

**TOWN OF BLADENSBURG  
WORKSESSION MINUTES  
October 8, 2018 5:30 p.m.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor James called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with Council Members Dorsey and Mendoza present. Council Members Ficklin and Bridgeman were excused.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: September 2018 Worksession minutes:** Council Member Dorsey moved to approve the minutes as presented; Council Member Mendoza seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**MEA Grant Application & Resolution:** Mayor James explained, for a number of years, the Town of Bladensburg has been the lead agency managing this grant for a collaboration of 19 plus municipalities.

This role includes administering the program for a number of Towns and Cities who have considerable more capacity than Bladensburg. Although the Town is in the Financial position to manage the upfront cost as part of the reimbursable grant program, the time spent by staff to manage the program is not fully covered by through the grants administration fee.

The Town will honor our existing commitment through May 2019 when the current MEA Weatherization grant funding ends. However, for the next round of funding, the Town will apply jointly with the neighboring three Port Towns in order to focus on bringing the benefits of the program to residents in the Port Towns' communities. Edmonston will take the lead in applying for and managing the next award.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

**Health Insurance Update:** Treasurer Tinelli has been researching a number of health insurance alternatives with better cost effective benefits. The current renewal date is December 1<sup>st</sup>.

The Benefits have remained consistent for a number of years. The Town has offered employees two options: Carefirst Platinum with the best coverage, but only in Maryland and Carefirst Silver, where the Town pays the deductible with no out of network coverage.

United Health Care is an option to consider; it is universal, not state by state.

Currently, we are under budget in Health Insurance expenses. Mr. Tinelli

said he presented this information for the Council's knowledge and consideration.

**Adjourn into Closed Session:** Mayor James asked for a motion to go into Closed Session to discuss Personnel Matters, citing the State law. Council Member Dorsey so moved; Council Member Mendoza seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Re-Opening Worksession:** At 6:40 p.m., Mayor James called the Worksession to Order.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT:** At 6:42 p.m., Council Member Mendoza moved to adjourn the worksession; Council Member Dorsey seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. McAuley, Town Clerk