

**TOWN OF BLADENSBURG
WORKSESSION MINUTES
September 14, 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, Ficklin, Hall and Mendoza present.
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Council Member Brown moved to approve the July 2015 Worksession minutes as presented; Council Member Ficklin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- III. GRANT RECIPIENTS' PRESENTATIONS:** Following each presentation the Mayor and Council approved the following: We Lead by Example-\$1000, Capital Scholars-\$500, Guardian Angel Transforming Christians-\$500, Community Advocates for Family and Youth-\$500.
- IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Moss Creek: The B5 Committee requested that the Council support naming an un-named tributary running into the Anacostia River "Moss Creek". The Council will take this under advisement.

Boys & Girls Club: Mr. Callahan continues his efforts to re-start Boys and Girls Club in Bladensburg. He and his partners are looking at fundraising options to pay for fees and gym times.

Amendments to the Travel Policy: The Mayor has redrafted the policy and will send copies out for comments suggestions with a deadline for input prior to a vote to adopt.

Amendments to the Fiscal Accountability Policy: Council Member Ficklin moved to approve the Policy as amended; Council Member Hall seconded the motion and it passed with Mayor James, Council Members Brown, Ficklin and Hall in favor; Council Member Mendoza opposed.

Parking Committee: Mr. John Carlson, representing the Parking Committee, requested that two additional members representing Ward II, that have no members, be considered. Mayor and Council concurred that there would be no members added. He submitted a letter to the Council with priorities of installation of signage and curb painting. The Committee is considering both residential and commercial parking issues. Zoned permit parking is under consideration. Mayor James asked that a final report be presented at the November Worksession. Chief Owens reported that Sgt. Cowling is working on the document.

V. NEW BUSINESS

MNCPPC: Funding for Parks in Town: Ms. Chris Melendez submitted a draft letter to the Chair of MNCPPC, supporting funding for open spaces owned by the Commission within the Town. The letter needs to be sent by October second. Council will review the letter for any edits and vote in a timely fashion to meet the deadline.

Amendments to Ethics Ordinance: Acting Town Administrator Owens, explained, that while the Ordinance complies with State Ethics Laws, the current quorum requirements make meetings difficult. Changes will enhance the ability of the Ethics Commission to move forward on complaints/issues.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS: There were announcements of upcoming events of interest.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. McAuley, Town Clerk