



City of Bowie

15901 Excalibur Road
Bowie, Maryland 20716

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2014

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Bowie City Council was held on Tuesday, February 18, 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 Truth, Councilmembers Brady, Gardner, Marcos, Polangin, and Turner (arrived 8:15p.m.); City Manager Deutsch, Assistant City Manager Fitzwater, City Attorney Ruff, City Clerk Hernandez, Staff, and the Public.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

Ms. Joanne Bauer, 13514 Gresham Ct, spoke to Council with concerns on the removal and disposal of the snow from recent snow storms being placed at the end of her driveway.

Mayor Robinson stated that staff will be evaluating the actions in the recent snow storms and address any issues and concerns.

PRESENTATIONS:

A. Mayor Robinson swore-in a new Police Officer to the Bowie Police Department; Mr. Christopher Yeager.

B. Martin Luther King Jr. Art Contest Winners – Ms. Elveeda Dixon, Chair of the Diversity Committee introduced and presented awards to the winners of the coloring, poster and video categories. A list of the winners is attached hereto. Mayor Robinson congratulated the contest winners on behalf of the Council and thanked the Diversity Committee for an outstanding job and effort they did on the contest.

CITY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

A. Appointments/Reappointments/Swearing-in – Councilmember Marcos moved to appoint Mr. Carl E. Brown, Jr. as a member of the Bowie Economic Development Committee for a 2-year term. Mayor Pro Tem Truth seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Robinson swore in Mr. Brown and welcomed him.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Robinson welcomed back Councilmember Diane Polangin who had been out due to surgery.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Deutsch reported on the following items A) Costs the City has incurred during the three recent snow storms. To date the City has spent \$206,000 on contractors and the budget was \$135,000; the budget for salt was \$127,000 so far \$105,000 has been used; and on overtime in the Street Division the City has spent \$58,000 and that budget is \$65,000; B) Council was presented with issues related to rental costs, mainly in senior housing, back in November of 2013. Staff was approached by the group proposing Council action, indicating they would submit an amended proposal. The matter will be presented to Council in the near future.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember Marcos moved the approval of Consent Agenda Items: A) Approval of February 3 Meeting Minutes; B) Approval of Resolution R-8-14 – Accepting Bid for the Upgrade of the Electrical System at Pump Station #5, Located at 12634 Safety Turn; C) Approval of Resolution R-9-14 – Accepting Bid for the Purchase of Three (3) Refuse Trucks; D) Approval of Resolution R-10-14 – Accepting a Proposal for Professional Inspection Services for the Complete Cleaning and Repainting of the Interior Surfaces, and the Spot Cleaning and Topcoating of the Exterior Surfaces with Containment, to the 600,000 Gallon Steel Elevated Water Tank Located at 3107 Belair Drive. Councilmember Gardner seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Approval of Ordinance O-2-14 - Mr. David Deutsch, City Manager, briefed Council on the Supplemental Appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014 needed for the following projects: completion of 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.

Public Hearing:

Since there were no speakers signed up to speak, Mayor Robinson declared the public hearing to have been held.

Mayor Pro Tem Truth asked if staff knew which fire station was receiving the new pumper trucks and when were they being purchased. City Manager Deutsch explained that the trucks had already been purchased and will follow-up with Council on which stations received them.

Mayor Pro Tem Truth made a motion to adopt Ordinance O-2-14 Amending the Adopted Budget for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2014. Councilmember Brady seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Urban Greening Cost-Share Program Guidelines – Mr. Joe Meinert, Planning Department Director, introduced Ms. Kristin Larson, City's Sustainability Planner to explain the Urban

Greening Cost-Share Program. The program was developed to help the City achieve a 45% tree canopy goal and encourage residents to plant trees on their properties. The first 100 residents of the City will be reimbursed \$100 for planting a tree on their property between March 1st, and May 31st, 2014. The rebate will apply towards the tree itself or the delivery/planting costs of a tree purchased as long as combined costs amount to at least \$100 after other rebates and coupons are applied.

Councilmember Brady has a concern with the potential problem of residents not living within the city limits applying for the rebate. Ms. Larson stated that on the application it states that it is for residents residing in the city limits with directions on how to verify their address and it will be publicized via all media avenues the City has.

