



City of Bowie

15901 Fred Robinson Way
Bowie, Maryland 20716

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, JULY 5, 2022

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Bowie City Council was held on Tuesday, July 5, 2022, in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Pro Tem Bofo called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

Mayor Pro Tem Bofo led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

QUORUM:

In attendance were Mayor Adams (arrived 8:10 p.m.), Councilmembers Bofo, Esteve, Harrison, Ndebumadu and Woolfley, City Manager Lott, Assistant City Manager Mears, City Attorney Levan, City Clerk Hernandez, and Staff.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

City Clerk Hernandez announced the one comment was received via email, it was forwarded to Council and it is attached as part of the record.

CITY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

A. Appointments/Reappointments/Swearing-In:

1. Councilmember Woolfley moved to appoint Mia Owens to the Community Recreation Committee and Christopher Rizzi to the Economic Development Committee for a two-year term. Councilmember Harrison second the motion and it carried 5-0. Mayor Pro Tem Bofo swore in the above members to their respective committees.
2. Councilmember Woolfley moved the reappointment of Nancy Franklin, Carl Robinson and William Schmitt as members of the Administrative Review Board for a 2-year term. Councilmember Esteve seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.
3. Councilmember Woolfley moved the reappointment of Lisa Frison, James Golato, Terry Rogers, Carl Schuettler and Ronald Skotz as members of the Advisory Planning Board for a 2-year term. Councilmember Harrison seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.
4. Councilmember Esteve moved the reappointment of Gabrielle Davison, Jacqueline Thompson and Joseph Wright as members of the Arts Committee for a 2-year term. Councilmember Harrison seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.
5. Councilmember Woolfley moved the reappointment of Don Phillips and Brian Suddeth as members of the Board of Elections for a 2-year term. Councilmember Esteve seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

6. Councilmember Woolfley moved the reappointment of Lisa Henkel as a member of the Board of Personnel Appeals for a 2-year term. Councilmember Harrison seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.
7. Councilmember Esteve moved the reappointment of Bonaventure Askinlosotu, Adedayo Fashanu, Mary Ellen Winlund and Joseph Wright as members of the Community Outreach Committee for a 2-year term. Councilmember Harrison seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.
8. Councilmember Woolfley moved the reappointment of John P. Fagan, Jr., Tony Nichols and Carrie Weaver-Bridges as members of the Community Recreation Committee for a 2-year term. Councilmember Harrison seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.
9. Councilmember Harrison moved the reappointment of Bonaventure Askinlosotu, Elveeda Dixon, Jessica Fucile and Tisha Hillman as members of the Diversity Committee for a 2-year term. Councilmember Woolfley seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.
10. Councilmember Harrison moved the reappointment of Billy Louis, Yolanda Muckle, Arthur Rogers and Phyllis Thompson as members of the Economic Development Committee for a 2-year term. Councilmember Woolfley seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.
11. Councilmember Harrison moved the reappointment of Trasee Bradley, Frank Bryant, Sonia Huntley, LaDonna King, Nadji Kirby, Donna Nelson and Lynette O'Reggio for a 2-year term. Mayor Pro Tem Bofo seconded the motion and it carried 6-0.
12. Councilmember Woolfley moved the reappointment of Alexandra Harry Nappier, Abigail Snyder, Karin Taschenberger and John Teasdale as members of the Environmental Advisory Committee for a 2-year term. Mayor Pro Tem Bofo seconded the motion and it carried 6-0.
13. Councilmember Woolfley moved the reappointment of William Olukoya as a member of the Financial Advisory Committee for a 2-year term. Councilmember Harrison seconded the motion and it carried 6-0.
14. Councilmember Esteve moved the reappointment of Michelle Balfe, Linda Cooper, Howard Dobson, Maysen Gore-Duran, Sue Livera, Elena Wisler and Joshua Wooten as members of the Green Team Committee for a 2-year term. Councilmember Woolfley seconded the motion and it carried 6-0.
15. Councilmember Harrison moved the reappointment of Richard Bleach, JoAnn Marshall-Hobbs and Kenneth Wenzel as members of the Information Technology Committee for a 2-year term. Mayor Pro Tem Bofo seconded the motion and it carried 6-0.
16. Councilmember Harrison moved the reappointment of Delmer Billings, Ronald Gill, William Grayson, Bill Healy, Jill Hochm and and Jacqueline Rhone as members of the Public Safety Committee for a 2-year term. Councilmember Woolfley seconded the motion and it carried 6-0.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Adams thanked staff for the great work in cleaning up the City after the storm earlier in the day.

