



TOWN OF BLADENSBURG COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING | MARCH 9, 2026

March 09, 2026 at 5:30 PM

4229 Edmonston RD, Bladensburg, MD 20710

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Council Member Dixon called the meeting to order at 5:33 PM.

2. Approval of Agenda

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

Council Member Dixon called for an excused absence for Mayor James. Council Member Brown made a motion to approve the agenda, which Council Member Blount seconded. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 4–0.

3. Approval of Minutes

A. Town Council Work Session Meeting Minutes | February 9, 2026

Council Member Dixon called for a motion to approve the minutes from February 9, 2026, Work Session. Council Member Blount made a motion to approve the minutes, which Council Member McBryde seconded. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 4–0.

4. Financial Business

A. ACTION ITEM | Update on FY 2025 Audit – March 2026

Town Administrator Bailey-Hedgepeth shared a brief presentation on the FY 2025 Audit and noted that nothing has changed since the Budget work session, when staff provided an overview of the report prepared by LSG, the audit firm. Mr. Tinelli shared the auditor's opinion letter.

B. INFORMATION MEMO | FY 2027 Budget Update and Council Budget Review | March 2026

Mr. Tinelli shared a presentation of the budget, highlighting that the FY26 budget draft shows conservative revenue growth but faces a significant projected deficit requiring adjustments. Overall tax assessments increased approximately 4%, driven by a 6% rise in residential property values. There's a projected FY26 budget deficit at \$417,000, driven by increased compensation and pension costs. Lastly, the grants not included in early draft to maintain clarity; total budget including grants expected near \$13 million.

5. New Business

A. INFORMATION MEMO | Port Town Sector Plan Update – March 2025

Town Administrator Bailey-Hedgepeth introduced Emily Lutz project manager for the sector plan project. Ms. Lutz shared a presentation on the recently completed Port Towns Sector Plan and the draft recommendations that will be brought to the planning board this spring. She further noted the minor zoning changes in Bladensburg and the next steps for final approval and adoption.

B. INFORMATION MEMO | Legislative Update Report for Session 2026

Town Administrator Bailey-Hedgepeth introduced Kelly with L.A Perez Consulting who shared her report for the legislative update for the current session. As part of the presentation, Council was provided an update on several bills, and a report was submitted as part of the agenda packet.

C. INFORMATION MEMO | Draft Resolution 11-2026 | Rules of Procedure with addition of Virtual Attendance and Consent Agenda – March 2026

Town Administrator Bailey-Hedgepeth shared the "red-lined" document as previously requested by the council. The Council indicated that there was no consensus on moving forward with a consent agenda, but saw the need to update the document to include virtual attendance. The Interim TA will revisit this matter in the coming months.

D. ORDINANCE 16-2026 | Budget Amendment for consulting and network infrastructure 30k

Town Administrator Bailey-Hedgepeth shared that this ordinance would adjust the budget for FY 26 for two purchases using Automated Enforcement funds. The first approved funding for a Acting Chief Friskhorn gave more details regarding the contract that is being referred to.

- E. ORDINANCE 17-2026** | Fiscal Year 2026 budget amendment for purchases related to trash and recycling receptacles in the amount not to exceed \$ 30,000.

Town Administrator Bailey-Hedgepeth shared that this ordinance allows funds to be transferred from highway user funds to purchase a new trash receptacle to further beautification efforts in the Town. Quotes for this purchase were provided, and the Town will use piggyback contract pricing from the Town of Edmonston, which recently purchased new Big-Belly Trash cans.

- F. Resolution 13-2026** | A Joint Resolution of Intent for the Annexation of Properties Along Edmonston Road with the Town of Edmonston

Town Administrator Bailey-Hedgepeth shared this resolution, which the Town of Edmonston is also passing, as part of the shared vision for annexing properties along Edmonston Road. This resolution outlines the boundaries and sets expectations for working together on the annexation process.

- G. ACTION ITEM** | Approval and adoption of the Strategic Plan - Close Out Report | March 2026 (10 Minutes)

Town Administrator Bailey-Hedgepeth shared that this is the strategic plan closeout, which lists the completed items and recommends approval for the Town Council to move forward and create a new strategic plan for 2035.

- H. ACTION ITEM** | Memorandum of Understanding with the Prince George's Gateway Development Authority (PGGDA) Bostwick House Activation and Improvements

This item was not discussed and was moved to the 7 pm meeting

- I. ACTION ITEM** | Approval of a Co-location Agreement with RedSpeed Maryland, LLC and the Town of Bladensburg on Automated License Plate Readers (ALPR)

This item was not discussed and was moved to the 7 pm meeting

- J. ACTION ITEM** | Approval of a contract for repairs to Bostwick House Stabilization and repairs, using Bond Bill funds to Colossal Contractors: \$99,000.00

This item was not discussed and was moved to the 7 pm meeting

- K. ACTION ITEM** | Approval of an Agreement with M-NCPPC for Bostwick House

This item was not discussed and was moved to the 7 pm meeting

- L. ACTION ITEM** | Approval of a Contract with IACP for the Police Promotional Process and authorization for the Town Administrator to execute a contract not to exceed \$38,300.

This item was not discussed and was moved to the 7 pm meeting

- M. Resolution 12-2026** A Resolution for the Town of Bladensburg declaring April as No Mow April

This item was not discussed and was moved to the 7 pm meeting

- N. RESOLUTION 14-2026** | Support of Joint Application with Aman Memorial Trust for PMAC

This item was not discussed and was moved to the 7 pm meeting

- O. Resolution 15-2026** | APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BCCE
PORT TOWNS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

This item was not discussed and was moved to the 7 pm meeting

- P. Resolution 16-2026** | A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Bladensburg in Support of HB 1142 / SB — Establishing the Task Force to Modernize County and Municipal Revenue Sources

This item was not discussed and was moved to the 7 pm meeting

6. Adjournment

Council Member Dixon called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Blount moved to adjourn, and Council Member Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (4-0), and the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM.