



TOWN OF BLADENSBURG COUNCIL MEETING | FEBRUARY 10, 2025

February 10, 2025, at 7:00 PM

4229 Edmonston RD, Bladensburg, MD 20710

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Mayor James called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm

2. Opening Prayer

Council Member Dixon led the prayer.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor James led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of Agenda

Mayor James called for a motion to approve the agenda. CM Dixon moved the motion; CM McBryde seconded it. Minor corrections were made to the agenda. The motion passed 5-0.

5. Presentations

Chief Collington introduced new employees for the Police Department: Police Officer Kinard and Code Enforcement Officer Osuji.

6. Approval of Minutes

A. Town Council Minutes | January 13, 2025

Mayor James called for a motion to approve the minutes from January 13, 2025. CM Brown moved the motion; CM Blount seconded it. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

B. Town Council Closed Session Minutes | January 28, 2025

Mayor James announced that approval of these minutes will be postponed to the March meeting.

C. Town Council Closed Session Minutes | January 30, 2025

Mayor James announced that approval of these minutes will be postponed to the March meeting.

7. Public Comments

- Ms. McCutchen expressed that the Black History Month celebration on Saturday was wonderful and provided an update on the Maglev project.
- Mr. Weitz inquired about the progress of the new town hall construction, suggesting possible locations for its development. He also requested an update on the public works building.

8. Unfinished Business

No items for discussion.

9. Financial Business

A. Approval and Adoption of FY 2024 Audit.

Treasurer Tinelli provided an overview of the 2024 Audit.

Mayor James called for a motion to adopt the FY 2024 audit. CM Blount moved the motion, and CM Dixon seconded it. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

B. 10-2025 | AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 TO CLOSE OUT THE ARPA FUNDS. (5 Minutes)

Town Administrator Bailey-Hedgepeth explained the series of amendments necessary to close out the ARPA funds.

Mayor James called for a motion to allow the clerk to read the abbreviated version of the Emergency Ordinance. CM Brown moved the motion; CM Blount seconded it. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Town Clerk Watson read the ordinance for the record.

Mayor James called for a motion to adopt the ordinance. CM Dixon moved the motion; CM Blount seconded it. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

C. FY 2026 Budget Overview | FY 2025 Budget Update

Town Administrator Bailey-Hedgepeth presented the FY 2026 Budget.

10. New Business

A. Resolution 14-2025 | Appointment of BOSOE Members for 2025 - 2027

Town Clerk Watson read Resolution 14-2025 into the record.

Elizabeth Saunders, Carletta Lundy, and Judy Sojourner were appointed to serve on the BOSOE for the term of 2025-2027.

Mayor James called for a motion to adopt the resolution. CM Brown moved the motion; CM Blount seconded it. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

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

Mayor James announced that this resolution would be brought back at the March meeting.

C. Resolution 16-2025 | A Resolution of Support for the Town of Bladensburg's Application to the Green Streets, Green Jobs, Green Towns (G3) Grant Program.

Town Administrator Bailey-Hedgepeth discussed the green street projects to be included in this grant. Town Clerk Watson read the resolution for the record.

Mayor James called for a motion to adopt the resolution. CM Dixon moved the motion; CM Blount seconded it. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

D. Resolution 17-2025 | A Resolution in Support of the Port Towns Application for the FY 2026 Transportation Land-Use Connections (TLC) Program and the Regional Roadway Safety Program (RRSP)

Town Administrator Bailey-Hedgepeth explained the grant for the transportation land-use connections and safety program through COG. Town Clerk Watson read the resolution for the record.

Mayor James called for a motion to adopt the resolution. CM Brown moved the motion; CM Blount seconded it. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

E. Approval for a Contract with Ramos HR Consulting Inc for Human Resources Services

Town Administrator Bailey-Hedgepeth detailed the selection process that led to the recommendation of Ramos HR Consulting for HR services.

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

Mayor James announced that the Fleet Replacement Update, Bostwick House Update for the Community Activation Event, Strategic Plan Update, and the Council of Governments (COG) Update for February 2025 are available online for review.

H. Law Enforcement (LEOPS) Retirement Update | February 2025

Chief Collington discussed the LEOPS program, its benefits for officers, and how it would positively impact the Town.

Mayor James noted that further discussions on this process would take place in the near future.

12. Mayor and Council Reports

All Council and Staff reports were waived for this meeting.

13. Adjournment

Mayor James called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. CM Dixon moved the motion, and CM McBryde seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 pm