Councilmember Harrison congratulated her colleague Councilmember Ndebumadu, for being appointed by Governor Hogan to the Maryland State Board of Affordable Housing.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Lott stated that staff is preparing for the City's audit.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember Woolfley made a motion to approve Consent Agenda items: A) Approval of June 6, 2022 Meeting Minutes; B) Approval of June 21, 2022 Meeting Minutes; C) Adoption of Resolution R-34-22 Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into a Fourth Amendment to a Lease Agreement for the Property Known as "Bowie Commons" With North Merust Limited Partnership to Authorize the Assumption of the Lease by Bowie Housing Partners, Limited Partnership and to Further Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Deed for the Improvements Upon the Leased Premises to Bowie Housing Partners LP Subject to a Reversion of Title to the City Upon the Expiration or Other Proper Termination of the Lease; D) Adoption of Resolution R-35-22 Setting Forth Regulations for the Virtual Attendance of Councilmembers at City Council Meetings. Councilmember Harrison seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Adoption 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 – Police Chief Nesky briefed Council on the ordinance which resulted from State legislation that allows speed cameras to be installed in residential areas with 35 mph speed limits. This ordinance will allow the City to monitor the speeds in residential areas using the cameras.

Public Hearing:

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

Councilmember Harrison asked if the cameras are mobile. Chief Nesky replied yes.

Councilmember Ndebumadu asked if there is a prioritizing order of where the cameras would be installed first. Chief Nesky responded that they are considering a two-tier process, one which will be data driven and the neighborhoods with the most speed complaints.

Councilmember Woolfley made a motion to adopt Ordinance O-3-22. Mayor Pro Tem Bofo seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Melford Revision to Detailed Site Plan #07031-05 – Mr. Joe Meinert, City Planning Director summarized the staff report. St. John Properties, Inc. is requesting the City's approval recommendation for a revision to the approved Detailed Site Plan for Pod 6 to substitute 59,640 square feet of research and development/flex space instead of office uses within the project. It meets all the zoning requirements of the County and the Advisory Planning Board and staff recommend approval of the revision.

Mr. Robert Antonetti with the law firm Shipley & Horne representing the applicant, presented images of the proposed entrances and designs of the building which meet all the requirements and follows the same layouts of other buildings that have been built in Melford.

Public Hearing:

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

Mayor Pro Tem Boafu moved to approve the revision recommendation of Detailed Site Plan #07031-05. Councilmember Esteve seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-1 (Woolfley).

B. Annual Update from the Green Team Executive Committee – Michelle Balfe, Chair of the Bowie Green Team Executive Committee briefed Council on the work the committee did in FY 2022 and their projects for FY 2023. Bowie has been Sustainable Certified since 2013 and they are working on the recertification for 2022. In order to maintain the certification, there are many requirements that have to be met which include promoting local farmers market, maintaining Monarch Waystations, hosting Earth Day events just to name a few. For FY 2023 they plan to focus some programs on wellness, advocate for native species plantings in City stormwater upgrades and residential outreach and education on EV's, solar and electrification.

Mayor Adams thanked Ms. Balfe for her presentation.

C. Watermain Breaks Report – Public Works Director, Jose Aldayuz briefed Council on the circumstances of the watermain breaks that occurred last week. On Friday, June 24, 2022, the contractor hired by the City of Bowie excavated the ground to expose a water service connection at the 16" watermain (3501 Moylan Drive), in preparation for the upcoming Tee branch abandonment work scheduled for Monday, June 27, 2022. At 3:00 a.m. the night of the 24th, the City received calls of lines that burst which caused the changes in pressure and occurred failures in other areas of the City. Staff worked diligently all weekend to repair the leaks. The watermain break at Moylan Drive was likely due to multiple weak connections at the Tee branch line. According to the contractor, the bolts holding the connections appeared rusted, and not in good shape. This may be the cause for the weak connections. The pipe has been buried underground for over 60 years. Some components apparently have severely deteriorated. The watermain breaks and meter leak at the other locations are likely associated with the watermain break at Moylan Drive. A water hammer was likely created during the break and caused more damages to the pipes.

