



TOWN OF BLADENSBURG COUNCIL MEETING | MARCH 9, 2026

March 09, 2026 at 7:00 PM

4229 Edmonston RD, Bladensburg, MD 20710

MINUTES

1. Call to Order –

Council Member Dixon called the meeting to order at 7:12 PM

2. Opening Prayer –

Council Member McBryde led the opening prayer.

3. Pledge of Allegiance –

Council Member Dixon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. 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 McBryde seconded. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 4–0.

Council Member Dixon called for an excused absence for Mayor James. 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.

5. Presentations

A. Patriotic Committee | Renee Green

Renee Green reminded us about the Memorial Day ceremony at 11 am on May 25, followed by a luncheon. They are still seeking a veteran speaker. More details will be shared in the future about the fireworks and the 250th anniversary.

6. Approval of Minutes

A. Town Council Meeting Minutes | February 9, 2026

Council Member Dixon called for a motion to approve the minutes from the February 9, 2026, Town Council Meeting. 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.

7. Public Comments

Steve Weitz- Gave thanks for everything that has been done for the Bostwick house. He also wished Ms. Bailey-Hedgepeth good luck and said how much she would be missed.

8. Financial Business

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

Mr. Tinelli shared a brief overview of the audit, and details were shared during the work session. He recommended that the Council approve the FY 2025 Audit.

Council Member Dixon called for a motion to approve. Council Member Blount moved the motion, CM Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed anonymously 4-0.

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

Mr. Tinelli shared the FY 2027 budget presentation and shared dates for the budget meetings.

9. New Business

A. ORDINANCE 16-2026 | Budget Amendment for consulting and network infrastructure \$30,000

Town Administrator Bailey-Hedgepeth shared that this would allow the Town to transfer items from Automated Enforcement to the two items: one for building repairs (IT Cabling) and the other for the Police Department's professional development, which would be a contract with ICP for the Promotional Process. TA Bailey-Hedgepeth read the Ordinance into the record.

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

B. 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 would allow the town to transfer funds from the Highway User Funds to cover the expenses of heavy-duty trash TA Bailey-Hedgepeth read the Ordinance into the record.

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

C. ACTION ITEM | Approval and adoption of the Strategic Plan - Close Out Report | March 2026

Town Administrator Bailey-Hedgepeth shared the close-out report with the Council and asked the Council to approve it as the final report to close out the 2016-2021 Town Strategic Plan.

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

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

Town Administrator Bailey-Hedgepeth introduced the agreement. Acting Chief Frishkorn spoke in greater detail about the contract, which will provide the Town with an automated license plate reader for one (1) year at no charge.

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

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

Town Administrator Bailey-Hedgepeth presented the recommendation to the council based on the bids that were received and noted that Colossal was the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for façade repairs to the Bostwick House using Bond Bill funds.

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

F. ACTION ITEM | Approval of an Agreement with MNCPPC for Bostwick House

Town Administrator Bailey-Hedgepeth introduced the grant agreement regarding \$25,000 for the Bostwick House from the Historic Preservation board for the use of completing architectural drawings and renderings of the outdoor space at the Bostwick House.

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

G. 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.

Acting Chief Frishkorn spoke in more detail about having an outside agency conduct the promotional process. We currently have many supervisor positions, and having an outside independent company promotes fairness in the system and credibility with the sworn officers. This will also contribute to transparency in the promotional process.

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

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

Town Administrator Bailey-Hedgepeth shared that this was a draft document and asked the Council to approve for the Mayor to work with the Town Attorney to sign a final agreement. The purpose of the agreement is to provide funding for Bostwick site activation, which would help fund small repairs and painting projects. She also thanked Public Works for the barn clean-up last week. She asked the Council to approve the Mayor to execute this contract on behalf of the Town.

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

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

Mr. Rinehart shared this resolution, which encourages residents not to mow their lawns but asks them to register with the town hall, where a lawn sign would be given to them. This initiative supports bees and other pollinators by allowing flowers and early bloomers to provide nectar and pollen.

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

J. 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 that this resolution develops the annexation agreement between the Town and the Town of Edmonston. It formalizes our agreement and develops a long-term vision for the collaborative approach to annexing. TA Bailey-Hedgepeth read the abbreviated version of the Resolution and requested Council approval.

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

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

Town Administrator Bailey-Hedgepeth shared that this resolution would support a joint application with Aman Trust to partner with the town on PMAC services to be provided by Maryland Park and Planning. TA Bailey-Hedgepeth read the abbreviated version of the Resolution.

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

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

Town Administrator Bailey-Hedgepeth shared that this appointment is for Neal Ryan, who was recommended by Ernest Maier. This would formalize his appointment with the BCCE Port

Town CDC Board with Council Member Blount. TA Bailey-Hedgepeth read the abbreviated version of the Resolution.

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

M. 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

Town Administrator Bailey-Hedgepeth shared that this resolution supports the task force on modernization and municipal revenues. This task force will examine how tax dollars are allocated to municipalities and counties, and MML has proposed this item for support. TA Bailey-Hedgepeth read the abbreviated version of the Resolution and requested Council approval.

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

10. Staff Reports

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

A. Public Safety Report | March 2026

Acting Chief Friskhorn highlighted that violent crime is down 58%, property crimes are down 48%, but the arrests are up between this month and last month. He highlighted the eggstravaganza event that is coming up on Saturday, March 29.

Mr. Rinehart gave a brief overview. In the past month, they issued 47 snow and ice violations. He also shared that the GOVPilot Program is working well and they are actively using it. He said it can be found on the website under code enforcement.

B. Town Treasurer Report | February 2026

Mr. Tinelli submitted his written report and highlighted that the total revenues are right on budget, and that is without the federal funding or bond bills.

C. Public Works Report | February 2026

The report was submitted online.

D. Town Administrator Report | March 2026

Town Administrator Bailey-Hedgepeth shared a heartfelt message to the Mayor, Council, staff, and residents.

E. INFORMATION MEMO | Legislative Update Report for Session 2026

The report was submitted online as part of the packet.

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

The report was submitted online as part of the packet.

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

The report was submitted online as part of the packet.

11. Mayor and Council Reports (3 Minutes each)

Council Member Marilyn Blount – Ward 2 - CM Blount was very appreciative of the grant that was received. She also praised TA Bailey-Hedgepeth and offered sincere farewell thoughts.

Council Member Trina Brown – Ward 1 - CM Brown thanked for the congressional funding. She attended the PGCMA meeting and she reminded that April 11 is the community meeting. She also wished everyone a happy Women's Month. She also thanked TA Bailey-Hedgepeth for her organizational skills and for all her contributions to the town of Bladensburg. She wished her the best in her endeavors.

Council Member Carrol McBryde – Ward 2 - CM McBryde attended the graduation ceremony for Deaconess Givens, where she received an award. She also looks forward to working with the police department's programs. She also thanked Michelle, recognizing that she has been a true instrument for the town and is in awe of how Michelle accomplished all the work she did during her tenure here. She wished her the very best and thanked her again.

Council Member Kalisha Dixon – Ward 1- CM Dixon thanked the police department for their hard work, as well as public works, code, finance, and staff. She attended the COG and Kaiser meetings

regarding the health fair scheduled for April 18. She also shared a message for Michelle, thanking her for all of her incredible work, help, leadership, dedication, and efforts in moving the town forward. She wishes her the best, is excited for her next chapter in Michelle's career, and wishes her nothing but continued success.

12. Adjournment

Council Member Dixon 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 (4-0), and the meeting was adjourned at 9:06 PM.