City of Bowie

15901 Fred Robinson Way
Bowie, Maryland 20716

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, JULY 11, 2022

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Bowie City Council was held on Monday, July 11, 2022, in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Adams called the meeting to order at 8:01 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 Boafo (arrived 8:07 pm), Esteve, Gardner, Harrison, Ndebumadu, and Woolfley, Assistant City Manager Mears, City Attorney Ruff, Staff, and the Public.

CITY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

Councilmember Esteve motioned to appoint the following people to the Bowie Race Track Property Task Force: Tanya Hedgepath as part of the Executive Steering Committee; Charles McIntosh, Rick Cormier, and Shereta Clark as part of the Bowie Community Engagement Subcommittee; and Elmer Dengler, Karin Taschenberger, Linda Bailey, Karl Stehmer, Michelle Balfe, and Michael Lagua as part of the City Committees Subcommittee. Councilmember Harrison seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0 (Boafo not yet present.) Mayor Adams swore-in the newly appointed Task Force members.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Adams thanked everyone for attending and viewing the meeting.

Councilmember Esteve shared his appreciation for Proclamation P-21-22 Recognizing the 32nd Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act being on the agenda, and thanked the Mayor for his role when first appointed in calling attention to the ways the City could become more accessible to those with disabilities.

Councilmember Woolfley thanked the Police Department and City staff for their recent efforts in assisting a gentleman who was lost.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

Assistant City Manager Mears shared information about Alert Bowie and encouraged residents and other interested individuals to sign up.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Pro Tem Boafo made a motion to approve Consent Agenda items: A) Adoption of Proclamation P-21-22 Recognizing the 32nd Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act; B) Adoption of Resolution R-36-22 Accepting a Bid Proposal for Temporary Labor Services; and C) Adoption of Resolution R-37-22 Accepting a Bid Proposal for Residential Tree Planting Services. Councilmember Esteve seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0 (Gardner did not vote).

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Briefing on Proposed Bowie, Mitchellville and Vicinity Section Map Amendment - Mr. Joe Meinert, Planning Director, introduced Mr. Thomas Lester from the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. Mr. Lester briefed Council on the boundary, goals, and schedule of the sectional map amendment, the comprehensive rezoning component that occurs as the follow up to the recently approved Bowie, Mitchellville and Vicinity Master Plan.

Mayor Adams thanked Mr. Lester for undertaking that significant task.

Councilmember Esteve asked for a copy of the presentation shown tonight and the District Council Presentation. Mr. Meinert will add the documents to the City website.

Councilmember Gardner asked how often the Sectional Map Amendment is updated to which Mr. Lester replied every 7 years as needed. Councilmember Gardner also asked about the public participation component of the Master Plan. Mr. Lester responded that the public participation program period was a year and a half, was completed virtually once the pandemic started, that exit surveys were completed for participants, and that they had above average participation for a master plan.

B. Project Financing - Mr. Michael Roach from CTL Finance, LLC gave an informational presentation on credit tenant lease financing solutions as they might relate to the building of a new ice arena. Mayor Adams thanked Mr. Roach for attending and stated the City staff would reach back out if needed.

When asked, City Attorney Ruff advised against asking questions and stated that Council may comment. Mayor Pro Tem Boafo thanked Mr. Roach for the presentation, as did Councilmember Gardner who also thanked Councilmember Harrison for bringing this type of financing idea to their attention. Councilmember Gardner started to comment that he would not support borrowing additional money, but Mayor Adams stopped the comments to stay in keeping with City Attorney Ruff's advice.

ADJOURNMENT AND MOVE TO CLOSE SESSION:

Mayor Pro Tem Boafo motioned to adjourn to closed session under the statutory authority of the Md. Annotated Code, State Government Article §3-305(b)(1): "To discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance City of Bowie evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals". Councilmember Woolfley seconded the motion.

Upon Mayor Adams' call for discussion, Councilmember Gardner asked if it would be out of line for him to ask his colleagues to support a motion to develop an RFP for such services of a firm to go out to open market. Assistant City Manager Mears responded that that's part of the process that the City is already going through. Councilmember Gardner asked about engaging financial institutions. Assistant City Manager Mears responded that the City will bring a wide number of ideas for financing to

Council when they get to that part of the process.

The motion passed 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Fifer

Carolyn Fifer (for City Clerk Awilda Hernandez)
Assistant to the City Clerk

PRESIDING OFFICER'S WRITTEN STATEMENT FOR CLOSING A MEETING ("CLOSING STATEMENT") UNDER THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT (General Provisions Article § 3-305)

This form has two sides. *Complete items 1 – 4 before closing the meeting.*

1. **Recorded vote to close the meeting:** Date: 7-11-22 Time: 8:53; Location: City Hall;
Motion to close meeting made by: Boafo Seconded by Woolfley;
Members in favor: All; Opposed: _____;
Abstaining: _____; Absent: _____.

2. **Statutory authority to close session (check all provisions that apply).**
This meeting will be closed under General Provisions Art. § 3-305(b) only:

(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; 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"; **(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." **(15)**[ ] "To discuss cybersecurity, if the public body determines that public discussion would constitute a risk to: (i) security assessments or deployments relating to information resources technology; (ii) network security information . . . or (iii) deployments or implementation of security personnel, critical infrastructure, or security devices."

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3. **For each provision checked above, disclosure of the topic to be discussed and the public body's reason for discussing that topic in closed session.**

Citation (insert # from above)	Topic	Reason for closed-session discussion of topic
§3-305(b) [1]	Personnel	City Manager Performance evaluation
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4. **This statement is made by** Timothy J. Adams**, Presiding Officer.**

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WORKSHEET FOR OPTIONAL USE IN CLOSED SESSION: INFORMATION FOR SUMMARY TO BE DISCLOSED IN THE MINUTES OF THE NEXT OPEN MEETING. (See also template for summary.)

➢ **For a meeting closed under the statutory authority cited above:**

Time of closed session: 8:53

Place: City Hall

Purpose(s): Personnel

Members who voted to meet in closed session: Adams Gardner Harrison Esteve Woolfley Boafo Ndebumadu

Persons attending closed session: Adams Gardner Harrison Esteve Woolfley Boafo Ndebumadu Ruff

Authority under § 3-305 for the closed session: (1)

Topics actually discussed: City Manager Performance Evaluation

Actions taken:

Each recorded vote:

➢ **For a meeting recessed to perform an administrative function (§ 3-104):** Time:

Place:

Persons present:

Subjects discussed: