



TOWN OF BLADENSBURG WORK SESSION | DECEMBER 9, 2024

December 09, 2024 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, PW Supervisor Hall 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 McBryde moved the motion, CM Dixon seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

3. Approval of Minutes

A. Town Council Work Session Minutes | November 18, 2024.

Mayor James called for a motion to approve November 18th Work Session minutes, CM Brown moved the motion, CM Blount seconded the motion. Minor grammar errors were mentioned, the motion passed 5-0.

4. Unfinished Business

A. Presentation | Bates Trucking | Trial of the Electronic Truck for Recycling 30 days (4 Collections) Council Discretion on whether the Town would like to participate.

Town Administrator Bailey-Hedgepeth introduced Carolyn Bates, who shared a presentation to the Council regarding a 30-day trial for their electric trucks.

5. Financial Business

A. **ORDINANCE NO. 04-2025** | AN ORDINANCE TO ENACT THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 BUDGET PROCESS AND CODIFY THE TOWN COUNCIL AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

Town Treasurer Tinelli discussed the budget calendar that would be approved in the 7:00 pm Council meeting.

6. New Business

- A. ORDINANCE NO. 09-2025 |** AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BLADENSBURG ESTABLISHING A FRAMEWORK FOR THE PROPER CARE, MAINTENANCE, AND MANAGEMENT OF PUBLIC TREES WITHIN THE TOWN OF BLADENSBURG.

Town Administrator Bailey-Hedgepeth explained the process that will take place once the Ordinance is approved.

- B. Resolution 10-2025 |** A Resolution to Adopt the Tree City USA Principles and Tree Care Standards in the Town of Bladensburg

Town Administrator Bailey-Hedgepeth explained the great benefit that Public Works would receive from collaborating with other teams once the Town is part of Tree City USA.

- C. Resolution 11-2025 |** A Resolution of Support for the Clean Energy for Local Governments (CELG) FY25 Application for Medium and Heavy-Duty Zero-Emission Vehicles

Town Administrator Bailey-Hedgepeth explained the resolution to the Council. Replacing the current Port Towns bus would provide a sustainable and more reliable form of transportation for seniors and disabled residents. The electric vehicles would also provide initiatives aimed at reducing emissions and operational costs. This would also be done in collaboration with the neighboring towns. The Town of Colmar Manor passed a similar resolution of support that will be sent with the application at the end of the month.

- D. Resolution 12-2025 |** A RESOLUTION APPOINTING COUNCIL MEMBERS AND STAFF TO THE METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (COG) TO THE COG BOARDS AND POLICY COMMITTEES FOR THE 2025 CALENDAR YEAR.

Town Administrator Bailey-Hedgepeth explained the appointments, timeframes, and the different reappointments. This is an annual process that COG requires.

7. Adjournment

Mayor James called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. CM Blount moved the motion, and CM Dixon seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m.