



# **TOWN OF BLADENSBURG BUDGET MEETING | FEBRUARY 18, 2025**

January 18, 2025, at 5:30 PM

4229 Edmonston RD, Bladensburg, MD 20710

## **MINUTES**

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### **1. Call to Order – 1 min**

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

### **2. Approval of Agenda – 1 min**

Mayor James called for a motion to approve the agenda. CM McBryde moved the motion; CM Blount seconded the motion. After minor corrections to the agenda, the motion passed 5-0.

### **3. Approval of Minutes**

#### **A. Town Council Closed Session Minutes | January 28, 2025**

Mayor James called for a motion to approve the January 28, 2025, closed session minutes. CM Dixon moved the motion, and CM Brown seconded it. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0

#### **B. Town Council Emergency Post Session Minutes | January 30, 2025**

Mayor James called for a motion to approve the January 30, 2025, emergency post session minutes. CM Brown moved the motion, and CM McBryde seconded it. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

#### **C. Town Council Closed Session Minutes | February 10, 2025**

Mayor James called for a motion to approve the February 10, 2025, closed session minutes. CM Dixon moved the motion, and CM McBryde seconded it. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

### **4. Presentations**

#### **A. FY 2026 Budget**

4. Town Administrator Bailey-Hedgepeth presented the FY 2026 Budget. Topics covered included revenue estimates, constant yield tax rates, and updates on residential, commercial, and

apartment tax assessments, which increased by 7% and 1%, respectively. The budget for the July 4th fireworks event was reviewed, as well as budgets for various town events, including food vendor pricing and logistics for the Turkey Distribution event. Council budget details were also discussed, with an emphasis on a 17% increase in health insurance costs. Employee recognition events, scholarships for local students, community grant programs, membership fees for various organizations, and funding for senior community were also covered.

## **5. Adjournment**

Mayor James called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. CM McBryde moved the motion, and CM Dixon seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 pm.