City of Bowie

15901 Excalibur Road
Bowie, Maryland 20716

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, MARCH 24, 2014

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Bowie City Council was held on Monday, March 24, 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 Trouth, Councilmembers Brady , Gardner, Marcos, Polangin, and Turner; City Manager Deutsch, Assistant City Manager Fitzwater, City Attorney Ruff, City Clerk Hernandez, Staff, the Press, and the Public.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

1. Ms. Connie Carter, thanked Bowie citizens and businesses for their support and donations during the Bunny Rescue Supply Drive.

2. Mr. John Teasdale representing the Environmental Advisory Committee, spoke about the Environmental Film Series that is being held at Kenhill Center.

PRESENTATIONS:

A. Council presented a proclamation to the Bowie Midget Black Hockey Team for winning the 2014 CCHL Championship.

B. Council presented a proclamation to the Bowie Bantam Gold Hockey Team for the 2nd Place achievement in the 2014 CCHL Championship.

C. Council presented a proclamation to Mr. David Emmanuel for his service in covering news for the City in the Bowie Blade-News.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Deutsch reported on the following items: A) The continuation hearing with the Zoning Board for the Walmart project will be March 27th; B) Cost for the March 17th snow storm was \$52,000 which puts us at about \$185,000 over budget for the year; C) Staff is working on report on senior housing issues and it will be presented to Council in June.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember Turner moved the approval of Consent Agenda Items: A) Approval of February 18 Meeting Minutes; B) Approval of Resolution R-11-14 – Waiving Bidding Requirements, by a Two-Thirds Vote, of Section 61 of the City Charter to Authorize the City Manager to Enter Into a Contract with Windstream Communications, Inc. to Provide Communication Services; C) Approval of Resolution R-13-14 – Accepting the Storm Drain, Streets and Appurtenances Under Permit SDP 1-0405A at Woodmore at Oak Creek and Releasing the Construction Securities Required Therewith; D) Introduction of Resolution R-14-14 – Enlarging the Corporate Boundaries of the City of Bowie by Annexing to the City of Bowie Certain Property Contiguous and Adjoining to the City's Existing Corporate Boundaries, Known as the Bowie Honda Dealership Properties (Lots 6-7 of Walker Pontiac Subdivision), Bowie Nissan Dealership (Parcel B of Mills Subdivision) and Adjacent Parcels Including Lots 1-3 of Walker Pontiac Subdivision, Part of Parcel 26, and Parcels 128, 164, 42, Parcel C of Mills Subdivision, Parcels 175, 163, 171, 181, 16, 3, 44, 29, 116, 33, 32, 139, and 143 all Shown on Prince George's County Tax Map 63, Also Including the Southbound Lanes of US 301 and the Median Crossover South of Mount Oak Road, Consisting of 70.8717 Acres of Land. Councilmember Brady seconded the motion and it carried 6-0 (Marcos not present).

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Update on Environmental Initiatives – Mr. Gary Allen, Chairman of the Environmental Advisory Committee, highlighted the next ten steps toward a Green Bowie for 2014. Some of these steps include the adoption of a strategy for a sustainable Bowie by 2025, define a comprehensive strategy for public outreach on sustainability goals, complete a study and pilot for composting residential food waste, and advance a defined plan for improving biohabit values for at least one local watershed. A copy of Mr. Allen's presentation is on file in the City Clerk's office.

Councilmember Turner commented that the County currently has a food composting pilot program in place and they are looking to expand it.

Councilmember Gardner asked Mr. Allen of the ten steps presented which steps would he consider is the most important for Council to review. Mr. Allen replied that it would be the composting program, biohabit values at a watershed and the assessment for a nature center.

Mayor Robinson thanked Mr. Allen for his presentation.

B. Tulip Grove Elementary – Proposed temporary relocation to Meadowbrook Elementary – Mayor Robinson commented that the County is taking comments on the proposed relocation for the students of Tulip Grove Elementary during the renovation of their current school.

Public Hearing:

Ms. Janice M. Williams, Sr. Vice President for Program Development with YMCA of Metro Washington, commented that the YMCA is currently located in Meadowbrook Elementary and will have to close if a new space is not located for them. They are requesting assistance and support from the City to allow the YMCA to remain in the Meadowbrook Elementary school building.

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

Councilman Brady asked how much space is required by the YMCA. Ms. Williams replied that they would need 5,000 sq. ft.

Ms. Verjeana Jacobs, Chair of Prince George's County School Board commented that the Board has agreed that the relocation of the Tulip Grove students to Meadowbrook is the best option.

Councilmember Brady asked if after the renovations at Meadowbrook are completed to accommodate the students will the YMCA be able to co-exist with the elementary school. Ms. Jacobs said it could be a possibility but it is a decision that would have to be made by the administration.

Councilmember Polangin made a motion to approve the draft letter with amendments to be sent to County Executive in support of the temporary relocation of Tulip Grove Elementary students to Meadowbrook Elementary. Mayor Pro Tem Trouth seconded the motion. Councilmember Brady asked that verbiage be added to the letter to encourage the School Board and County to work with current tenants on their relocation. Motion passed 6-0-1; Councilmember Turner abstained due to conflict with YMCA.

C. Proposed Animal Holding Room Fees – City Manager Deutsch provided an overview of the proposed fees which will help offset the cost of operation of the Temporary Animal Holding Room which is scheduled to commence on April 1st.

Public Hearing:

1. Ms. Connie Carter – commented on items of concern that need to still be addressed before the Animal Holding Room is operational.

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

Councilmember Brady commented that Council had previously agreed that both rooms were to be operational at the time of opening of the Animal Holding Room. City Manager Deutsch responded that the second room would become operational in 6 to 12 months after the first room is open and needs are evaluated. Councilmember Brady also commented on the need of an MOU with the County on what happens with the animal once it gets to the County level. City Manager Deutsch replied that staff does not feel that an MOU is needed since the City has a good working relationship with the County.

Councilmember Polangin made a motion to approve the proposed fees. Councilmember Turner seconds the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Pro Tem Trouth moved to adjourn the City Council meeting and move into Closed Session under State Government Article §10-508(a)(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; and Article §10-508(a)(9): To conduct collective bargaining negotiations or consider matters that relate to the negotiations. Councilmember Polangin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Awilda Hernandez, CMC
City Clerk

WRITTEN STATEMENT FOR CLOSING A MEETING UNDER THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT

Date: 3/24/14 Time: 10:06pm Location: City Hall-CH181 Motion to close meeting made by: Trouth ;

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

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 <u>EACH</u> CITATION CHECKED ABOVE, <u>THE REASONS FOR CLOSING</u> AND <u>TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED</u>:

( ) collective bargaining

( ) employee compensation

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Persons attending closed session: Robinson, Brady, Gardner, Turner, Polangin, Marcos, Trouth, Deutsch, Fitzwater, Haley, Ruff

This statement is made by Mayor Robinson, Presiding Officer: [signature]
SIGNATURE

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

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

Summarized status of collective bargaining negotiations

Discussed employee compensation

Time closed session adjourned: 10:30

Appendix C