



City of Bowie

15901 Fred Robinson Way
Bowie, Maryland 20716

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 2022

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Bowie City Council was held on Tuesday, June 21, 2022, in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Adams called the meeting to order at 8:06 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

Mayor Adams led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

QUORUM:

In attendance were Mayor Adams, Councilmembers Bofo (arrived 8:09 p.m.), Esteve, Gardner (arrived 8:19 p.m.), Harrison, and Woolfley, City Manager Lott, Assistant City Manager Mears, City Attorney Ruff, City Clerk Hernandez, and Staff.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

1. Patrice Murray, Jerimiah Ln - Spoke in support of Resolution R-27-22.
2. Karen Williamson, Dunwood Valley Dr. – Spoke in support of Resolution R-27-22.

PRESENTATIONS:

- A. Ms. Nadji Kirby, Chair of the City's Education Committee presented the winners of this year's Excellence in Education Awards. (List of winners attached)
- B. Ms. Bee Scott, a member of the City's Diversity Committee read an excerpt on Caribbean-American Heritage Month and LGBTQ Pride Month.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Adams thanked staff for an outstanding series of events held throughout the City to celebrate Juneteenth.

Councilmember Gardner thanked staff for the support during the explosion that took place at Larkin-Chase last week.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Lott thanked staff for the outstanding work and support of the patients of Larkin-Chase during the evacuation of the facility due to the explosion.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember Harrison made a motion to approve Consent Agenda items: A) Adoption of Proclamation P-20-22 Proclaiming June 2022 as LGBTQ Pride Month in the City of Bowie; B) Adoption of Resolution R-26-22 Awarding a Contract for Irrigation System Replacement for Bowie Golf Course; C) Adoption of Resolution R-28-22 Waiving the Competitive Bidding Requirements of Section 61 "Purchasing and Contracting" of the Charter of the City of Bowie to Allow Negotiations with Hydro Designs, Inc., and Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into an Agreement for Consulting Services for the Replacement of the Irrigation System at Bowie Golf Course; D) Adoption of Resolution R-29-22 Waiving the Competitive Bidding Requirements of Section 61 "Purchasing and Contracting" of the Charter of the City of Bowie to Allow for the Purchase of One Backhoe, by Piggybacking a Baltimore County Public Schools Bid; E) Adoption of Resolution R-30-22 Authorizing the Issuance of a Purchase Order to Frederick Ward Associates for Task Order #1 Professional Services-Development Plan Review, Engineering & Design Services in Accordance With the Master Contract Approved on June 19, 2019; F) Adoption of Resolution R-31-22 Accepting a Bid Proposal for Temporary Labor Services; G) Adoption of Resolution R-32-22 Accepting Bid for the Purchase of New Video Switcher; H) Adoption of Resolution R-33-22 Awarding a Contract to Conduct a Water Source Study at the Bowie Golf Course; I) Introduction of Ordinance O-3-22 Amending the Bowie City Code, Chapter 14, "Motor Vehicles and Traffic", Article III, §14-17B "Speed Monitoring Systems" to Authorize the Placement of Speed Cameras in the City of Bowie on Highways in Residential Districts That Have a Maximum Posted Speed Limit of 35 Miles Per Hour; J) Approval of Letter Supporting Prince George's County Council Bill CB-14-2022. Councilmember Gardner seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Economic Development Strategy and Action Plan – Economic Development Director, John Henry King briefed Council on the staff report. At Council's request in the May 16, 2022 Council meeting, the Public Hearing time was extended for another 30 days.

Public Hearing:

City Clerk Hernandez announced that one comment was received via email and is attached for the record.

Since no one was signed up to speak, Mayor Adams declared the Public Hearing to have been held.

Mayor Pro Tem Boafu commented that the strategy and action plan is a great way of letting the public that Bowie is open for business.

Councilmember Harrison made a motion to accept the Economic Development Strategy and Action Plan. Councilmember Gardner seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

B. Mortgage Foreclosure Legislation – Adoption of Resolution R-27-22 Regarding Nuisance Conditions on Properties in the City of Bowie as to Which a Mortgage Foreclosure Process Has Commenced – City Attorney Ruff summarized the resolution and stated that it will allow the City's Code Enforcement Department to monitor the properties in the City from the State's Foreclosed Property Registry that may be in violation of property maintenance and the Police Department can monitor if there are any reports of criminal activity on properties that are on the same list.

Mayor Pro Tem Boafu thanked staff and Counsel for putting this legislation together.

Mayor Pro Tem Boafo moved to adopt Resolution R-27-22 Regarding Nuisance Conditions on Properties in the City of Bowie as to Which a Mortgage Foreclosure Process Has Commenced. Councilmember Harrison seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Old Town Bowie Revitalization – Economic Development Director, Mr. John Henry King introduced Town of Kensington, Mayor Pro Tem Conor Crimmins who briefed Council on what the Town of Kensington has done to revitalize their downtown area. Although there is a difference in size between Bowie and Kensington there are similarities that could be applied to the Old Town Bowie area of the City. Kensington applied for several Maryland grant and revitalization programs to help them revitalize their Town Square park. They also had political outreach to encourage legislative and planning changes for Economic Development. Mayor Pro Tem Crimmins encouraged City Council to visit the Town of Kensington and see their changes.

