

## MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: David J. Deutsch  
City Manager

SUBJECT: ***Status Report***

DATE: November 29, 2012

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1. Swearing-in of Police Officers

The following officers will be sworn-in at your meeting Monday night:

Private Aaron T. Foote of Annapolis attended Sojourner-Douglass College, graduating with a BA in Business Administration. He was previously a member of the Baltimore City Police Department for one year, eight months.

Private First Class Aaron T. Saunders of Crofton attended Anne Arundel Community College, graduating with an Associate Degree in Law Enforcement/Criminal Justice in 2011. He was previously a member of the Maryland Natural Resources Police for three years, six months.

Private Matthew P. Titman of Bowie attended the University of Maryland, graduating with a BA in Criminal Justice. He graduated from the Prince George's County Community Policing Institute on October 23, 2012.

2. Hydrant Replacement Program

The Utilities Division of the Public Works Department is in need of 4' hydrant inserts and 6" gate valves as part of its FY13 Hydrant Replacement program. The Public Works Department located a contract for Kennedy Hydrant inserts with Daytner Corporation through Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC), upon which we will be able to piggyback. We intend to sign a contract and issue a purchase order to Daytner Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$20,340.40.

Also located was a contract with Business Promotion Consultants, Inc. through the D.C. Water and Sewer Authority upon which we can piggyback for the purchase of 6" gate valves. We intend to sign a contract and issue a purchase order in an amount not to exceed \$4,441.30. These two contracts combined are within the budgeted amount for Hydrant Replacement of \$25,000.

This notification is consistent with Charter Section 62 of the City Code regarding

cooperative bidding.

3. Purchase for Police Department

The passage of Senate Bill 422 requires mandatory use of Criminal Citations for certain misdemeanor offenses in lieu of presenting Offenders to a Court Commissioner. To comply with these requirements, the Police Department recommends purchasing a Live Scan Fingerprint and Mug Shot system to allow Officers to process eligible Offenders and release them after issuing the Criminal Citation. The system will also enable Officers to process juvenile offenders instead of transporting them to District 3 in Landover. Lastly the system can be used to fingerprint our police applicants instead of waiting for appointments in Pikesville. The purchase cost of \$32,500 is under State Bid #060B2490022 with Cogent Incorporated. Funding for this equipment is being provided through a capital grant the City receives from the cable providers. As provided by Section 62 of the City Charter, this will serve as the required seven (7) days notice of intent to issue a purchase order to Cogent Incorporated.

4. Filing of Rezoning Request for Santos, LLC Property

This week, the City received a referral of a rezoning application for the 7.88-acre Santos, LLC property located between Woodcliff Road and the CSX railroad tracks. The request is for an upzoning from R-R (Rural Residential) to C-M (Commercial Miscellaneous). Although the City and County Planning Board recommended approval of the rezoning during review of the 2006 Bowie and Vicinity Preliminary Master Plan, the District Council decided to retain the parcel in the R-R zone. Santos, LLC is the developer of, and owner within, the existing flex space located on Woodcliff Road. This commercial area was annexed into the City in 2011 at the time the Spring Meadows subdivision and several properties along Church Road were annexed. The City's Annexation Agreement with property owners on Woodcliff Road, including Santos, LLC, pledged the City's support for a future rezoning provided an application is filed within five years or before the initiation of a new Master Plan for Bowie and Vicinity, whichever occurs later. Given the commitment made by the City, it would be unproductive for the City to hold the normal series of public meetings regarding the request. Staff recommends scheduling of this item on a City Council agenda in early 2013.

5. School Boundary Changes

The school system has scheduled three community meetings about upcoming boundary changes. None of the meetings are nearby because the impact of the proposed changes is minimal for Bowie area schools. The only local change involves taking sixth graders out of Woodmore Elementary School and moving them to Benjamin Tasker Middle School in 2014. This is part of the Board of Education's ongoing strategy to make sixth grade a part of middle school. Based on enrollment numbers, we believe that this change will involve less than 80 students and will still leave Benjamin Tasker under its State rated capacity.

6. National Flu Vaccination Week - Free Flu Shots at Senior Center on December 3<sup>rd</sup>

Seasonal flu affects between 5 and 20% of the U.S. population each year. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommends annual flu shots for all ages, but most

especially for seniors, children, and those with chronic health conditions. To encourage the public to get vaccinations, the CDC is promoting the week of December 2 - 8 as National Influenza Vaccination Week. In order to make it easy for local residents to obtain their flu shots, the City of Bowie has partnered with Dimensions Healthcare to provide free flu vaccinations to the Bowie community.

Free flu shots will be available for children and adults at the Bowie Senior Center on Monday, December 3 from 4 to 8 p.m. This is a walk-in flu clinic. No appointments are necessary. Both flu shots and flu mists (for ages 2-49) will be available. The medical side of the clinic will be managed by Dimensions; City staff and CERT volunteers will assist with registration and other administrative tasks; and the vaccines will be provided to us, at no cost, by the Prince George's County Health Department.