



TOWN OF BLADENSBURG COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING | DECEMBER 8, 2025

December 08, 2025 at 5:30 PM

4229 Edmonston RD, Bladensburg, MD 20710

MINUTES

1. Call to Order – 1 min

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

2. Approval of Agenda – 1 min

Mayor James called for a motion to approve the agenda.

Council Member Dixon made a motion to approve the agenda, which Council Member Blount seconded. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 5–0.

3. Approval of Minutes

A. Town Council Work Session Minutes | November 10, 2025 (2 minutes)

Mayor James called for a motion to approve the minutes from the November 10, 2025, Work Session. Council Member Blount made a motion to approve the minutes, which Council Member Dixon seconded. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 5–0.

4. Unfinished Business

5. New Business

A. Information Memo | Anacostia Trails Heritage Area (ATHA) Update | December 2025

Town Administrator Bailey-Hedgepeth shared that at the 7 PM meeting, Meagan Bacco will present their current activities, service area, and grant makers in Prince George’s County.

Meagan joined the meeting toward the end and provided an update on ATHA's services, partnerships, and activities, as well as the upcoming celebration of the Nation’s 250th Anniversary.

- B. Emergency Ordinance 11-2026 |** Approval of a budget adjustment and authorization for the Administrator to purchase a 2025 Chevrolet Truck and Plow to come from Highway User Funds proceeds in an amount not to exceed \$63,283.

Town Administrator Bailey-Hedgepeth shared that this amendment authorizes the town to purchase a 2025 Chevrolet truck and plow using highway user funds, with a maximum expenditure of \$63,283. Mr. Hall provided further details regarding the urgency of replacing the 2011 pickup. This will be voted on during the 7 PM meeting.

- C. Resolution 08-2026 |** Resolution of Council support for the application for funds for the FY 2026 Residential Energy Equity Grant Program with the Port Towns.

Town Administrator Bailey-Hedgepeth shared that this resolution supports the application for an energy quality grant program. This will be a Port Towns application process. This has a solar component and energy-efficient items. The Town of Edmonton would be the principal applicant and project manager. This will be voted on during the 7 pm meeting.

- D. Information Memo |** Rules of Procedure Virtual Attendance and Consent Agenda | December 2025

Town Administrator Bailey-Hedgepeth shared an overview of an item to be considered that would allow us to take the items discussed at the 5:30 pm meeting, place them on a consent agenda, and, with one vote, have you vote on all of the items. It would allow for less discussion of the streamlined items, and the council could determine whether to add or remove items from the consent agenda.

Mayor James mentioned that she asked the Town Administrator to look at the Consent Agenda, and the Council agreed that they would submit comments to the Town Administrator for a revised presentation and document for January 2026

- E. Information Memo |** Law Enforcement Officers Retirement Plan (LEOPS) Review | Update December 2025

Treasurer Tinelli shared the study results, sharing what it would look like if the town removed the law enforcement officers from the current retirement plan and moved them to the LEOPS plan.

The Town Administrator, Treasurer, and Police Department will bring back additional options to the Council in January.

F. Information Memo | Data Center Update | December 2025

Town Administrator Bailey-Hedgepeth shared information regarding the data center update and staff report. Ms. McCutchen provided a presentation with additional background and asked the Mayor and Council for a letter of support.

The Mayor noted that she needed more information and additional time to review the materials. She and other Council members stated that they would feel more comfortable with additional time to review the materials. This item may come back to the Council in January 2026.

G. Information Memo | Composting Update | December 2025

Town Administrator Bailey-Hedgepeth shared that the town of Edmonton has been running our composting project. The Town has 27 households involved in this project and would like to keep all of them on. This benefits the town, and we would like to continue servicing those households that are already engaged once the grant money is gone.

Mayor James challenged the Town to recruit more participants to bring us closer to 50 so the program can be more self-sustaining. The TA will work with Edmonston and Mr. Jefferies on the marketing of the program to Bladensburg residents.

H. Information Memo | GovPilot Module Update | December 2025

Town Administrator Bailey-Hedgepeth shared that a significant portion of this is within code enforcement. There are five modules that are involved. Mr. Rinehart shared more details regarding this program and its benefits. His overview noted that the program was a huge step forward for the team, providing them with the means to address issues in the field and to track items more efficiently.

I. Information Memo | Bostwick House Update – December 2025

Town Administrator Bailey-Hedgepeth shared that we have received the initial visuals of the Bostwick activation plans. This included an early architect's rendering of the site, along with other activities and updates that have taken place at the site.

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

Town Administrator Bailey-Hedgepeth provided a brief overview of the funding and programs we are currently using and those we would continue to use, as homeland security funds will no longer fund them at the same level as in previous fiscal years.

6. Adjournment

Mayor James called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Blount moved to adjourn, and Council Member McBryde seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (5-0), and the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM.