

Town of Bladensburg
DRAFT Work Session Minutes
February 10, 2020 @ 5:30PM

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** - Mayor James called the meeting to order at 5:30PM with Council Members, Blount, Lundy and Mendoza present.

- II. **APPROVAL OF JANUARY 2020 WORK SESSION MINUTES:** Council Member Lundy moved to approve the minutes as presented; Council Member Blount seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

- III. **APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 21, 2019 WORK SESSION MINUTES:** Council Member Mendoza moved to approve the minutes as presented; Council Member Lundy seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mayor James stated that Council Member Blount was abstaining from voting, as she was not sworn into office until December 2019.

- IV. **AMENDMENT TO AGENDA-** Mayor James motioned for an amendment to the agenda to briefly discuss and pass out collateral materials regarding the zoning re-write. Council Member Mendoza moved to approve the amendment to the agenda; Council Member Blount seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mayor James provided an update on the zoning re-write and distributed collateral materials for the Council to read in preparation for the upcoming meeting with Ms. Brittany Drake.

V. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Tax Differential-

Town Administrator, Sandlin provided an update on the tax differential on behalf of Town Treasurer, Vito Tinelli; stating the difference between the County's and the Town.

2. Proposed Noise Ordinance- Town Attorney, Suellen Ferguson

Town Attorney Suellen Ferguson provided an update on Noise Ordinance stating the ways to gauge noise, through a noise meter and an individual. Code Supervisor Rhinehart stated the Town has 3 meters, but no code officer is certified to use them, stating the cost is \$1100 per officer for onsite training. Ms. Ferguson further stated the Town must follow Maryland Regulations regarding noise codes, stating the Town can be more restrictive, but less restrictive than the state. Mayor James requested Council Members review the Ordinance and provide edits at the March Work Session meeting. Ms. Sandlin stated fines collected will go into the General Funds.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. MML Summer Conference

Town Administrator Sandlin stated registration is open. The total cost for the Council to attend will be \$6181, but there is only \$5300 in the Council budget. Ms. Sandlin further stated the Police Department and Town Administrator budgets can be amended to pull funds to assist with offsetting the cost and will have a budget amendment prepared for the March Work Session.

2. Website Update

Ms. Sandlin stated she is having difficulty contacting Tim Jackson, the Town's webmaster. She stated numerous communications have gone out including certified mail, text, email and phone calls, but to no avail. Ms. Sandlin stated she last contacted Mr. Jackson in November through his local Rotary Club, and they talked briefly about the website. Mr. Jackson stated that another representative was in training to provide technical support in his absence, but that individual was not identified and shared with Town. Ms. Sandlin is requesting permission to move forward with securing another company to build a new website. Mayor James and Council Member Lundy stated a firm should be used and not a one-man shop. Ms. Lundy stated the Town should ensure the transfer of knowledge regarding contractors and staff.

Mayor James asked for a motion to moved forward with a new RFP to secure the development of a new website. Council Member Lundy approved the motion; Council Member Blount seconded, and it passed unanimously.

3. Trash Service RFP

Town Administrator Sandlin stated Bates contract will expire in August 2020 and the Town need to put out an RFP for a new company, as there are several complaints regarding the services provided by Bates.

Mayor James motioned to approve the development of an RFP to secure a new trash company; Council Member Mendoza moved to approve the motion; it was seconded by Council Member Lundy and passed unanimously.

4. Black History Month

Interim Town Clerk provided an update on the upcoming Black History Month program, slated for February 22, 2020 from 4PM-6PM, stating planning efforts were in full swing and RSVPs are coming in.

5. If I were Mayor Essay

Council Member Lundy provided an update on the Maryland Municipal League and Maryland Mayors Association 4th graders essay competition, themed "Reimagine Tomorrow." Ms. Lundy extended the invitation to Council Members Blount and Route to participate in the reading of the essays on April 7th from 9AM-1PM, and 1PM-4PM. Ms. Lundy stated the event will be at 1212 West Street, Annapolis. Mayor James stated she

will be going out to schools to promote the competition to garner interest of Bladensburg 4ht graders.

6. Mid- Year Financial Highlights

For the purpose of time, Mayor James recommended moving this update to the Council Meeting.

6. Discussion on renaming Quincy Run to Moss Run

Council Member Mendoza stated the Town would like to rename Quincy Run to Moss Run, considering Mr. Moss's passing. Mayor James asked if there was another location, as the proposed site is not Town property. Ms. Sandlin suggested Pocket Park near Taussig and 54th. Council Member Mendoza stated the Town will research the proposed site for the rename, but will be open to other options, if it does not work out.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor James asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:40PM. The motion was approved by Council Member Mendoza; Council Member Blount seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Cecile K. Cunningham
Interim Town Clerk