



TOWN OF BLADENSBURG WORK SESSION | MARCH 10, 2025

March 10, 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 5:40 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

Mayor James called for a motion to approve the agenda. CM Dixon moved the motion, CM Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

3. Approval of Minutes

A. Town Council Work Session Minutes | February 10, 2025

Mayor James called for a motion to approve the minutes from the February 10th Work Session. CM Brown moved the motion, and CM Blount seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0

B. Town of Bladensburg Budget Work Session Minutes | February 18, 2025

Mayor James called for a motion to approve the minutes from the February 18th Budget Work Session. CM Dixon moved the motion, and CM McBryde seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0

4. New Business

A. Legislative Session Update | March 2025

Mr. Brown provided an update on the current state budget challenges, highlighting the financial difficulties faced by the state and how these challenges may impact municipalities.

He also discussed several pieces of relevant legislation that are under consideration, which could affect local government operations and funding.

B. Resolution 15-2025 | Appointment of Ethics Commission Members for 2025 - 2027

Town Clerk Watson introduced the potential Ethics Commission members to the council: Mr. Newsome, Mr. Wildheart, and Mr. Jackson were present at the meeting. Each candidate provided a brief overview of their professional experience and shared their reasons for being interested in serving on the Ethics Commission. The council members had the opportunity to hear from each candidate and ask any questions regarding their qualifications and interest in the role.

C. FY 2026 Budget Overview | FY 2025 Budget Update | Session 3

Town Administrator Bailey-Hedgepeth presented an overview of the structural budget issues facing the town and outlined proposed cost-saving measures for Fiscal Year 2026. The presentation included an analysis of the current budget challenges and strategies to address these issues, aiming to improve financial sustainability. The proposed measures were discussed, and the council provided feedback and asked questions regarding the impact and feasibility of the recommendations.

D. PEPCO | Street Lighting Update | March 2025

Town Administrator Bailey-Hedgepeth addressed concerns regarding town projects and Pepco Street lighting, promising to bring updates to the council in the future.

E. FY 2025 Community Grant Process Update | March 2025

Town Administrator Bailey-Hedgepeth gave a brief update on the upcoming community grant process.

F. Town Scholarship FY 2025 Update | March 2025

Town Administrator Bailey-Hedgepeth gave a brief update regarding the upcoming town scholarship grant process.

G. Bostwick House Update | Community Activation Event | March 2025

Town Clerk Watson provided a brief update on the upcoming activation event, scheduled for May 3rd from 12 PM to 3 PM. The event, held in partnership with the town, M-NCPPC, the

University of MD, and local nonprofits and groups including the library and Anacostia Watershed, aims to explore the Bostwick property.

H. Mosquito Control Program Prince George's County | 2025 Program

Code Enforcement Supervisor Mr. Rinehart provided a brief update on the renewal of the mosquito control program.

I. Town Hall Update | Neighborhood Design Center | March 2025

Town Administrator Bailey-Hedgepeth shared the initial findings regarding the new town hall needs assessment.

5. Adjournment

Mayor James called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. CM Dixon moved the motion, and CM McBryde seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:59 pm.