

**Town of Bladensburg  
Council Meeting Minutes  
October 21, 2019 @ 7:00PM**

- I. CALL TO ORDER-** Meeting was called to order by Mayor James at 7:00PM.
- II. OPENING PRAYER:** Before the prayer, Mayor James called for a moment of silence with the passing of Congressman Elijah Cummings; followed by prayer from Council Member Lundy.
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- IV. PRESIDENT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT QUARTERLY UPDATE**

Mayor James made a motion to amend the agenda to move the President of the Bladensburg Fire Department up on the agenda, due to an emergency. Motion was approved by Council Member Lundy. Motion was seconded by Council Member Dorsey. Motion was approved.

The president provided a year-to-date update on behalf of the Bladensburg Fire Department. The following was highlighted:

  - Department ran 4653 calls to date (2787 Fire and Ambulance – 2566)
  - There were 987 calls between Fire and EMS for Bladensburg; 38 were addressed.
  - Department has 107 volunteers with no County assistance; saving roughly \$1m-\$2m for the County yearly.
  - Department is working on renovating the fire station; cost estimated between \$200k-\$400K.
  - Events: Trunk or Treat event and costume party.
- V. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 2019 MINUTES-** Mayor James asked for a motion to approve the September minutes. Council Member Lundy made a motion to approve the minutes and Council Member Dorsey seconded the motion. The motion was approved.
- VI. PROCLAMATION FOR MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT WORKS MONTH-** Council Member Lundy read the proclamation for Municipal Government Works Month for November. Mayor James recognized Council Member Lundy for her participation on the Maryland Municipal League’s Engagement & Community Committee; highlighting the importance of the Town adopting the proclamation to celebrate the daily efforts of municipal staff.
- VII. POLICE DEPARTMENT –** Chief Stone provided an update on the department, stating it’s completely staffed. Officer Thompson was promoted to Private First Class.
- VIII. RECOGNITION OF RENEE GREEN-** Ms.Green was recognized for her work with the Peace Cross with citations from a number of offices. In attendance were, Prince George’s

County Council Member, Jolene Ivey, Del. Wanika Fisher, , Del. Diana Fennell and her staff member Billy Brown, Sen. Malcom Augustine and Amanda with Gov. Hogan's Office. Ms. Green thanked everyone for the recognition and also provided an update regarding Veterans Day.

- IX. RECOGNITION OF TOWN CLERK MCAULEY-** Mayor James announced the retirement of Town Clerk McAuley, recognizing her service with a proclamation and remarks from the Council. Sen. Augustine presented a proclamation from the State of Maryland. Ms. McAuley responded with remarks.

**X. PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER)**

**XI. MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS**

- Council Member Mendoza
- Council Member Route
- Council Member Lundy
- Council Member Blount
- Mayor James

**XII. STAFF REPORTS**

- Code Enforcement
- Public Works
- Public Safety
- Finance
- Marketing
- Town Clerk
- Town Administrator

**XIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- There was no unfinished business

**XIV. FINANCIALS**

**1. RES. 2-2019**

Ms. McAuley read RES. 2-2019 to authorize the Town submitting an application to the Prince George's County Planning Department to secure a consultant for a marketing analysis. Mayor James asked for a motion to move forward RES. 2-2019. Motion was approved by Mendoza. Motion was seconded by Lundy. Motion was approved.

**XV. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Certification of October 17, 2019 Elections**

Mayor asked for motion to certify results. Council Member Lundy motioned to approve the results. The motion was seconded by Council Member Mendoza. Motion was

approved.

**XVI. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor James announced a cake for Ms. McAuley considering her retirement and invited all to stay behind to celebrate.

**XVII. ADJOURMENT**

Mayor James asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30PM. The motion was made by Council Member Lundy and seconded by Council Member Mendoza. Motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Cecile K. Cunningham

Interim Town Clerk