



TOWN OF BLADENSBURG WORK SESSION | JULY 14, 2025

July 14, 2025 at 5:30 PM

4229 Edmonston RD, Bladensburg, MD 20710

MINUTES

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1. Call to Order

Mayor James called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

Mayor James called for a motion to approve the agenda. Council Member Brown made a motion to approve the agenda, which was seconded by Council Member Blount. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 4-0.

3. Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Work Session Minutes – June 9, 2025

Mayor James called for a motion to approve the minutes from the June 9th Budget Session.

Council Member Blount moved to approve the minutes, and Council Member McBryde seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 4-0.

4. Unfinished Business

A. State and Local Legislative Update | Legislative Summary Report from LA Perez Consulting for Session 2025 and Discussion on Legislative Priorities for FY 2026

Town Administrator Bailey-Hedgepeth introduced Jonathan Brown and Tony Perez from LA Perez Consulting, who presented the final legislative update for the 2025 session. A total of 3,075 bills were introduced, with 805 passed and signed into law by Governor Moore and 25 vetoed. Notable legislation included HB322, which provides enhanced state support for municipal elections through Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) with the State Board of

Elections at an estimated cost of \$23,400; HB699 and HB1443, which expand veteran hiring preferences to include those discharged due to sexual orientation or PTSD and extend those preferences to veteran family members; and HB814, which requires the Department of Juvenile Services to produce annual reports on Youth Services Bureaus, potentially increasing funding opportunities. Additionally, it was noted that the Prince George's County budget includes a \$44.8 million reduction to the police department, with those funds redirected to grants, the health department, and housing development. Beginning next year, the county minimum wage will be indexed to the Consumer Price Index (CPI), with an annual cap of 5%.

5. New Business

- A. Ordinance 01-2026** | A budget ordinance to amend the FY 2026 for the acceptance of the Chesapeake Bay Trust's Green Streets, Green Jobs, Green Towns (G3) Program (Award #26132) for \$35,000

Town Administrator Bailey-Hedgepeth provided an overview of Ordinance 01-2026, which pertains to the Green Jobs/Streets Project. The ordinance is scheduled for a vote during the 7:00 pm meeting.

- B. Ordinance 02-2026** | A budget ordinance to amend the FY 2026 for the acceptance of the FY25 Community Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment Grant Program Grant No. 2025-04-518S5 in an amount not to exceed: \$50,000.

Town Administrator Bailey-Hedgepeth shared details regarding Ordinance 02-2026, which authorizes the acceptance of funds from the grant. The ordinance is scheduled for a vote at the 7:00 pm meeting.

- C. Emergency Ordinance 03-2026** | Approval of a budget adjustment and ratification of the Administrator's purchase of a Commercial Paint Sprayer for curb maintenance to come from Highway User Funds proceeds in an amount not to exceed \$10,500.

Town Administrator Bailey-Hedgepeth shared details regarding Ordinance 03-2026, authorizing the acceptance and use of grant funds for the purchase of a commercial paint sprayer. The ordinance is scheduled for a vote at the 7:00 pm meeting.

- D. Ordinance 04-2026** | A budget ordinance to amend the FY 2026 for the acceptance of the US Department of Justice Bladensburg Warrant Reduction Program for \$30,000

Town Administrator Bailey-Hedgepeth introduced John O'Connor and Deputy Chief Dickerson, who presented details regarding Ordinance 04-2026, related to the Justice Warrant Reduction Program. The ordinance is scheduled for a vote at the 7:00 pm meeting.

- E. Resolution 01-2026** | A Resolution authorizing staff to seek technical assistance from the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DCHD) for potential financing and development of a new Town Hall Facility.

Town Administrator Bailey-Hedgepeth shared details regarding Resolution 01-2026, requesting permission to seek assistance from the state for the Town Hall Project. The resolution is scheduled for a vote at the 7:00 pm meeting.

- F. Contract Approval** | Approval of an agreement with Osprey Development, LLC, as approved by the Town Attorney in its final form (Development: Hamlet Woods II).

Town Administrator Bailey-Hedgepeth introduced Mr. Clark, who shared details regarding the contract approval with Osprey Development for the Hamlet Woods project. The contract is scheduled for a vote at the 7:00 pm meeting.

- G. Contract Approval** | Approval of a software agreement with Martus Software for Budgeting Software in an amount not to exceed \$11,240.00

Town Administrator Bailey-Hedgepeth and Treasurer Tinelli shared details regarding the contract approval with Martus for budget utilization services. The contract is scheduled for a vote at the 7:00 pm meeting.

- H. Sponsorship of Events** | July 2025 Update and Report (Information Only)

Town Administrator Bailey-Hedgepeth and the Town Clerk Watson shared details regarding event sponsorship packages developed with multiple tiers: Platinum, Gold, Silver, Bronze, and Community levels.

- I. America in Bloom Update** | July 2025 (Information Only)

Town Administrator Bailey-Hedgepeth and Town Clerk Watson shared details regarding the upcoming America in Bloom visit and provided a brief overview of the planned activities.

- J. United States 250th Anniversary** | Update July 2025 (Information Only)

Town Administrator Bailey-Hedgepeth shared details regarding the 250th US anniversary, including the funding already received and the pending funds yet to be received.

K. Council Action | Approval of August 2025 Council Recess – Cancelation of Town Meetings on August 11, 2025

This item is scheduled for a vote during the 7:00 pm meeting.

6. Adjournment

Mayor James called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Blount moved to adjourn, and Council Member McBryde seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 pm.