

**COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BLADENSBURG**  
**WORK SESSION MINUTES - DRAFT**  
**April 8, 2024 - 5:30 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor James called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Council Members McBryde, Brown, Blount, and Dixon were also present, as were Code Supervisor Rinehart, Chief Collington, Treasurer Tinelli, Public Works Supervisor Hall, and Town Administrator Michelle Bailey-Hedgepeth.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor James requested a motion to approve the meeting agenda. Council Member Blount motioned, and Council Member Dixon seconded the motion. No questions or comments were presented, and the motion passed 4-0.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor James motioned to approve the March 11, 2024, work session minutes, moved by Council member Blount and Council Member McBryde seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0 with notes of misspelled names to be corrected.

**FINANCIAL BUSINESS & RESOLUTIONS**

1. **FY 2025 Budget Update:** *Treasurer Tinelli presented the draft of the FY 25 budget and went over the Revenues of the budget, with TA mentioning and clarifying that in previous years ARPA funds have been utilized to help cover costs, for example employee salaries. Whereas this year, we will need to use funds from the operating budget.*
2. **Emergency Ordinance 6-2024:** Approval of a budget adjustment and authorization for the Administrator to purchase a Fast Melt 650 Thermoplastic Melting Kettle for the Striping of roadways to come from Speed Camera Fund proceeds in an amount not to exceed \$18,799.
  - *Mr. Hall mentioned we have the standard machine that was purchased last year, but it does not function as quickly as they expected. With this purchase, heating would take less time and projects would be more time efficient.*
3. **Resolution 9-2024:** A Resolution for the Town of Bladensburg declaring April as No Mow April.
  - *TA explains the resolution indicating how it helps the pollinators and mentions the video that was made to promote "No Mow April" which will be played at the regular council meeting.*
4. **Resolution 10-2024:** A Resolution establishing a Joint Community Development Corporation (CDC) for the Port Towns (Bladensburg, Colmar Manor, Cottage City, and Edmonston).
  - *TA mentions she has been in communication with the other communities town administrators. There is an agreement that has been established to move forward with CDC.*

## PRESENTATIONS

1. **Updates on Bostick House and Technical Assistance Panel:** Staff and Joey Lampyl, the Historic Preservationist Consultant, will provide updates on activities at Bostwick and an overview of the planned Technical Assistance Panel.
  - *TA gave Bostwick house updates presented on slideshow.*
  - *Joey Lampyl spoke about ULI, who is our partner in this project. She went into brief details about TAP, where we will have 8 experts on the Bostick panel and presented the questions that will be addressed by the experts. She also shared the Agenda for TAP that will take place April 17 & 18 as well as the Panel timeline. Ms. Lampyl was asked to share some of her background knowledge in regards to this and she shared that she has a degree in history and a masters degree in historical preservation planning. She also work for the non profit sector initially and then went to preservation consulting amongst other highlights in her career.*
2. **Economic Development Update:** Jarryd Hawkins from Highstreet Strategies will present updates and activities regarding recent economic development meetings and activities to the town Council.
  - *Mr. Hawkins gave updates that were presented in a document. He was able to meet with the Senator and staff and get an earmark request entered and now await a decision. They have also been working on reaching out to property owners to see their opinion on re development and to see if anyone has interest in selling their property.*

## ADJOURNMENT

Mayor James motioned to adjourn the meeting. Council member Brown moved, and council member Blount seconded. The motion passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 6:43 PM.