REPORTS:** (Staff reports are available from the Town Clerk's Office.)

**Public Works**

**Public Safety**

**Code Enforcement**

**Treasurer**

**Town Clerk**

**Town Administrator**

**IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (none scheduled)**

**X. FINANCIAL BUSINESS (none scheduled)**

**XI. NEW BUSINESS**

**Resolution 3-2016: Support for the Cheverly/Bladensburg Bike Trail:** Following the reading by the Town Clerk, Council Member Mendoza moved to approve the Resolution; Council Member Ficklin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously

**XII. ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, at 8:15 p.m., it was moved, seconded and passed unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. McAuley, Town Clerk