



TOWN OF BLADENSBURG WORK SESSION | MAY 12, 2025

May 12, 2025 at 5:30 PM

4229 Edmonston RD, Bladensburg, MD 20710

MINUTES

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1. Call to Order – 1 min

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

2. Approval of Agenda – 1 min

Mayor James called for a motion to approve the agenda and move on item to June. Council Member Dixon moved the motion, and Council Member McBryde seconded it. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

3. Approval of Minutes

A. Town Council Work Session Minutes | April 14, 2025 (2 minutes)

Mayor James called for a motion to approve the minutes from the April 14th Work Session. CM Dixon moved the motion, and CM McBryde seconded it. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

B. Special Town Council Work Session Minutes | April 29, 2025 (2 minutes)

Mayor James called for a motion to approve the minutes from the April 29th Special Work Session. CM Brown moved the motion, and CM McBryde seconded it. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

4. Unfinished Business

A. Special Events Budget Overview | FY 2024 and FY 2025 (15 minutes)

Town Administrator and Treasurer presented FY 2024 and FY 2025 special events budget information

5. Financial Business

- A. **Financial and FY 2026 Budget** | May Update (10 minutes)
- B. **BUDGET ORDINANCE NO: 01 – 2026** | AN ORDINANCE TO LEVY THE REAL PROPERTY AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX RATES AND APPROPRIATE AND ADOPT THE OPERATING BUDGET OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF BLADENSBURG, MARYLAND, FOR THE 2026 FISCAL YEAR OF JULY 1, 2025, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026. FIRST READING (3 minutes).

Town Administrator shared update on Ordinance. This will be the first reading.

6. New Business

- A. **Annexation Items** | Update (5 minutes)

Town administrator gave update on annexation items that will be discussed during the 7pm meeting, resolution 02-2025,24-2025, and 03-2025.

- B. **ORDINANCE 11-2025** | AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BLADENSBURG TO AMEND § 76-4 OF THE TOWN CODE: BUSINESS LICENSE AND PERMIT FEES AND ADDS AN ALARM REGISTRATION FEE. **SECOND READING** - (3 minutes).

Town administrator and Code enforcement supervisor gave update on Ordinance 11-2025 which Updates business license and permit fees. This would be the first update since 2019.

- C. **ORDINANCE 12-2025** | AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BLADENSBURG TO REPEAL AND REENACT CHAPTER 50, “PROPERTY MAINTENANCE” IN ITS ENTIRETY, TO REPEAL CHAPTER 68, “HOUSING STANDARDS” IN ITS ENTIRETY, AND TO ADOPT CHAPTER 49 “RENTAL HOUSING”. **SECOND READING** (3 minutes).

Town administrator and code supervisor gave description of Ordinance 12-2025, which Repeals and reenacts property maintenance code and adds rental housing code.

- D. **ORDINANCE 13-2025** | AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BLADENSBURG TO AMEND CHAPTER 112, “VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC”. BY ADOPTING §112-14, “STOP SIGN MONITORING SYSTEMS IN SCHOOL ZONES” TO AUTHORIZE USE OF STOP SIGN MONITORING CAMERAS IN SCHOOL ZONES. **SECOND READING** (3 minutes).

Chief Collington gave details regarding Ordinance 13-2025, which Allows town to enforce stop sign monitoring. Chief Collington explained the program will help enforce proper stopping at intersections.

E. Resolutions | For Review

- A. **Resolution 25-2025:** A Resolution of the Town of Bladensburg Celebrating Municipal Clerk's Week from May 4, 2025, to May 10, 2025. (2 minutes)
- B. **Resolution 26-2025:** A Resolution of the Town of Bladensburg Celebrating National Police Week, May 11 - 17, 2025, and Expressing Gratitude to the Bladensburg Police Department. (2 minutes)
- C. **Resolution 27-2025:** A Resolution of the Town of Bladensburg Recognizing Public Works Week, May 18 - 24, 2025. (2 minutes)
- D. **Resolution 28-2025:** A Resolution of support for an application for grant funding from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for a Chesapeake Bay project (2 minutes)
- E. **Resolution 29-2025:** A Resolution in support of the operating assistance grant application for technical assistance funding through the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) (2 minutes)

Town administrator shared Resolution 25-2025, which Celebrates Municipal Clerks Week (May 4-10). Chief Collington shared Resolution 26-2025 which Celebrates National Police Week, he also delivered a heartfelt remarks honoring fallen officers and those serving. Mr. Hall public works supervisor shared Resolution 27-2025 which Celebrates National Public Works Week (May 18-24). Town administrator gave details regarding Resolution 28-2025 and 29-2025.

F. CONTRACT APPROVAL: Approval of a contract for repairs to Bostwick House - Wash House Stabilization, using MNCPPC Historic Preservation funds. (2 minutes)

Moved to June meeting.

G. CONTRACT APPROVAL: Approval for a contract with Hyp-Tro Building Services, LLC for Janitorial Services (3 minutes)

H. CONTRACT APPROVAL: Approval of a contract with NovoGlobal for Stop Sign Camera Program in the Town of Bladensburg. (3 minutes)

Chief Collington discussed contract with Novo Global for stop sign camera enforcement, Chief explained Novo Global provides best access to data for investigations when needed.

I. CONTRACT APPROVAL | Approval of contract with MuniCollect for Collection Services for the Town of Bladensburg. (3 minutes)

Town administrator shared details regarding contract with MuniCollect.

J. Discretionary Funds FY 2025 | Town Council Awards – April / May 2025 (5 minutes)

Moved to the 7pm meeting.

K. Soaring Eagle Scholarship FY 2025 | Town Council Awards – May 2025 (5 minutes)

Moved to the 7pm meeting.

7. Adjournment

Mayor James called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. CM Brown moved the motion, and CM Dixon seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at _____