Council approved the program.

B. Police Department Update – Police Chief Nesky briefed Council on department statistics, programs and the status of the implementation of the in-house call center. Citations and warnings were issued for right turn on red and pedestrian crossing violations; as well as citations for drivers that did not stop at the new stop sign that was placed on 11th Street. Directed Response Team is currently working with Criminal Investigation Division to combat a spike in commercial robberies.

Councilmember Brady asked if staff reviews proposed bills that are presented to State Legislators during the General Assembly. City Manager Deutsch responded that each department director does monitor the bills proposed and address them if it pertains to their departments.

Councilmember Brady also asked about possible installation of some sort of stop sign for pedestrians in crosswalks. Chief Nesky replied that some commercial locations have placed stop signs in crosswalks; they will look into more information and provide to Council at a future meeting.

The department is moving forward with the non-emergency call-center. They are currently working on hiring a supervisor for the call-center in the next few months and making sure they get the right equipment needed. Prince George's County Police Department has offered the City its assistance and has been a great partner and supporter of the call-center.

Police Chief Nesky reviewed the Departments Strategic Plan; a copy is on file in the City Clerks office in City Hall.

Following comments from Councilmembers, Mayor Robinson thanked the Chief and all the officers for the extraordinary job they are doing.

C. Mid-year Budget Review – City Manager Deutsch provided an overview of the Fiscal Year 2014 mid-year budget as contained in the report dated February 18, 2014, a copy of which is on file at City Hall. Mr. Deutsch highlighted items in the report including the expansion of communications with the public through social media, status of providing WiFi at City facilities, the animal control temporary holding facility operating by April 1st, Senior Center accreditation completed by July 31, 2014; CIP Project at Jericho Park; continue efforts for retail tenant attraction and retention along Rt 450 and MD 197 and education to the public on the new requirements that yard waste be deposited into paper bags or loose in containers. Mr. Deutsch went on to report on the financial summary contained in the report as well as the water and sewer funds; General Fund revenues are projected to be under budget as well as expenditures.

Mayor Robinson thanked City Manager Deutsch and staff for the report.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Pro Tem Trough moved to adjourn the City Council meeting. Councilmember Brady seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Awilda Hernandez", with a large, stylized loop at the end.

Awilda Hernandez, CMC
City Clerk

2014 MLK Contest

Coloring Contest Winners

3rd Place (\$25) --TIE	Elizabeth Oldfield	St. Pius X Regional School	2nd Grade	
3rd Place (\$25) -- TIE	Haider Syed	Pointer Ridge Elementary School	1st Grade	was also a winner last year
2nd Place (\$50)	Benjamin Brensinger	Pointer Ridge Elementary School	1st Grade	
1st Place (\$100)	Jocelyn Gross	Lowell School	2nd Grade	was also a winner last year

Poster Contest Winners

2nd Place (\$50)	Dominique Harper	Rockledge Elementary School	4th Grade
1st Place (\$100) -- TIE	Bryanna Hurst	Pointer Ridge Elementary School	5th Grade
1st Place (\$100) -- TIE	Emily Galo	Pointer Ridge Elementary School	5th Grade

Video Contest Winners

3rd Place (\$25)	Brenee Hill	Tall Oaks Vocational High School	12th Grade	"I Have a Dream"
2nd Place (\$50)	Jeremiah Davis	Bowie High School	12th Grade	"Future, Past and Present"
1st Place (\$100)	Samantha Friskey	Georgetown Visitation High School	10th Grade	"Color: A Celebration of Diversity"

Contest information:

11th year of the contest
over 200 entries

Artwork of all of the finalists, including the videos can be viewed at www.cityofbowie.org/mlk

Thanks to students, parents, teachers and principals of all of our participating schools

Bowie High
Georgetown Visitation
High Bridge Elementary
Judith P. Hoyer Montessori
Lowell School
Pointer Ridge Elementary

St. Pius X Regional School
Rockledge Elementary
Tall Oaks Vocational High School
Tulip Grove Elementary
Whitehall Elementary