



City of Bowie

15901 Fred Robinson Way
Bowie, Maryland 20716

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2023

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Bowie City Council was held on Tuesday, January 17, 2023, in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Councilmember Woolfley called the meeting to order at 8:04 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

Councilmember Woolfley led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

QUORUM:

In attendance were Mayor Adams (virtually, arrived 8:13 p.m.), Councilmembers Estève, Gardner (virtually), and Woolfley, City Manager Lott, City Attorney Levan (virtually), and Assistant to the City Clerk Fifer.

CITY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

A. Appointments/Reappointments/Swearing-In:

1. Councilmember Estève moved to appoint Adrienne Bigelow Lewis to the Economic Development Committee for a two-year term. Councilmember Gardner seconded the motion and it carried 3-0 (Mayor Adams not yet present). Adrienne Bigelow Lewis was sworn-in by Councilmember Woolfley.
2. Councilmember Estève moved to appoint Kara Hunt to the Diversity Committee for a two-year term. Councilmember Gardner seconded the motion and it carried 3-0 (Mayor Adams not yet present).

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councilmember Estève thanked staff for continuing to provide services on-time and professionally, along with many events, despite several staff shortages. Councilmember Estève also provided an update on the Council vacancies application interviews, sharing the schedule and decision-making process.

Councilmember Woolfley shared his gratitude and appreciation for all those who assisted at Sacred Heart Chapel this past weekend helping with identifying grave sites, many of which are thought to be for enslaved people or their descendants. He stated this will be an ongoing effort in coordination with an archeologist.

Mayor Adams thanked everyone who applied for the District 3 and At-Large vacancies. He also thanked his fellow Councilmembers for their time.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember Estève made a motion to approve Consent Agenda items: A) Approval of November 21, 2022 Meeting Minutes; B) Approval of January 3, 2023 Meeting Minutes; C) Introduction of Ordinance O-1-23 Amending Bowie City Code, Chapter 13, "Environmental Noise Control", to Amend Sec. 13-1 "Definitions" to Alter the Hours for Daytime and Nighttime, to Add Definitions of "Owner," "Plainly Audible", "Unreasonably Loud Noise" and "Receiving Property," and to Amend the Definition of Other Terms to Conform to the Definitions Thereof in State Regulations; to Amend Sec. 13-3 "Additional Noise" to Clarify Those Noises Emanating From Cars and Loud Speakers That are Violations of the Section; to Create Sec. 13-5 "Commercial Establishments Adjacent to Residential Property"; and to Amend Sec. 13-6 "Penalty" to Increase Certain Fines for Violations of Chapter 13; and D) Introduction of Ordinance O-2-23 Amending Bowie City Code, Chapter 12, "Cable Communications"; to Provide that the City may, by Ordinance, Approve a Cable Franchise Agreement That Varies From the Requirements of This Chapter and That, in Such Case, the Terms of the Franchise Agreement Shall Take Precedence Over the Terms of This Chapter Where There is an Irreconcilable Conflict. Councilmember Gardner seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0 (Mayor Adams not yet present).

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Estève motioned to adjourn the Regular City Council meeting. Councilmember Gardner seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Carolyn Fifer".

Carolyn Fifer, CMC
Assistant to the City Clerk