

**TOWN OF BLADENSBURG  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 12, 2018 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, and Mendoza present. Council Member Hall was excused.
- II. **OPENING PRAYER:** Council Member Ficklin gave the opening prayer.
- III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was recited.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The approval February 2018 Council Meeting minutes' were tabled until the April Council Meeting.
- V. **PRESENTATIONS:**
  - a. **CONSTANT YIELD PRESENTATION:** Treasurer Tinelli gave an overview of the FY 19 real estate taxes projection that requires the Town to have a public hearing in order to keep its tax rate higher than the constant yield rate. The constant yield rate is the tax rate that gives the Town the same revenues for real property taxes as those from the previous year. Changes in assessment values determine increased (or decreased) revenues by keeping the Town's current rate. The Constant Yield Hearing, as required by State Law, will be held on May 14, 2018. A published notice 7-21 days prior to the Hearing is mandated.
  - b. **HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY:** Michael Lyles, Esq. Executive Director, who was on a municipal tour, gave an overview of the Commission's purpose including investigating community complaints and antihuman trafficking efforts. The Commission also provides free legal services for individuals detained for deportation and provides training about human trafficking for law enforcement. For further information see [endhumantraffickingpgc.org/hoteltrainingprogram](http://endhumantraffickingpgc.org/hoteltrainingprogram).
- VI. **PUBLIC COMMENTS (three minutes per speaker)** Mayor James entertained comments and concerns from the audience.
- VII. **MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS:** The Mayor and Council gave updates on activities they participated in during the month February 2018. A copy of the Mayor's written report is available through the Town Clerk's office and on the Town website

**Council Member Ficklin  
Council Member Bridgeman**

**TOWN OF BLADENSBURG  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 12, 2018 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, and Mendoza present. Council Member Hall was excused.
- II. **OPENING PRAYER:** Council Member Ficklin gave the opening prayer.
- III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was recited.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 2018 Council Meeting:** Council Member Ficklin moved to approve the minutes as presented; Council Member Mendoza seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- V. **CLOSED SESSION:** Mayor James announced there was a Closed Session of Mayor and Council on February 8<sup>th</sup> to discuss a personnel issue.
- VI. **TAX REFORM PRESENTATION:** Treasurer Tinelli gave an overview of the new Federal tax legislation and its immediate and long term impact on the citizens and businesses in the Town.
- VII. **PUBLIC COMMENTS (three minutes per speaker):** Mayor James entertained comments and concerns from the audience.
- VIII. **MAYOR and COUNCIL REPORTS:** The Mayor and Council gave updates on activities they participated in during the month of January 2018. A copy of the Mayor's written report is available through the Town Clerk's office and on the Town website.  
  
**Council Member Ficklin  
Council Member Bridgeman  
Council Member Mendoza  
Mayor James**
- IX. **STAFF REPORTS:** Staff gave updates on activities and projects of interest during the month of January 2018. Copies of written reports are available through the Town Clerk's office and on the Town Website.  
  
**Public Works  
Public Safety  
Code Enforcement  
Finance  
Marketing  
Town Clerk  
Town Administrator**
- X. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. McAuley, Town Clerk

**Council Actions:**

Council approved the January 2018 Council Meeting minutes.

Council approved sending a letter to the Governor and Congressman Brown opposing the MAGLEV project.

Council approved the FY 2017 Audit

Council approved the PY 43 CDBG Agreement with Prince George's County

Council approved the Recycling Agreement with Prince George's County