

To help you plan accordingly, see the public hearing rules below.

*Please note the following (these rules are incorporated into the agenda and are ratified by the governing body):*

*· Individual speakers will be limited to two (2) minutes.*

*· Representatives of groups (i.e., community groups, HOA's, 501c3's, businesses, & other municipalities, etc.) will be allowed three (3) minutes. (The Mayor and Council reserves the right to allow any elected official to speak on behalf of constituents or limit comments to the senior elected official present.) This designated person shall be the Senior Elected Official Present for any groups residing outside the Town of Bladensburg*

*· Non-residents of the Town of Bladensburg and the area proposed for annexation will NOT be permitted to address the Mayor and Council individually. Non-residents must select a single representative to speak on their behalf for three (3) minutes and are encouraged to identify their representative before the hearing begins. (This representative will be the Senior Elected Official Present)*

*· Designated Representatives from Prince George's County Government, MD. Dept. of Planning and the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (Prince George's County) or Prince George's Co. Planning Board: Per Section 4-406 of the Local Government Article of the Maryland Annotated Code, representatives from these entities will be given the right to speak first and will be granted three (3) minutes to address the Mayor and Council. Said representatives must sign in and indicate that they are the designated representatives for their respective organizations.*

*All individuals speaking must provide their names and complete addresses, including street numbers. Those addressing the Mayor and Town Council as a group must provide their name and complete street address, including street number and the name of the group or entity they represent, and designate that they are the spokesperson for that group.*

*The Single Group Representative chosen for all non-residents, groups, action committees, businesses, etc., not in of the Town of Bladensburg wishing to address the Mayor and Council must provide their name and complete street address, including street number and the name of the group or entity they represent, and designate that they are the spokesperson for that group.*

*Designated individuals from Prince George's County or M-NCPPC-PG may provide a work address for the record.*

*Written comments are also accepted from both residents and non-residents and will be included in the public record. These can be submitted to the Town Clerk before or during the hearing or by emailing [Clerk@Bladensburgmd.gov](mailto:Clerk@Bladensburgmd.gov)*

*These measures ensure that meetings are conducted efficiently and that residents' views are prioritized while allowing non-residents to represent their perspectives through designated representatives or written submissions.*

*Proceedings are televised live and recorded for later broadcast on television or social media Platforms. All content of these proceedings is subject to disclosure under the Maryland Public Information Act. Photographic and electronic audio and visual broadcasting and recording devices are used during the Council meetings. These are public meetings, and attendance at these meetings automatically grants permission to broadcast your audio and visual images to the Town of Bladensburg Government.*

The Town of Bladensburg will permit the Senior Elected Official, Mayor Kayce Munyeneh, to speak in person or virtually on behalf of Cheverly residents, businesses, community groups, and council members. Individual speakers or representatives from the Town of Cheverly will not be permitted to speak during the hearing. I can send you a Zoom Login if your Mayor decides to join the meeting online.

To further help in your planning, seating is limited due to the small size of chambers and reserved for those needing reasonable accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act and for the Town of Bladensburg Residents to prevent any risk or liability related to a fire emergency; standing due overcrowding is strictly prohibited. In cases of overcrowding, non-residents will be asked to wait outside. We welcome anyone to watch the proceedings virtually and on cable TV.

However, we welcome written comments from individuals or groups, which can be submitted in advance to [Clerk@Bladensburgmd.gov](mailto:Clerk@Bladensburgmd.gov).

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in ensuring an organized and efficient hearing process. I know this is a difficult situation for both of us. Still, I hope we continue collaborating professionally and that our Towns can find common ground in other areas. Wishing you and yours the best for the holiday season.

Best,

Michelle

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