



TOWN OF BLADENSBURG WORK SESSION | NOVEMBER 10, 2025

November 10, 2025, at 5:30 PM

4229 Edmonston RD, Bladensburg, MD 20710

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of Agenda

Mayor James called for a motion to approve the agenda.

Council Member Blount made a motion to approve the agenda, which Council Member McBryde seconded. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 4–0.

Mayor James noted that Council Member Dixon was enroute to the 7 PM meeting but requested to be excused.

3. Approval of Minutes | Approval of Work Session Minutes – October 20, 2025

Mayor James called for a motion to approve the minutes from the October 20, 2025, Work Session. Council Member Brown made a motion to approve the minutes, which Council Member McBryde seconded. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 4–0.

4. Unfinished Business

A. ORDINANCE 08-2026 | AN ORDINANCE TO ENACT THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 BUDGET PROCESS

Treasurer Tinelli shared the proposed budget calendar for Fiscal Year 2027 with the mayor and council, noting that this is the second year of the ordinance in our efforts to provide greater transparency in the budget process.

5. Financial Business- None

6. New Business

A. Council Presentation | Flood Mitigation Project: Edmonston Channel and Quincy Run – Public Outreach – November 2025 Update

Town Administrator Bailey-Hedgepeth introduced Joanna Smith from DPW&T, along with some members from the Clean Water Partnership. The team shared that the flood mitigation initiative in Bladensburg is progressing with phased construction focused first on critical storage and culvert capacity improvements to reduce flood risk to vulnerable homes. Additionally, the project is currently targeting 29 homes that are at risk during 100-year storms. They provided a detailed overview, which includes maps and photos of the area. The next step will be an outreach effort to those homes and properties that will be affected.

B. Council Presentation | Department of Environment and Clean Water Partnership Grant | Tree Canopy Update – November 2025

Town Administrator Bailey-Hedgepeth introduced Carole Barth from the Department of the Environment. Ms. Barth provided a detailed presentation on the work they have done so far and the implementation plan for urban tree planting in the area, which will occur this winter. Mr. David Wooten, who was also part of the presentation, shared that this grant will enable the planting of 446 native trees this winter to improve community health in low-canopy areas, with maintenance ensured. This process will allow the Town to expand its overall tree canopy and provide a sustainable landscape for future generations.

C. Council Action | Funding Request for Ambulance Staffing Stipend | Bladensburg Fire Department – FY 2026

Chief Sumner shared the presentation, highlighting additional calls for service from January 2024 to October 2025; other EMS units responded to 3,174 calls in Bladensburg, reflecting a significant reliance on external support. The stipend program incentivizes EMTs to consistently staff shifts, addressing volunteer shortages caused by competing full-time jobs. Council members expressed strong support, noting the importance of local ambulance presence, especially for the aging population, and the financial relief the tax differential offers. The Town Administrator and Town Treasurer recommended partial funding of \$20,000 for FY 2026, with discussion on the program for FY 2027 to be included as part of the budget process. Staff also

reported that they reached out to other municipalities to research this funding and will provide additional information as part of the FY 2027 budget process to the Town Council.

- D. Council Action** | Approval for a contract with Fleur de Lis L.L.C. for on-call Commercial Real Estate Advisory Services for signature and execution by Town Administrator.

Jarryd Hawkins suggested and recommended that the town approve a contract with Fleur de Lis L.L.C., a commercial real estate firm led by Monique Anderson Walker, to provide brokerage services focused on property acquisition in Bladensburg, emphasizing regional expertise and personalized attention. The firm was selected over a larger competitor due to a better understanding of Prince George's County markets and a commitment to tailored service. The Town Administrator provided answers regarding the contact and noted that the request will be approved pending review and approval by the Town Attorney.

- E. Council Action** | Approval of a Contract with Calvert Ready Mix, an amount not to exceed \$44,486.50 for Sidewalk and Curb Repairs using CDBG PY 50 Funds on Taussig Street.

Town Clerk Watson and Public Works Supervisor Mr. Hall announced that the Town continues to utilize remaining funds from the PY51 grant for street repairs, awarding a contract of approximately \$44,486.50 to Calvert Ready Mix for work on the opposite side of 56th Street, with a focus on high-quality workmanship and safety compliance. This is the third street project funded under PY51, with close to \$60,000 remaining for further use. The Town is monitoring bid responses and may consider reprogramming remaining funds or issuing additional RFPs for subsequent projects.

- F. Resolution 07-2026** | A Resolution of the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Bladensburg, Maryland, establishing and approving the schedule of fees and fines for various municipal services and violations

Town Administrator Bailey-Hedgepeth shared that this resolution will formalize fee additions related to parking enforcement, including vehicle booting, tagging, late fees, and collection fees, streamlining the Town's Fine schedule process. These fees align with previously passed ordinances and will be codified in a single resolution to simplify future amendments. The

resolution enables single-meeting approvals without requiring repeated postings, thereby enhancing administrative efficiency.

G. Information Memo | United States 250th Anniversary | Update November 2025 Forgon due to time and will be held for the 7 PM meeting.

H. Information Memo | Legislative Update | November 2025

This Informational item was submitted as written, and no discussion was had on this matter. The report is attached to the agenda for public review.

I. Information Memo | Green Team Update | November 2025

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J. Information Memo | Washington Metropolitan Council of Governments (COG) Update | November 2025

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K. Information Memo | Bostwick House - November 2025

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L. Information Memo | DRAFT ALPR Agreement with RedSpeed | Update November 2025

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7. Adjournment

Mayor James called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Brown moved to adjourn, and Council Member Blount seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (4-0), and the meeting was adjourned at 6:54 PM.