

**TOWN OF BLADENSBURG
WORKSESSION MINUTES
October 9, 2017, 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 was absent.)

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: September 11, 2017 Worksession Minutes: Council Member Ficklin moved to approve the minutes as presented; Council Member Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

General Code Update: Mr. Rinehart reported that representatives from the firm would be coming to the November Worksession to make a presentation (this has since been changed to December).

Pocket Parks: Ms. Sandlin and Mr. Hall reported that the first pocket park will be located at 54th and Taussig Rd. with two benches and enhanced landscaping.

Holiday Decoration Contest: Mr. Rinehart reported both single family homes and apartments will be eligible to participate. The contest will be well publicized through various platforms to encourage participation. Winners will receive a \$100 Walmart gift card and bragging rights.

Pet Waste Station Updates: Mr. Hall reported that seven stations have been installed at:

- 5100 Block of Quincy Street
- 5400 Block of Tilden Road
- 5700 Block of Emerson Street
- 4100 Block of 56th Avenue
- 4200 Block of 58th Avenue
- 45 Block of 57th Avenue
- 5400 Block of Spring Road

An additional three stations are scheduled to be installed once the locations have been confirmed bringing the final count to ten pet waste stations.

Big Belly Trash Cans Update: Mr. Hall said that the next round of installation of Big Belly trash cans is imminent. The Public Works staff will construct the pads and the company will install the dual units.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Town Files Remote Backup: Chief Stone emphasized the need for off-site storage of all Town records in the event of a natural or manmade catastrophe. He has a proposed contract that is ready for legal review. He emphasized Body Camera storage for the Police Department involves a separate backup system for storage of footage recorded during Police incidents.

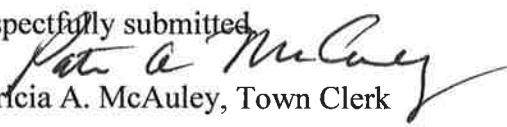
Police Canine Grant: Officer Luciotti investigated a grant opportunity through the Ben Roethlisberger Foundation that provides grants to police and fire department K-9 units throughout the United States. This is the 11th grant cycle for the Foundation. The Town has received notice of approval for the funding in the amount that will enable the Bladensburg Police Department to establish a K-9 unit. The breed will be a Labrador Retriever and will be used to assist in searches. . The dog will receive training, gratis, through the County canine training program. The Town will need to supplement approximately \$2,500 for expenses such food, veterinarian costs, and other expenses.

Fall Fright Fest: This event is scheduled for October 28th and is being organized in partnership with the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (Department of Parks and Recreation), the Prince George's Count Memorial Library System, and the Magic Johnson Community Empowerment Center. The event will include a Trunk or Treat, Costume Skating Parky and other resources available for adult attendees of the event.

Council Member Ficklin announced that he has invited a representative from the Port Towns' CDC to give a presentation to the Mayor and Council in early 2018.

- V. **ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further Worksession business, at 6:35 it was moved and seconded to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,


Patricia A. McAuley, Town Clerk