

**Town of Bladensburg
Work Session Minutes
December 9, 2019 @ 5:30PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor James at 5:48PM. Council Members Blount, Lundy, Mendoza and Route were all present.

II. AMENDMENT TO AGENDA

Mayor James asked for an amendment to the agenda. The motion was accepted by Council Member Route. The motion was seconded by Council Member Mendoza. The motion was approved.

III. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 18, 2019 WORK SESSION MINUTES

Mayor James made a motion to approve the November 18th Work Session minutes. The motion was accepted by Council Member Route. The motion was seconded by Council Member Mendoza. The motion was approved.

IV. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 28 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Mayor James made a motion to approve the October 28th Special Meeting minutes to discuss real estate and personnel matters. Town Administrator Sandlin provided background to the new Council Members regarding the Town's Priorities regarding the special meeting. The Motion was accepted by Council Member Mendoza. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lundy. The motion was approved.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Speed Camera Designation Zones- Chief Stone & Captain Collington

Chief Stone and Captain Collington presented on the Town's plan to install speed cameras in specific areas of the community. The areas specified include; Annapolis Road, 57th Avenue, 58th Street, Spring Road and Quincy Street. Mayor James requested a visual map of the areas to be shared with the Mayor and Council. Council Member Route asked Chief Stone if a traffic study of the area had been conducted. Per Chief Stone, the study will be included as part of the project with the vendor who was selected through an RFP process. Council Member Mendoza needed further clarity on how the funds from the speed cameras would be used. Chief Stone stated that the funds would be used for public safety to also include (i.e., street lights, sidewalks, etc.).

2. Interim Chief of Police- Debi Sandlin

In light of the pending departure of Chief Stone at the end of December, Town Administrator Sandlin proposed the appointment of Caption Collington as the Interim Chief of Police, effective January 1, 2020. Mayor James made a motion to

approve the appointment. Council Member Route seconded the motion. Council Members Mendoza, Lundy and Route stated that Captain Collington would be a great asset in this role, given his current interaction with kids and residents in the community. Mayor James expressed her appreciation for Chief Stone, and is confident that Caption Collington would be a great fit as Acting Chief of Police. The motion was approved.

3. WSSC road work updates on Tilden Road

Public Works Crew Supervisor Hall provided an update regarding the work completed by WSSC on Tilden Road. Mr. Hall stated a brief meeting was held with WSSC to further discuss concerns regarding damages done to specific roads, as a result of work conducted by WSSC. Efforts have been coordinated with WSSC to patch the areas damaged from the project. Per Mr. Hall, WSSC was encouraged to take care of the main thorough –fares to the Town, Tilden Road, Varnum Street and Upshur.

4. Spring Road project update

Public Works Crew Supervisor Hall and Interim Town Clerk Cunningham provided a brief update on the Spring Road project. Mr. Hall stated the initial phase of the project is completed. Ms. Cunningham further stated there are funds remaining to extend the project, but it would have to be approved by the Department of Housing and Community Development. A changer order has been submitted to the Portfolio Manager, LeShann Murphy, who will advise on next steps.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Council Meeting Rules- Mayor James

Mayor James briefly went over the meeting rules and procedures for the new Council Members, stating they should have received and read the document. It was communicated all Council Members would need to sign the Council Rules acknowledging they have read and understand the Council meeting rules.

2. 450/Annapolis Road Proposed Rezoning

Mayor James provided an update on the proposed rezoning effective November 2020; stating the proposed rezoning will change from MXT to Commercial Services. This rezoning would allow for Car Dealerships and would not be favorable for the Town. Mayor James stated the Port Towns Sector plan was not considered as part of the rezoning plans for this very important commercial area of the Town. . Mayor James requested for Town Administrator Sandlin to reach out to County Council Member Jolene Ivy’s office before the holiday break to coordinate a meeting with the Mayor and Council.

3. Council of Government Appointments

Mayor James provided updates regarding the Council for Government Appointments. Council Members and respective staff members were encouraged to remain on the committees they currently serve, or try other committees. The following is the outcome:

- **Policy Committees**
- **Region 4 Coalition- Sandlin/ Lundy Backup**
- **Human Services- Collington and Route**
- **Climate Energy- Mayor James**
- **Chesapeake Bay- Shaun/?**

5. National League of Cities Update

Mayor James provided updates regarding the National League of Cities Conference and some of her takeaways; stating further highlights could be found in her monthly report.

VII. CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS

Council Member Route motioned to move to a closed session. The motion was seconded by Council Member Mendoza and approved by the Council.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:38PM Council Member Mendoza moved to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Lundy seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Cecile K. Cunningham
Interim Town Clerk