

**TOWN OF BLADENSBURG
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 11, 2017 7:00 P.M.**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor James called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. By roll call, Council Members Hall, Ficklin and Mendoza were present. Mayor James, citing § 207 of the Town Charter, asked for a vote on whether to excuse Council Member Brigeman's absence from the Council Meeting. Council Member Mendoza moved to excuse Council Member Bridgeman's absence; Council Member Ficklin seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Council Member Hall-Aye; Council Member Ficklin-Aye; Council Member Mendoza-Aye; Mayor James-Nay. The motion passed three to one.
- II. **OPENING PRAYER:** Council Member Ficklin gave the opening prayer.
- III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was recited.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES: November 2017 Council Meeting:** Council Member Ficklin moved to approve the minutes as presented; Council Member Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. **November 2017 Workession:** Council Member Ficklin moved to approve the minutes as presented; Council Member Mendoza seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- V. **MEETING RULES & PROCEDURES:** Mayor James cited § 2.20: Courtesy, Decorum, Conduct and Order of the adopted Rules and Procedures for Town meetings. The intent of this section is to promote an atmosphere of courtesy and decorum appropriate for the efficient discussion of business; and to ensure respectful meeting for member of the audience, staff and elected officials. She will chair Council Meetings accordingly and expects all attendees to follow and respect these policies.
- VI. **CKAR TREE PLANTING PROGRAM:** Patricia Parker, Dan Smith, and Abel Olivio, representing the Kenilworth Avenue Association, reported that they have collaborated with the Landscape Architecture program faculty and students to provide an opportunity for free tree plantings on public and private properties. They stressed the environmental importance of the tree canopy to the community at large. Homeowners will be responsible for watering and mulching trees on their properties. The group has received a total of 300 trees for this round of the grant. They provided applications for trees and applications can also be filled out on line.
- VII. **47TH DISTRICT DELEGATION PROCLAMATION:** Delegates Diana Fennell and Jimmy Tarlau presented Mayor Takisha James with a Proclamation from the Maryland General Assembly congratulating her on her recent swearing in as the newly elected Mayor. They announced the upcoming District 47 Holiday reception and the beginning of the 47th District Legislative meetings held every Friday morning in

Annapolis where they will discuss pending legislation and bills being introduced during the 2018 General Assembly. Information on the time and location of these meetings can be found on both Delegate Fennell and Delegate Tarlau's websites.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (three minutes per speaker) Mayor James entertained comments and concerns from the audience.

IX. MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS: The Mayor and Council gave updates on activities they participated in during the month of November 2017. A copy of the Mayor's written report is available through the Town Clerk's office and on the Town website.

**Council Member Hall
Council Member Mendoza
Council Member Ficklin
Mayor James**

X. STAFF REPORTS: Staff gave updates on activities and projects of interest during the month of November 2017. Copies of written reports are available through the Town Clerk's office and on the Town Website.

XI.
**Public Works
Public Safety
Code Enforcement
Finance
Marketing
Town Clerk
Town Administrator**

XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (none scheduled)

XIII. FINANCIAL BUSINESS (none scheduled)

XIV. NEW BUSINESS (none scheduled)

XV. ADJOURNMENT: At 8:22 p.m., Council Member Hall moved to adjourn; Council Member Mendoza seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,


Patricia A. McAuley
Town Clerk

Council Actions:

Council approved Council Members excused absence.

Council approved November Worksession Minutes.

Council approved November Council Meeting Minutes.