City of Bowie

15901 Excalibur Road
Bowie, Maryland 20716

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2013

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Bowie City Council was held on Monday, October 7, 2013 in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Robinson called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

Mayor Robinson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

QUORUM:

In attendance were Mayor Robinson, Mayor Pro Tem Polangin, Councilmembers Brady, Gardner, Marcos, Trouth and Turner; City Manager Deutsch, Assistant City Manager Fitzwater, City Attorney Levan, City Clerk Hernandez, Staff, the Press and the Public.

PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Robinson swore-in two new Police Officers to the Bowie Police Department; Private First Class David M. Redmond and Private Anika A. Simmons.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Robinson expressed thanks to staff for the wonderful job in hosting the International Festival.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Deutsch reported that at the upcoming Maryland Municipal League's Fall Conference the City is being recognized along with 11 other municipalities for having obtained the Sustainable Maryland Certification. As of January 1 the County will no longer be accepting yard waste in plastic bags, the City will be forwarding the new regulations to residents so they can begin to implement the new procedures.

Councilmember Brady commented on the memo in regards to the animal shelter, he has forwarded a copy to the President and Vice President of CLAW for their review and suggests staff meet with them to brief them on what is going on and schedule a tour of the facility. City Manager Deutsch responded that he would schedule the tour and brief Council of the outcome at the November meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Pro Tem Polangin moved the approval of Consent Agenda Items: A) Approval of September 3 Meeting Minutes; B) Approval September 16 Meeting Minutes; C) Introduction of Resolution R-56-13 – Enlarging the Corporate Boundaries of the City of Bowie, by Annexing Into the City Lands Contiguous and Adjoining to the City's Existing Corporate Boundary, Specifically, Residential Property Known as the Ashleigh Subdivision (Phase 2), Consisting of 60.0700 Acres of Land, Generally Located West of Pin Oak Parkway, South of Woodmore Estates and North of Church Road Park, Lying Between Phase 1 of Ashleigh Subdivision and Church Road; D) Approval of Resolution R-57-13 – Authorizing the Reimbursement of Funds to the Bowie Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc.; E) Introduction of Ordinance O-6-13 – Amending the Bowie City Code, to Incorporate the Provisions of Maryland General Assembly HB 362 (2013) With Respect to the Definition of "Interest" for Purposes of the City's Public Ethics Law. Councilmember Marcos seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Police Department Update – Police Chief Nesky briefed Council on department stats, programs and the possible establishment of an in-house call center. The call center would serve the residents 24 hours a day, 7 days a week; the purpose will be to receive non-emergency calls for service which would be entered into a Computer Aided Dispatch system used by the Prince George's County Public Safety Communications Center. Calls will then be dispatched to a Bowie Police Department officer by the PSCC.

Councilmember Brady asked if a resident calls the County's dispatch center, how will the City be notified and will it have any impact to the City's IT Department. Chief Nesky replied that the system will be interacted with the County's so that it will be a seamless transition. There will be some impact mainly at the beginning stages, but will evaluate as it comes to fruition.

Mayor Pro Tem Polangin asked if there are any grants available to fund the project. Chief Nesky replied that Mr. Jesse Buggs, Director of Grant Development and Administration for the City, is researching that.

Councilmember Turner asked if any other jurisdictions are going this route. Chief Nesky stated that at the moment the City of Rockville has a similar center.

Mayor Pro Tem Polangin moved to have staff proceed with the establishment of the in-house call center. Councilmember Trouth seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The Police Departments' average response time for total calls for service is 4.4 minutes which is lower than this time last year. Crime and Citation statistics are all on pace to be down for 2013 vs. 2012. Student Resource Officer Program is doing well at Bowie High School. The biggest problem has been thefts from autos; the department is working diligently to reduce these incidents.

Council thanked the Chief and all the officers for the extraordinary job they are doing.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Pro Tem Polangin moved to adjourn the City Council meeting and move into Closed Session under State Government Article §10-508(a)(4): To consider a matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain in

the State. Councilmember Brady seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Awilda Hernandez, CMC
City Clerk

WRITTEN STATEMENT FOR CLOSING A MEETING UNDER THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT

Date: 10/7/13 Time: 9:25am Location: City Hall Motion to close meeting made by: Polangin ;

Seconded by Brady, Members voting in favor: Gardner, Turner, Brady, Robinson

Polangin, Marcos, Trouth Opposed: _____ Abstaining _____ Absent _____

STATUTORY AUTHORITY TO CLOSE SESSION, State Government Article, §10-508(a) (check all that apply):

___ (1) To discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; or any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals;
___ (2) To protect the privacy or reputation of individuals concerning a matter not related to public business;
___ (3) To consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto;
✓ (4) To consider a matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain in the State;
___ (5) To consider the investment of public funds;
___ (6) To consider the marketing of public securities;
___ (7) To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter;
___ (8) To consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation;
___ (9) To conduct collective bargaining negotiations or consider matters that relate to the negotiations;
___ (10) To discuss public security, if the public body determines that public discussion would constitute a risk to the public or to public security, including: (i) the deployment of fire and police services and staff; and (ii) the development and implementation of emergency plans;
___ (11) To prepare, administer, or grade a scholastic, licensing, or qualifying examination;
___ (12) To conduct or discuss an investigative proceeding on actual or possible criminal conduct;
___ (13) To comply with a specific constitutional, statutory, or judicially imposed requirement that prevents public disclosures about a particular proceeding or matter;
___ (14) Before a contract is awarded or bids are opened, to discuss a matter directly related to a negotiating strategy or the contents of a bid or proposal, if public discussion or disclosure would adversely impact the ability of the public body to participate in the competitive bidding or proposal process.

FOR EACH CITATION CHECKED ABOVE, THE REASONS FOR CLOSING AND TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED:

(X) Business development issue

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Persons attending closed session: Robinson, Polangin, Gardner, Turner, Trouth, Brady, Marcos, Deutsch, Fitzwater, Meinert, Kirby, Levan

This statement is made by Mayor Robinson, Presiding Officer: _____
SIGNATURE

********** FOR USE IN MINUTES OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING: **********

TOPICS DISCUSSED AND ACTION(S) TAKEN (IF ANY):

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Time closed session adjourned: 10:30

Appendix C

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