



TOWN OF BLADENSBURG WORK SESSION | JANUARY 13, 2025

January 13, 2025, at 5:30 PM

4229 Edmonston RD, Bladensburg, MD 20710

MINUTES

Attendance: Mayor James, CM Brown, CM Blount, CM McBryde, CM Dixon, TA Bailey Hedgepeth, TC Watson, Treasurer Tinelli, Chief Collington and CE Supervisor Rinehart.

1. Call to Order

Mayor James called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

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

3. Presentations

4. Approval of Minutes

A. Town Council Work Session Minutes | December 9, 2024

Mayor James called for a motion to approve the December 9th Work Session minutes, CM Dixon moved the motion, CM McBryde seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

5. Unfinished Business

A. Legislative Session Update | January 2025

Mr. Perez and Mr. Brown presented legislative updates to the council. They discussed several key bills, such as zoning fairness, retail theft and proposed legislation, such as speed camera enforcement. They also provided information on the upcoming governor's budget release.

B. Presentation | NFWF Urban Forestry Update | January 2025

The Neighborhood Design Center presented updates on urban forestry. They discussed the benefits of trees, including their role in temperature reduction and overall community well-

being. They also highlighted the potential of planting 200 new trees in various locations throughout Bladensburg.

C. Presentation | Maryland 250th Anniversary Update

Town Administrator Bailey-Hedgepeth shared that the town is continuing to work on plans for the anniversary event. She noted that a small grant had been received to support the event. She also mentioned that appointments would be made by the Mayor in the next fiscal year.

D. ORDINANCE 09-2025 | AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A FRAMEWORK FOR PROPER TREE MAINTENANCE – SECOND READING

Town Administrator Bailey-Hedgepeth read Ordinance 09-2025, which outlines the tree maintenance framework.

6. Financial Business

A. FY 2026 Budget Overview | FY 2025 Budget Update

Treasurer Tinelli reviewed the financial report through December 2024. He discussed key topics such as revenue collections and budget variances. He also shared that the town has begun planning for the FY 2026 budget.

7. New Business

A. Resolution 13-2025: A Resolution changing the Town's Resident Agent to Regine Watson, Town Clerk.

Town Administrator Bailey-Hedgepeth explained the request to file a change with the State of Maryland regarding the Resident Agent. The current Resident Agent, the previous Town Clerk, needs to be updated to the new Town Clerk, Ms. Watson.

B. Appointments | BOSOE and Ethics Commission

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

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

Town Clerk Watson discussed the appointment of the BOSOE (Board of Supervisors of Elections) and the Ethics Commission. She recommended to the Mayor and Council that each new appointee be interviewed before the Council makes the final appointments.

C. Bostwick House Update | ULI Report Final – January 2025

Town Administrator Bailey-Hedgepeth provided a summary report for the Bostwick House.

D. PEPCO | Street Light Update – January 2025 (5 minutes)

Town Administrator Bailey-Hedgepeth provided an update on PEPCO streetlights. She explained PEPCO's process for adding new streetlights, as well as the procedures for replacing and repairing streetlights within the town. She also mentioned that she and the Chief attended the WSSC meeting regarding water usage.

8. 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 6:57 pm