

**TOWN OF BLADENSBURG
WORKSESSION MINUTES
March 11, 2019 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 Member Lundy was excused. Council Member Bridgeman arrived at 5:37 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 2019 Worksession minutes: Council Member Mendoza moved to approve the minutes as presented; Council Member Dorsey seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

FY 20 Budget Calendar: Treasurer Tinelli presented the proposed budget calendar which includes dates for special budget worksessions and community input meetings. Adjustments were made to accommodate Council's schedules.

The initial draft budget will be presented to the Council at the April Worksession; the ordinance to adopt the budget will be introduced at the May Council Meeting; and the FY 20 Budget vote for approval will take place at the June Council Meeting.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

48th Avenue: Update on MDOT Meeting: Mr. Rinehart, Code Enforcement Director, and Mr. Hall, Public Works Foreman, met with Mr. Randall Scott, MDOT District 3 Engineer, and Mr. Amir Carram, also with Maryland Department of Transportation, for a site inspection of 48th Avenue from Quincy Street to Annapolis Road where there have been significant water drainage and safety concerns.

The group observed clogged storm drains with possible structural collapses. MDOT crew will jet out these drains in the coming weeks. MDOT asked for the Town's assistance with traffic control during drain cleaning operations.

They also observed traffic conditions on the road where there is not enough room for parking on both sides of the street. Traffic Engineers will visit this area to determine what parking restrictions and other safety measures can be put in place.

Also, there is a meeting scheduled at the MDOT District 3 Headquarters tomorrow to discuss reinstated plans for a sidewalk on Quincy Street from 48th Avenue to 52nd St. The lack of a sidewalk at this location was previously brought to the attention of the Lt. Governor during his visit to the Town in 2018.

Town Grants FY 20: The Town Grant application is ready to be announced to the public, the only changes being current dates. There was discussion about making the amount higher and therefore, more meaningful to the recipients. The discussion ended with concurrence on budgeting for four grants at \$2000 each for qualified non-profits. This will be voted on at the Council Meeting to follow.

- V. ADJOURN INTO CLOSED SESSION: Contract Negotiations:** At 6:05 p.m., Council Member Mendoza moved to go into Closed Session; Council Member Dorsey seconded the motion. The motion was approved with Council Members Mendoza and Dorsey and Mayor James in favor; Council Member Bridgeman opposed.
- VII. REOPENED WORKSESSION:** At 6:15 p.m. the Closed Session was adjourned and the worksession was reopened.
- VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Mayor James announced Council Member Ivey, District 5, will be having a Town Hall event at the Bladensburg Community Center on March 13 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The Town was made aware of this event through secondary resources.
- IV. ADJOURNMENT:** At 6:25 p.m., Council Member Mendoza moved to adjourn; Council Member Bridgman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,


Patricia A. McAuley, Town Clerk