Councilmember Woolfley asked if there is a system in place that lists the areas where the valves that may have leaks are in the City. Mr. Aldayuz replied that there is not but is working on a proposed new plan/solution to solve these issues.

Mayor Adams thanked staff for the update.

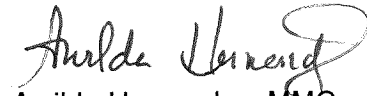
D. Storm Update – Emergency Manager, Lee Cornwell, briefed Council on the storm that passed through the City earlier in the afternoon. It was confirmed that a tornado did touchdown in the S and B sections of the City. At the moment no injuries have been reported, two houses did suffer structural damage due to trees falling on them, several roads are closed due to trees down and are being cleared by staff and County staff. Roads are expected to be cleared within the next hour. There are approximately 300 homes without power and BGE is working on restoring the power.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Pro Tem Boafu motioned to adjourn the Regular City Council meeting. Councilmember Woolfley seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

July 5, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Awilda Hernandez". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end of the last name.

Awilda Hernandez, MMC
City Clerk

Awilda Hernandez

From: nurbiz@verizon.net
Sent: Tuesday, July 5, 2022 2:13 PM
To: Awilda Hernandez
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: July 5, 2022 City Council Meeting; V. Citizen Participation: Bowie, Let Us Organize Ourselves as Our Cells

DATE: Tuesday, July 5, 2022

TO: Awilda Hernandez, City Clerk
City of Bowie, Maryland

FR: Mrs. Terry Nuriddin
15201 Johnstone Lane
Bowie, MD 20721

RE: July 5, 2022 City Council Meeting; V. Citizen Participation: **Bowie, Let Us Organize Ourselves as Our Cells**: Comments on the June 21, 2022 City Council Meeting; XI. Old Business: A. Economic Development Strategy and Action Plan

cc: Public Files

Good Day. This is Terry Nuriddin of Collington Station. Hope all is well.

In reading the Economic Development Strategy and Action Plan; listening to the commentary; and deciphering the answers to the questions, my family ask Bowie, **Let Us Organize Ourselves as Our Cells Do**.

Our cells are highly organized structures, that regulate, coordinate, and operate our marvelous bodies to sustain human life. Unconditionally committed to the preservation of their organisms, our cells organize operations for optimal human performance and function. I believe if they were to help their organism thrive *economically*, they would never put forth a 60-page economic plan that uses the word school only five times and in no significant manner. Let us organize ourselves like our cells would.

Education for our children should be our foremost priority because they are the future. Human sensitivity is needed to prepare us for the upcoming tasks needed to safeguard our present and future societal well-being. Rational sensitivity alone will not yield the proposed strategic and economic plans. Such plans should include pioneering ideas that enable a neighborhood school such as Pointer Ridge Elementary to remain open; our Tall Oaks High School to blossom as a green jobs academy for new workers and fossil fuel transitional workers; and the creation of K-12 learning orbits to inspire understanding of the environmental and biological subjects essential to ensuring a "town made safe" in the future.

Future consumers of goods and services will pass through the various industry and occupational sectors tabulated in the plan. That is why we believe a nourishing K-12 education strategy should be an integral part of any economic plan. Moreover, this controlled-COVID 19 era, requires us to be mindful of how much the pre-COVID 19 industry and occupational sectors have changed. And, to avoid another uncontrolled-COVID 19 era, we are obligated to organize and promote the intelligence and resilience of our youth.

We have the opportunity as leaders to organize ourselves, i.e., Bowie, for unlimited societal benefits; just as our cells organize our bodies for an amazing array of surviving techniques.