

## MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: David J. Deutsch  
City Manager

SUBJECT: ***Status Report***

DATE: January 19, 2012

### ***Status Report***

1. City Population and Housing Estimates; New Residential Construction

The Department of Planning and Economic Development's January 1, 2012 population and housing estimates are 54,961 people and 20,776 housing units. Since the 2010 Census, the number of housing units increased by 89 units, resulting in an increase of 234 residents. City building permit records and annexations are used to estimate the City's growth. Looking to the future, the estimates for 2020 are 56,162 people and 21,233 housing units. This future growth is based on build-out of approved development within the current City limits and represents about a 2.2% increase from 2012. Also, a copy of the New Housing Construction handout, updated through 2011 is attached. The New Housing Construction handout tracks building permit activity from 1991 to the present. Note that the number of new residential permits issued by the City in 2011 (21) is slightly higher than the previous year's total (11), which was the lowest annual figure since record keeping began in 1991.

2. Signal at MD 197 and Evergreen Parkway

SHA is presently designing the project, which will be coupled with a resurfacing project (expected to be US 50 to US 301 on MD 197). Construction is expected in the summer of 2013.

3. Parks and Grounds Operation Review

The Institute for Governmental Service and Research from the University of Maryland will present an overview of its recently completed study at the February 6<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting. The Review is in your package.

#### 4. Boundary Change Proposal

The Board of Education met last night for a Special Meeting to decide on the Superintendent's boundary change proposal. After a lengthy public hearing, the Board voted 8-1 to support all of the changes requested by Dr. Hite. Highlights of the changes are listed below:

- Heather Hills will become a Talented and Gifted Center. The 68 neighborhood students that now attend the school as non-TAG students will be shifted to Kenilworth Elementary.
- To make way for the Heather Hills transfers, students living in Long Ridge and Princeton Square will be reassigned from Kenilworth to Tulip Grove. This will increase the Tulip Grove population to 94% of capacity, making the school less vulnerable to future closure. Kenilworth will be at 77% of capacity.
- Rockledge students living in Saddlebrook East, Kimberwick and Patuxent Riding will move to Yorktown, increasing the Yorktown utilization rate from 54% to 76% and decreasing the overcrowding at Rockledge. After the shift, Rockledge will be at 91% of its capacity.
- Other changes outside of the Bowie area will make Greenbelt Middle School a dedicated TAG Center, increasing the number of TAG seats available at the middle school level, and Forestville Military Academy will no longer exclusively be a military school. A comprehensive student program will be added there, allowing student to choose between the military and the comprehensive curriculums.

Four Heather Hills parents spoke against making their school exclusively a TAG Center and three Yorktown parents testified in favor of shifting students from Rockledge to Yorktown. Councilmember Turner and staff also attended the meeting.

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Attachment

## New Housing Construction - 2011

| Housing Type      | Single-family | Townhouses   | Multi-family | Subtotal      | Total         |
|-------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>As of 1990</b> | <b>10,488</b> | <b>2,286</b> | <b>529</b>   | <b>13,303</b> | <b>13,303</b> |
| 1991              | 159           | 75           | 0            | 234           | 13,537        |
| 1992              | 369           | 131          | 0            | 500           | 14,037        |
| 1993              | 432           | 299          | 0            | 731           | 14,768        |
| 1994              | 225           | 126          | 110          | 461           | 15,229        |
| 1995              | 293           | 122          | 0            | 415           | 15,644        |
| 1996              | 238           | 77           | 124          | 439           | 16,083        |
| 1997              | 123           | 86           | 566          | 775           | 16,858        |
| 1998              | 157           | 72           | 398          | 627           | 17,485        |
| 1999              | 153           | 128          | 215          | 496           | 17,981        |
| 2000              | 169           | 102          | 38           | 309           | 18,290        |
| 2001              | 143           | 12           | 0            | 155           | 18,445        |
| 2002              | 24            | 0            | 0            | 24            | 18,469        |
| 2003              | 18            | 0            | 71           | 89            | 18,558        |
| 2004              | 44            | 0            | 0            | 44            | 18,602        |
| 2005              | 65            | 0            | 0            | 65            | 18,667        |
| 2006              | 40            | 0            | 0            | 40            | 18,707        |
| 2007              | 53            | 0            | 0            | 53            | 18,760        |
| 2008              | 24            | 0            | 0            | 24            | 18,784        |
| 2009              | 23            | 0            | 0            | 23            | 18,807        |
| 2010              | 11            | 0            | 0            | 11            | 18,818        |
| 2011              | 21            | 0            | 0            | 21            | 18,839        |

| Housing Type  | Existing Units<br>as of 12/31/90 | Percent of Total | Permitted<br>Units as of<br>12/31/11 | Percent of<br>Total | Percent<br>Change<br>1990-2011 |
|---------------|----------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| Single-family | 10,488                           | 85%              | 13,272                               | 70%                 | 27%                            |
| Townhouse     | 2,286                            | 14%              | 3,516                                | 19%                 | 54%                            |
| Multifamily   | 529                              | 1%               | 2,051                                | 11%                 | 288%                           |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>13,303</b>                    | <b>100%</b>      | <b>18,839</b>                        | <b>100%</b>         | <b>42%</b>                     |

All figures estimated by the Bowie Planning Department

Source: City of Bowie Department of Community Services

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## 2011 Building Permit Review

