



## **SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING | MAY 12, 2025**

May 12, 2025 at 7:00 PM

4229 Edmonston RD, Bladensburg, MD 20710

### **MINUTES**

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#### **1. Call to Order**

Mayor James called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm

#### **2. Approval of Agenda**

Mayor James called for a motion to approve the agenda. Council Member McBryde made the motion, which was seconded by Council Member Brown. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 5–0.

#### **3. Unfinished Business**

#### **4. New Business**

##### **A. Tax Rate Hearing | FY 2025 -2026**

i. Tax Rate Public Hearing - Reading

ii. Public Comments are limited to the Tax Rate for three minutes each speaker.

iii. Close Hearing

Town Administrator Bailey Hedgepath read the procedure for the tax rate. There were no comments from the public. Mayor James called for a motion to close the hearing; Council Member Dixon made the motion, which was seconded by Council Member McBryde. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 5–0.

##### **B. ANNEXATION RESOLUTION NO. 02-2025 | A RESOLUTION BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BLADENSBURG TO ENLARGE THE CORPORATE BOUNDARIES OF THE TOWN BY**

**ANNEXATION OF 7.0642 ACRES OF LAND MORE OR LESS. SECOND READING - PUBLIC HEARING.**

Mayor James read the Annexation Resolution. No representatives were present. Town Administrator Bailey Hedgepath read the public comments that had been submitted and entered the responses into the record.

Mayor James then called for a motion to approve the resolution. Council Member Brown made the motion, which was seconded by Council Member Dixon. Town Clerk Watson conducted a roll call vote, and the motion passed unanimously.

Following this, Mayor James called for a motion to conclude the public hearing. Council Member McBryde moved the motion, seconded by Council Member Dixon. The motion passed unanimously.

**C. ANNEXATION PLAN Resolution 24- 2025 | FOR THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN TAX-EXEMPT OR OTHER PUBLICLY OWNED REAL PROPERTY LOCATED GENERALLY SOUTH AND WEST OF THE PRESENT CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF BLADENSBURG INCLUDING APPROXIMATELY FIVE PARCELS LOCATED AT OR NEAR BLADENSBURG WATERFRONT PARK ALONG THE ANACOSTIA RIVER, WHICH IS A TOTAL OF 31.032 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED BELOW IN THIS ANNEXATION PLAN.**

Town Clerk Watson read the short title of the resolution.

Mayor James called for a motion to waive the full reading and proceed to a vote. Council Member McBryde made the motion, which was seconded by Council Member Brown. Town Clerk Watson called the roll for the vote, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor James then called for a motion to adopt the resolution. Council Member Dixon made the motion, seconded by Council Member Blount. Town Clerk Watson called the roll for the vote, and the motion passed unanimously.

**D. ANNEXATION RESOLUTION NO. 03-2025 - INTRODUCTION | A RESOLUTION BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BLADENSBURG TO ENLARGE THE CORPORATE BOUNDARIES OF THE TOWN BY ANNEXATION OF 31.032 ACRES OF LAND MORE OR LESS.**

Mayor James called for a motion to waive the full reading. Council Member Blount made the motion, which was seconded by Council Member McBryde. Town Clerk Watson called the roll for the vote, and the motion passed unanimously. This marked the first reading of the ordinance

**5. Adjournment**

Mayor James called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. CM Dixon moved the motion, and CM Brown seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 pm.