



City of Bowie

15901 Fred Robinson Way
Bowie, Maryland 20716

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2022

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Bowie City Council was held on Monday, October 3, 2022, in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Councilmember Harrison called the meeting to order at 8:02 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

Councilmember Harrison led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

QUORUM:

In attendance were Mayor Adams (joined virtually at 8:53 p.m.), Councilmembers Bofo (virtual), Esteve, Gardner (joined virtually at 8:04 p.m.), Harrison, Ndebumadu and Woolfley, City Manager Lott, Assistant City Manager Mears, City Attorney Levan, City Clerk Hernandez, and Staff.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

1. Sherman Ragland, Chair of the Bowie BIC – Introduced Bowie BIC's new Executive Director, Ms. June Evans and announced their receipt of a \$3.0 Million Grant from the U.S. Small Business Administration.

PRESENTATIONS:

Councilmember Harrison swore in two new Police Officers to the Bowie Police Department - Police Officer Vette Andersen and Police Officer Derrick Paz.

CITY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

A. Appointments/Reappointments/Swearing-In:

1. Councilmember Harrison swore in Clinton Truesdale to the Bowie Race Track Property Task Force Committee.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councilmember Woolfley announced a virtual meeting that is being held this same evening in regard to the proposed development behind Marketplace.

Councilmember Gardner requested a moment of silence for Florida residents that suffered damage during Hurricane Ian.

Councilmember Harrison read a proclamation honoring and recognizing former Senator David C. Harrington on his passing.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Lott took a moment to recognize the great work his employees are doing in continuing to provide essential services to the residents of the City.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember Woolfley made a motion to approve Consent Agenda items: A) Adoption of Proclamation P-24-22 Proclaiming October 2022 as National Disability Employment Awareness Month in the City of Bowie; B) Adoption of Proclamation P-25-22 Proclaiming October 2022 as Energy Awareness Month in the City of Bowie; C) Adoption of Resolution R-47-22 Waiving the Competitive Bidding Requirements of Section 61 "Purchasing and Contracting" of the Charter of the City of Bowie to Accept the Quote of CDI, LLC for CrowdStrike Falcon Anti-Virus Software and Authorize the City Manager to Enter Into an Agreement for CrowdStrike Falcon Complete; D) Adoption of Resolution R-51-22 Authorizing the Issuance of a Purchase Order to KCI Technologies, Inc. for Task Order/RFP#1-09A in Accordance With the Master Contract Approved on October 31, 2018; E) Adoption of Resolution R-52-22 Authorizing the Issuance of a Purchase Order to KCI Technologies, Inc. for Task Order/RFP#1-11 in Accordance With the Master Contract Approved on October 31, 2018; F) Adoption of Resolution R-53-22 Awarding a Contract for HVAC RTU 1 & 2 Replacement for Bowie Playhouse; G) Adoption of Resolution R-55-22 Waiving the Competitive Bidding Requirements of Section 61 "Purchasing and Contracting" of the Charter of the City of Bowie to Approve the Cooperative Purchase and Installation of Playground Equipment and Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into an Agreement with Playground Specialists, Inc. for the Purchase of Playground Equipment for Glen Allen Park in the amount of \$211,275.20. Councilmember Ndebumadu seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Briefing on Recent Emergency Events – Emergency Manager, Lee Cornwell briefed Council on the recent emergency events that have occurred in the City. On June 14 there was a natural gas fueled explosion originating from the kitchen at Larkin Chase. In total, 112 Larkin Chase Center residents were evacuated from the nursing home, with 83 residents evacuating to the Bowie Gymnasium, 6 to the Bowie Health Center Emergency Department and the remaining residents to a variety of nursing facilities across the state. On July 5th an EF1 tornado touched down in the S section and travelled for one mile ending in the B section. The tornado had peak winds of 90 mph and a max width of 125 yards. The storm result in widespread uprooted trees, blocking roadways, damaging vehicles and buildings including two trees down homes displacing the residents. Exactly one week later, a line of severe storms again impacted the Bowie area late afternoon, this time bringing straight-line winds and excessive rainfall. The National Weather Service reported that a microburst with sustained winds of 80 mph was responsible for damage in the Chapel Forge, Belair Greens, Meadowbrook, and Whitehall neighborhoods.

Councilmember Gardner thanked staff for their services during the Larkin Chase explosion as well as the storms.

Councilmember Woolfley commented on the same concerns staff had with BGE and their response during the storms. He is encouraging staff to have BGE come before Council to discuss the issues.

Councilmember Harrison thanked Mr. Cornwell for his briefing.

B. Adoption of Resolution R-50-22 Amending Resolution R-16-01 "Rules and Regulations of City Boards, Commissions and Committees" – Councilmember Esteve asked why the section of Council interviewing the prospective applicants was removed from the regulations. City Clerk Hernandez responded that it was to avoid having the Open Meetings Act violated by having more than three Councilmembers present during an interview.

Councilmember Estève asked that the requirement to have Council interview applicants be put back into the resolution. Staff will revise the resolution and present at next meeting for adoption.

C. Police Department Update – Chief Nesky briefed Council on department stats from the previous six months. Staffing is down by 15 officers; it is becoming very difficult to keep/hire officers. Speed camera trials are underway in several neighborhoods and traffic safety data is being collected to better implement and assist with selective enforcement. The department continues to engage with the community via several events; Coffee with a Cop, Chief Chat and Drug Take Back which will take place on October 29.

Councilmember Harrison thanked Chief Nesky for his briefing.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Esteve motioned to adjourn the Regular City Council meeting. Councilmember Woolfley seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Awilda Hernandez", written in a cursive style.

Awilda Hernandez, MMC
City Clerk