

**TOWN OF BLADENSBURG
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 20, 2017 7:00 P.M.**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor James called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with Council Members Bridgeman, Ficklin, Hall and Mendoza present.
- II. **OPENING PRAYER:** Mayor James gave the opening prayer.
- III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was recited.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 13, 2017 Council Meeting:** Council Member Hall moved to approve the minutes as presented; Council Member Ficklin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- V. **BLADENSBURG FIRE DEPARTMENT:** President Katz gave an update of department calls and responses and asked the Council to consider help with funds for new equipment.
- VI. **YOUTH PROGRAM:** Ms. Kimisha James explained the AK3LC program she is launching in the community that teaches youth basic skills in business and other life Challenges.
- VII. **PEPCO TREE TRIMMING:** Representatives gave an overview of its tree trimming program in order to clear lines and prevent major outages. Safety is this program's top priority.
- VIII. **PUBLIC COMMENTS (three minutes per speaker):** Mayor James entertained input from the audience on community matters and concerns.
- IX. **MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS:** Council reported previous month's activities and meetings.
Council Member Hall
Council Member Mendoza
Council Member Bridgeman
Council Member Ficklin
Mayor James
- X. **STAFF REPORTS:** Staff gave updates on the previous month's Department's activities and achievements. Copies are available at the Clerk's Office.
Public Safety
Public Works
Code Enforcement
Treasurer

**Town Clerk
Town Administrator**

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Adoption of Strategic Plan: Council Member Ficklin moved to approve the Strategic Plan as presented; Council Member Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously, following a roll call vote.

Introduction of Campaign Finance Ordinance 2-2017: Town Clerk McAuley gave a summarization of the Ordinance.

Introduction of Absentee Ballot Process Ordinance 1-2017: Town Clerk McAuley gave a summarization of the Ordinance.

Appointment of Supervisors of Elections: Mayor James asked for approval of Owen Clark, Rita Herndon, Susan McCutchen, Judy Sojourner, Joyce Williams, Janet O'Neill, Myrtle Lane and Pat Williams as Supervisors. Council Member Mendoza moved to approve; Council Member Hall seconded. A roll call vote was taken and the decision to approve was unanimous.

Appointment of Dr. Thomas to TNI Transition Team: Council Member Ficklin moved to approve; Council Member Hall seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken. The decision to approve was unanimous.

XII. FINANCIAL BUSINESS

Approval Town Grant Process: Mayor James announced that the revised grant process was approved during the previous Worksession.

RMS CAD Purchase: Council Member Ficklin moved to approve this \$33,000 communications purchase for the Police Department; Council Member Bridgeman seconded the motion and as per a roll call vote, it passed unanimously.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS (none scheduled)

XIV. ADJOURNMENT: At 9:25 p.m., Council Member Mendoza moved to adjourn; Council Member Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. McAuley, Town Clerk