Councilmember Woolfley thanked Mayor Pro Tem Crimmins for his presentation and asked him how much of the redevelopment is existing structures versus new construction. Mayor Pro Tem Crimmins responded that about 90% of it were existing structures.

Councilmember Woolfley then asked what the Town's relationship with the County is. Mayor Pro Tem Crimmins responded that they communicate with them almost everyday as well as with M-NCPPC, SHA, and utilities.

Mayor Adams thanked Mayor Pro Tem Crimmins for his presentation and looks forward to visiting his Town.

B. Vacation Petition V-21009, Woodmore Highlands, Parcel N (former PT-1 Transportation Right-of-Way) – Planning Director, Joe Meinert summarized the staff report. A request to vacate a portion of the public right of way was filed by the residents abutting Parcel N. This parcel was dedicated when the neighborhood was created for future trails. The City has been in support of creating trails within the City that provide a safe place for pedestrians, and bicyclists. Unfortunately, funding has not been designated for this Parcel by the City or the County. The County vacated the parcel twenty-two years ago.

Public Hearing:

1. Patty McCaughey, Chalford Ln – Spoke in support of the City not vacating Parcel N for future trails.

Since there was no one else signed to speak, Mayor Adams declared the Public Hearing to have been held.

Councilmember Woolfley asked staff if we knew who owned the property. Mr. Meinert responded that it probably still owned by the developer, it was dedicated as open space.

Councilmember Gardner is in support of vacating the property if there is no funding for the trail and it is only fair if the abutting residents want it and they have been maintaining the property.

Mayor Pro Tem Boafo moved to approve the recommendation to vacate the property. Councilmember Gardner seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-1-1 (Woolfley-nay, Esteve abstained).

C. Introduction and Adoption of Emergency Ordinance O-2-22 Amending the Adopted Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2021 and Ending June 30, 2022, Embodied in Ordinance O-1-21, as Amended by Ordinance O-6-21 and O-7-21, to Authorize the Transfer of Certain Amounts in the FY 2022 Budget to Pay for Anticipated Expenses – City Manager Lott summarized the Ordinance. During the fiscal year, it becomes necessary to transfer amounts within funds to provide for the proper operation of the City. These adjustments in total amount to 1.54% percent of the adopted FY2022 final budget of \$88,644,100 (all funds).

Public Hearing:

Since there was no one signed to speak, Mayor Adams declared the Public Hearing to have been held.

Councilmember Harrison motioned to adopt Ordinance O-2-22. Councilmember Gardner seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

D. Public Art Update – Ms. Kathleen Parker, Chair of the City's Art Committee briefed Council on the committee's recommendation for the social justice mural that will be painted on the external wall of the City gymnasium. The City received two proposals and it is the committee's recommendation to proceed with Desiree Kelly's art rendition.

Councilmember Woolfley commented that he is in support of the mural and there are a lot of opportunities around the City for more murals.

Councilmember Harrison motioned to accept the Arts Committee recommendation for the social justice mural that will be painted on the side of the City gymnasium. Mayor Pro Tem Boafu seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Pro Tem Boafu motioned to adjourn the Regular City Council meeting. Councilmember Esteve seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Awilda Hernandez, MMC
City Clerk

2022 Excellence in Education Honorees

- Sarah Bailey (Whitehall Elementary School)
- Jeaniene Barber Hussie (Northview Elementary School)
- Angela Chery (Yorktown Elementary School)
- Kimerly Conley (Grace Christian School)
- Tynetta Dempsey (High Bridge Elementary School)
- Calvin Fitzpatrick (C. Elizabeth Rieg Regional School)
- Lenea Folk (Kenilworth Elementary School)
- Linnea Gomez (Grace Christian School)
- Alisha Johnson (Yorktown Elementary School)
- Adrienne Leonard (Tulip Grove Elementary School)
- Lauren Lister (Northview Elementary School)
- Celeste McGill (Samuel Ogle Middle School)
- Jill Piazza (Whitehall Elementary School)
- Maureen Quinones (Samuel Ogle Middle School)
- Milagros Tolentino (C. Elizabeth Rieg Regional School)

Awilda Hernandez

From: John H. King
Sent: Friday, June 17, 2022 8:47 AM
To: Awilda Hernandez; Carolyn Fifer
Subject: FW: {EXTERNAL}: Comments on Economic Development Plan

One more comment received after the memo was finalized.

John Henry King

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From: Andyhac <andyhac@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 16, 2022 9:37 PM
To: John H. King <jhking@cityofbowie.org>
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Comments on Economic Development Plan

John:

The plan is very good. I had a few comments

Creative Placemaking is an excellent strategy. It needs to be leveraged with community engagement. Bowie is already very good at public events. The City can use these to get input beyond the traditional and dull community meeting. <https://www.tamaquaarts.org/public-arts/> is an example. This town uses an annual creative placemaking event to celebrate and promote the town but it also gets community visioning out of it through getting citizens to write their dreams for the town (Dear Tamaqua).

Bowie State is a large resource. The athletic tourism idea is a great one with the facilities Bowie has. Does Bowie State have a small business development center. Also, is anyone doing micro-lending such as Kiva. These can be great tools for the home based businesses in the City. Some of the unused or soon to be developed or redeveloped space in Bowie Town Center should be for a business incubator or maker space or shared workspace for some of those businesses to continue their growth,

Andres Saavedra
Bowie, MD