

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: David J. Deutsch
City Manager

SUBJECT: ***Status Report***

DATE: July 10, 2014

1. Police Department Budget Projections

During the discussion of the Police Department strategic plan, Councilmember Gardner asked about the projected budget at the end of the five-year planning period. The current year police budget is \$8,596,900. Projected budgets for FY19 may range between \$10,853,388 (using a 6.5% annual increase), and \$12,586,721 (using an annual 10% increase factor). As was stated Monday night, the Police Department budget and the strategic plan will be reviewed continuously during the upcoming five years.

2. Race Track Road Capital Improvement Program Project

Recently City staff attended a “staff only” kick-off meeting at the County Department of Public Works and Transportation to discuss the Race Track Road improvement project. Project limits, which are from Idlewild Drive to Clearfield Drive, will include widening Race Track Road from two lanes to four lanes, pedestrian and bicycle safety improve-ments, review of access to the public uses in the corridor, drainage improvements, utility relocation and right-of-way acquisition (if necessary). The County intends to issue a “Notice to Proceed” to the project design consultant, Whitman, Requardt and Associates, in August. Project design is expected to take approximately 18 months, with construction envisioned to begin in February 2017 and lasting 14 months. The City has offered to coordinate public outreach efforts for the County, which could begin in December.

3. Economic Development Committee (EDC)

The City’s EDC met and confirmed their meeting dates and topics for FY 2015. Meetings will continue to be held every other month on Wednesday mornings at 7:30 a.m. The topics selected for study are: Completion of EDC’s discussion and recommendations about improving Bowie’s competitiveness in commercial real estate development and leasing; organizing and conducting a forum for the City’s businesses and commercial property owners to identify business issues that can be solved or addressed by the City government; examining small business technical assistance programs available to help Bowie’s businesses; and, examining transit issues such as MARC, METRO, bus service, smart cars, and ridesharing.

There is no EDC meeting in August. The next regular meeting of the EDC is Wednesday, September 10, 2014 at 7:30 a.m. in Room 181 at Bowie City Hall.

4. Carnival at Bowie Town Center

From August 5 to August 10, Frank Joseph and Sons, Inc. T/A Jolly Shows, will bring their carnival to the Bowie Town Center property. The event will take place in the large parking lot adjacent to Five Guys restaurant, and behind Off Broadway Shoe Warehouse (former Old Navy store). The hours of operation will be as follows:

Tuesday, August 5 thru Thursday, August 7	5-10 p.m.
Friday, August 8	5-11 p.m.
Saturday, August 9 & Sunday, August 10	1-11 p.m.

There will be a total of 22 structures on site. Vendor has secured all permits. There will be security on site during open hours.