

**TOWN OF BLADENSBURG
WORKSESSION MINUTES
January 16, 2018 5:30 p.m.**

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor James called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with Council Members Bridgeman, Ficklin, and Mendoza present. Council Member Hall was excused.
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December 2017 Worksession minutes:** Council Member Mendoza moved to approve the minutes as presented; Council Member Ficklin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- III. UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND REAL ESTATE PROGRAM: Student Team Presentation of 450 Master Plan:** Ms. Margaret McFarlane, Director of the Real Estate program, introduced the team, including Ms. Tania Barnsal, the instructor overseeing the project. This “Capstone” program involves a multiplicity of students working in real estate, including disciplines in finance and construction.

The students working on this project were restricted to the area of Annapolis Road from Edmonston Road, east to the 202 split. They focused on how to make the corridor attractive and identifying ways to encourage people to stop in the area? Students sited two main advantages of this section of the 450 corridor: 1) close proximity to major arteries and 2) being located inside the Beltway. The prime disadvantage was not being within close proximity to a major public transportation hub.

Development drivers for investors include employment, building stock, transportation, and location.

The difference between students undertaking this project rather than using a professional consultant is tempered by the allowance for creative thinking that went into redevelopment concepts.

Redevelopment projects presented by the team included:

- 1) The Green Village project: residential over retail;
- 2) The Abbey: mixed income rental apartments to satisfy the demand for housing;
- 3) Project 3: energy efficient rental apartments with green space, underground parking, fitness facility, and child care center;
- 4) “For Sale” townhouse project: Taylor Street would be extended through the site;

- 5) Telegraph Hill: redevelopment of the old Annapolis Junior High School; and
- 6) Medical Office: urgent care type office building located at the 450/202 split.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Recycling Contract Update: Mayor James reported the revised document has been sent to the County for its review and it has not been returned to the Town.

MAGLEV Update: Mayor James reported the time for the January 27th meeting was changed to 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.. Representatives from MAGLEV will make presentations and take questions from the audience.

General Code Publishers Update: Proposals: Treasurer Tinelli said any FY18 funding for this contract would be better determined in March, when the Town is ¾ way through the fiscal year. Mr. Rinehart will contact Mr. Peter to ensure there will be no significant increase in costs for the project if there is a delay in moving forward.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Upcoming MML Summer Conference: Change Town Meeting Dates; Who is planning on attending? The Conference has been scheduled for a week earlier than usual due to the Maryland primary elections. This new date conflicts with the June Council meeting where the Town Budget and Real Property Tax Rate Ordinance is voted on. Mr. Tinelli reported that the budget is usually ready by the third week in May. Agreeable options for the date changes are June 4th or 18th.

Council Member Ficklin moved to change the Worksession and Council Meeting dates to June 4, 2018; Council Member Ficklin seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

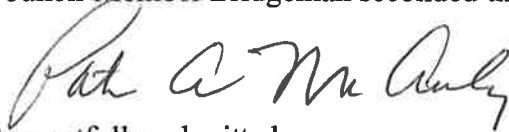
Council Member Ficklin: Aye
Council Member Bridgeman: Aye
Council Member Mendoza: Aye
Mayor James: Aye

The motion passed unanimously.

Employee Holidays 2018: Mayor James asked to table this agenda item until the February worksession so that everyone will have the list of proposed Town Holidays.

VII. ADJOURNMENT: At 6:30 p.m., Council Member Mendoza moved to adjourn;

Council Member Bridgeman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Pat A McAuley".

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. McAuley
Town Clerk

Council Actions:

Council approved December 2017 Worksession minutes

Council approved change of June Council Meetings' date to June 4, 2018.
