

**TOWN OF BLADENSBURG  
PUBLIC HEARING: CHARTER REVISIONS  
OCTOBER 30, 2018 7:00 P.M.  
MINUTES**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor James called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with Council Members Dorsey and Mendoza present. Council Member Bridgeman was absent.
- II. **INTRODUCTORY REMARKS:** Mayor James explained that she and the Town Administrator had spent significant time and effort reviewing the current Charter to strengthen the language, update provisions throughout the Charter and recommend adding language to address specific issues of concern to the community. The Town Attorney has been advising them on these revisions and has been researching specific areas to ensure the proposed changes are consistent with State law.

Certain sections of specific concern were: 1. strengthening the requirements for Mayor and Council including evidence of residency within the Town and Ward the official elected to represent, 2. holding representatives of the Town to a higher standard, 3. Giving more time for transition between the election and the installation of newly elected officials, and 4. Instituting a recall process.

- III. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Mayor James called for comments and added that specific questions would be answered by e mail within the week.

IV. **NEXT STEPS:**

The Mayor and Town Administrator will respond to questions within the week.

The Town Attorney will formulate the Resolution(s) in the correct format.

The Town Attorney is still researching sections in blue in the proposed revision.

The Resolutions are expected to be presented at the November Council Meeting.

- V. **ADJOURNMENT:** At 7:20 p.m., Council Member Dorsey moved to adjourn; Council Member Mendoza seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. McAuley  
Town Clerk