



TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET MEETING

April 27, 2026 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 5:30pm.

2. Approval of Agenda – 1 min

Mayor James called for a motion to approve the agenda. Council Member McBryde made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Council Member Brown. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 4–0.

3. New Business - FY27 Budget Review for Public Safety, Public Works, Summary / Discussion

Town of Bladensburg held its fourth budget work session to review the FY2027 budget planning process. Mr. Tinelli summarized the first three budget meetings and will be continuing the budget review for this meeting focusing on Public Safety and Public works.

- A. Public Safety - Mr. Tinelli mentioned the removal of two duplicated positions for officers which brings savings in compensation of \$200K. We will also be deferring the purchase of public safety cruisers until later in the fiscal year depending on how the FY27 finances are performing. This will be a budget savings of \$220K.
 - a. The removal of the two items was enough to balance the FY27 budget when before, we had a (\$417K) loss.
- B. Public Works - There was an increase in compensation to reflect current year salary improvements. Other increases were for equipment maintenance, and contractual trash service.

- C. Next Steps – The Town will be holding a community budget input session on May 16th and will be an Open House format. There will be a first reading of the Budget Ordinance at the May 11, 2026 Mayor and Council meeting, with the second reading and adoption at the June 8, 2026 Mayor and Council meeting.
- D. Other - Mayor James called for a motion to excuse CM Blount from tonight meeting due to medical reasons, CM Dixon moved the motion, which CM McBryde seconded. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

4. Adjournment

Mayor James called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Brown moved to adjourn, and Council Member McBryde seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (4-0), and the meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm.