



City of Bowie

15901 Excalibur Road
Bowie, Maryland 20716

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2014

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Bowie City Council was held on Monday, February 3, 2014 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 Trough, Councilmembers Brady, Marcos, and Turner; City Manager Deutsch, Assistant City Manager Fitzwater, City Attorney Levan, City Clerk Hernandez, Staff, and the Public.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

Mr. Gary Allen, Chairman of the Environmental Advisory Committee, highlighted one of the city's current environmental programs; the Energy Audit program for seniors which offers a \$100 rebate for seniors to cover the cost of completing a BGE Home Performance with Energy Star Audit.

PRESENTATIONS:

A. Teacher of the Month Award (January, February) – Ms. Nikita Thelwell of the Bowie Education Committee presented the "Teacher of the Month Award" to Adebisi Babayemi from High Bridge Elementary School for the month of January and Angela Grooms from Whitehall Elementary School for the month of February. All teachers will receive a dinner for two voucher from Texas Roadhouse in Bowie and from the City of Bowie a Certificate of Recognition.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember Marcos moved the approval of Consent Agenda Items: A) Approval of January 6 Meeting Minutes; B) Approval of Resolution R-4-14 – Authorizing the Reimbursement of Funds to the Bowie Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc.; C) Introduction of Resolution R-7-14 – Adnell Woods-Huntington City Annexation; D) Introduction of Ordinance O-2-14 – Amending the Adopted Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2013 and Ending June 30, 2014, as Embodied in Ordinance O-2-13 and Amended by Ordinance O-1-14, to Appropriate Funds for the Following Projects and Purchases: to Complete the Installation of the HVAC System and Replacement of the Boiler System at the Belair Mansion and to Reimburse the Bowie Volunteer Fire Department for Thirty Percent of the Cost of Two Pumper Trucks; E) Approval of Letter Re: Proposed FY 2015 Board of Education Budget. Councilmember Brady seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MAYOR G. Frederick Robinson **MAYOR PRO TEM** Isaac C. Trough

COUNCIL Dennis Brady ♦ Henri Gardner ♦ James L. Marcos ♦ Diane M. Polangin ♦ Todd M. Turner **CITY MANAGER** David J. Deutsch
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NEW BUSINESS:

A. Sheriff's Briefing – Prince George's County Sheriff Melvin High briefed Council on improved security measures in the courthouses, reduction in backlogs of warrants and partnership with the State Office of Child Support Enforcement in the collection of child support. A copy of the power point presentation is on file in the City Clerk's office at City Hall.

Following comments from Council, Mayor Robinson thanked Sheriff High for taking the time to update Council.

B. Auditor's Presentation – Mr. Dan Kenney with audit firm CohnReznick LLP presented a review of the City's finances for Fiscal Year 2013; a copy of the reports is on file in the City Clerk's office at City Hall. In the opinion of the audit firm, the City's financial statements present fairly, and are in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Mayor Robinson thanked Mr. Kenney for his report and City staff for its work.

C. Cell Tower at Benjamin Tasker Middle School – Ms. Maureen Smith, with Milestone Communications, briefed Council on a proposed cell tower installation at Benjamin Tasker Middle School for Verizon Wireless LLC.

Mayor Robinson asked if the additional locations in Bowie are also in the process of having towers installed. Ms. Smith responded that they are not; they are on the available list if any carriers see the need to increase their frequencies in those areas.

Councilmember Turner would like to know how Milestone sends their notifications to citizens about the installations of the towers. Ms. Smith replied that they send out mailers to HOAs, post on their website and social media and also hold a briefing meeting.

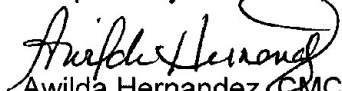
Councilmember Truth asked why elementary schools are not sought for installation of the towers. Ms. Smith responded that elementary schools are generally in smaller parcels and makes it difficult to meet the setback requirements.

Mayor Robinson thanked Ms. Smith for her presentation.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Pro Tem Truth moved to adjourn the City Council meeting and move into Closed Session under State Government Article §10-508(a)(3): To consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto and Article §10-508(a)(9): To conduct collective bargaining negotiations or consider matters that relate to the negotiations. 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: 2/3/14 Time: 9:25pm Location: City Hall Motion to close meeting made by: Truth;
Seconded by Brady Members voting in favor: Robinson, Brady, Turner, Truth
Marcos Opposed: _____ Abstaining: _____ Absent Polangieri, Gardner

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) Property acquisition for recreational purposes.
- (X) Collective bargaining negotiations.
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Persons attending closed session: Robinson, Truth, Brady, Turner, Marcos
Deutsch, Fitzwater, Loran

This statement is made by Mayer Robinson, Presiding Officer: [Signature]
SIGNATURE

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

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

Time closed session adjourned: 9:50

Appendix C