



TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL WORK SESSION | APRIL 29, 2025

April 29, 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 5:35 pm

2. Approval of Agenda

Mayor James called for a motion to approve the agenda. Council Member McBryde moved the motion, and Council Member Brown seconded it. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 5-0.

3. New Business

A. Review and Update of Town Hall Concepts and Plan | Neighborhood Design Center

Town Administrator Bailey-Hedgepeth and Lubna from Neighborhood Design Center presented the Town Hall concepts project, which envisions approximately 28,000 square feet of space. The design focuses on creating public areas, council meeting spaces, and flexible community gathering areas.

4. Unfinished Business

A. FY 2026 Budget Discussion and Final Overview | Session 7

Town Administrator Bailey-Hedgepeth and Treasurer Tinelli provided a final overview of the FY2026 budget. The budget deficit has slightly increased to \$314,314 due to a reduction in cable franchise fee revenue and a \$25,000 increase in insurance costs. Several line items—including

office supplies, postage, and public works expenses—were adjusted. Proposed tax rates include maintaining the 74¢ rate for single-family residential properties and increases to 82¢ for commercial/industrial and 85¢ for apartment properties. There was also discussion about potential revenue from red-light and stop sign cameras.

**B. RESOLUTION 18-2025 | A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF BLADENSBURG
APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ELECTION FOR A TERM
BEGINNING April 29,2025, AND ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2027**

Town Clerk Watson presented Resolution 18-2025, recommending the appointment of additional members to the Board of Supervisors of Elections to ensure a five-member board. The recommendation included two new members and one alternate. Mayor James called for a motion to adopt the resolution. Council Member Blount moved the motion, and Council Member Brown seconded it. The Council approved the appointments of Iris Mejia and Owen Clark as board members, and Collette Cherry as the alternate. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Adjournment

Mayor James called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. CM McBryde moved the motion, and CM Brown seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 pm.