

**TOWN OF BLADENSBURG
WORKSESSION MINUTES
March 20, 2017 5:30 p.m.**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor James called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with Council Members Ficklin, Hall and Mendoza present. Council Member Bridgeman arrived at 5:40.
- II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 2/13/17 Worksession Minutes:** Council Member Hall moved to approve the minutes as presented; Council Member Mendoza seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- III. **ATHA UPDATE: Aaron Marcavitch, Director** gave an update on the growing organization. ATHA has new offices at the Heritage Center in Hyattsville. It is working on diversifying, funding streams, and a five year plan. ATHA is promoting bike tourism, working with SHA, and planning its Rivers to Rockets weekends.
- IV. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Parking Survey Letter to Residents: Town Administrator Sandlin announced that the survey letters would go out to all Town residents next week.

RMS CAD Purchase: Acting Chief Stone reported that this would be a \$33,000 necessary upgrade to its communication systems.

Town Grant Process: Town Administrator Sandlin explained that the process had been revised and that she was given no feedback on the draft. The application is time sensitive and needed to go out. Council Member Ficklin moved to approve the new process; Council Member Hall seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Council Member Hall-Aye, Council Member Ficklin-Aye; Council Member Mendoza-Aye, Council Member Bridgeman-Nay, Mayor James-Aye. The motion was approved 4-1.

Strategic Plan Review/Update: Town Administrator Sandlin reviewed the changes made to original draft and approval will be voted on at the Council Meeting.

Call a Bus MOU to Include Edmonston: It is hoped that by adding Edmonston, the cost will be more equitably distributed. The Mayor stated he would like to see less administrative costs in the new agreement. The Council wanted to see the revised document before voting on approval. There will be a vote scheduled for April.

Appointment of Supervisors of Elections: Town Clerk McAuley reported that

eight individuals applied and she recommended appointing all applicants as the Election is not until October and something may arise making one or more unable to serve on Election Day.

Election Ordinances: Campaign Finance & Absentee Ballot Process: There were reviewed and will be introduced at the Council Meeting.

V. NEW BUSINESS

FY 2018 Budget Calendar: Treasurer Tinelli introduced his draft calendar and adjustments were made to the schedule.

Personnel Policy Amendment: Town Administrator Sandlin explained the amendment would address comp time (hour for hour) for Department Heads who do not receive overtime for many extra hours worked.

VI. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further worksession business, 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