

**TOWN OF BLADENSBURG
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
May 8, 2017 7:00 P.M.**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor James called the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with Council Members Bridgeman, Ficklin, Hall and Mendoza present.
- II. **OPENING PRAYER** was given by Council Member Ficklin.
- III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was recited.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES: April 10, 2017 Council Meeting:** It was moved, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the Council Meeting minutes as presented.
- V. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION:** Mayor James announced a closed session on May 1, 2017 to discuss personnel issues.
- VI. **CONSTANT YIELD HEARING:** at 7:05 p.m. it was moved to recess into the Public Hearing, seconded and passed unanimously. Treasurer Tinelli explained the concept of constant yield tax rate and that the Town will entertain keeping its Real Tax Rate at .74 per hundred dollars of assessed value during its adoption of the budget by Ordinance. It was moved, seconded and passed unanimously to adjourn the Hearing and return to the Council Meeting.
- VII. **RESOLUTION 1-2017: Naming Town Park after Former Mayor, County Councilmember and State Senator David Harrington:** Mayor James read the Resolution honoring Mr. Harrington by name the renewed Town Park after him. Council Member Mendoza moved to adopt Resolution 1-2017; Council Member Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously after a Roll Call vote.
- VIII. **WSSC PRESENTATION:** Representatives gave an overview of the upcoming Tilden Road water main replacement, giving residents a timetable and on their water service during this project, which will allow for more dependable service and reduction of maintenance concerns.
- IX. **TNI TRANSITION TEAM UPDATE:** Sharon Westman, Co-Chair reported that Pat Parker met with University of Maryland marketing students on help with re-branding the area.
- X. **PUBLIC COMMENTS (three minutes per speaker):** Audience was given the opportunity to speak on issues of concern.
- XI. **MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS:** Mayor and Council gave individual updates on the previous month's meetings and issues of importance.
Council Member Bridgeman
Council Member Hall
Council Member Mendoza
Council Member Ficklin
Mayor James
- XII. **STAFF REPORTS:** Updates were given by Department and are available at the Clerk's Office or on the Town website.
Public Safety
Public Works
Code Enforcement

**Treasurer
Town Clerk
Town Administrator**

XIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (none scheduled)

XIV. FINANCIAL BUSINESS

Ordinance 3-2017: Introduction to Adopt FY 2018 Budget and to Set the Real Property Tax Rate:
The Town Clerk read the Ordinance.

Council Project Fund Distributions: It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved to distribute the following Mayor and Council Funds:

Council Member Mendoza: Beacon Lights-\$200, Citizens Action Committee-\$150, Bladensburg Fire Department-\$150

Council Member Bridgeman: Port Towns' CDC-\$500

Council Member Hall: Cub Scout Pack 257-\$100

Mayor James: Bladensburg High School-\$500.

XV. NEW BUSINESS (none scheduled)

XVI. ADJOURNMENT: At 8:20 p.m., there being no further business, it was moved seconded and passed unanimously passed to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. McAuley, Town Clerk