

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: David J. Deutsch
City Manager

SUBJECT: ***Status Report***

DATE: February 23, 2012

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1. Hall of Honor

The Hall of Honor event has been scheduled for Sunday, March 18, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. at City Hall. As previously indicated, families of those who have been inducted will be invited, along with the Community Outreach Committee, the 23rd District Legislative Delegation, and other community members.

2. Land Use Bill

The M-NCPPC Subcommittee of the Prince George's County House Delegation met yesterday to review PG 411-12, which is the 2012 version of a mechanism for additional local land use authority. The six Delegates on the Subcommittee included Geraldine Valentino-Smith, Benjamin Barnes, Aisha Braveboy, Anne Healey, Michael Vaughn, and Jay Walker. Bowie staff participated in a municipal panel which included Councilmember Robert Catlin of College Park and Assistant City Manager David Moran of Greenbelt. Delegate Healey raised concerns that having seven municipalities within her legislative district, that one municipality could be negatively affected by an adjoining municipality's action in the implementation of local authority. While this is obviously not a concern for Bowie because of our geography, Len Lucchi has developed language that would address Delegate Healey's concern by permitting a neighboring jurisdiction to appeal a decision to the District Council. After the municipal panel concluded, Delegate Walker who chaired the Subcommittee asked if there was a County position on this bill. Individual representatives of the County Executive, the County Council, and M-NCPPC each stood up and said that they opposed the bill. No vote was taken by the Subcommittee and the schedule for this bill over the next two weeks has not yet been determined.

3. Demand Response Program

The City just received its first quarterly check associated with last summer's Demand Response program. This is the program where the City agreed to switch from BGE power to backup generator power when called upon to do so. The facilities included in the program are the Ice Arena, City Hall, Kenhill Center, Senior Center, Wastewater Plant, Water Plant and Water Well 2R. These are our larger facilities that have backup generator power available. The City could be called anytime between 12:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on non-holiday weekdays between June 1st and September 30th. Last season, the City was only called upon once to switch to generator power and that was on July 22nd from 12:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. City staff successfully switched power from the electric grid to generator for the entire six-hour period on that day.

Based on the final data from Enernoc, the company the City is contracted with, the City was able to relieve the electric grid of 1,790 kilowatts for each of the six hours. This helped to keep the regional electric grid stable. This saves BGE and other regional utility companies considerable financial investment, since they don't have to build power plants to handle occasional peaks, like the one that occurred last July 22nd. And that helps the environment, since most power plants in this region are powered by coal.

The first quarterly payment is \$24,639.39, which includes \$20,137.50 related to the 1790 kilowatts the City was able to pull off the electric grid, plus a one-time payment of \$4,501.89 to cover the City's costs for operating the generators that day. Over the next nine months the City will receive three more \$20,137.50 payments, so the total Demand Response program revenue for last season's program will be \$85,051.89.