

**TOWN OF BLADENSBURG  
WORKSESSION MINUTES  
JUNE 10, 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, Lundy and Mendoza present.

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

**MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA:** Council Member Lundy moved to add the FY 20 Budget Update to the Worksession agenda; Council Member Mendoza seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Quincy Street Update:** Mr. Rinehart reported there were positive responses from the area residents to the improvements on Quincy Street. On 48<sup>th</sup> Street, “No Parking” signs have been installed and SHA has removed brush and debris on Quincy Street as well. Mr. Rinehart stated drainage problems are still issues and long term projects include the replacement of a collapsed storm drain.

**Budget Update:** Mr. Tinelli reported there has been one minor change to the budget presented in May: the workmen’s comprehensive insurance expense had to be increased.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

**Attendance Roll Call:** Following the Town Clerk’s attendance roll call, Council Member Mendoza moved to excuse Council Member Bridgeman; Council Member Dorsey seconded the motion. The motion failed with a unanimous vote “Nay”.

**Town Grants:** Mr. Tinelli gave summaries of the four applicants’ grant submittal documents. Mayor James stated she could not support the End Time Harvest Ministries grant application due to past financial irregularities with the scholarship funds given by the Town.

**Individual Council Members’ Projects & Programs:** Town Administrator Sandlin explained a policy was adopted in 2008 requiring each Council Member and the Mayor to get a vote of support among its members prior to launching any special project/event during the holiday season and potentially throughout the year. This policy was designed to ensure the Town would have the manpower and finances to carry out these projects without any shortfalls that may lead to disappointment within the community. Ms. Sandlin presented the Mayor and Council recommended a

revised policy to clear up any confusion and to ensure the Town was not overcommitting both financial and staffing resources to follow through on any recommended event or policy.

As a personal project, Council Member Lundy explained she has developed an internship program with the Langley Park International School where a student (already selected) will be working on a summer project involving traumatic experiences as children, mental health and stress management. This program will be of no cost to the Town and she is going through a lengthy background check to enable this program to come to fruition. Mayor James expressed concern about other Council Members wanting to oversee a similar program without the right intentions.

Council Member Lundy moved to approve the amended event/project policy as presented; Council Member Dorsey seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Emergency Ordinance for Capital Funds Transfer:** Chief Stone explained this current year budget amendment would allow for an increase in the Public Safety fleet, which is currently lean due to high mileage and accidents. Funds would be transferred from Public Works Leaf Machine (purchase already rescheduled in the new budget) and

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT:** At 6:40 p.m., Council Member Mendoza moved to adjourn; Council Member Lundy seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. McAuley, Town Clerk