

**TOWN OF BLADENSBURG  
WORKSESSION MINUTES  
JUNE 12, 2017 5:30 P.M.**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor James called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with Council Members Bridgeman, Ficklin, Hall and Mendoza present.
- II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Mayor 2017 Worksession minutes. The minutes were approved as presented.
- III. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Business License Fee Increase:** Council Member Bridgeman moved to raise the business license fees \$10.00 effective next year; Council Member Mendoza seconded the motion. Discussion: There was some discussion about excluding the apartments from the fee increase. The increase would be for FY 2019 as the license applications have already gone out for FY 2018. This should be a management decision not a community one. There was a request for a rate comparison to other municipalities our size. Roll Call vote: Council Member Hall-Aye, Council Member Mendoza-Nay, Council Member Bridgeman-Aye, Council Member Ficklin-Nay, Mayor James, Nay. The motion was defeated 3 to 2.

**Budget Discussion:** The Mayor brought up the new code position and recommended more responsibilities. The Mayor would like a proposal for this job description at the July worksession.

**FY 2018 Town Grant Awards:** The grant review committee, made up of Mr. Tinelli, Ms. McAuley, and Lt. Flynn, recommended three grant awards by given for \$1000 each with certain stipulations. These would be to Endtime Harvest Ministries, We lead by Example, and Foundation for Understanding Wisdom. This will be voted on at the Council Meeting to follow.

**Maryland Municipal League Workshops:** The Mayor requested that all participants give a list of classes they plan to attend to ensure all necessary information is gathered at the event and that there is accountability for Town funds spent on sending Town officials.

- IV. **NEW BUSINESS**

**Quarles Application for a Minor Amendment:** Ms. Sandlin reported that Quarles Gas Station has applied to a Minor Amendment to its site plan. It wants to demolish the current building and re-configure the gas lanes. She will give updates as the request moves forward.

**CDBG Agreement with Prince George's County:** This agreement allows for the flow of Federal HUD funds through the County to the Town, instead of the burden of applying and reporting falling directly on the municipality. Council Member Ficklin moved to approve the Agreement; Council Member Bridgeman seconded the motion and with a Roll Call Vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**Bladensburgmd.gov: New Town E mail Addresses:** Chief Stone reported that we would be changing to this new addresses format shortly and there will be a six month period where the current addresses will roll over to the new.

**Beautification Efforts:** Ms. Sandlin that a few citizens and others had suggested a way to award homes and business for their efforts in making the Town more attractive by landscaping and other exterior improvements. We will continue discussion on different possibilities to develop a program.

**Police Vehicle Purchase:** It was announced that under the current budget, three police vehicles will be purchased. Outfitting the basic cars costs an additional \$3500 per vehicle.

**ADJOURNMENT:** At 6:50 p.m., Council Member Mendoza moved to adjourn; Council Member Bridgeman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. McAuley, Town Clerk