



TOWN OF BLADENSBURG COUNCIL MEETING | MARCH 10, 2025

March 10, 2025 at 7:00 PM

4229 Edmonston RD, Bladensburg, MD 20710

MINUTES

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1. Call to Order

Council Member Brown called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

2. Opening Prayer

Council Member McBryde led the prayer.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Council Member Dixon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of Agenda

Council Member Brown called for a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of one amendment. CM McBryde moved the motion, CM Dixon seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

5. Presentations

A. Bladensburg Police Department | Presenter Chief Tyrone Collington | Swearing-In - Officer Derek Kinard

Chief Collington and CM Brown conducted the swearing-in of Officer Kinnard and announced the appointment of Mr. Osuji as the new Code Enforcement Officer.

B. Ms. Green shared the plans for the 100th anniversary of the Peace Cross and announced that the Memorial Day ceremony will be held on May 26 at 11 a.m.

6. Approval of Minutes

A. Town Council Minutes | February 10, 2025

Council Member Brown called for a motion to approve the minutes from February 10, 2025. CM McBryde moved the motion, and CM Dixon seconded it. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

B. Town Council Closed Session Minutes | February 18, 2025

Council Member Brown called for a motion to approve the minutes from February 18, 2025. CM Dixon moved the motion, and CM McBryde seconded it. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

7. Public Comments

1. Ms. McCutchen addressed the Maglev issue and read an article she saw in the Washington Post.
2. Mr. White shared his opinion and raised questions regarding the new town hall.

8. Financial Business

A. FY 2026 Budget Overview | FY 2025 Budget Update | Session 3

Town Administrator Bailey-Hedgepeth shared the structural issues affecting the FY25 and FY26 budgets, the expiration of ARPA funds, a decrease in speed camera revenues, increases in compensation and health insurance, among other expenses, as well as possible cost-saving measures.

9. New Business

A. Resolution 15-2025 | Appointment of Ethics Commission Members for 2025 - 2027

Council Member Brown called for a motion to appoint Brandon Newsome, Michael Wildheart, and Daryl Davis to the Ethics Commission, and Trey Jackson Marshall as an alternate candidate. CM Blount moved the motion, and CM McBryde seconded it. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0. Town Clerk Watson read the resolution for the record.

B. Legislative Session Update | March 2025

Town Administrator Bailey-Hedgepeth spoke regarding the legislative session update on zoning issues, voting rights, and annexation restrictions, as well as discussed HB 990 regarding financial officer requirements for municipalities.

C. PEPCO | Street Lighting Update | March 2025

Town Administrator Bailey-Hedgepeth gave an update regarding Pepco street lighting and potential legal action.

D. FY 2025 Community Grant Process Update | March 2025

Town Administrator Bailey-Hedgepeth provided an update on the FY2025 community grant process.

E. Town Scholarship FY 2025 Update | March 2025

Town Administrator Bailey-Hedgepeth provided an update on the town scholarship grant process.

F. Bostwick House Update | Community Activation Event | March 2025

Town Clerk Watson shared information about the Discover Bostwick event, which will be held on May 3rd, 2025.

G. Mosquito Control Program Prince George's County | 2025 Program

Code Enforcement Supervisor Mr. Rinehart provided an update regarding the renewal of the mosquito control program.

H. Town Hall Update | Neighborhood Design Center | March 2025

Town Administrator Bailey-Hedgepeth gave a brief overview of the Town Hall project presentation.

11. Staff Reports

Treasurer; Public Safety and Code Enforcement; Town Clerk; Public Works; Town Administrator

A. Staff Reports | March 2025

1. Town Treasurer Mr. Tinelli shared a presentation on the FY25 budget revenue and expenses through February.

2. Chief Collington stated that his report could be found online and thanked the hard-working women of our town in honor of Women's History Month.
3. Code Enforcement Supervisor Rinehart gave an update regarding the CPR classes that will be provided to staff. He also stated that his report could be found online.
4. Town Clerk Watson mentioned the list of upcoming events and the meetings she has attended this month. Her report is also available online.
5. Public Works Supervisor Hall submitted his report online.
6. Town Administrator Bailey-Hedgepeth stated she provided her report online.

12. Mayor and Council Reports

Council Member McBryde reported that she attended the COG meeting online and thanked the Chief and Mayor for allowing her to attend a ceremony where the police department received an award.

Council Member Dixon extended her condolences to CM Brown, who recently lost her brother. She attended the funeral for Ms. Carletta Lundy's husband, who passed away. She also attended the COG meeting, the CDCP webinar, and lastly, congratulated the new members of the Ethics Committee.

Council Member Brown extended her gratitude to the town and staff for being there for her during her bereavement time. She also congratulated the women in honor of Women's History Month, as well as Officer Kinnard and Mr. Osuji. She attended the 47th Leaders Meeting, among other meetings.

13. Adjournment

Council Member Brown called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. CM Dixon moved the motion, and CM McBryde seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 pm.